

## Employment rates, 1979-2006

Country	1979	1989	2000	2006	Percentage-point change		
					1979-89	1989-2000	2000-06
<i>United States</i>	67.9%	72.5%	74.1%	72.0%	4.6	1.6	-2.1
<i>Japan</i>	66.8	67.7	68.9	70.0	0.9	1.2	1.1
<i>Germany</i>	65.0	63.5	65.6	67.2	-1.5	2.1	1.6
<i>United Kingdom</i>	..	72.0	72.2	72.5	..	0.2	0.3
<i>France</i>	64.3	59.7	61.1	62.3	-4.6	1.4	1.2
<i>Italy</i>	53.4	52.0	53.9	58.4	-1.4	1.9	4.5
<i>Canada</i>	65.4	70.8	70.9	72.9	5.4	0.1	2.0
<i>Australia</i>	64.4%	68.2%	69.3%	72.2%	3.8	1.1	2.9
<i>Austria</i>	..	..	68.2	70.2	..	..	2.0
<i>Belgium</i>	..	53.8	60.9	60.4	..	7.1	-0.5
<i>Denmark</i>	..	75.3	76.4	76.9	..	1.1	0.5
<i>Finland</i>	68.9	74.2	67.0	68.9	5.3	-7.2	1.9
<i>Greece</i>	..	55.2	55.9	61.0	..	0.7	5.1
<i>Ireland</i>	55.7	50.0	64.5	68.1	-5.7	14.5	3.6
<i>Netherlands</i>	54.0	60.2	72.3	72.4	6.2	12.1	0.1
<i>New Zealand</i>	..	67.5	70.7	75.2	..	3.2	4.5
<i>Norway</i>	69.6	73.9	77.9	75.5	4.3	4.0	-2.4
<i>Spain</i>	54.7	50.8	57.4	65.7	-3.9	6.6	8.3
<i>Sweden</i>	79.2	82.9	74.2	74.5	3.7	-8.7	0.3
<i>Switzerland</i>	..	..	78.4	77.9	..	..	-0.5
<i>Average excluding U.S.</i>	63.5%	64.6%	67.7%	69.6%	1.0	2.4	1.9

Source: Authors' analysis of OECD (2007d, 2007c) data.

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