

TABLE B-105.—Civilian unemployment rate, and hourly compensation, major industrial countries, 1970-95

[Quarterly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or quarter	United States	Canada	Japan	France	Germany ¹	Italy	United Kingdom
Civilian unemployment rate (percent) ²							
1970	4.9	5.7	1.2	2.5	0.5	3.2	3.1
1971	5.9	6.2	1.3	2.8	.6	3.3	3.9
1972	5.6	6.2	1.4	2.9	.7	3.8	4.2
1973	4.9	5.5	1.3	2.8	.7	3.7	3.2
1974	5.6	5.3	1.4	2.9	1.6	3.1	3.1
1975	8.5	6.9	1.9	4.2	3.4	3.4	4.6
1976	7.7	7.2	2.0	4.6	3.4	3.9	5.9
1977	7.1	8.1	2.0	5.2	3.4	4.1	6.4
1978	6.1	8.4	2.3	5.4	3.3	4.1	6.3
1979	5.8	7.5	2.1	6.1	2.9	4.4	5.4
1980	7.1	7.5	2.0	6.5	2.8	4.4	7.0
1981	7.6	7.6	2.2	7.6	4.0	4.9	10.5
1982	9.7	11.0	2.4	8.3	5.6	5.4	11.3
1983	9.6	11.9	2.7	8.6	³ 6.9	5.9	11.8
1984	7.5	11.3	2.8	10.0	7.1	5.9	11.8
1985	7.2	10.5	2.6	10.5	7.2	6.0	11.2
1986	7.0	9.6	2.8	10.6	6.6	³ 7.5	11.2
1987	6.2	8.9	2.9	10.8	6.3	7.9	10.3
1988	5.5	7.8	2.5	10.3	6.3	7.9	8.6
1989	5.3	7.5	2.3	9.6	5.7	7.8	7.3
1990	5.5	8.1	2.1	9.1	5.0	7.0	7.0
1991	6.7	10.4	2.1	9.6	³ 4.3	³ 6.9	8.9
1992	7.4	11.3	2.2	10.5	³ 4.6	³ 7.3	10.1
1993	6.8	11.2	2.5	11.9	³ 5.7	³ 10.3	³ 10.5
1994	³ 6.1	10.4	2.9	12.7	³ 6.5	³ 11.4	³ 9.6
1995	5.6	9.5	.....	.....	.....	³ 12.1	³ 8.8
1994: I	³ 6.6	11.0	2.8	12.7	6.4	11.0	10.0
II	6.2	10.6	2.9	12.7	6.5	11.6	9.8
III	6.0	10.2	3.0	12.7	6.5	11.1	9.6
IV	5.6	9.8	2.9	12.6	6.5	11.8	9.0
1995: I	5.5	9.7	3.0	12.5	6.5	12.2	8.8
II	5.7	9.5	3.2	12.3	6.5	12.2	8.8
III	5.6	9.5	3.2	12.1	6.6	12.0	8.8
IV	5.6	9.4	.....	.....	.....	12.0	8.6
Manufacturing hourly compensation in U.S. dollars (1982=100) ⁴							
1970	.....	33.9	17.4	22.0	22.9	25.1	20.2
1971	.....	37.7	20.7	24.7	27.0	29.4	23.8
1972	.....	41.3	27.3	29.8	32.5	34.9	28.5
1973	.....	44.3	37.4	38.8	44.2	41.2	31.7
1974	.....	52.2	45.6	42.4	51.6	48.1	36.3
1975	.....	57.3	52.1	58.3	59.7	60.5	46.0
1976	.....	67.7	56.2	59.9	62.9	59.0	43.3
1977	62.8	69.5	68.6	66.2	74.5	65.7	47.2
1978	67.9	69.8	94.0	81.5	92.8	78.8	60.4
1979	74.4	74.8	95.5	97.6	109.1	97.4	79.1
1980	83.3	83.0	98.3	113.4	119.3	111.1	105.0
1981	91.5	93.1	107.6	101.8	102.2	100.9	105.4
1982	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1983	102.7	106.2	107.7	95.2	99.9	104.3	92.6
1984	106.0	105.9	111.0	90.1	93.9	103.5	87.6
1985	111.3	105.6	115.0	95.0	96.0	107.0	92.9
1986	115.8	107.8	171.2	128.3	135.6	142.7	113.7
1987	118.4	116.3	204.2	153.3	171.4	173.3	140.5
1988	123.1	130.9	234.4	160.5	182.1	179.3	162.4
1989	127.9	141.2	231.2	158.0	178.4	187.0	163.7
1990	134.7	151.3	237.5	194.8	222.2	238.1	184.3
1991	141.9	164.0	270.6	197.1	230.7	254.3	201.6
1992	147.9	161.6	299.4	217.4	258.4	275.1	221.9
1993	152.0	151.9	357.1	210.8	261.9	229.8	202.4
1994	154.5	147.7	395.5	220.9	278.2	226.9	214.7

¹Data are for West Germany only.

²Civilian unemployment rates, approximating U.S. concepts. Quarterly data for France and Germany should be viewed as less precise indicators of unemployment under U.S. concepts than the annual data.

³There are breaks in the series for Germany (1983), Italy (1986, 1991, and 1993), and United States (1994). Based on the prior series, the rate for Germany was 7.2 percent in 1983, and the rate for Italy was 6.3 percent in 1986 and 6.6 in 1991. The break in 1993 raised Italy's rate by approximately 1 percentage point. For details on break in series in 1994 for United States, see footnote 5, Table B-31.

⁴Hourly compensation in manufacturing, U.S. dollar basis. Data relate to all employed persons (wage and salary earners and the self-employed) in the United States, Canada, Japan, France, and Germany, and to all employees (wage and salary earners) in the other countries. For France and United Kingdom, compensation adjusted to include changes in employment taxes that are not compensation to employees, but are labor costs to employers.

Data for United States do not reflect U.S. productivity data released on February 8, 1996.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.