

TABLE B-109.—Civilian unemployment rate, and hourly compensation, major industrial countries, 1972-97

[Quarterly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or quarter	United States	Canada	Japan	France	Germany <sup>1</sup>	Italy	United Kingdom
Civilian unemployment rate (Percent) <sup>2</sup>							
1972	5.6	6.2	1.4	2.9	0.7	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	<sup>3</sup> 6.9	5.9	11.8
1984	7.5	11.3	2.8	10.0	7.1	5.9	11.7
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	<sup>3</sup> 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	7.2
1990	<sup>3</sup> 5.6	8.1	2.1	9.1	5.0	7.0	6.9
1991	6.8	10.4	2.1	9.6	<sup>p</sup> 4.3	<sup>3</sup> 6.9	8.8
1992	7.5	11.3	2.2	<sup>3</sup> 10.4	<sup>p</sup> 4.6	<sup>p</sup> 7.3	10.1
1993	6.9	11.2	2.5	11.8	<sup>p</sup> 5.7	<sup>3p</sup> 10.2	10.5
1994	<sup>3</sup> 6.1	10.4	2.9	12.3	<sup>p</sup> 6.5	<sup>p</sup> 11.3	9.7
1995	5.6	9.5	3.2	11.8	<sup>p</sup> 6.5	<sup>p</sup> 12.0	8.7
1996	5.4	9.7	3.4	12.6	<sup>p</sup> 7.2	<sup>p</sup> 12.1	<sup>p</sup> 8.2
1997	4.9	9.2	.....	.....	.....	<sup>p</sup> 12.3	.....
1996: I	5.6	9.5	3.3	12.3	6.9	12.0	8.3
II	5.4	9.6	3.5	12.5	7.1	12.5	8.3
III	5.3	9.8	3.4	12.7	7.2	11.9	8.2
IV	5.3	9.9	3.3	12.7	7.5	12.0	7.9
1997: I	5.3	9.6	3.3	12.6	7.7	12.3	7.5
II	4.9	9.4	3.5	12.7	7.7	12.7	7.3
III	4.9	9.0	3.4	12.7	7.8	11.9	6.9
IV	4.7	8.9	.....	.....	.....	12.2	.....
Manufacturing hourly compensation in U.S. dollars (Index, 1992=100) <sup>4</sup>							
1972	26.6	25.8	9.2	13.6	12.6	12.6	12.0
1973	28.6	27.7	12.5	17.7	17.2	14.9	13.4
1974	31.8	32.6	15.3	19.4	20.0	17.4	15.4
1975	35.6	35.8	17.5	26.6	23.2	21.9	19.5
1976	38.6	42.3	18.8	27.4	24.4	21.4	18.3
1977	42.0	43.5	23.0	30.2	28.9	23.8	20.0
1978	45.4	43.6	31.5	37.2	36.0	28.5	25.7
1979	49.8	46.8	32.0	44.6	42.3	35.3	33.8
1980	55.8	51.8	32.9	51.8	46.3	40.3	44.6
1981	61.3	58.2	36.1	46.6	39.7	36.6	45.1
1982	67.2	62.5	33.5	45.7	38.9	36.2	42.9
1983	69.0	66.4	36.1	43.6	38.7	37.8	39.9
1984	71.4	66.1	37.2	41.3	36.4	37.5	38.0
1985	75.3	66.0	38.5	43.5	37.2	38.8	40.4
1986	78.6	67.4	57.3	58.7	52.6	51.7	49.6
1987	80.8	72.7	68.3	70.2	66.5	62.8	61.5
1988	84.0	81.8	78.4	73.5	70.7	65.0	71.2
1989	86.8	88.2	77.3	72.3	69.2	67.8	69.7
1990	91.0	94.5	79.3	89.2	86.4	86.3	84.3
1991	95.7	102.4	90.3	90.3	89.4	92.5	93.2
1992	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1993	102.9	93.7	119.3	96.8	100.1	83.9	90.7
1994	105.6	90.3	132.4	101.4	108.0	81.5	95.3
1995	108.7	91.5	148.4	114.3	128.2	82.6	99.0
1996	112.2	96.1	130.1	113.8	128.1	93.5	101.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are for West Germany only.

<sup>2</sup> Civilian 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.

<sup>3</sup> There are breaks in the series for Germany (1983), France (1992), Italy (1986, 1991, and 1993), and United States (1990 and 1994). Based on the prior series, the rate for Germany was 7.2 percent in 1983, the rate for France was 10.5 in 1992, 11.9 in 1993, 12.7 in 1994 and 12.3 in 1995, 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 1990 and 1994 for United States, see footnote 5, Table B-35.

<sup>4</sup> Hourly 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.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.