

XI. Economic conditions in Germany

6. Labour market *

Period	Employment 1		Employment subject to social contributions 2					Solely jobs exempt from social contributions 2	Short-time workers 3		Unemployment 4		Unemployment rate in % 4,5	Vacancies, thousands 4,6	
	Thousands	Annual percentage change	Total		of which:				Total	Cyclically induced	Total	Assigned to the legal category of the Third Book of the Social Security Code (SGB III)			
			Thousands	Annual percentage change	Production sector	Services excluding temporary employment	Temporary employment								
2019	45,291	+ 0.9	33,518	+ 1.7	9,479	23,043	751	4,579	145	60	2,267	827	7	5.0	774
2020	44,965	- 0.7	33,579	+ 0.2	9,395	23,277	660	4,290	2,939	2,847	2,695	1,137	5.9	613	
2021	45,052	+ 0.2	33,897	+ 0.9	9,344	23,602	702	4,101	1,852	1,744	2,613	999	5.7	706	
2022	45,675	+ 1.4	34,507	+ 1.8	9,400	24,135	721	4,125	426	337	2,418	808	5.3	845	
2023	46,011	+ 0.7	34,790	+ 0.8	9,425	24,430	687	4,198	241	147	2,609	875	5.7	761	
2021 Q2	44,888	+ 0.2	33,718	+ 0.9	9,322	23,446	697	4,066	2,164	2,143	2,691	1,024	5.9	658	
Q3	45,215	+ 0.8	33,929	+ 1.5	9,347	23,606	719	4,161	935	915	2,545	920	5.5	774	
Q4	45,518	+ 1.0	34,374	+ 1.6	9,415	23,982	727	4,125	835	762	2,341	802	5.1	804	
2022 Q1	45,284	+ 1.6	34,242	+ 2.0	9,348	23,943	715	4,061	1,033	792	2,417	874	5.3	818	
Q2	45,605	+ 1.6	34,401	+ 2.0	9,372	24,056	718	4,112	337	324	2,311	777	5.0	864	
Q3	45,776	+ 1.2	34,522	+ 1.7	9,405	24,133	724	4,159	103	92	2,501	804	5.5	880	
Q4	46,035	+ 1.1	34,864	+ 1.4	9,475	24,409	730	4,166	229	139	2,443	778	5.3	817	
2023 Q1	45,712	+ 0.9	34,614	+ 1.1	9,395	24,288	696	4,152	430	153	2,610	900	5.7	773	
Q2	45,981	+ 0.8	34,702	+ 0.9	9,410	24,352	687	4,209	152	146	2,561	839	5.6	770	
Q3	46,080	+ 0.7	34,762	+ 0.7	9,421	24,398	686	4,242	128	122	2,647	885	5.7	768	
Q4	46,269	+ 0.5	35,082	+ 0.6	9,471	24,682	680	4,189	253	166	2,617	874	5.7	732	
2024 Q1	45,899	+ 0.4	8 34,797	8 + 0.5	8 9,367	8 24,565	8 631	8 4,153	...	8 200	2,796	1,000	6.1	704	
Q2	46,148	9 + 0.4	8 34,870	8 + 0.5	8 9,357	8 24,645	8 617	8 4,204	...	8 223	2,733	939	10 5.9	701	
2021 Apr.	44,758	- 0.2	33,689	+ 0.8	9,324	23,427	687	4,039	2,583	2,560	2,771	1,091	6.0	629	
May	44,871	+ 0.3	33,747	+ 1.3	9,326	23,461	703	4,067	2,342	2,320	2,687	1,020	5.9	654	
June	45,034	+ 0.7	33,802	+ 1.4	9,324	23,504	716	4,151	1,568	1,548	2,614	961	5.7	693	
July	45,094	+ 0.8	33,731	+ 1.5	9,304	23,458	715	4,194	1,088	1,068	2,590	956	5.6	744	
Aug.	45,158	+ 0.8	33,994	+ 1.5	9,358	23,658	722	4,153	857	838	2,578	940	5.6	779	
Sep.	45,394	+ 0.8	34,323	+ 1.6	9,432	23,903	726	4,123	859	839	2,465	864	5.4	799	
Oct.	45,511	+ 0.8	34,369	+ 1.5	9,425	23,965	724	4,123	780	762	2,377	814	5.2	809	
Nov.	45,567	+ 1.1	34,449	+ 1.6	9,423	24,039	739	4,133	767	750	2,317	789	5.1	808	
Dec.	45,475	+ 1.2	34,284	+ 1.7	9,364	23,980	708	4,112	957	772	2,330	803	5.1	794	
2022 Jan.	45,218	+ 1.5	34,176	+ 2.0	9,332	23,900	711	4,048	1,123	847	2,462	903	5.4	792	
Feb.	45,263	+ 1.6	34,243	+ 2.2	9,346	23,939	719	4,049	1,087	803	2,428	884	5.3	822	
Mar.	45,370	+ 1.6	34,334	+ 2.1	9,369	23,999	719	4,061	888	727	2,362	835	5.1	839	
Apr.	45,489	+ 1.6	34,368	+ 2.0	9,366	24,037	713	4,091	453	439	2,309	800	5.0	852	
May	45,621	+ 1.7	34,445	+ 2.1	9,376	24,089	719	4,131	318	305	2,260	771	4.9	865	
June	45,705	+ 1.5	34,445	+ 1.9	9,376	24,084	724	4,164	241	228	2,363	761	5.2	877	
July	45,663	+ 1.3	34,322	+ 1.8	9,361	23,988	718	4,176	115	102	2,470	801	5.4	881	
Aug.	45,716	+ 1.2	34,571	+ 1.7	9,417	24,169	725	4,151	87	76	2,547	827	5.6	887	
Sep.	45,948	+ 1.2	34,899	+ 1.7	9,499	24,401	733	4,136	108	97	2,486	782	5.4	873	
Oct.	46,070	+ 1.2	34,893	+ 1.5	9,489	24,414	734	4,161	134	124	2,442	764	5.3	846	
Nov.	46,078	+ 1.1	34,897	+ 1.3	9,478	24,435	738	4,179	156	147	2,434	770	5.3	823	
Dec.	45,957	+ 1.1	34,705	+ 1.2	9,414	24,357	704	4,182	397	146	2,454	799	5.4	781	
2023 Jan.	45,651	+ 1.0	34,550	+ 1.1	9,381	24,240	697	4,138	451	145	2,616	911	5.7	764	
Feb.	45,697	+ 1.0	34,601	+ 1.0	9,392	24,279	692	4,148	441	157	2,620	910	5.7	778	
Mar.	45,789	+ 0.9	34,679	+ 1.0	9,412	24,332	692	4,157	398	159	2,594	878	5.7	777	
Apr.	45,886	+ 0.9	34,685	+ 0.9	9,410	24,342	684	4,188	146	139	2,586	855	5.7	773	
May	45,994	+ 0.8	34,728	+ 0.8	9,413	24,371	687	4,228	149	142	2,544	829	5.5	767	
June	46,062	+ 0.8	34,709	+ 0.8	9,404	24,357	690	4,266	162	156	2,555	833	5.5	769	
July	46,030	+ 0.8	34,584	+ 0.8	9,382	24,261	687	4,279	113	107	2,617	878	5.7	772	
Aug.	46,013	+ 0.6	34,804	+ 0.7	9,429	24,433	685	4,221	113	107	2,696	910	5.8	771	
Sep.	46,196	+ 0.5	35,089	+ 0.5	9,500	24,641	684	4,186	158	152	2,627	869	5.7	761	
Oct.	46,296	+ 0.5	35,117	+ 0.6	9,490	24,686	686	4,181	183	177	2,607	861	5.7	749	
Nov.	46,319	+ 0.5	35,126	+ 0.7	9,473	24,719	688	4,195	181	174	2,606	865	5.6	733	
Dec.	46,193	+ 0.5	34,915	+ 0.6	9,401	24,637	648	4,197	395	148	2,637	896	5.7	713	
2024 Jan.	45,855	+ 0.4	8 34,754	+ 0.6	8 9,359	8 24,528	8 635	8 4,138	540	189	2,805	1,006	6.1	699	
Feb.	45,883	+ 0.4	8 34,770	+ 0.5	8 9,359	8 24,548	8 625	8 4,141	485	201	2,814	1,015	6.1	706	
Mar.	45,958	+ 0.4	8 34,818	8 + 0.4	8 9,362	8 24,598	8 616	8 4,165	...	8 210	2,769	977	6.0	707	
Apr.	46,052	+ 0.4	8 34,874	8 + 0.5	8 9,364	8 24,642	8 619	8 4,185	...	8 223	2,750	949	6.0	701	
May	46,163	+ 0.4	8 34,900	8 + 0.5	8 9,357	8 24,671	8 616	8 4,217	...	8 215	2,723	930	5.8	702	
June	9 46,228	9 + 0.4	8 34,852	8 + 0.4	8 9,338	8 24,647	8 614	8 4,252	...	8 232	2,727	937	5.8	701	
July	9 46,185	9 + 0.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,809	989	6.0	703
Aug.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,872	1,021	6.1	699

Sources: Federal Statistical Office; Federal Employment Agency. * Annual and quarterly figures: averages; calculated by the Bundesbank; deviations from the official figures are due to rounding. 1 Workplace concept; averages. 2 Monthly figures: end of month. 3 Number within a given month. 4 Mid-month level. 5 Relative to the total civilian labour force. 6 Excluding government-assisted forms of employment and seasonal jobs, including jobs located abroad. 7 Statistical break due to late recording of unemployed persons in the legal category of the Second Book of the Social Security Code (SGB II).

8 Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. In 2022 and 2023, the estimated values for Germany deviated from the final data 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. 9 Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office. 10 From May 2024, calculated on the basis of new labour force figures.