

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	of which: Cyclically induced	Total	of which: 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 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	r 45,892	r + 0.4	8 34,795	8 + 0.5	9,366	24,563	630	4,154	468	200	2,796	1,000	9	6.1	704
Q2	r 46,123	r + 0.3	8 34,858	8 + 0.4	9,355	24,636	616	4,205	...	8 204	2,733	939	9	5.9	701
Q3	10 46,146	10 + 0.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,829	998		6.0	699
2021 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	807	2,462	903		5.4	792
Feb.	45,263	+ 1.6	34,243	+ 2.2	9,346	23,939	719	4,049	1,087	843	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.	r 45,854	r + 0.4	8 34,754	8 + 0.6	9,359	24,528	635	4,138	540	189	2,805	1,006	9	6.1	699
Feb.	r 45,873	r + 0.4	8 34,770	8 + 0.5	9,359	24,548	625	4,141	485	201	2,814	1,015		6.1	706
Mar.	r 45,950	r + 0.4	8 34,810	8 + 0.4	9,360	24,591	615	4,169	379	210	2,769	977		6.0	707
Apr.	r 46,049	r + 0.4	8 34,863	8 + 0.5	9,362	24,633	618	4,190	224	215	2,750	949		6.0	701
May	r 46,148	r + 0.3	8 34,888	8 + 0.5	8 9,354	8 24,663	8 615	8 4,217	...	8 191	2,723	930	9	5.8	702
June	r 46,172	r + 0.2	8 34,837	8 + 0.4	8 9,336	8 24,636	8 612	8 4,250	...	8 207	2,727	937		5.8	701
July	r 46,118	r + 0.2	8 34,725	8 + 0.4	8 9,312	8 24,550	8 614	8 4,256	...	8 200	2,809	989		6.0	703
Aug.	r 46,080	r + 0.1	8 34,922	8 + 0.3	8 9,352	8 24,710	8 607	8 4,195	...	8 184	2,872	1,021		6.1	699
Sep.	10 46,239	10 + 0.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,806	985		6.0	696
Oct.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,791	974		6.0	689

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 Workforce 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 From May 2024, calculated on the basis of new labour force figures. 9 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. 10 Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.