

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 May	45,286	45,278	33,483	33,463	4,602	4,606	⁶ 2,278	2,258	⁶ 5.0	5.0	48	45	794	795
June	45,278		33,495		4,590		2,277		5.0		47		789	
July	45,303		33,558		4,578		2,280		5.0		54		779	
Aug.	45,292	45,300	33,591	33,574	4,556	4,566	2,279	2,275	5.0	5.0	61	64	767	768
Sep.	45,304		33,649		4,537		2,267		5.0		79		759	
Oct.	45,332		33,678		4,524		2,279		5.0		95		744	
Nov.	45,360	45,356	33,696	33,687	4,522	4,525	2,272	2,279	5.0	5.0	106	102	732	728
Dec.	45,375		33,725		4,519		2,287		5.0		105		708	
2020 Jan.	45,415		33,776		4,519		2,296		5.0		125		708	
Feb.	45,425	45,381	33,797	33,771	4,515	4,496	2,280	2,284	5.0	5.0	130	943	710	707
Mar.	45,304		33,758		4,388		2,276		5.0		2,574		701	
Apr.	44,936		33,507		4,200		2,631		5.8		5,996		633	
May	44,700	44,768	33,382	33,491	4,184	4,228	2,863	2,807	6.2	6.1	5,718	5,390	586	594
June	44,667		33,411		4,209		2,927		6.4		4,456		564	
July	44,689		33,436		4,242		2,912		6.4		3,310		558	
Aug.	44,722	44,730	33,474	33,457	4,251	4,242	2,896	2,896	6.3	6.3	2,550	2,698	563	563
Sep.	44,778		33,513		4,256		2,880		6.3		2,234		569	
Oct.	44,812		33,584		4,239		2,845		6.2		2,011		587	
Nov.	44,773	44,788	33,632	33,604	4,156	4,195	2,808	2,812	6.1	6.1	2,376	2,358	597	595
Dec.	44,780		33,676		4,125		2,782		6.1		2,686		600	
2021 Jan.	44,741		33,671		4,090		2,764		6.0		3,287		599	
Feb.	44,730	44,752	33,680	33,686	4,074	4,087	2,777	2,768	6.1	6.0	3,354	3,151	600	606
Mar.	44,785		33,738		4,068		2,762		6.0		2,812		619	
Apr.	44,809		33,770		4,048		2,757		6.0		2,560		636	
May	44,832	44,862	33,803	33,796	4,047	4,060	2,732	2,722	6.0	5.9	2,324	2,144	656	659
June	44,946		33,890		4,102		2,677		5.8		1,549		685	
July	45,028		33,943		4,135		2,590		5.6		1,069		725	
Aug.	45,091	45,086	33,994	33,969	4,137	4,130	2,522	2,533	5.5	5.5	854	923	750	748
Sep.	45,139		34,046		4,136		2,487		5.4		846		770	
Oct.	45,172		34,094		4,130		2,444		5.3		752		790	
Nov.	45,238	45,235	34,182	34,142	4,123	4,125	2,405	2,413	5.2	5.3	739	758	805	805
Dec.	45,296		34,253		4,105		2,390		5.2		783		820	
2022 Jan.	45,379		34,328		4,096		2,360		5.1		842		835	
Feb.	45,429	45,434	34,395	34,355	4,098	4,099	2,332	2,336	5.1	5.1	799	787	847	845
Mar.	45,493		34,432		4,098		2,314		5.0		720		852	
Apr.	45,528		34,452		4,102		2,296		5.0		438		861	
May	45,571	45,566	34,505	34,480	4,111	4,106	2,295	2,336	5.0	5.1	308	325	868	866
June	45,598		34,532		4,114	⁷	2,416	⁷	5.3		228		867	
July	45,584		34,541		4,118		2,468		5.4		100		856	
Aug.	45,637	45,634	34,577	34,565	4,133	4,127	2,489	2,487	5.5	5.4	94	100	853	851
Sep.	45,681		34,622		4,147		2,504		5.5		105		843	
Oct.	45,722		34,621		4,166		2,506		5.5		113		828	
Nov.	45,749	45,752	34,631	34,633	4,169	4,166	2,520	2,514	5.5	5.5	136	135	821	818
Dec.	45,785		34,670		4,176		2,515		5.5		158		806	
2023 Jan.	45,827		34,698		4,188		2,518		5.5		142		804	
Feb.	45,876	45,874	34,745	34,722	4,198	4,190	2,526	2,531	5.5	5.5	153	148	800	798
Mar.	45,918		34,775		4,194		2,548		5.6		150		790	
Apr.	45,936		34,771		4,200		2,573		5.6		137		782	
May	45,951	45,949	34,788	34,781	4,208	4,204	2,581	2,587	5.6	5.6	146	146	769	770
June	45,959		34,796		4,215		2,608		5.7		155		761	
July	45,961		34,807		4,219		2,613		5.7		104		751	
Aug.	45,940	45,943	34,812	34,808	4,203	4,209	2,632	2,629	5.7	5.7	128	130	742	743
Sep.	45,929		34,813		4,196		2,643		5.7		160		735	
Oct.	45,942		34,846		4,185		2,672		5.8		166		733	
Nov.	45,965	45,965	34,862	34,851	4,185	4,188	2,693	2,688	5.8	5.8	164	163	731	734
Dec.	45,987		34,880		4,191		2,700		5.9		160		736	
2024 Jan.	45,988		⁸ 34,902		⁸ 4,191		2,703		5.9		⁸ 188		734	
Feb.	46,006	46,003	⁸ 34,913	34,903	⁸ 4,195	4,194	2,718	2,716	5.9	5.9	⁸ 196	199	726	726
Mar.	⁹ 46,015		⁸ 34,909		⁸ 4,203		2,726		5.9		⁸ 215		718	
Apr.	⁹ 46,041		⁸ 34,953		⁸ 4,195		2,738		5.9		⁸ 240		709	
May	⁹ 46,061	...	...	...	...	...	2,763	2,761	¹⁰ 5.9	5.9	...	...	704	702
June	...		...		...		2,781		6.0		...		693	

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 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. ¹⁰ As of May 2024, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures.