

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.