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 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	4,125	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		790		818	
2022 Jan.	45,427		34,328		4,101		2,360		5.1		836		833	
Feb.	45,469	45,473	34,393	34,354	4,101	4,102	2,332	2,336	5.1	5.1	790	780	845	843
Mar.	45,523		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		713		850	
Apr.	45,553		34,446		4,102		2,297		5.0		438		859	
May	45,594	45,590	34,502	34,476	4,108	4,105	2,294	2,335	5.0	5.1	306	324	868	865
June	45,624		34,532		4,109		[6] 2,414		[6] 5.3		227		868	
July	45,612		34,540		4,112		2,467		5.4		111		859	
Aug.	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.	45,713		34,627		4,149		2,504		5.5		106		846	
Oct.	45,745		34,623		4,169		2,504		5.5		109		829	
Nov.	45,759	45,761	34,636	34,636	4,173	4,169	2,519	2,513	5.5	5.5	130	135	821	817
Dec.	45,780		34,668		4,180		2,515		5.5		165		802	
2023 Jan.	45,828		34,700		4,193		2,519		5.5		135		801	
Feb.	45,865	45,862	34,743	34,721	4,201	4,194	2,528	2,532	5.5	5.5	143	140	797	795
Mar.	45,893		34,769		4,193		2,548		5.6		142		787	
Apr.	45,899		34,761		4,198		2,573		5.6		138		778	
May	45,913	45,913	34,785	34,776	4,202	4,200	2,579	2,586	5.6	5.6	144	146	768	770
June	45,928		34,796		4,208		2,606		5.6		154		762	
July	45,929		34,803		4,212		2,611		5.7		118		756	
Aug.	45,924	45,924	34,825	34,812	4,202	4,206	2,638	2,631	5.7	5.7	144	141	749	748
Sep.	45,918		34,821		4,200		2,644		5.7		160		740	
Oct.	45,920		34,848		4,192		2,668		5.8		160		735	
Nov.	45,942	45,940	34,868	34,855	4,192	4,194	2,691	2,686	5.8	5.8	154	160	731	732
Dec.	45,957		34,875		4,196		2,699		5.9		167		728	
2024 Jan.	45,951		34,904		4,193		2,706		5.9		182		729	
Feb.	45,956	45,957	34,908	34,899	4,193	4,195	2,723	2,718	5.9	5.9	187	187	722	722
Mar.	45,963		34,896		4,203		2,726		5.9		193		715	
Apr.	45,970		34,935		4,197		2,738		5.9		214		705	
May	45,987	45,974	34,943	34,929	4,194	4,196	2,759	2,758	5.9	5.9	193	204	703	701
June	45,966		34,924		4,191		2,778		5.9		203		695	
July	45,964		34,947		4,184		2,800		6.0		207		690	
Aug.	45,954	45,954	34,946	34,944	4,173	4,178	2,811	2,812	6.0	6.0	204	212	682	684
Sep.	45,945		34,955		4,161		2,824		6.0		223		679	
Oct.	45,951		34,968		4,153		2,852		6.1		239		678	
Nov.	45,959	45,957	34,967	34,967	4,152	4,154	2,860	2,861	6.1	6.1	243	237	666	670
Dec.	45,960		34,975		4,152		2,873		6.1		230		666	
2025 Jan.	45,944		34,973		4,151		2,888		6.2		273		658	
Feb.	45,948	45,940	34,981	34,976	4,149	4,149	2,898	2,903	6.2	6.2	257	259	651	653
Mar.	45,929		34,974		4,142		2,924		6.3		247		649	
Apr.	45,928		34,973		4,144		2,921		6.3		231		648	
May	45,905	45,909	34,959	34,968	4,137	4,138	2,957	2,949	6.3	6.3	229	219	635	637
June	45,893		34,973		4,125		2,968		6.3		196		627	
July	45,879		34,977		4,119		2,969		6.3		201		619	
Aug.	45,854	45,857	34,951	34,964	4,109	4,113	2,962	2,968	6.3	6.3	205	197	618	617
Sep.	45,839		34,954		4,099		2,973		6.3		186		616	
Oct.	45,827		34,949		4,088		2,972		6.3		171		614	
Nov.	45,808	45,809	34,936	34,944	4,082	4,086	2,973	2,974	6.3	6.3	163	165	622	621
Dec.	45,791		34,939		4,075		2,976		6.3		160		628	
2026 Jan.	45,763		34,912		4,071		2,977		6.3		142		621	
Feb.	45,744	45,749	34,900	34,912	4,063	4,067	2,978	2,978	6.3	6.3	138	138	649	638
Mar.	45,740		34,912		4,060		2,979		6.3		133		644	
Apr.	45,721		[7] 34,907		[7] 4,047		2,998		6.4		[7] 138		642	
May	45,692	45,693	[7] 34,899	34,904	[7] 4,035	4,042	2,988	2,991	[8] 6.3	6.4	[7] 131	134	643	643
June	[9] 45,667		[7] 34,902		[7] 4,028		2,988		6.3		[7] 132		644	
July	[9] 45,651		[7] 34,890		[7] 4,019		2,995		6.4		[7] 133		645	
Aug.	[9] 45,622	...	...	...	...	...	3,000	3,002	6.4	6.4	...	...	644	645
Sep.	...		...		...		3,012		6.4		...		646	

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.