

III. Economic activity and prices

5. Employment and labour market *

(R) seasonally adjusted

Period	Employment (standardised EU definition) ¹		Employment (subject to social security contributions)		Exclusively marginal employment ²		Unemployment, registered (definition of the Federal Employment Agency) ³				Cyclically induced short-time workers (A) ⁴		Vacancies ⁵	
	Thousands						As a percentage of the civilian labour force				Thousands			
	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly
2021 Apr.	44,870		33,766		4,050		2,757		6.0		2,559		635	
May	44,890	44,921	33,802	33,794	4,046	4,060	2,732	2,721	6.0	5.9	2,321	2,143	656	659
June	45,003		33,890		4,098		2,676		5.8		1,548		686	
July	45,083		33,943		4,132		2,590		5.6		1,077		726	
Aug.	45,146	45,141	33,997	33,970	4,134	4,128	2,524	2,534	5.5	5.5	866	931	753	750
Sep.	45,193		34,048		4,135		2,487		5.4		850		772	
Oct.	45,223		34,095		4,129		2,443		5.3		751		790	
Nov.	45,288	45,285	34,184	34,143	4,124	4,125	2,405	2,413	5.2	5.3	736	759	805	804
Dec.	45,345		34,253		4,108		2,390		5.2		789		818	
2022 Jan.	45,429		34,329		4,101		2,360		5.1		833		833	
Feb.	45,472	45,476	34,393	34,354	4,101	4,102	2,333	2,336	5.1	5.1	788	778	845	843
Mar.	45,528		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		712		850	
Apr.	45,559		34,447		4,103		2,297		5.0		438		859	
May	45,600	45,596	34,503	34,477	4,108	4,105	2,294	2,335	5.0	5.1	306	324	868	865
June	45,629		34,532		4,109	6	2,413	6	5.3		227		868	
July	45,617		34,539		4,112		2,467		5.4		112		859	
Aug.	45,676	45,672	34,583	34,567	4,131	4,124	2,493	2,488	5.5	5.4	110	111	858	855
Sep.	45,722		34,626		4,148		2,504		5.5		109		846	
Oct.	45,755		34,622		4,168		2,504		5.5		111		829	
Nov.	45,771	45,774	34,635	34,635	4,173	4,168	2,520	2,513	5.5	5.5	132	135	821	817
Dec.	45,796		34,668		4,180		2,515		5.5		163		802	
2023 Jan.	45,846		34,700		4,193		2,519		5.5		130		801	
Feb.	45,886	45,884	34,744	34,721	4,201	4,194	2,528	2,532	5.5	5.5	140	137	797	795
Mar.	45,920		34,771		4,194		2,548		5.6		140		788	
Apr.	45,928		34,763		4,198		2,573		5.6		140		779	
May	45,942	45,942	34,785	34,777	4,202	4,200	2,579	2,585	5.6	5.6	144	146	768	770
June	45,957		34,796		4,208		2,604		5.6		155		762	
July	45,959		34,802		4,211		2,611		5.7		120		756	
Aug.	45,950	45,951	34,823	34,811	4,201	4,205	2,637	2,631	5.7	5.7	147	143	749	748
Sep.	45,944		34,819		4,199		2,644		5.7		164		739	
Oct.	45,945		34,846		4,192		2,668		5.8		163		735	
Nov.	45,968	45,965	34,866	34,853	4,191	4,194	2,691	2,686	5.8	5.8	158	161	731	732
Dec.	45,983		34,875		4,196		2,700		5.9		163		729	
2024 Jan.	45,971		34,905		4,193		2,706		5.9		175		730	
Feb.	45,976	45,979	34,909	34,900	4,194	4,196	2,724	2,719	5.9	5.9	182	182	722	722
Mar.	45,990		34,899		4,205		2,727		5.9		189		715	
Apr.	45,997		34,940		4,198		2,738		5.9		217		705	
May	46,012	45,999	34,944	34,932	4,194	4,197	2,758	2,757	5.9	5.9	194	205	703	701
June	45,989		34,925		4,191		2,775		5.9		204		695	
July	45,989		34,945		4,183		2,800		6.0		210		690	
Aug.	45,976	45,978	34,943	34,942	4,172	4,177	2,810	2,811	6.0	6.0	207	215	681	683
Sep.	45,969		34,952		4,160		2,825		6.0		227		679	
Oct.	45,981		34,965		4,152		2,852		6.1		244		678	
Nov.	45,994	45,993	34,964	34,964	4,152	4,153	2,861	2,862	6.1	6.1	248	239	667	670
Dec.	46,003		34,975		4,151		2,873		6.1		225		666	
2025 Jan.	46,009		34,974		4,152		2,889		6.2		264		659	
Feb.	46,023	46,018	34,982	34,977	4,151	4,150	2,899	2,904	6.2	6.2	250	252	652	653
Mar.	46,023		34,978		4,145		2,924		6.3		242		650	
Apr.	46,029		34,979		4,145		2,921		6.3		236		648	
May	46,005	46,010	34,960	34,972	4,138	4,139	2,956	2,947	6.3	6.3	229	221	635	637
June	45,995		34,974		4,125		2,964		6.3		196		627	
July	45,984		34,975		4,118		2,968		6.3		204		618	
Aug.	45,957	45,962	34,946	34,961	4,107	4,112	2,961	2,968	6.3	6.3	208	201	616	617
Sep.	45,945		34,950		4,098		2,974		6.3		191		615	
Oct.	45,937		34,945		4,087		2,973		6.3		176		614	
Nov.	45,918	45,920	34,933	34,940	4,081	4,085	2,974	2,974	6.3	6.3	168	166	623	622
Dec.	45,905		34,933		4,075		2,977		6.3		154		628	
2026 Jan.	45,880		8 34,904		8 4,072		2,978		6.3		8 131		622	
Feb.	45,864	45,862	8 34,895	34,906	8 4,065	4,068	2,979	2,979	6.3	6.3	8 132	131	650	639
Mar.	45,841		8 34,904		8 4,060		2,980		6.3		8 129		644	
Apr.	9 45,836			2,998		6.4		...		643	
May		2,987		6.3		...		643	

Sources of the unadjusted figures: Federal Statistical Office, Federal Employment Agency. * For employment (EU definition): averages; employment (subject to social security contributions) and exclusively marginal employment: end-of-month levels; unemployment (registered) and vacancies: mid-month levels; short-time workers: flows; quarterly figures: averages ¹ Workplace concept. ² Earned income does not regularly exceed €556 per month (until December 2024: €538). ³ See explanatory notes. ⁴ Definition in accordance with Section 96 of the Social Security Code (SGB III). ⁵ Excluding government-assisted forms of employment and seasonal jobs, including

jobs located abroad. ⁶ Inclusion of refugees in need from Ukraine under the SGB II. ⁷ As of May 2025, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁸ Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2023 and 2024 deviated from the final figures by a maximum of 0.1 % for employees subject to social contributions, by a maximum of 0.5 % for persons solely in jobs exempt from social contributions and by a maximum of 23.6 % for cyclically induced short-time work. ⁹ Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.