

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 June	45,003		33,891		4,098		2,676		5.8		1,548		686	
July	45,083		33,944		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	864	930	753	750
Sep.	45,193		34,049		4,136		2,487		5.4		849		772	
Oct.	45,223		34,096		4,129		2,443		5.3		751		790	
Nov.	45,288	45,285	34,184	34,144	4,124	4,125	2,405	2,413	5.2	5.3	736	759	805	804
Dec.	45,344		34,253		4,108		2,390		5.2		791		818	
2022 Jan.	r 45,427		34,328		4,101		2,360		5.1		836		833	
Feb.	r 45,469	45,473	34,393	34,354	4,101	4,102	2,333	2,336	5.1	5.1	790	779	845	843
Mar.	r 45,523		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		713		850	
Apr.	r 45,553		34,446		4,103		2,297		5.0		438		859	
May	r 45,595	45,591	34,502	34,476	4,108	4,105	2,294	2,335	5.0	5.1	306	323	868	865
June	r 45,624		34,533		4,109	6	2,413	6	5.3		226		868	
July	r 45,612		34,540		4,112		2,467		5.4		112		859	
Aug.	r 45,670	45,665	34,584	34,568	4,131	4,124	2,493	2,488	5.5	5.4	108	109	859	855
Sep.	r 45,713		34,627		4,149		2,504		5.5		107		846	
Oct.	r 45,745		34,623		4,169		2,504		5.5		110		829	
Nov.	r 45,758	45,761	34,635	34,635	4,173	4,169	2,519	2,513	5.5	5.5	130	135	821	817
Dec.	r 45,779		34,668		4,180		2,515		5.5		165		802	
2023 Jan.	r 45,827		34,699		4,193		2,519		5.5		135		801	
Feb.	r 45,864	45,861	34,743	34,720	4,201	4,194	2,528	2,532	5.5	5.5	143	140	797	795
Mar.	r 45,893		34,769		4,193		2,548		5.6		142		788	
Apr.	r 45,899		34,761		4,198		2,573		5.6		138		779	
May	r 45,914	45,914	34,786	34,777	4,202	4,200	2,579	2,586	5.6	5.6	144	145	768	770
June	r 45,930		34,797		4,208		2,605		5.6		154		762	
July	r 45,932		34,803		4,212		2,611		5.7		118		756	
Aug.	r 45,924	45,925	34,825	34,812	4,202	4,206	2,637	2,631	5.7	5.7	145	141	749	748
Sep.	r 45,918		34,820		4,199		2,644		5.7		161		739	
Oct.	r 45,919		34,847		4,192		2,668		5.8		160		735	
Nov.	r 45,941	45,939	34,867	34,854	4,191	4,194	2,691	2,686	5.8	5.8	155	161	731	732
Dec.	r 45,956		34,874		4,196		2,699		5.9		167		729	
2024 Jan.	r 45,950		34,904		4,193		2,706		5.9		182		729	
Feb.	r 45,956	45,956	34,908	34,899	4,193	4,195	2,724	2,719	5.9	5.9	186	187	722	722
Mar.	r 45,963		34,897		4,204		2,727		5.9		192		715	
Apr.	r 45,971		34,936		4,197		2,738		5.9		213		705	
May	r 45,989	45,976	34,945	34,931	4,194	4,196	2,759	2,758	5.9	5.9	193	203	703	701
June	r 45,969		34,926		4,191		2,776		5.9		204		695	
July	r 45,968		34,947		4,184		2,799		6.0		208		690	
Aug.	r 45,954	45,955	34,945	34,944	4,173	4,178	2,810	2,811	6.0	6.0	205	212	681	683
Sep.	r 45,943		34,954		4,160		2,824		6.0		224		679	
Oct.	r 45,949		34,967		4,152		2,852		6.1		240		678	
Nov.	r 45,956	45,954	34,966	34,966	4,152	4,153	2,861	2,862	6.1	6.1	244	238	666	670
Dec.	r 45,958		34,974		4,151		2,873		6.1		230		666	
2025 Jan.	r 45,943		34,972		4,151		2,889		6.2		272		658	
Feb.	r 45,947	45,940	34,981	34,976	4,150	4,149	2,899	2,904	6.2	6.2	256	258	652	653
Mar.	r 45,929		34,974		4,143		2,924		6.3		246		650	
Apr.	r 45,929		34,973		4,144		2,922		6.3		230		648	
May	r 45,908	45,911	34,961	34,970	4,138	4,139	2,957	2,948	6.3	6.3	229	219	635	637
June	r 45,897		34,976		4,126		2,966		6.3		197		627	
July	r 45,885		34,977		4,119		2,967		6.3		202		618	
Aug.	r 45,853	45,858	34,950	34,964	4,108	4,113	2,960	2,967	6.3	6.3	205	198	617	617
Sep.	r 45,836		34,953		4,099		2,973		6.3		187		615	
Oct.	r 45,825		34,947		4,088		2,972		6.3		172		614	
Nov.	r 45,804	45,806	34,935	34,943	4,082	4,086	2,974	2,974	6.3	6.3	163	165	622	622
Dec.	r 45,788		34,938		4,074		2,977		6.3		160		628	
2026 Jan.	r 45,762		34,911		4,071		2,978		6.3		141		621	
Feb.	r 45,744	45,749	7 34,897	34,911	7 4,062	4,066	2,979	2,979	6.3	6.3	7 138	137	650	638
Mar.	r 45,740		7 34,910		7 4,057		2,980		6.3		7 132		644	
Apr.	r 45,722		7 34,905		7 4,047		2,999		6.4		7 138		643	
May	r 45,695	45,696	7 34,893	...	7 4,037	...	2,988	2,991	8 6.3	6.4	7 128	...	644	643
June	9 45,672		...		...		2,987		6.3		...		644	
July	...		...		...		2,993		6.4		...		644	

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 €603 per month (until December 2025: €556). 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 Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2024 and 2025 deviated from the final figures by a maximum of 0.1 % for employees subject to social contributions, by a maximum of 0.2 % for persons solely in jobs exempt from social contributions and by a maximum of 23.6 % for cyclically induced short-time work. ⁸ As of May 2026, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁹ Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.