

Productivity levels and growth, 1950-2007 (2007 dollars)

Country	GDP per hour worked (U.S.=100)					Annual growth rates			
	1950	1979	1989	2000	2007	1950-79	1979-89	1989-2000	2000-07
<i>United States</i>	100	100	100	100	100	2.3%	1.3%	1.6%	2.0%
<i>Japan</i>	18	57	67	72	71	6.4	2.9	2.3	1.9
<i>Germany</i>	--	--	94	98	95	--	--	2.1	1.4
<i>United Kingdom</i>	63	73	80	87	89	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.3
<i>France</i>	42	85	99	103	99	4.8	2.8	2.1	1.3
<i>Italy</i>	40	90	98	99	87	5.2	2.2	1.6	0.3
<i>Canada</i>	84	89	86	86	81	2.5	0.9	1.7	1.1
<i>Australia</i>	76	84	81	85	82	2.6%	1.0%	2.0%	1.6%
<i>Austria</i>	34	83	92	108	103	5.5	2.3	3.1	1.4
<i>Belgium</i>	52	95	105	110	102	4.4	2.4	2.1	0.9
<i>Denmark</i>	57	83	89	93	85	3.6	2.0	2.0	0.8
<i>Finland</i>	34	60	72	82	83	4.3	3.1	2.8	2.3
<i>Greece</i>	27	73	72	66	71	5.9	1.2	0.8	3.1
<i>Ireland</i>	31	58	74	89	92	4.4	3.9	3.3	2.5
<i>Netherlands</i>	61	101	106	106	100	4.1	1.8	1.7	1.2
<i>New Zealand</i>	--	60	66	62	58	--	2.2	1.0	1.1
<i>Norway</i>	62	108	119	136	135	4.3	2.3	2.9	1.8
<i>Spain</i>	25	68	87	82	71	5.9	3.8	1.1	0.0
<i>Sweden</i>	58	85	82	84	87	3.6	1.1	1.8	2.6
<i>Switzerland</i>	81	99	96	88	83	3.0	0.9	0.9	1.1
<i>Average excluding U.S.</i>	50	81	88	91	88	4.3%	2.2%	2.0%	1.5%
<i>Ratio of U.S. to non-U.S. average</i>	2.01	1.24	1.14	1.10	1.13	0.53	0.60	0.83	1.33

Source: Authors' analysis of The Conference Board and Groningen Growth and Development Centre (2008).

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