

TABLE B-109.—Civilian unemployment rate, and hourly compensation, major industrial countries, 1979–2003

[Quarterly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or quarter	United States	Canada	Japan	France	Germany ¹	Italy	United Kingdom
Civilian unemployment rate (Percent) ²							
1979	5.8	7.3	2.1	6.1	2.9	4.4	5.4
1980	7.1	7.3	2.0	6.5	2.8	4.4	7.0
1981	7.6	7.3	2.2	7.6	4.0	4.9	10.5
1982	9.7	10.6	2.4	8.3	5.6	5.4	11.3
1983	9.6	11.5	2.7	8.6	³ 6.9	5.9	11.8
1984	7.5	10.9	2.8	10.0	7.1	5.9	11.7
1985	7.2	10.2	2.6	10.5	7.2	6.0	11.2
1986	7.0	9.2	2.8	10.6	6.6	³ 7.5	11.2
1987	6.2	8.4	2.9	10.8	6.3	7.9	10.3
1988	5.5	7.3	2.5	10.3	6.3	7.9	8.6
1989	5.3	7.1	2.3	9.6	5.7	7.8	7.2
1990	³ 5.6	7.7	2.1	9.1	5.0	7.0	6.9
1991	6.8	9.8	2.1	9.5	³ 5.6	³ 6.9	8.8
1992	7.5	10.6	2.2	³ 9.9	6.7	7.3	10.1
1993	6.9	10.8	2.5	11.3	8.0	³ 10.2	10.4
1994	³ 6.1	9.5	2.9	11.8	8.5	11.2	9.5
1995	5.6	8.6	3.2	11.3	8.2	11.8	8.7
1996	5.4	8.8	3.4	11.9	9.0	11.7	8.1
1997	4.9	8.4	3.4	11.8	9.9	11.9	7.0
1998	4.5	7.7	4.1	11.3	9.3	12.0	6.3
1999	4.2	7.0	4.7	10.6	8.6	11.5	6.0
2000	4.0	6.1	4.8	9.1	8.1	10.7	5.5
2001	4.7	6.4	5.1	8.4	8.0	9.6	5.1
2002	5.8	7.0	5.4	8.7	8.4	9.1	5.2
2003	6.0						
2002: I	5.7	7.1	5.3	8.5	8.2	9.2	5.1
II	5.8	6.9	5.4	8.6	8.3	9.2	5.2
III	5.7	7.0	5.5	8.8	8.5	9.1	5.3
IV	5.9	6.9	5.4	8.8	8.7	9.0	5.1
2003: I	5.8	6.7	5.4	9.0	9.0	9.0	5.1
II	6.1	6.9	5.4	9.2	9.2	8.8	5.0
III	6.1	7.2	5.2	9.3	9.1	8.7	5.0
IV	5.9						
Manufacturing hourly compensation in U.S. dollars (Index, 1992=100) ⁴							
1979	49.6	44.0	32.0	44.6	42.0	38.6	31.8
1980	55.6	49.1	32.8	51.7	46.1	43.8	42.2
1981	61.1	54.2	36.0	46.7	39.3	39.1	42.8
1982	67.0	59.7	33.5	45.6	38.8	38.4	40.8
1983	68.8	64.0	36.0	43.5	38.6	39.4	38.1
1984	71.2	64.4	37.1	41.2	36.3	39.1	36.5
1985	75.1	63.6	38.5	43.4	37.2	40.7	38.9
1986	78.5	63.5	57.3	58.5	52.4	54.4	47.9
1987	80.7	68.1	68.2	69.8	66.0	66.0	59.7
1988	84.0	76.2	78.3	72.8	70.4	70.6	69.3
1989	86.6	84.3	77.2	71.4	69.1	72.7	68.4
1990	90.8	91.5	79.2	88.3	86.4	90.1	83.7
1991	95.6	100.1	90.9	90.4	86.1	93.5	93.9
1992	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1993	102.7	95.5	117.2	95.8	100.4	82.8	89.3
1994	105.6	91.7	129.9	101.1	107.6	81.7	93.7
1995	107.9	93.3	146.1	116.8	128.3	84.2	97.8
1996	109.4	94.8	127.2	116.0	128.0	95.0	98.4
1997	111.5	95.3	117.9	101.5	113.2	88.9	107.2
1998	117.4	90.0	111.7	101.0	113.3	86.7	115.0
1999	122.1	91.4	128.0	100.0	111.1	84.2	118.7
2000	131.1	92.6	133.7	90.0	101.1	75.1	118.0
2001	134.3	91.9	119.4	91.7	101.1	75.4	117.2
2002	140.6	94.8	114.1	99.9	109.1	81.6	126.4

¹ Prior to 1991 data are for West Germany only.

² 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.

³ There are breaks in the series for Germany (1983 and 1991), France (1992), Italy (1986, 1991, and 1993), and United States (1990 and 1994). Also, for Italy, data reflect new estimation procedures and updated population data introduced in July 1999. For details on break in series in 1990 and 1994 for United States, see footnote 5, Table B-35. For details on break in series for other countries, see U.S. Department of Labor *Comparative Civilian Labor Force Statistics, Ten Countries: 1959–2002*, April 2003.

⁴ Hourly compensation in manufacturing, U.S. dollar basis. Data relate to all employed persons (employees and self-employed workers) in the United States, Canada, Japan, France, Germany, and United Kingdom, and to employees (wage and salary earners) in Italy. For Canada, 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 U.S. are as of early December 2003; other data are as of September 2003.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.