

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 Dec.	45,418		33,726		4,520		2,287		5.0		104		708	
2020 Jan.	45,456		33,776		4,520		2,296		5.0		122		708	
Feb.	45,467	45,423	33,796	33,771	4,515	4,496	2,280	2,284	5.0	5.0	125	939	710	707
Mar.	45,345		33,757		4,388		2,276		5.0		2,569		701	
Apr.	44,986		33,506		4,200		2,631		5.8		5,994		633	
May	44,750	44,817	33,381	33,490	4,181	4,226	2,864	2,808	6.2	6.1	5,719	5,390	586	594
June	44,716		33,411		4,206		2,928		6.4		4,457		564	
July	44,740		33,436		4,241		2,912		6.4		3,317		558	
Aug.	44,774	44,782	33,474	33,457	4,250	4,241	2,898	2,897	6.3	6.3	2,555	2,703	563	563
Sep.	44,832		33,514		4,257		2,880		6.3		2,237		569	
Oct.	44,870		33,586		4,241		2,844		6.2		2,013		587	
Nov.	44,835	44,850	33,634	33,605	4,159	4,197	2,808	2,811	6.1	6.1	2,375	2,357	597	595
Dec.	44,845		33,678		4,127		2,781		6.1		2,683		600	
2021 Jan.	44,808		33,672		4,092		2,764		6.0		3,283		599	
Feb.	44,795	44,818	33,680	33,686	4,075	4,088	2,776	2,767	6.1	6.0	3,347	3,145	600	606
Mar.	44,850		33,736		4,068		2,762		6.0		2,806		619	
Apr.	44,875		33,766		4,047		2,757		6.0		2,557		635	
May	44,896	44,927	33,801	33,793	4,044	4,058	2,732	2,722	6.0	5.9	2,326	2,145	657	659
June	45,011		33,889		4,098		2,678		5.8		1,551		686	
July	45,095		33,943		4,133		2,590		5.6		1,079		725	
Aug.	45,160	45,156	33,997	33,969	4,135	4,129	2,525	2,534	5.5	5.5	862	930	751	749
Sep.	45,212		34,048		4,137		2,487		5.4		849		771	
Oct.	45,245		34,096		4,133		2,443		5.3		754		790	
Nov.	45,313	45,311	34,186	34,144	4,127	4,127	2,404	2,412	5.2	5.3	737	756	805	804
Dec.	45,374		34,255		4,107		2,389		5.2		779		818	
2022 Jan.	45,459		34,329		4,098		2,359		5.1		836		834	
Feb.	45,506	45,510	34,394	34,355	4,100	4,100	2,332	2,335	5.1	5.1	790	780	846	844
Mar.	45,566		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		714		852	
Apr.	45,601		34,446		4,101		2,297		5.0		434		861	
May	45,644	45,640	34,500	34,475	4,107	4,104	2,295	2,336	5.0	5.1	311	325	868	866
June	45,676		34,531		4,110		2,417		5.3		230		867	
July	45,666		34,539		4,113		2,468		5.4		114		857	
Aug.	45,726	45,722	34,582	34,567	4,131	4,125	2,493	2,489	5.5	5.5	106	110	855	852
Sep.	45,773		34,626		4,149		2,505		5.5		108		844	
Oct.	45,808		34,623		4,171		2,504		5.5		114		828	
Nov.	45,827	45,830	34,637	34,637	4,173	4,169	2,518	2,512	5.5	5.5	133	133	821	818
Dec.	45,856		34,674		4,179		2,513		5.5		152		804	
2023 Jan.	45,894		34,699		4,190		2,516		5.5		133		803	
Feb.	45,940	45,937	34,744	34,721	4,200	4,192	2,525	2,530	5.5	5.5	142	139	799	797
Mar.	45,977		34,770		4,194		2,548		5.6		143		789	
Apr.	45,993		34,761		4,198		2,573		5.6		133		781	
May	46,008	46,009	34,780	34,775	4,203	4,201	2,583	2,589	5.6	5.6	149	147	769	770
June	46,027		34,796		4,209		2,611		5.7		157		761	
July	46,036		34,804		4,213		2,614		5.7		120		752	
Aug.	46,028	46,031	34,820	34,811	4,201	4,206	2,637	2,632	5.7	5.7	144	143	745	745
Sep.	46,030		34,819		4,198		2,646		5.7		164		736	
Oct.	46,039		34,848		4,192		2,668		5.8		166		733	
Nov.	46,070	46,067	34,870	34,856	4,190	4,193	2,690	2,685	5.8	5.8	159	159	732	733
Dec.	46,093		34,884		4,194		2,696		5.8		152		733	
2024 Jan.	46,092		34,902		4,192		2,700		5.9		178		733	
Feb.	46,101	46,100	34,907	34,900	4,193	4,195	2,717	2,714	5.9	5.9	184	185	724	725
Mar.	46,107		34,898		4,206		2,726		5.9		193		717	
Apr.	46,115		34,938		4,200		2,739		5.9		209		709	
May	46,120	46,108	34,936	34,928	4,197	4,199	2,765	2,763	5.9	5.9	199	205	703	702
June	r 46,089		34,925		4,192		2,785		6.0		206		693	
July	r 46,084		34,950		4,185		2,804		6.0		209		685	
Aug.	r 46,058	46,061	8 34,934	34,941	8 4,173	4,178	2,808	2,813	6.0	6.0	8 206	216	676	679
Sep.	r 46,042		8 34,952		8 4,157		2,827		6.0		8 232		675	
Oct.	r 46,055		8 34,971		8 4,148		2,853		6.1		8 251		675	
Nov.	r 46,064	46,062	8 34,966	...	8 4,144	...	2,860	2,861	6.1	6.1	8 276	...	668	672
Dec.	9 46,068			2,869		6.1		...		672	
2025 Jan.		2,880		6.2		...		663	

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 Inclusion of refugees in need from Ukraine under the SGB II. ⁷ As of May 2024, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁸ Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2022 and 2023 deviated from the final figures by a maximum of 0.1 % for employees subject to social contributions, by a maximum of 0.6 % 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.