

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 Aug. | 45,313 | 45,321 | 33,592 | 33,574 | 4,554 | 4,565 | 2,280 | 2,275 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 63 | 66 | 767 | 768 |
| Sep. | 45,335 | | 33,649 | | 4,538 | | 2,266 | | 5.0 | | 81 | | 759 | |
| Oct. | 45,367 | | 33,679 | | 4,524 | | 2,279 | | 5.0 | | 96 | | 744 | |
| Nov. | 45,403 | 45,396 | 33,696 | 33,688 | 4,523 | 4,525 | 2,272 | 2,279 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 105 | 102 | 732 | 728 |
| Dec. | 45,418 | | 33,726 | | 4,520 | | 2,287 | | 5.0 | | 104 | | 708 | |
| 2020 Jan. | 45,456 | | 33,775 | | 4,519 | | 2,296 | | 5.0 | | 123 | | 708 | |
| Feb. | 45,467 | 45,423 | 33,796 | 33,771 | 4,515 | 4,496 | 2,280 | 2,284 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 126 | 940 | 710 | 707 |
| Mar. | 45,345 | | 33,757 | | 4,388 | | 2,276 | | 5.0 | | 2,571 | | 701 | |
| Apr. | 44,986 | | 33,506 | | 4,201 | | 2,631 | | 5.8 | | 5,995 | | 633 | |
| May | 44,750 | 44,817 | 33,382 | 33,491 | 4,182 | 4,227 | 2,864 | 2,807 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5,720 | 5,390 | 586 | 594 |
| June | 44,715 | | 33,411 | | 4,207 | | 2,928 | | 6.4 | | 4,456 | | 564 | |
| July | 44,740 | | 33,436 | | 4,242 | | 2,912 | | 6.4 | | 3,314 | | 558 | |
| Aug. | 44,773 | 44,781 | 33,475 | 33,458 | 4,250 | 4,241 | 2,898 | 2,897 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 2,552 | 2,701 | 563 | 563 |
| Sep. | 44,831 | | 33,514 | | 4,257 | | 2,880 | | 6.3 | | 2,236 | | 569 | |
| Oct. | 44,870 | | 33,586 | | 4,239 | | 2,845 | | 6.2 | | 2,012 | | 587 | |
| Nov. | 44,835 | 44,850 | 33,633 | 33,605 | 4,158 | 4,196 | 2,808 | 2,811 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 2,375 | 2,357 | 597 | 595 |
| Dec. | 44,846 | | 33,677 | | 4,126 | | 2,781 | | 6.1 | | 2,684 | | 600 | |
| 2021 Jan. | 44,808 | | 33,671 | | 4,091 | | 2,764 | | 6.0 | | 3,284 | | 599 | |
| Feb. | 44,796 | 44,818 | 33,679 | 33,685 | 4,074 | 4,087 | 2,776 | 2,767 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 3,349 | 3,147 | 600 | 606 |
| Mar. | 44,850 | | 33,736 | | 4,068 | | 2,762 | | 6.0 | | 2,809 | | 619 | |
| Apr. | 44,876 | | 33,766 | | 4,048 | | 2,756 | | 6.0 | | 2,559 | | 635 | |
| May | 44,897 | 44,927 | 33,802 | 33,794 | 4,045 | 4,059 | 2,732 | 2,722 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 2,327 | 2,145 | 656 | 659 |
| June | 45,009 | | 33,891 | | 4,099 | | 2,678 | | 5.8 | | 1,549 | | 685 | |
| July | 45,093 | | 33,945 | | 4,136 | | 2,590 | | 5.6 | | 1,075 | | 725 | |
| Aug. | 45,159 | 45,154 | 33,997 | 33,970 | 4,136 | 4,130 | 2,524 | 2,534 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 858 | 927 | 750 | 749 |
| Sep. | 45,210 | | 34,049 | | 4,136 | | 2,487 | | 5.4 | | 848 | | 771 | |
| Oct. | 45,244 | | 34,096 | | 4,130 | | 2,444 | | 5.3 | | 753 | | 790 | |
| Nov. | 45,314 | 45,311 | 34,183 | 34,144 | 4,125 | 4,125 | 2,405 | 2,413 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 738 | 757 | 805 | 805 |
| Dec. | 45,375 | | 34,253 | | 4,106 | | 2,389 | | 5.2 | | 780 | | 819 | |
| 2022 Jan. | 45,460 | | 34,327 | | 4,096 | | 2,359 | | 5.1 | | 838 | | 835 | |
| Feb. | 45,506 | 45,511 | 34,393 | 34,353 | 4,099 | 4,099 | 2,332 | 2,335 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 793 | 783 | 846 | 844 |
| Mar. | 45,567 | | 34,428 | | 4,098 | | 2,314 | | 5.0 | | 717 | | 852 | |
| Apr. | 45,605 | | 34,446 | | 4,102 | | 2,296 | | 5.0 | | 437 | | 861 | |
| May | 45,647 | 45,642 | 34,501 | 34,476 | 4,109 | 4,105 | 2,295 | 2,336 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 312 | 325 | 868 | 865 |
| June | 45,673 | | 34,534 | | 4,112 | | 2,417 | | 5.3 | | 227 | | 867 | |
| July | 45,663 | | 34,543 | | 4,118 | | 2,468 | | 5.4 | | 107 | | 857 | |
| Aug. | 45,723 | 45,718 | 34,581 | 34,568 | 4,132 | 4,127 | 2,492 | 2,488 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 99 | 104 | 854 | 852 |
| Sep. | 45,768 | | 34,627 | | 4,147 | | 2,504 | | 5.5 | | 107 | | 843 | |
| Oct. | 45,807 | | 34,624 | | 4,167 | | 2,506 | | 5.5 | | 113 | | 828 | |
| Nov. | 45,828 | 45,831 | 34,633 | 34,635 | 4,171 | 4,167 | 2,520 | 2,513 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 135 | 134 | 821 | 818 |
| Dec. | 45,857 | | 34,671 | | 4,177 | | 2,514 | | 5.5 | | 155 | | 806 | |
| 2023 Jan. | 45,895 | | 34,697 | | 4,189 | | 2,516 | | 5.5 | | 137 | | 804 | |
| Feb. | 45,940 | 45,938 | 34,742 | 34,720 | 4,199 | 4,191 | 2,525 | 2,529 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 146 | 143 | 799 | 798 |
| Mar. | 45,979 | | 34,770 | | 4,194 | | 2,547 | | 5.6 | | 147 | | 789 | |
| Apr. | 45,998 | | 34,763 | | 4,200 | | 2,572 | | 5.6 | | 137 | | 781 | |
| May | 46,015 | 46,012 | 34,782 | 34,776 | 4,206 | 4,203 | 2,582 | 2,588 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 151 | 147 | 769 | 770 |
| June | 46,023 | | 34,800 | | 4,212 | | 2,610 | | 5.7 | | 153 | | 760 | |
| July | 46,032 | | 34,810 | | 4,219 | | 2,613 | | 5.7 | | 112 | | 752 | |
| Aug. | 46,025 | 46,026 | 34,817 | 34,812 | 4,202 | 4,208 | 2,635 | 2,631 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 134 | 136 | 744 | 744 |
| Sep. | 46,022 | | 34,819 | | 4,196 | | 2,644 | | 5.7 | | 162 | | 736 | |
| Oct. | 46,038 | | 34,850 | | 4,186 | | 2,672 | | 5.8 | | 166 | | 733 | |
| Nov. | 46,071 | 46,068 | 34,864 | 34,855 | 4,186 | 4,189 | 2,693 | 2,688 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 163 | 162 | 731 | 733 |
| Dec. | 46,095 | | 34,880 | | 4,191 | | 2,698 | | 5.8 | | 156 | | 736 | |
| 2024 Jan. | 46,103 | | 34,899 | | 4,190 | | 2,701 | | 5.9 | | 182 | | 733 | |
| Feb. | 46,128 | 46,125 | 34,905 | 34,898 | 4,193 | 4,194 | 2,716 | 2,714 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 189 | 189 | 725 | 725 |
| Mar. | 46,143 | | 34,899 | | 4,206 | | 2,725 | | 5.9 | | 197 | | 718 | |
| Apr. | 46,160 | | 7 34,944 | | 7 4,199 | | 2,737 | | 5.9 | | 7 213 | | 709 | |
| May | 46,178 | 46,174 | 7 34,946 | 34,936 | 7 4,196 | 4,199 | 2,764 | 2,762 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 7 205 | 212 | 703 | 701 |
| June | 9 46,183 | | 7 34,936 | | 7 4,195 | | 2,784 | | 6.0 | | 7 216 | | 692 | |
| July | 9 46,186 | | 7 34,961 | | 7 4,193 | | 2,802 | | 6.0 | | 7 216 | | 685 | |
| Aug. | 9 46,165 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,806 | 2,811 | 6.0 | 6.0 | ... | ... | 675 | 678 |
| Sep. | ... | | ... | | ... | | 2,823 | | 6.0 | | ... | | 674 | |

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 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. ⁸ As of May 2024, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁹ Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.