

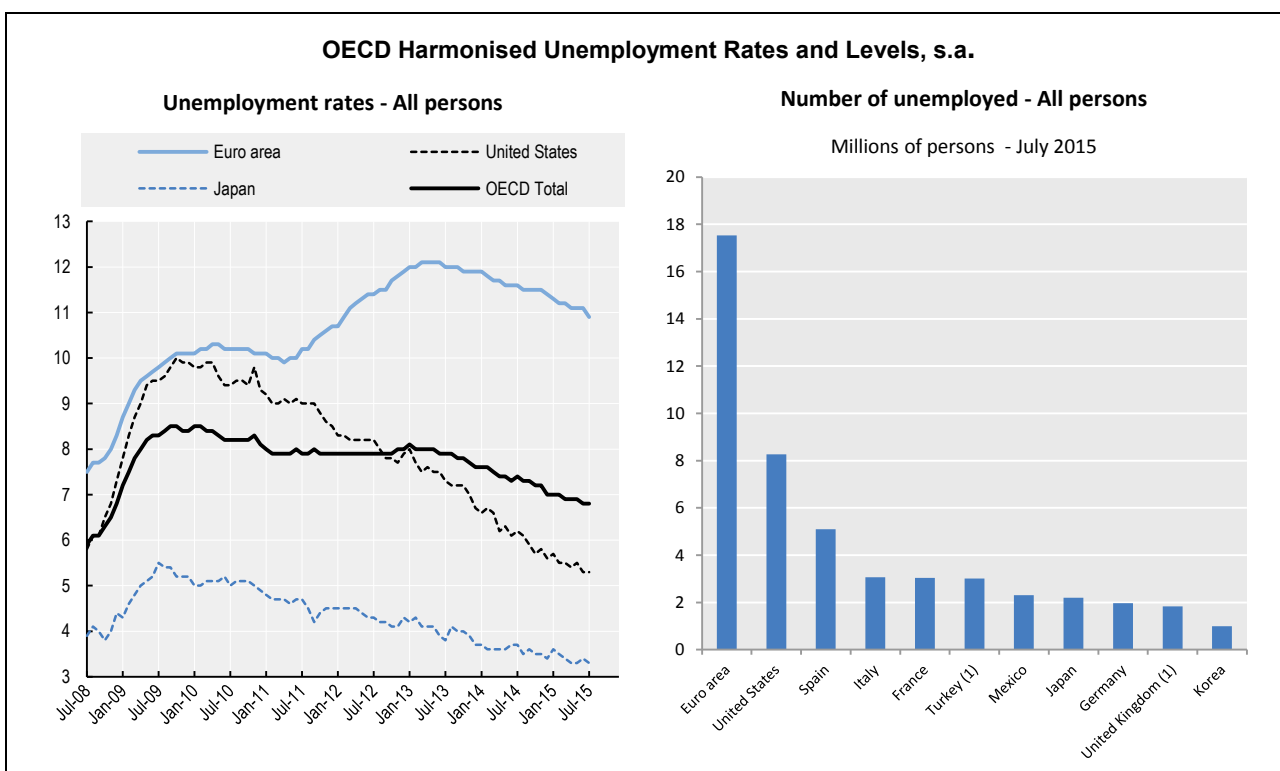
OECD unemployment rate remains stable at 6.8% in July 2015

The **OECD** unemployment rate was stable in July 2015, at 6.8%. Since the peak reached in January 2013, the cumulative decline in the OECD unemployment rate is 1.3 percentage point.

In the **euro area**, the unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 10.9% in July. The largest falls in this area were observed in **Italy** (down 0.5 percentage point, to 12.0%), **Portugal** (down 0.2 percentage point, to 12.1%, the 6th consecutive month of decline) and **Spain** (down 0.2 percentage point, to 22.2%, having decreased every month for almost 2 years).

The unemployment rate in July was stable in **Canada** (at 6.8%), **Mexico** (at 4.4%) and the **United States** (at 5.3%), while it decreased by 0.2 percentage point in **Korea** (to 3.7%) and by 0.1 percentage point in **Japan** (to 3.3%). More recent data referring to August 2015 show that the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points in the **United States** (to 5.1%), while it increased in **Canada** (by 0.2 percentage point, to 7.0%).

Across the **OECD** area, 41.6 million people were unemployed in July, 7.3 million less than in January 2013, but still 7.1 million more than in July 2008, immediately before the crisis. There were 17.5 million unemployed in the **euro area**, 8.3 million in the **United States**, 3 million in **Turkey** (in May, the latest month available), 2.3 million in **Mexico** and 2.2 million in **Japan**. In July, the highest monthly decreases in the number of unemployed were observed in **Italy** (down 143 thousand), **Spain** (down 57 thousand) and **Korea** (down 43 thousand).



(1) For Turkey and the United Kingdom, data refer to May 2015

Methodological Notes: <http://www.oecd.org/std/labourstatistics/44743407.pdf>

All rates and levels quoted are seasonally adjusted (s.a.).

New Labour Market Statistics: <http://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?queryid=36324>

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Table 1: OECD Unemployment Rates, s.a.
Percentage of active population

	2012	2013	2014	2014		2015		2015					
				Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
OECD - Total	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8
Major Seven	7.4	7.1	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8
European Union	10.5	10.9	10.2	10.1	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5
Euro area	11.4	12.0	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.2	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.1	10.9
Australia	5.2	5.7	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.3
Austria	4.9	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.8
Belgium	7.6	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5
Canada ⁽¹⁾	7.3	7.1	6.9	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
Chile	6.4	5.9	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.3	
Czech Republic	7.0	7.0	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.1
Denmark	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2
Estonia	10.0	8.6	7.4	7.7	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.1	6.5	6.4	6.1	
Finland	7.7	8.2	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.5	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.7
France	9.8	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4
Germany	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7
Greece	24.5	27.5	26.6	26.2	26.0	25.9		25.9	25.9	25.6	25.0		
Hungary	11.0	10.1	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.9	
Iceland	6.0	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
Ireland	14.7	13.1	11.3	11.1	10.4	10.0	9.6	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.5
Israel	6.9	6.2	5.9	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.3
Italy	10.6	12.1	12.7	12.8	12.8	12.3	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.0
Japan	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.3
Korea	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7
Luxembourg	5.1	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7
Mexico	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4
Netherlands	5.8	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.1	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8
New Zealand	6.9	6.2	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.9						
Norway	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5	
Poland	10.1	10.3	9.0	8.6	8.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.6
Portugal	15.8	16.5	14.1	13.7	13.5	13.5	12.5	13.5	13.2	12.8	12.4	12.3	12.1
Slovak Republic	14.0	14.2	13.2	13.1	12.6	12.1	11.8	12.1	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.7
Slovenia	8.9	10.1	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1
Spain	24.8	26.1	24.5	24.2	23.7	23.1	22.5	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.5	22.4	22.2
Sweden	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.3
Switzerland	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.1	4.4							
Turkey ⁽²⁾	8.2	8.7	10.0	10.4	10.5	10.1		10.1	10.0	9.9	10.2		
United Kingdom	7.9	7.6	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.5		5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6		
United States ⁽³⁾	8.1	7.4	6.2	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.3

Notes:

(1) Canada: Unemployment rate for August 2015 was 7.0%.

(2) Following the changes introduced in the Labour Force Survey for Turkey, data from January 2014 onwards are not comparable with previous data.

(3) United States: Unemployment rate for August 2015 was 5.1%.

Table 2: Unemployment Rates by Gender, s.a.
Percentage of corresponding active population

	Women						Men					
	2014	2015		2015			2014	2015		2015		
		Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul		Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul
OECD - Total	7.5	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7
Major Seven	6.3	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.9
European Union	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	10.1	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4
Euro area	11.8	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.7
Australia	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.1
Austria	5.4	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.9	5.8	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.1
Belgium	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0
Canada	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.1	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.4
Chile	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.3		6.0	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7	
Czech Republic	7.4	6.8	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.2	5.1	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
Denmark	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.0
Estonia	6.9	5.9	6.5	6.5	6.2		7.9	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.1	
Finland	8.0	8.6	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.2	10.3
France	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.5	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6
Germany	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Greece	30.2	29.8		28.2			23.7	22.8		22.4		
Hungary	8.0	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.2		7.6	7.3	6.8	6.8	6.6	
Iceland	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	5.1	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
Ireland	9.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	12.9	11.5	10.8	10.8	10.7	10.6
Israel	5.9	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.9	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3
Italy	13.8	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.3	12.7	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.5
Japan	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5
Korea	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8
Luxembourg	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.2	5.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3
Mexico	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.2
Netherlands	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.4
New Zealand	6.6	6.3	6.7				5.1	5.4	5.2			
Norway	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0		3.7	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.9	
Poland	9.6	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.5	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.2
Portugal	14.5	13.8	12.6	12.3	12.4	12.2	13.8	13.1	12.3	12.4	12.1	12.1
Slovak Republic	13.6	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.0	12.8	11.3	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.7
Slovenia	10.6	10.2	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.5	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.9
Spain	25.4	24.5	24.2	24.2	24.1	24.0	23.6	22.0	21.2	21.1	21.0	20.7
Sweden	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.4	7.3	8.1	7.9	7.7	7.8	7.3	7.3
Switzerland	4.7	4.2					4.4	4.6				
Turkey ⁽¹⁾	11.9	12.6		12.7			9.1	9.0		9.1		
United Kingdom	5.9	5.3		5.4			6.4	5.7		5.8		
United States	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.3	6.3	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.2

Note:

(1) Following the changes introduced in the Labour Force Survey for Turkey, data from January 2014 onwards are not comparable with previous data. From this date, data by gender are OECD estimates.

Table 3: Unemployment Rates by Age, s.a.
Percentage of corresponding active population

	Youth (15-24)						Prime-age and Older Workers (25+)					
	2014	2015		2015			2014	2015		2015		
		Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul		Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul
OECD - Total	15.1	14.3	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.0	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8
Major Seven	14.1	13.3	13.1	13.2	13.1	12.9	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9
European Union	22.2	20.9	20.6	20.6	20.6	20.4	9.0	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4
Euro area	23.8	22.7	22.3	22.2	22.3	21.9	10.4	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9
Australia	13.3	13.8	13.5	13.4	13.4	13.8	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.8
Austria	10.3	9.4	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.8	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.0
Belgium	23.3	20.7	19.6	19.5	19.3	18.0	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7
Canada	13.5	13.0	13.2	13.2	12.9	13.2	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Chile	16.4	14.9	16.2	16.2	16.1		5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	
Czech Republic	15.8	14.1	13.1	12.8	13.0	13.4	5.4	5.2	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5
Denmark	12.5	10.6	10.7	10.4	11.4	11.7	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.2
Estonia	15.4	12.4	10.2	10.1	9.5		6.7	5.6	6.0	6.1	5.8	
Finland	20.4	22.3	23.7	23.7	24.2	24.5	7.0	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6
France	24.2	24.7	23.8	23.8	23.8	24.1	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0
Germany	7.7	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4
Greece	52.5	51.7		51.8			24.8	24.2		23.3		
Hungary	20.5	19.1	18.4	18.6	17.9		6.7	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	
Iceland	10.1	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.0	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1
Ireland	23.9	22.1	20.6	20.5	20.7	20.7	10.1	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.4
Israel	10.5	8.5	8.6	7.5	10.6	12.7	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.4
Italy	42.7	41.9	42.3	42.0	43.1	40.5	10.6	10.4				
Japan	6.2	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2
Korea	10.0	10.9	11.1	10.6	11.8	10.4	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2
Luxembourg	22.2	19.5	18.6	18.6	18.3	18.6	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Mexico	9.5	8.6	9.2	9.2	9.8	9.0	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.4
Netherlands	12.7	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.3	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.1	6.1	5.9
New Zealand	15.0	14.5	14.4				4.0	4.2	4.3			
Norway	7.9	9.3	10.7	10.7	11.1		2.8	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	
Poland	23.8	21.7	20.9	21.0	20.4	20.1	7.7	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6
Portugal	34.7	33.2	31.3	30.8	31.6	31.0	12.5	11.9	11.0	10.9	10.8	10.7
Slovak Republic	29.7	26.2	25.7	25.7	25.5	24.8	11.8	10.9	10.7	10.7	10.6	10.6
Slovenia	20.3	17.0	16.7	16.7	16.7		9.0	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5
Spain	53.2	50.2	49.1	49.1	48.9	48.6	22.3	21.1	20.6	20.6	20.5	20.4
Sweden	22.8	21.4	20.8	21.0	20.8	21.3	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.4
Switzerland	8.6	7.5					3.9	4.0				
Turkey ⁽¹⁾	18.0	18.5		18.7			8.4	8.5		8.5		
United Kingdom	16.9	15.7		16.1			4.4	3.9		4.0		
United States	13.4	12.1	12.0	12.2	12.1	11.7	5.0	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3

Note:

(1) Following the changes introduced in the Labour Force Survey for Turkey, data from January 2014 onwards are not comparable with previous data.

Table 4: Unemployment Levels, s.a.
Thousands of persons

	2013	2014	2014	2015		2015			
			Q4	Q1	Q2	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
OECD - Total	47,617	44,689	43,403	42,598	42,119	42,111	42,316	41,942	41,646
Major Seven	26,162	23,640	22,726	22,313	22,021	22,018	22,171	21,874	21,688
European Union	26,292	24,802	24,213	23,667	23,364	23,434	23,358	23,299	23,067
Euro area	19,232	18,631	18,402	17,981	17,759	17,790	17,741	17,745	17,532
Australia	686	745	765	772	759	771	746	761	801
Austria	231	245	246	242	258	255	262	256	254
Belgium	417	423	428	430	430	430	429	431	426
Canada	1,347	1,322	1,274	1,294	1,307	1,310	1,308	1,304	1,306
Chile	491	540	550	521	537	543	537	544	
Czech Republic	370	324	308	306	272	280	270	266	270
Denmark	203	190	187	182	183	185	182	182	183
Estonia	58	50	45	42	43	44	44	42	
Finland	219	232	242	247	254	252	254	257	259
France	3,014	3,026	3,083	3,034	3,008	2,995	3,012	3,016	3,034
Germany	2,182	2,090	2,056	2,005	1,983	1,989	1,984	1,977	1,967
Greece	1,330	1,274	1,243	1,232		1,216	1,201		
Hungary	438	344	326	333	315	319	315	311	
Iceland	10	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	8
Ireland	282	243	223	214	207	209	207	206	206
Israel	228	223	214	204	195	187	193	205	205
Italy	3,069	3,230	3,269	3,145	3,181	3,153	3,172	3,217	3,074
Japan	2,651	2,359	2,293	2,287	2,197	2,190	2,180	2,220	2,200
Korea	807	937	928	983	1,029	1,002	1,042	1,042	999
Luxembourg	15	16	16	15	15	15	15	15	15
Mexico	2,539	2,511	2,367	2,271	2,332	2,315	2,351	2,329	2,313
Netherlands	647	660	637	635	618	625	617	611	603
New Zealand	148	141	143	146	148				
Norway	95	96	104	113	120	118	119	124	
Poland	1,793	1,567	1,445	1,384	1,347	1,360	1,350	1,332	1,318
Portugal	855	729	694	691	640	656	634	630	625
Slovak Republic	386	359	342	332	325	327	325	323	321
Slovenia	102	98	94	92	92	92	93	92	90
Spain	6,051	5,611	5,450	5,310	5,183	5,217	5,179	5,152	5,095
Sweden	410	411	408	404	396	402	405	382	379
Switzerland	205	215	197	212					
Turkey ⁽¹⁾	2,438	2,860	3,066	2,964		2,904	3,007		
United Kingdom	2,441	1,996	1,835	1,796		1,832	1,841		
United States	11,460	9,616	8,914	8,753	8,507	8,549	8,674	8,299	8,266

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