

Standardized unemployment rates, 1979-2006

Country	1979	1989	2000	2006
<i>United States</i>	5.8%	5.3%	4.0%	4.6%
<i>Japan</i>	2.1	2.3	4.7	4.1
<i>Germany</i>	2.7	5.6	7.2	8.4
<i>United Kingdom</i>	4.7	7.1	5.4	5.3
<i>France</i>	5.6	8.8	9.1	9.4
<i>Italy</i>	5.8	9.7	10.1	6.8
<i>Canada</i>	7.5	7.5	6.8	6.3
<i>Australia</i>	6.3%	6.0%	6.3%	4.9%
<i>Austria</i>	-	-	3.7	4.8
<i>Belgium</i>	9.1	7.4	6.9	8.2
<i>Denmark</i>	-	6.8	4.3	3.9
<i>Finland</i>	6.5	3.1	9.8	7.8
<i>Greece</i>	-	6.7	11.2	8.9
<i>Ireland</i>	-	14.7	4.3	4.4
<i>Netherlands</i>	5.8	6.6	2.9	3.9
<i>New Zealand</i>	1.7	7.1	6.0	3.8
<i>Norway</i>	2.0	5.4	3.4	3.5
<i>Spain</i>	7.7	13.9	11.1	8.6
<i>Sweden</i>	2.1	1.5	5.6	7.0
<i>Switzerland</i>	-	-	2.7	-
<i>Average excluding U.S.</i>	5.0%	7.1%	6.6%	6.1%

Source: OECD.stat and OECD (2007c).

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