

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
2020 Feb.	45,467	45,422	33,797	33,771	4,517		2,280	2,284	5.0	5.0	124	939	710	706
Mar.	45,345		33,757		4,389		2,276		5.0		2,569		701	
Apr.	44,986		33,506		4,204		2,631		5.8		5,993		633	
May	44,750	44,817	33,382	33,491	4,184	4,229	2,864	2,808	6.2	6.1	5,716	5,388	586	594
June	44,716		33,411		4,207		2,928		6.4		4,454		564	
July	44,741		33,436		4,240		2,912		6.4		3,315		558	
Aug.	44,774	44,782	33,474	33,457	4,248	4,240	2,898	2,897	6.3	6.3	2,556	2,703	563	563
Sep.	44,832		33,513		4,255		2,880		6.3		2,238		569	
Oct.	44,869		33,585		4,236		2,844		6.2		2,012		587	
Nov.	44,834	44,849	33,633	33,605	4,154	4,194	2,808	2,811	6.1	6.1	2,375	2,360	597	595
Dec.	44,845		33,677		4,127		2,781		6.1		2,692		600	
2021 Jan.	44,807		33,672		4,095		2,764		6.0		3,283		599	
Feb.	44,795	44,817	33,680	33,686	4,077	4,090	2,776	2,767	6.1	6.0	3,347	3,145	600	606
Mar.	44,850		33,737		4,069		2,762		6.0		2,806		619	
Apr.	44,875		33,767		4,051		2,757		6.0		2,556		635	
May	44,897	44,928	33,802	33,794	4,046	4,060	2,732	2,722	6.0	5.9	2,322	2,142	656	659
June	45,012		33,890		4,098		2,678		5.8		1,547		686	
July	45,096		33,943		4,132		2,590		5.6		1,078		725	
Aug.	45,161	45,156	33,996	33,969	4,134	4,128	2,524	2,534	5.5	5.5	865	931	751	749
Sep.	45,212		34,047		4,135		2,487		5.4		849		771	
Oct.	45,243		34,094		4,128		2,443		5.3		751		790	
Nov.	45,312	45,309	34,184	34,143	4,122	4,124	2,405	2,412	5.2	5.3	737	760	805	804
Dec.	45,371		34,253		4,107		2,390		5.2		792		818	
2022 Jan.	45,458		34,329		4,101		2,360		5.1		836		834	
Feb.	45,507	45,511	34,395	34,355	4,101	4,102	2,332	2,336	5.1	5.1	790	779	846	844
Mar.	45,567		34,429		4,099		2,314		5.0		713		852	
Apr.	45,603		34,448		4,104		2,296		5.0		433		861	
May	45,646	45,642	34,501	34,477	4,109	4,106	2,295	2,336	5.0	5.1	307	322	868	865
June	45,678		34,533		4,110	6	2,416	6	5.3		226		867	
July	45,667		34,540		4,113		2,467		5.4		112		858	
Aug.	45,726	45,722	34,581	34,566	4,130	4,124	2,492	2,488	5.5	5.4	110	110	855	852
Sep.	45,772		34,625		4,147		2,504		5.5		107		844	
Oct.	45,806		34,620		4,167		2,503		5.5		109		828	
Nov.	45,823	45,827	34,636	34,634	4,170	4,167	2,519	2,512	5.5	5.5	131	136	821	818
Dec.	45,852		34,670		4,179		2,514		5.5		168		804	
2023 Jan.	45,893		34,700		4,193		2,518		5.5		134		803	
Feb.	45,942	45,938	34,746	34,722	4,202	4,194	2,528	2,531	5.5	5.5	142	139	799	797
Mar.	45,979		34,772		4,195		2,548		5.6		142		789	
Apr.	45,996		34,764		4,201		2,573		5.6		131		781	
May	46,011	46,012	34,782	34,777	4,205	4,203	2,581	2,588	5.6	5.6	146	143	769	770
June	46,029		34,797		4,210		2,609		5.7		152		761	
July	46,037		34,804		4,212		2,612		5.7		118		753	
Aug.	46,029	46,032	34,819	34,810	4,201	4,206	2,635	2,630	5.7	5.7	148	143	745	745
Sep.	46,029		34,817		4,197		2,644		5.7		162		737	
Oct.	46,037		34,844		4,188		2,667		5.8		160		733	
Nov.	46,065	46,063	34,868	34,853	4,188	4,191	2,690	2,685	5.8	5.8	156	163	732	733
Dec.	46,086		34,879		4,194		2,699		5.8		172		732	
2024 Jan.	46,091		34,903		4,193		2,705		5.9		180		732	
Feb.	46,103	46,101	34,911	34,901	4,194	4,196	2,722	2,718	5.9	5.9	184	185	724	724
Mar.	46,110		34,900		4,206		2,726		5.9		192		717	
Apr.	46,119		34,942		4,202		2,738		5.9		207		708	
May	46,123	46,111	34,939	34,931	4,198	4,200	2,763	2,761	5.9	5.9	195	201	703	702
June	46,092		34,927		4,193		2,782		6.0		200		693	
July	46,085		34,950		4,185		2,801		6.0		207		686	
Aug.	46,058	46,061	34,936	34,941	4,171	4,177	2,806	2,810	6.0	6.0	210	214	677	679
Sep.	46,040		34,949		4,157		2,824		6.0		226		675	
Oct.	46,052		8 34,968		8 4,147		2,852		6.1	8	241		675	
Nov.	46,059	46,057	8 34,951	34,959	8 4,145	4,148	2,860	2,861	6.1	6.1	8 245	239	668	671
Dec.	9 46,060		8 34,965		8 4,147		2,872		6.1	8	230		671	
2025 Jan.	9 46,049		8 34,953		8 4,148		2,887		6.2	8	231		662	
Feb.	9 46,039	...	...	...	...	...	2,896	2,901	6.2	6.2	...	...	654	656
Mar.	...		...		...		2,922		6.3		...		651	

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 €538 per month (until December 2023: €520). 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 2024, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁸ Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2022 and 2023 deviated from the final figures by a maximum of 0.1 % for employees subject to social contributions, by a maximum of 0.6 % for persons solely in jobs exempt from social contributions and by a maximum of 61.3 % for cyclically induced short-time work. ⁹ Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.