

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		As a percentage of the civilian labour force		Cyclically induced short-time workers (A) ⁴		Vacancies ⁵	
	Thousands		Thousands		Thousands		Thousands		%		Thousands		Thousands	
	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly
2021 July	45,083		33,944		4,132		2,590		5.6		1,078		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		34,049		4,136		2,487		5.4		850		772	
Oct.	45,223		34,096		4,129		2,443		5.3		752		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		788		818	
2022 Jan.	45,427		34,328		4,101		2,360		5.1		833		833	
Feb.	45,469	45,473	34,393	34,354	4,101	4,102	2,333	2,336	5.1	5.1	788	778	845	843
Mar.	45,523		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		712		850	
Apr.	45,553		34,446		4,103		2,297		5.0		437		859	
May	45,595	45,591	34,502	34,476	4,108	4,105	2,294	2,335	5.0	5.1	306	324	868	865
June	45,624		34,533		4,109	6	2,413	6	5.3		229		868	
July	45,612		34,540		4,112		2,467		5.4		113		859	
Aug.	45,670	45,665	34,584	34,568	4,131	4,124	2,493	2,488	5.5	5.4	110	110	859	855
Sep.	45,713		34,627		4,149		2,504		5.5		108		846	
Oct.	45,745		34,623		4,169		2,504		5.5		111		829	
Nov.	45,758	45,761	34,635	34,635	4,173	4,169	2,519	2,513	5.5	5.5	131	134	859	817
Dec.	45,779		34,668		4,180		2,515		5.5		161		802	
2023 Jan.	45,827		34,700		4,193		2,519		5.5		131		801	
Feb.	45,864	45,861	34,743	34,720	4,201	4,194	2,529	2,532	5.5	5.5	141	138	797	795
Mar.	45,893		34,769		4,193		2,548		5.6		141		788	
Apr.	45,899		34,761		4,198		2,573		5.6		138		779	
May	45,914	45,914	34,785	34,776	4,202	4,200	2,579	2,586	5.6	5.6	145	146	768	770
June	45,930		34,797		4,209		2,605		5.6		156		762	
July	45,931		34,803		4,212		2,611		5.7		119		756	
Aug.	45,924	45,924	34,825	34,812	4,202	4,206	2,637	2,631	5.7	5.7	146	143	749	748
Sep.	45,917		34,820		4,200		2,644		5.7		163		739	
Oct.	45,918		34,847		4,192		2,668		5.8		162		735	
Nov.	45,941	45,938	34,867	34,854	4,191	4,194	2,691	2,686	5.8	5.8	157	160	731	732
Dec.	45,956		34,874		4,196		2,700		5.9		161		729	
2024 Jan.	45,950		34,904		4,193		2,706		5.9		176		729	
Feb.	45,956	45,956	34,908	34,899	4,193	4,195	2,724	2,719	5.9	5.9	184	184	722	722
Mar.	45,963		34,897		4,204		2,727		5.9		192		715	
Apr.	45,971		34,936		4,197		2,738		5.9		215		705	
May	45,989	45,976	34,944	34,931	4,194	4,196	2,759	2,758	5.9	5.9	195	205	703	701
June	45,969		34,926		4,192		2,776		5.9		206		695	
July	45,968		34,947		4,184		2,799		6.0		209		690	
Aug.	45,953	45,955	34,945	34,944	4,173	4,178	2,809	2,811	6.0	6.0	207	214	681	683
Sep.	45,943		34,954		4,161		2,824		6.0		226		679	
Oct.	45,949		34,967		4,153		2,852		6.1		242		678	
Nov.	45,956	45,954	34,966	34,966	4,152	4,154	2,861	2,862	6.1	6.1	247	237	666	670
Dec.	45,958		34,974		4,151		2,873		6.1		223		666	
2025 Jan.	45,943		34,972		4,151		2,889		6.2		264		658	
Feb.	45,947	45,940	34,980	34,976	4,149	4,149	2,899	2,904	6.2	6.2	253	254	652	653
Mar.	45,929		34,975		4,143		2,924		6.3		246		650	
Apr.	45,930		34,974		4,144		2,921		6.3		233		648	
May	45,908	45,912	34,960	34,970	4,138	4,139	2,957	2,948	6.3	6.3	232	221	635	637
June	45,897		34,976		4,127		2,966		6.3		198		627	
July	45,885		34,977		4,119		2,967		6.3		202		618	
Aug.	45,853	45,858	34,950	34,964	4,109	4,114	2,960	2,967	6.3	6.3	208	200	617	617
Sep.	45,836		34,953		4,099		2,973		6.3		189		615	
Oct.	45,825		34,948		4,088		2,972		6.3		174		614	
Nov.	45,804	45,806	34,935	34,943	4,082	4,086	2,974	2,974	6.3	6.3	167	165	623	622
Dec.	45,788		34,938		4,074		2,977		6.3		153		628	
2026 Jan.	45,762		34,911		4,071		2,978		6.3		132		622	
Feb.	45,744	45,749	34,900	34,912	4,063	4,066	2,980	2,979	6.3	6.3	134	133	650	638
Mar.	45,741		7 34,912		7 4,055		2,980		6.3		7 133		644	
Apr.	45,722		7 34,907		7 4,045		2,999		6.4		7 141		642	
May	45,695	45,696	7 34,900	34,905	7 4,034	4,040	2,987	2,991	6.3	6.4	7 137	141	643	643
June	9 45,672		7 34,902		7 4,026		2,987		6.3		7 144		644	
July	9 45,658		...		...		2,993		6.4		...		644	
Aug.	...	...	...		...		2,996	...	6.4	...	...		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 €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.