

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	Apr.	44,870		33,766		4,050		2,757		6.0		2,559		635	
	May	44,890	44,921	33,802	33,794	4,046	4,060	2,732	2,721	6.0		2,321	2,143	656	659
	June	45,003		33,890		4,098		2,676		5.8	5.9	1,548		686	
	July	45,083		33,943		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	866	931	753	750
	Sep.	45,193		34,048		4,135		2,487		5.4		850		772	
	Oct.	45,223		34,095		4,129		2,443		5.3		751		790	
	Nov.	45,288	45,285	34,184	34,143	4,124	4,125	2,405	2,413	5.2	5.3	736	759	805	804
	Dec.	45,345		34,253		4,108		2,390		5.2		789		818	
2022	Jan.	45,429		34,329		4,101		2,360		5.1		833		833	
	Feb.	45,472	45,476	34,393	34,354	4,101	4,102	2,333	2,336	5.1	5.1	788	778	845	843
	Mar.	45,528		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		712		850	
	Apr.	45,559		34,447		4,103		2,297		5.0		438		859	
	May	45,600	45,596	34,503	34,477	4,108	4,105	2,294	2,335	5.0	5.1	306	324	868	865
	June	45,629		34,532		4,109	⁶ 2,413	⁶ 2,413	⁶ 2,413	5.3		227		868	
	July	45,617		34,539		4,112		2,467		5.4		112		859	
	Aug.	45,676	45,672	34,583	34,567	4,131	4,124	2,493	2,488	5.5	5.4	110	111	858	855
	Sep.	45,722		34,626		4,148		2,504		5.5		109		846	
	Oct.	45,755		34,622		4,168		2,504		5.5		111		829	
	Nov.	45,771	45,774	34,635	34,635	4,173	4,168	2,520	2,513	5.5	5.5	132	135	821	817
	Dec.	45,796		34,668		4,180		2,515		5.5		163		802	
2023	Jan.	45,846		34,700		4,193		2,519		5.5		130		801	
	Feb.	45,886	45,884	34,744	34,721	4,201	4,194	2,528	2,532	5.5	5.5	140	137	797	795
	Mar.	45,920		34,771		4,194		2,548		5.6		140		788	
	Apr.	45,928		34,763		4,198		2,573		5.6		140		779	
	May	45,942	45,942	34,785	34,777	4,202	4,200	2,579	2,585	5.6	5.6	144	146	768	770
	June	45,957		34,796		4,208		2,604		5.6		155		762	
	July	45,959		34,802		4,211		2,611		5.7		120		756	
	Aug.	45,950	45,951	34,823	34,811	4,201	4,205	2,637	2,631	5.7	5.7	147	143	749	748
	Sep.	45,944		34,819		4,199		2,644		5.7		164		739	
	Oct.	45,945		34,846		4,192		2,668		5.8		163		735	
	Nov.	45,968	45,965	34,866	34,853	4,191	4,194	2,691	2,686	5.8	5.8	158	161	731	732
	Dec.	45,983		34,875		4,196		2,700		5.9		163		729	
2024	Jan.	45,971		34,905		4,193		2,706		5.9		175		730	
	Feb.	45,976	45,979	34,909	34,900	4,194	4,196	2,724	2,719	5.9	5.9	182	182	722	722
	Mar.	45,990		34,899		4,205		2,727		5.9		189		715	
	Apr.	45,997		34,940		4,198		2,738		5.9		217		705	
	May	46,012	45,999	34,944	34,932	4,194	4,197	2,758	2,757	5.9	5.9	194	205	703	701
	June	45,989		34,925		4,191		2,775		5.9		204		695	
	July	45,989		34,945		4,183		2,800		6.0		210		690	
	Aug.	45,976	45,978	34,943	34,942	4,172	4,177	2,810	2,811	6.0	6.0	207	215	681	683
	Sep.	45,969		34,952		4,160		2,825		6.0		227		679	
	Oct.	45,981		34,965		4,152		2,852		6.1		244		678	
	Nov.	45,994	45,993	34,964	34,964	4,152	4,153	2,861	2,862	6.1	6.1	248	239	667	670
	Dec.	46,003		34,975		4,151		2,873		6.1		225		666	
2025	Jan.	46,009		34,974		4,152		2,889		6.2		264		659	
	Feb.	46,023	46,018	34,982	34,977	4,151	4,150	2,899	2,904	6.2	6.2	250	252	652	653
	Mar.	46,023		34,978		4,145		2,924		6.3		242		650	
	Apr.	46,029		34,979		4,145		2,921		6.3		236		648	
	May	46,005	46,010	34,960	34,972	4,138	4,139	2,956	2,947	6.3	6.3	229	221	635	637
	June	45,995		34,974		4,125		2,964		6.3		196		627	
	July	45,984		34,975		4,118		2,968		6.3		204		618	
	Aug.	45,957	45,962	34,946	34,961	4,107	4,112	2,961	2,968	6.3	6.3	208	201	616	617
	Sep.	45,945		34,950		4,098		2,974		6.3		191		615	
	Oct.	45,937		34,945		4,087		2,973		6.3		176		614	
	Nov.	45,918	45,920	34,933	34,940	4,081	4,085	2,974	2,974	6.3	6.3	168	166	623	622
	Dec.	45,905		⁸ 34,933		⁸ 4,075		2,977		6.3	⁸	154		628	
2026	Jan.	45,880		⁸ 34,904		⁸ 4,072		2,978		6.3	⁸	131		622	
	Feb.	45,864	45,862	⁸ 34,895	34,906	⁸ 4,065	4,068	2,979	2,979	6.3	6.3	⁸ 132	131	650	639
	Mar.	⁹ 45,841		⁸ 34,904		⁸ 4,060		2,980		6.3	⁸	129		644	
	Apr.	⁹ 45,836		...		...		2,998		6.4		...		643	
	May	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,987	...	6.3	...	...	...	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 €556 per month (until December 2024: €538). 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 2025, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁸ Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2023 and 2024 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 23.6 % for cyclically induced short-time work. ⁹ Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.