

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
2019 Mar.	45,216		33,403		4,613		2,238		5.0		27		808	
Apr.	45,271		33,458		4,613		2,219		4.9		41		802	
May	45,286	45,278	33,483	33,463	4,602	4,606	2,278	2,258	5.0	5.0	48	46	794	795
June	45,278		33,495		4,590		2,278		5.0		48		789	
July	45,303		33,558		4,578		2,280		5.0		53		779	
Aug.	45,292	45,300	33,591	33,574	4,554	4,565	2,279	2,275	5.0	5.0	60	64	767	768
Sep.	45,304		33,649		4,537		2,267		5.0		78		759	
Oct.	45,332		33,679		4,524		2,279		5.0		92		744	
Nov.	45,360	45,356	33,696	33,687	4,522	4,525	2,272	2,279	5.0	5.0	106	103	732	728
Dec.	45,375		33,726		4,520		2,287		5.0		111		708	
2020 Jan.	45,414		33,776		4,518		2,296		5.0		124		708	
Feb.	45,425	45,381	33,797	33,772	4,515	4,496	2,280	2,284	5.0	5.0	126	941	710	707
Mar.	45,304		33,757		4,389		2,276		5.0		2,574		701	
Apr.	44,936		33,507		4,201		2,631		5.8		5,998		633	
May	44,700	44,768	33,382	33,491	4,184	4,228	2,863	2,808	6.2	6.1	5,719	5,391	587	595
June	44,667		33,411		4,209		2,928		6.4		4,457		564	
July	44,689		33,436		4,242		2,911		6.4		3,310		558	
Aug.	44,722	44,730	33,474	33,457	4,250	4,242	2,897	2,896	6.3	6.3	2,549	2,697	563	563
Sep.	44,778		33,513		4,256		2,881		6.3		2,232		569	
Oct.	44,812		33,584		4,238		2,845		6.2		2,007		587	
Nov.	44,772	44,788	33,633	33,604	4,156	4,195	2,809	2,812	6.1	6.1	2,377	2,359	597	595
Dec.	44,780		33,678		4,126		2,782		6.1		2,694		600	
2021 Jan.	44,741		33,673		4,089		2,764		6.0		3,285		599	
Feb.	44,730	44,752	33,681	33,687	4,075	4,087	2,776	2,767	6.1	6.0	3,349	3,148	600	606
Mar.	44,785		33,736		4,070		2,762		6.0		2,811		619	
Apr.	44,810		33,769		4,048		2,755		6.0		2,564		636	
May	44,833	44,863	33,803	33,795	4,047	4,060	2,731	2,722	6.0	5.9	2,325	2,147	657	659
June	44,946		33,889		4,101		2,679		5.8		1,551		686	
July	45,028		33,943		4,135		2,590		5.6		1,069		725	
Aug.	45,091	45,086	33,994	33,968	4,135	4,129	2,523	2,533	5.5	5.5	853	921	750	748
Sep.	45,138		34,046		4,135		2,487		5.4		841		770	
Oct.	45,171		34,094		4,129		2,445		5.3		746		789	
Nov.	45,238	45,235	34,183	34,142	4,124	4,124	2,406	2,414	5.2	5.3	741	760	804	804
Dec.	45,296		34,255		4,105		2,390		5.2		795		819	
2022 Jan.	45,379		34,330		4,095		2,360		5.1		839		835	
Feb.	45,428	45,433	34,396	34,355	4,099	4,099	2,332	2,335	5.1	5.1	792	783	847	845
Mar.	45,493		34,427		4,101		2,313		5.0		719		852	
Apr.	45,530		34,452		4,103		2,294		5.0		443		862	
May	45,574	45,567	34,504	34,478	4,111	4,107	2,294	2,335	5.0	5.1	310	328	870	866
June	45,598		34,531		4,114		2,418		5.3		230		867	
July	45,585		34,541		4,117		2,468		5.4		101		857	
Aug.	45,636	45,634	34,577	34,565	4,131	4,126	2,490	2,487	5.5	5.4	93	97	853	851
Sep.	45,681		34,622		4,146		2,505		5.5		98		843	
Oct.	45,721		34,621		4,165		2,507		5.5		106		827	
Nov.	45,748	45,751	34,632	34,634	4,170	4,165	2,522	2,515	5.5	5.5	138	138	820	818
Dec.	45,784		34,673		4,176		2,516		5.5		172		806	
2023 Jan.	r 45,826		34,700		4,187		2,518		5.5		138		804	
Feb.	r 45,875	45,873	34,746	34,722	4,200	4,191	2,525	2,529	5.5	5.5	145	144	800	798
Mar.	r 45,917		34,768		4,198		2,545		5.6		148		790	
Apr.	r 45,940		34,772		4,201		2,569		5.6		145		783	
May	r 45,956	45,952	34,788	34,780	4,207	4,205	2,580	2,587	5.6	5.6	149	150	771	771
June	r 45,960		34,794		4,214		2,611		5.7		157		761	
July	r 45,961		34,807		4,219		2,614		5.7		105		751	
Aug.	r 45,939	45,942	34,812	34,808	4,201	4,208	2,633	2,630	5.7	5.7	127	128	742	742
Sep.	r 45,927		34,813		4,194		2,645		5.7		152		735	
Oct.	r 45,940		34,846		4,184		2,674		5.8		158		733	
Nov.	r 45,963	45,963	9 34,859	34,850	9 4,179	4,185	2,695	2,690	5.8	5.8	9 167	166	731	733
Dec.	r 45,986		9 34,873		9 4,189		2,701		5.9		9 174		735	
2024 Jan.	r 45,987		9 34,894		9 4,186		2,704		5.9		9 184		734	
Feb.	r 46,004	46,001	9 34,904	...	9 4,189	...	2,716	2,714	5.9	5.9	9 191	...	725	726
Mar.	10 46,012			2,722		5.9		...		719	
Apr.		2,732		5.9		...		710	

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 Statistical break due to ex post registration of unemployed

persons in the jurisdiction SGB II. ⁷ Inclusion of refugees in need from Ukraine under the SGB II. ⁸ As of May 2023, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁹ Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2021 and 2022 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 61.3 % for cyclically induced short-time work. ¹⁰ Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.