

XI. Economic conditions in Germany

6. Labour market *

Period	Employment 1		Employment subject to social contributions 2					Short-time workers 3			Unemployment 4		Unemployment rate in % 4,5	Vacancies, thousands 4,6
	Thousands	Annual percentage change	Total Thousands	Annual percentage change	of which:			Total	of which:		Total	Assigned to the legal category of the Third Book of the Social Security Code (SGB III)		
					Production sector	Services excluding temporary employment	Temporary employment		Solely jobs exempt from social contributions 2	Cyclically induced					of which:
2021	45,041	+ 0.2	33,897	+ 0.9	9,344	23,602	702	4,101	1,852	1,744	2,613	999	5.7	706
2022	45,629	+ 1.3	34,507	+ 1.8	9,400	24,135	721	4,125	426	337	2,418	808	5.3	845
2023	45,935	+ 0.7	34,790	+ 0.8	9,425	24,430	687	4,198	241	147	2,609	875	5.7	761
2024	45,987	+ 0.1	34,934	+ 0.4	9,361	24,711	615	4,180	298	210	2,787	980	6.0	694
2025	7 45,982	7 - 0.0	8 34,963	8 + 0.1	8 9,215	8 24,944	8 556	8 4,121	...	8 210	2,948	1,099	6.3	632
2023 Q1	45,657	+ 0.9	34,614	+ 1.1	9,395	24,288	696	4,152	430	153	2,610	900	5.7	773
Q2	45,915	+ 0.8	34,702	+ 0.9	9,410	24,352	687	4,209	152	146	2,561	839	5.6	770
Q3	45,998	+ 0.6	34,762	+ 0.7	9,421	24,398	686	4,242	128	122	2,647	885	5.7	768
Q4	46,169	+ 0.4	35,082	+ 0.6	9,471	24,682	680	4,189	253	166	2,617	874	5.7	732
2024 Q1	45,752	+ 0.2	34,795	+ 0.5	9,366	24,563	630	4,154	468	200	2,796	1,000	6.1	704
Q2	45,980	+ 0.1	34,858	+ 0.4	9,355	24,635	615	4,207	212	204	2,733	939	5.9	701
Q3	46,020	+ 0.0	34,892	+ 0.4	9,348	24,678	610	4,214	201	192	2,829	998	6.0	699
Q4	46,194	+ 0.1	35,193	+ 0.3	9,374	24,969	603	4,146	311	245	2,790	983	6.0	670
2025 Q1	45,792	+ 0.1	34,873	+ 0.2	9,247	24,833	558	4,109	529	271	2,983	1,120	6.4	638
Q2	45,995	+ 0.0	34,899	+ 0.1	9,214	24,878	555	4,152	233	218	2,922	1,067	9 6.2	638
Q3	46,004	- 0.0	34,910	+ 0.1	9,193	24,903	559	4,149	192	177	2,986	1,122	6.3	630
Q4	7 46,136	7 - 0.1	8 35,169	8 - 0.1	8 9,207	8 25,163	8 553	8 4,074	...	8 173	2,901	1,089	6.2	622
2026 Q1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,059	1,217	6.5	624
2022 Nov.	46,023	+ 1.1	34,897	+ 1.3	9,478	24,435	738	4,179	156	147	2,434	770	5.3	823
Dec.	45,901	+ 1.0	34,705	+ 1.2	9,414	24,357	704	4,182	397	146	2,454	799	5.4	781
2023 Jan.	45,599	+ 0.9	34,550	+ 1.1	9,381	24,240	697	4,138	451	145	2,616	911	5.7	764
Feb.	45,642	+ 0.9	34,601	+ 1.0	9,392	24,279	692	4,148	441	157	2,620	910	5.7	778
Mar.	45,731	+ 0.9	34,679	+ 1.0	9,412	24,332	692	4,157	398	159	2,594	878	5.7	777
Apr.	45,825	+ 0.8	34,685	+ 0.9	9,410	24,342	684	4,188	146	139	2,586	855	5.7	773
May	45,928	+ 0.8	34,728	+ 0.8	9,413	24,371	687	4,228	149	142	2,544	829	5.5	767
June	45,992	+ 0.7	34,709	+ 0.8	9,404	24,357	690	4,266	162	156	2,555	833	5.5	769
July	45,955	+ 0.7	34,584	+ 0.8	9,382	24,261	687	4,279	113	107	2,617	878	5.7	772
Aug.	45,932	+ 0.6	34,804	+ 0.7	9,429	24,433	685	4,221	113	107	2,696	910	5.8	771
Sep.	46,108	+ 0.5	35,089	+ 0.5	9,500	24,641	684	4,186	158	152	2,627	869	5.7	761
Oct.	46,201	+ 0.4	35,117	+ 0.6	9,490	24,686	686	4,181	183	177	2,607	861	5.7	749
Nov.	46,218	+ 0.4	35,126	+ 0.7	9,473	24,719	688	4,195	181	174	2,606	865	5.6	733
Dec.	46,089	+ 0.4	34,915	+ 0.6	9,401	24,637	648	4,197	395	148	2,637	896	5.7	713
2024 Jan.	45,718	+ 0.3	34,754	+ 0.6	9,359	24,528	635	4,138	540	189	2,805	1,006	6.1	699
Feb.	45,732	+ 0.2	34,770	+ 0.5	9,359	24,548	625	4,141	485	201	2,814	1,015	6.1	706
Mar.	45,807	+ 0.2	34,810	+ 0.4	9,360	24,591	615	4,169	379	210	2,769	977	6.0	707
Apr.	45,903	+ 0.2	34,863	+ 0.5	9,362	24,633	618	4,190	224	215	2,750	949	6.0	701
May	46,007	+ 0.2	34,886	+ 0.5	9,354	24,661	615	4,222	200	191	2,723	930	5.8	702
June	46,029	+ 0.1	34,837	+ 0.4	9,336	24,635	611	4,250	213	204	2,727	937	5.8	701
July	45,988	+ 0.1	34,729	+ 0.4	9,313	24,551	613	4,253	203	194	2,809	989	6.0	703
Aug.	45,951	+ 0.0	34,918	+ 0.3	9,353	24,702	606	4,192	174	165	2,872	1,021	6.1	699
Sep.	46,122	+ 0.0	35,220	+ 0.4	9,418	24,929	612	4,145	226	217	2,806	985	6.0	696
Oct.	46,229	+ 0.1	35,237	+ 0.3	9,394	24,978	613	4,137	269	259	2,791	974	6.0	689
Nov.	46,243	+ 0.1	35,222	+ 0.3	9,369	25,004	606	4,152	275	266	2,774	973	5.9	668
Dec.	46,111	+ 0.0	35,018	+ 0.3	9,300	24,920	569	4,150	389	211	2,807	1,003	6.0	654
2025 Jan.	45,754	+ 0.1	34,822	+ 0.2	9,240	24,791	558	4,097	586	277	2,993	1,127	6.4	632
Feb.	45,781	+ 0.1	34,844	+ 0.2	9,233	24,821	554	4,099	582	270	2,989	1,128	6.4	639
Mar.	45,841	+ 0.1	34,888	+ 0.2	9,234	24,855	555	4,111	419	264	2,967	1,104	6.4	643
Apr.	45,941	+ 0.1	34,906	+ 0.1	9,221	24,878	557	4,140	247	233	2,932	1,077	6.3	646
May	46,008	+ 0.0	34,903	+ 0.0	9,206	24,890	551	4,167	241	227	2,919	1,062	9 6.2	634
June	46,036	+ 0.0	34,885	+ 0.1	9,194	24,876	560	4,185	210	195	2,914	1,062	6.2	632
July	45,985	- 0.0	34,762	+ 0.1	9,163	24,786	561	4,188	202	187	2,979	1,117	6.3	628
Aug.	45,932	- 0.0	34,918	- 0.0	9,194	24,916	554	4,126	179	164	3,025	1,141	6.4	631
Sep.	46,095	- 0.1	35,216	- 0.0	9,253	25,138	563	4,082	195	181	2,955	1,108	6.3	630
Oct.	46,188	- 0.1	8 35,224	8 - 0.0	8 9,233	8 25,180	8 561	8 4,067	...	8 192	2,911	1,083	6.2	623
Nov.	46,183	- 0.1	8 35,185	8 - 0.1	8 9,198	8 25,190	8 556	8 4,077	...	8 186	2,885	1,079	6.1	624
Dec.	7 46,037	7 - 0.2	8 34,979	8 - 0.1	8 9,127	8 25,100	8 524	8 4,073	...	8 141	2,908	1,104	6.2	619
2026 Jan.	7 45,660	7 - 0.2	8 34,750	8 - 0.2	8 9,070	8 24,936	8 515	8 4,016	...	8 136	3,085	1,227	6.6	598
Feb.	7 45,662	7 - 0.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,070	1,228	6.5	638
Mar.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,021	1,195	6.4	638

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 Workplace 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 Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical

Office. 8 Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. In 2023 and 2024, 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 23.6% for cyclically induced short-time work. 9 From May 2025, calculated on the basis of new labour force figures.