

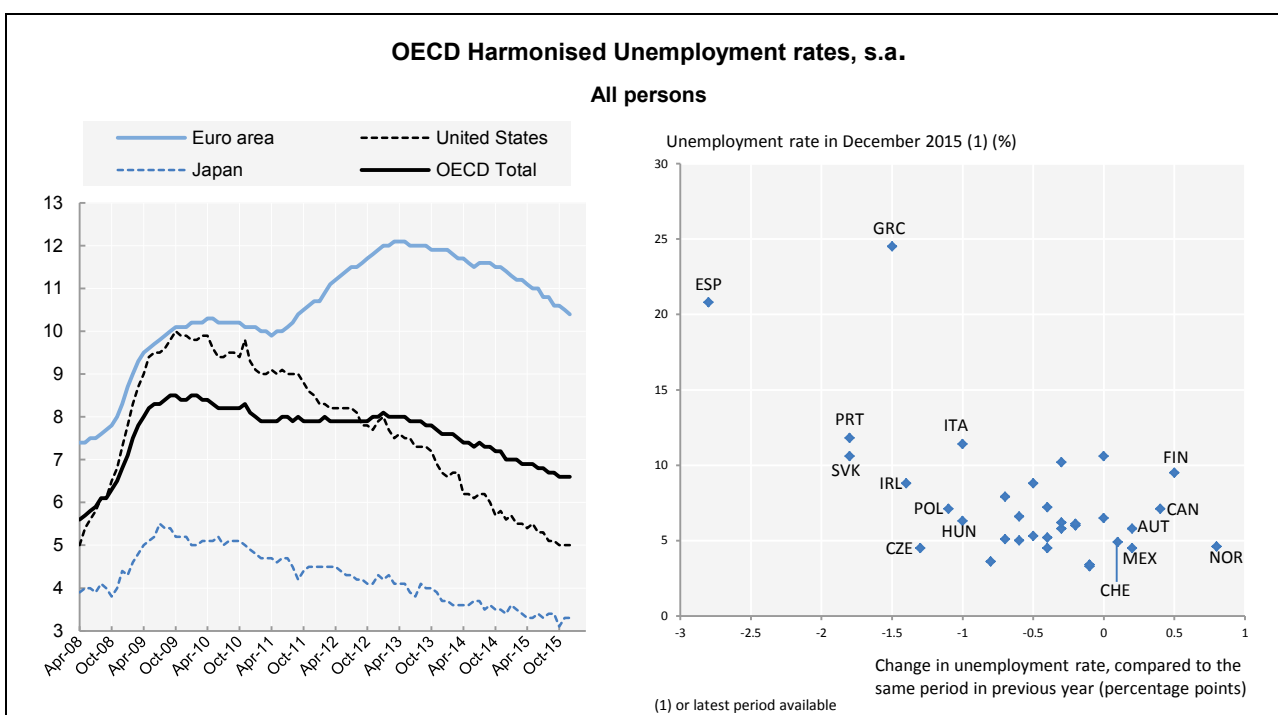
## OECD unemployment rate stable at 6.6% in December 2015

The **OECD** unemployment rate was stable at 6.6% in December 2015, 1.5 percentage points below the January 2013 peak. Across the OECD area, 40.4 million people were unemployed, 8.4 million less than in January 2013, but still 7.9 million more than in April 2008, before the crisis.

In December, the **euro area** unemployment rate continued to decline (by 0.1 percentage point, to 10.4%). Within the euro area, the largest falls were observed in **Portugal** (down 0.4 percentage point, to 11.8%), the **Slovak Republic** (down 0.2 percentage point, to 10.6%) and **Spain** (down 0.2 percentage point, to 20.8%).

The unemployment rate was stable in December in **Japan** (at 3.3%) and the **United States** (at 5.0%), while it increased in **Canada** (by 0.1 percentage point, to 7.1%) and **Mexico** (by 0.4 percentage point, to 4.5%). More recent data show that in January 2016, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point in the **United States** (to 4.9%), while it increased by 0.1 percentage point in **Canada** (to 7.2%).

Unemployment rates have been continuously declining in a number of OECD countries over the last year, with larger falls in countries with relatively high levels of unemployment. Compared to a year ago, the unemployment rate decreased in about three-quarters of OECD countries, with declines of one percentage point or more in **Spain**, the **Slovak Republic**, **Portugal**, **Greece**, **Ireland**, the **Czech Republic**, **Poland**, **Hungary** and **Italy**. By contrast, unemployment rates increased in six countries: **Norway**, **Finland**, **Canada**, **Austria**, **Mexico** and **Switzerland**.



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

|                              | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 |      |      |      | 2015 |      |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                              |      |      |      | Q1   | Q2   | Q3   | Q4   | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  |
| OECD - Total                 | 7.9  | 7.4  | 6.8  | 7.0  | 6.9  | 6.7  | 6.6  | 6.8  | 6.7  | 6.7  | 6.6  | 6.6  | 6.6  |
| Major Seven                  | 7.1  | 6.4  | 5.8  | 6.0  | 5.9  | 5.7  | 5.6  | 5.8  | 5.7  | 5.7  | 5.6  | 5.6  | 5.6  |
| European Union               | 10.9 | 10.2 | 9.4  | 9.7  | 9.6  | 9.3  | 9.0  | 9.4  | 9.3  | 9.2  | 9.1  | 9.0  | 9.0  |
| Euro area                    | 12.0 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.4 |
| Australia                    | 5.7  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 6.2  | 6.0  | 6.2  | 5.8  | 6.3  | 6.2  | 6.1  | 5.9  | 5.8  | 5.8  |
| Austria                      | 5.4  | 5.6  | 5.7  | 5.6  | 5.9  | 5.7  | 5.8  | 5.7  | 5.7  | 5.7  | 5.7  | 5.8  | 5.8  |
| Belgium                      | 8.5  | 8.5  | 8.3  | 8.6  | 8.7  | 8.1  | 7.9  | 8.3  | 8.1  | 7.9  | 7.9  | 7.9  | 7.9  |
| Canada <sup>(1)</sup>        | 7.1  | 6.9  | 6.9  | 6.8  | 6.8  | 7.0  | 7.0  | 6.8  | 7.0  | 7.1  | 7.0  | 7.0  | 7.1  |
| Chile                        | 5.9  | 6.4  | 6.2  | 6.1  | 6.3  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.3  | 6.2  |      |
| Czech Republic               | 7.0  | 6.1  | 5.1  | 5.8  | 5.1  | 4.8  | 4.5  | 5.0  | 4.8  | 4.7  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.5  |
| Denmark                      | 7.0  | 6.5  | 6.1  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.1  | 6.0  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.0  | 6.0  | 6.0  | 6.0  |
| Estonia                      | 8.6  | 7.4  |      | 6.1  | 6.4  | 5.9  |      | 5.8  | 5.9  | 6.1  | 6.3  | 6.5  |      |
| Finland                      | 8.2  | 8.7  | 9.4  | 9.2  | 9.4  | 9.4  | 9.5  | 9.5  | 9.4  | 9.4  | 9.4  | 9.5  | 9.5  |
| France                       | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.2 |
| Germany                      | 5.2  | 5.0  | 4.6  | 4.8  | 4.7  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.6  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.5  | 4.5  | 4.5  |
| Greece                       | 27.5 | 26.6 |      | 25.9 | 25.0 | 24.7 |      | 24.9 | 24.6 | 24.6 | 24.5 |      |      |
| Hungary                      | 10.1 | 7.7  |      | 7.4  | 7.0  | 6.6  |      | 6.8  | 6.5  | 6.5  | 6.4  | 6.3  |      |
| Iceland                      | 5.4  | 5.0  | 4.0  | 4.2  | 4.0  | 3.9  | 3.7  | 3.9  | 3.9  | 3.9  | 3.8  | 3.7  | 3.6  |
| Ireland                      | 13.1 | 11.3 | 9.4  | 10.0 | 9.6  | 9.1  | 8.8  | 9.2  | 9.1  | 9.0  | 8.9  | 8.8  | 8.8  |
| Israel                       | 6.2  | 5.9  | 5.2  | 5.4  | 5.1  | 5.3  | 5.3  | 5.4  | 5.2  | 5.1  | 5.3  | 5.4  | 5.2  |
| Italy                        | 12.1 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 12.3 | 12.2 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.4 |
| Japan                        | 4.0  | 3.6  | 3.4  | 3.5  | 3.3  | 3.4  | 3.2  | 3.3  | 3.4  | 3.4  | 3.1  | 3.3  | 3.3  |
| Korea                        | 3.1  | 3.5  | 3.6  | 3.7  | 3.8  | 3.6  | 3.4  | 3.7  | 3.6  | 3.5  | 3.4  | 3.4  | 3.4  |
| Luxembourg                   | 5.9  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 6.2  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 6.2  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 6.1  |
| Mexico                       | 4.9  | 4.8  | 4.4  | 4.3  | 4.4  | 4.3  | 4.3  | 4.4  | 4.4  | 4.2  | 4.4  | 4.1  | 4.5  |
| Netherlands                  | 7.2  | 7.4  | 6.9  | 7.1  | 6.9  | 6.8  | 6.7  | 6.8  | 6.8  | 6.8  | 6.9  | 6.7  | 6.6  |
| New Zealand                  | 6.2  | 5.8  | 5.8  | 5.8  | 5.9  | 6.0  | 5.3  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Norway                       | 3.5  | 3.5  |      | 4.1  | 4.3  | 4.5  |      | 4.3  | 4.6  | 4.6  | 4.6  |      |      |
| Poland                       | 10.3 | 9.0  | 7.6  | 7.9  | 7.6  | 7.5  | 7.2  | 7.5  | 7.5  | 7.4  | 7.3  | 7.2  | 7.1  |
| Portugal                     | 16.5 | 14.1 | 12.6 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.2 | 11.8 |
| Slovak Republic              | 14.2 | 13.2 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 11.4 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 10.6 |
| Slovenia                     | 10.1 | 9.7  | 9.1  | 9.2  | 9.4  | 9.0  | 8.8  | 9.2  | 9.0  | 8.8  | 8.8  | 8.7  | 8.8  |
| Spain                        | 26.1 | 24.5 | 22.1 | 23.1 | 22.5 | 21.7 | 21.0 | 21.9 | 21.7 | 21.4 | 21.2 | 21.0 | 20.8 |
| Sweden                       | 8.0  | 7.9  | 7.4  | 7.7  | 7.6  | 7.2  | 7.1  | 7.3  | 7.0  | 7.3  | 7.2  | 6.9  | 7.2  |
| Switzerland                  | 4.4  | 4.5  |      | 4.4  | 4.2  | 4.9  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Turkey <sup>(2)</sup>        | 8.7  | 10.0 |      | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.4 |      | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 10.6 |      |      |
| United Kingdom               | 7.6  | 6.2  |      | 5.5  | 5.6  | 5.3  |      | 5.4  | 5.3  | 5.2  | 5.1  |      |      |
| United States <sup>(3)</sup> | 7.4  | 6.2  | 5.3  | 5.6  | 5.4  | 5.2  | 5.0  | 5.3  | 5.1  | 5.1  | 5.0  | 5.0  | 5.0  |

Notes:

(1) Canada: Unemployment rate for January 2016 was 7.2%.

(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 January 2016 was 4.9%.

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

|                       | Women |      |      |      |      |      | Men  |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                       | 2015  | 2015 |      | 2015 |      |      | 2015 | 2015 |      | 2015 |      |      |
|                       |       | Q3   | Q4   | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  |      | Q3   | Q4   | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  |
| OECD - Total          | 6.9   | 6.8  | 6.6  | 6.7  | 6.6  | 6.6  | 6.7  | 6.6  | 6.5  | 6.5  | 6.5  | 6.6  |
| Major Seven           | 5.6   | 5.6  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.3  | 6.0  | 5.9  | 5.8  | 5.8  | 5.8  | 5.9  |
| European Union        | 9.5   | 9.4  | 9.1  | 9.2  | 9.1  | 9.1  | 9.4  | 9.2  | 9.0  | 9.1  | 9.0  | 9.0  |
| Euro area             | 11.0  | 10.9 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 10.3 |
| Australia             | 6.1   | 6.3  | 5.9  | 5.9  | 6.0  | 5.8  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 5.8  | 5.9  | 5.7  | 5.7  |
| Austria               | 5.3   | 5.2  | 5.3  | 5.1  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 6.1  | 6.1  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.2  |
| Belgium               | 7.6   | 7.7  | 7.5  | 7.5  | 7.5  | 7.4  | 8.8  | 8.5  | 8.2  | 8.1  | 8.2  | 8.3  |
| Canada                | 6.3   | 6.3  | 6.4  | 6.4  | 6.5  | 6.4  | 7.5  | 7.5  | 7.6  | 7.5  | 7.6  | 7.8  |
| Chile                 | 6.8   | 6.8  | 6.3  | 6.4  | 6.3  |      | 5.8  | 5.8  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.2  |      |
| Czech Republic        | 6.1   | 5.9  | 5.5  | 5.5  | 5.6  | 5.5  | 4.3  | 4.0  | 3.7  | 3.9  | 3.6  | 3.6  |
| Denmark               | 6.4   | 6.6  | 6.3  | 6.5  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 5.9  | 5.8  | 5.6  | 5.5  | 5.7  | 5.7  |
| Estonia               |       | 5.9  |      | 6.0  | 6.4  |      |      | 5.9  |      | 6.7  | 6.7  |      |
| Finland               | 8.8   | 8.9  | 8.9  | 8.9  | 8.9  | 8.9  | 9.9  | 9.9  | 10.0 | 9.9  | 10.0 | 10.1 |
| France                | 9.8   | 10.0 | 9.5  | 9.6  | 9.4  | 9.4  | 10.9 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.9 |
| Germany               | 4.2   | 4.1  | 4.1  | 4.1  | 4.1  | 4.1  | 5.0  | 4.9  | 4.9  | 4.9  | 4.9  | 4.9  |
| Greece                |       | 28.7 |      | 28.7 |      |      |      | 21.5 |      | 21.0 |      |      |
| Hungary               |       | 6.9  |      | 6.4  | 6.6  |      |      | 6.4  |      | 6.3  | 6.1  |      |
| Iceland               | 4.1   | 3.8  | 3.5  | 3.6  | 3.4  | 3.4  | 3.9  | 4.0  | 3.9  | 4.0  | 3.9  | 3.8  |
| Ireland               | 7.7   | 7.4  | 7.3  | 7.3  | 7.3  | 7.3  | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 10.0 |
| Israel                | 5.4   | 5.4  | 5.7  | 5.4  | 6.0  | 5.5  | 5.1  | 5.1  | 4.9  | 5.1  | 4.8  | 4.9  |
| Italy                 | 12.7  | 12.5 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 11.1 |
| Japan                 | 3.1   | 3.2  | 2.9  | 2.7  | 3.1  | 2.9  | 3.6  | 3.5  | 3.5  | 3.4  | 3.5  | 3.7  |
| Korea                 | 3.6   | 3.5  | 3.3  | 3.4  | 3.2  | 3.3  | 3.7  | 3.7  | 3.5  | 3.4  | 3.6  | 3.5  |
| Luxembourg            | 7.0   | 7.0  | 7.0  | 7.0  | 7.0  | 7.0  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.4  |
| Mexico                | 4.5   | 4.5  | 4.6  | 4.8  | 4.3  | 4.6  | 4.2  | 4.2  | 4.2  | 4.1  | 4.0  | 4.5  |
| Netherlands           | 7.3   | 7.2  | 7.2  | 7.3  | 7.3  | 7.0  | 6.6  | 6.5  | 6.3  | 6.5  | 6.2  | 6.2  |
| New Zealand           | 6.3   | 6.5  | 5.7  |      |      |      | 5.2  | 5.5  | 5.0  |      |      |      |
| Norway                |       | 4.1  |      | 4.3  |      |      |      | 4.8  |      | 4.9  |      |      |
| Poland                | 7.8   | 7.6  | 7.4  | 7.5  | 7.4  | 7.3  | 7.3  | 7.3  | 7.1  | 7.2  | 7.1  | 6.9  |
| Portugal              | 12.9  | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.4 |
| Slovak Republic       | 12.8  | 12.8 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 9.6  | 9.9  | 9.6  | 9.4  |
| Slovenia              | 10.3  | 10.5 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 8.0  | 7.7  | 7.7  | 7.6  | 7.7  | 7.8  |
| Spain                 | 23.6  | 23.1 | 22.6 | 22.8 | 22.6 | 22.5 | 20.8 | 20.4 | 19.6 | 19.9 | 19.5 | 19.3 |
| Sweden                | 7.2   | 6.9  | 6.9  | 7.2  | 6.7  | 6.9  | 7.5  | 7.4  | 7.2  | 7.2  | 7.0  | 7.5  |
| Switzerland           |       | 5.2  |      |      |      |      |      | 4.7  |      |      |      |      |
| Turkey <sup>(1)</sup> |       | 12.7 |      | 12.9 |      |      |      | 9.4  |      | 9.6  |      |      |
| United Kingdom        |       | 5.1  |      | 4.9  |      |      |      | 5.4  |      | 5.2  |      |      |
| United States         | 5.2   | 5.1  | 4.9  | 4.9  | 4.9  | 4.8  | 5.4  | 5.1  | 5.2  | 5.1  | 5.2  | 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.

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

|                       | Youth (15-24) |      |      |      |      |      | Prime-age and Older Workers (25+) |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                       | 2015          | 2015 |      | 2015 |      |      | 2015                              | 2015 |      | 2015 |      |      |
|                       |               | Q3   | Q4   | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  |                                   | Q3   | Q4   | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  |
| OECD - Total          | 13.9          | 13.7 | 13.5 | 13.6 | 13.4 | 13.6 | 5.8                               | 5.8  | 5.6  | 5.7  | 5.6  | 5.6  |
| Major Seven           | 12.8          | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 4.9                               | 4.9  | 4.8  | 4.7  | 4.8  | 4.8  |
| European Union        | 20.4          | 20.1 | 19.8 | 20.0 | 19.7 | 19.7 | 8.3                               | 8.2  | 7.9  | 8.0  | 7.9  | 7.9  |
| Euro area             | 22.5          | 22.3 | 22.1 | 22.3 | 22.1 | 22.0 | 9.7                               | 9.6  | 9.4  | 9.5  | 9.4  | 9.3  |
| Australia             | 13.1          | 13.4 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 4.6                               | 4.8  | 4.5  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.5  |
| Austria               | 10.5          | 10.7 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 5.0                               | 4.9  | 5.0  | 4.9  | 5.1  | 5.1  |
| Belgium               | 21.1          | 21.6 | 22.2 | 21.7 | 22.3 | 22.7 | 7.2                               | 7.0  | 6.6  | 6.7  | 6.6  | 6.6  |
| Canada                | 13.2          | 13.2 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 12.6 | 13.0 | 5.8                               | 5.9  | 6.1  | 5.9  | 6.1  | 6.2  |
| Chile                 | 15.5          | 15.6 | 15.3 | 15.7 | 15.3 |      | 5.0                               | 5.0  | 5.0  | 5.1  | 5.0  |      |
| Czech Republic        | 12.6          | 12.2 | 11.1 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 4.5                               | 4.3  | 4.0  | 4.1  | 4.0  | 4.0  |
| Denmark               | 10.7          | 11.2 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 10.3 | 5.3                               | 5.2  | 5.2  | 5.2  | 5.2  | 5.2  |
| Estonia               |               | 13.8 |      | 15.7 | 17.1 |      |                                   | 5.2  |      | 5.5  | 5.6  |      |
| Finland               | 22.0          | 22.5 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.1 | 7.6                               | 7.6  | 7.8  | 7.7  | 7.8  | 7.8  |
| France                | 25.1          | 25.2 | 25.8 | 25.6 | 25.8 | 25.9 | 8.8                               | 9.0  | 8.6  | 8.7  | 8.5  | 8.5  |
| Germany               | 7.3           | 7.1  | 7.0  | 7.1  | 7.0  | 7.0  | 4.4                               | 4.3  | 4.3  | 4.3  | 4.3  | 4.3  |
| Greece                |               | 48.6 |      | 48.6 |      |      |                                   | 23.2 |      | 23.0 |      |      |
| Hungary               |               | 16.4 |      | 15.0 | 15.7 |      |                                   | 5.8  |      | 5.7  | 5.6  |      |
| Iceland               | 8.8           | 8.4  | 8.1  | 8.3  | 8.1  | 8.0  | 3.0                               | 3.0  | 2.8  | 2.9  | 2.8  | 2.7  |
| Ireland               | 20.6          | 20.5 | 19.4 | 19.7 | 19.4 | 19.2 | 8.3                               | 8.0  | 7.8  | 7.8  | 7.8  | 7.8  |
| Israel                | 9.2           | 10.9 | 9.0  | 8.6  | 9.2  | 9.2  | 4.5                               | 4.4  | 4.6  | 4.8  | 4.5  | 4.6  |
| Italy                 | 40.4          | 39.5 | 38.4 | 39.3 | 38.0 | 37.9 |                                   | 9.9  |      |      |      |      |
| Japan                 | 5.6           | 5.7  | 5.3  | 5.5  | 5.2  | 5.2  | 3.2                               | 3.2  | 3.1  | 2.9  | 3.1  | 3.2  |
| Korea                 | 10.5          | 10.2 | 9.9  | 9.9  | 10.5 | 9.3  | 3.1                               | 3.1  | 2.9  | 2.9  | 2.9  | 3.0  |
| Luxembourg            | 14.3          | 15.0 | 14.8 | 15.2 | 14.6 | 14.7 | 5.3                               | 5.3  | 5.3  | 5.3  | 5.3  | 5.3  |
| Mexico                | 8.7           | 8.4  | 8.6  | 8.5  | 7.8  | 9.6  | 3.4                               | 3.4  | 3.4  | 3.5  | 3.3  | 3.4  |
| Netherlands           | 11.3          | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 6.1                               | 5.9  | 5.9  | 6.0  | 5.9  | 5.8  |
| New Zealand           | 14.7          | 15.8 | 13.9 |      |      |      | 4.0                               | 4.1  | 3.7  |      |      |      |
| Norway                |               | 10.2 |      | 9.4  |      |      |                                   | 3.6  |      | 3.9  |      |      |
| Poland                | 20.8          | 20.6 | 20.6 | 20.7 | 20.5 | 20.5 | 6.4                               | 6.4  | 6.1  | 6.2  | 6.1  | 5.9  |
| Portugal              | 32.0          | 31.5 | 31.8 | 32.2 | 32.1 | 31.0 | 11.1                              | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.4 |
| Slovak Republic       | 26.4          | 26.6 | 25.3 | 25.9 | 25.3 | 24.7 | 10.2                              | 10.1 | 9.7  | 9.9  | 9.6  | 9.5  |
| Slovenia              | 15.9          | 14.5 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 8.5                               | 8.6  | 8.3  | 8.3  | 8.2  | 8.3  |
| Spain                 | 48.4          | 47.5 | 46.4 | 46.9 | 46.3 | 46.0 | 20.2                              | 19.8 | 19.2 | 19.4 | 19.2 | 19.0 |
| Sweden                | 20.2          | 20.1 | 18.9 | 19.8 | 17.4 | 19.4 | 5.6                               | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 5.5  |
| Switzerland           |               | 10.6 |      |      |      |      |                                   | 4.1  |      |      |      |      |
| Turkey <sup>(1)</sup> |               | 18.6 |      | 18.9 |      |      |                                   | 8.8  |      | 9.0  |      |      |
| United Kingdom        |               | 14.0 |      | 13.5 |      |      |                                   | 3.9  |      | 3.7  |      |      |
| United States         | 11.6          | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 4.3                               | 4.2  | 4.1  | 4.1  | 4.1  | 4.0  |

Note:

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

|                       | 2014   | 2015   | 2015   |        |        | 2015   |        |        |        |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                       |        |        | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    |
| OECD - Total          | 44,688 | 41,494 | 41,966 | 41,128 | 40,379 | 40,790 | 40,428 | 40,277 | 40,439 |
| Major Seven           | 23,639 | 21,628 | 21,940 | 21,355 | 20,896 | 21,171 | 20,830 | 20,895 | 20,962 |
| European Union        | 24,802 | 22,876 | 23,261 | 22,600 | 22,053 | 22,397 | 22,219 | 21,996 | 21,944 |
| Euro area             | 18,631 | 17,432 | 17,709 | 17,241 | 16,839 | 17,090 | 16,969 | 16,799 | 16,750 |
| Australia             | 744    | 760    | 753    | 780    | 736    | 771    | 741    | 738    | 727    |
| Austria               | 245    | 251    | 256    | 249    | 255    | 249    | 250    | 257    | 258    |
| Belgium               | 423    | 409    | 432    | 402    | 390    | 393    | 389    | 390    | 391    |
| Canada                | 1,322  | 1,331  | 1,311  | 1,345  | 1,369  | 1,364  | 1,355  | 1,364  | 1,386  |
| Chile                 | 540    | 532    | 536    | 537    | 535    | 536    | 541    | 535    |        |
| Czech Republic        | 324    | 268    | 271    | 256    | 239    | 249    | 243    | 238    | 236    |
| Denmark               | 190    | 180    | 183    | 180    | 176    | 176    | 176    | 176    | 176    |
| Estonia               | 50     |        | 43     | 41     |        | 42     | 44     | 45     |        |
| Finland               | 232    | 252    | 251    | 254    | 255    | 253    | 254    | 255    | 256    |
| France                | 3,026  | 3,051  | 3,053  | 3,101  | 3,000  | 3,068  | 3,024  | 2,988  | 2,987  |
| Germany               | 2,090  | 1,950  | 1,967  | 1,913  | 1,907  | 1,905  | 1,906  | 1,908  | 1,906  |
| Greece                | 1,274  |        | 1,202  | 1,189  |        | 1,184  | 1,176  |        |        |
| Hungary               | 344    |        | 314    | 300    |        | 295    | 290    | 287    |        |
| Iceland               | 9      | 8      | 8      | 7      | 7      | 7      | 7      | 7      | 7      |
| Ireland               | 243    | 202    | 206    | 197    | 191    | 194    | 192    | 191    | 191    |
| Israel                | 223    | 202    | 196    | 203    | 205    | 199    | 203    | 210    | 201    |
| Italy                 | 3,230  | 3,024  | 3,138  | 2,971  | 2,901  | 2,939  | 2,925  | 2,880  | 2,898  |
| Japan                 | 2,359  | 2,218  | 2,197  | 2,240  | 2,150  | 2,280  | 2,060  | 2,170  | 2,220  |
| Korea                 | 937    | 976    | 1,029  | 969    | 921    | 946    | 913    | 928    | 922    |
| Luxembourg            | 16     | 17     | 17     | 17     | 17     | 17     | 17     | 17     | 17     |
| Mexico                | 2,511  | 2,306  | 2,322  | 2,294  | 2,337  | 2,247  | 2,335  | 2,240  | 2,435  |
| Netherlands           | 660    | 614    | 618    | 605    | 600    | 609    | 616    | 596    | 588    |
| New Zealand           | 141    | 144    | 148    | 150    | 133    |        |        |        |        |
| Norway                | 96     |        | 119    | 125    |        | 127    | 129    |        |        |
| Poland                | 1,567  | 1,308  | 1,309  | 1,291  | 1,252  | 1,288  | 1,275  | 1,253  | 1,227  |
| Portugal              | 729    | 647    | 640    | 630    | 621    | 633    | 632    | 627    | 604    |
| Slovak Republic       | 359    | 314    | 315    | 311    | 296    | 309    | 303    | 296    | 290    |
| Slovenia              | 98     | 92     | 95     | 91     | 89     | 89     | 89     | 88     | 90     |
| Spain                 | 5,611  | 5,056  | 5,161  | 4,962  | 4,795  | 4,902  | 4,849  | 4,786  | 4,751  |
| Sweden                | 411    | 387    | 396    | 375    | 371    | 379    | 376    | 359    | 379    |
| Switzerland           | 215    |        | 200    | 237    |        |        |        |        |        |
| Turkey <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,860  |        | 3,005  | 3,123  |        | 3,139  | 3,188  |        |        |
| United Kingdom        | 1,996  |        | 1,806  | 1,720  |        | 1,690  | 1,661  |        |        |
| United States         | 9,616  | 8,296  | 8,468  | 8,064  | 7,909  | 7,925  | 7,899  | 7,924  | 7,904  |

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