

Average annual hours worked, 1979-2006

Country	1979	1989	2000	2006	Change in hours			
					(Number of hours)			(Percent)
					1979-89	1989-2000	2000-06	1979-2006
<i>United States</i>	1,834	1,855	1,841	1,804	21	-14	-37	-1.6%
<i>Japan</i>	2,126	2,070	1,821	1,784	-56	-249	-37	-16.1
<i>Germany</i>	--	--	1,473	1,436	--	--	-37	--
<i>United Kingdom</i>	1,818	1,786	1,711	1,669	-32	-74	-43	-8.2
<i>France</i>	1,856	1,699	1,591	1,564	-157	-108	-27	-15.7
<i>Italy</i>	1,949	1,899	1,861	1,800	-50	-38	-61	-7.6
<i>Canada</i>	1,832	1,801	1,768	1,738	-31	-34	-30	-5.1
<i>Australia</i>	1,823	1,785	1,777	1,714	-38	-8	-64	-6.0%
<i>Austria</i>	--	--	1,632	1,655	--	--	23	--
<i>Belgium</i>	--	1,741	1,554	1,571	--	-187	17	--
<i>Denmark</i>	1,624	1,532	1,554	1,577	-92	22	24	-2.9
<i>Finland</i>	1,869	1,802	1,750	1,721	-67	-53	-29	-8.0
<i>Greece</i>	--	2,075	2,080	--	--	5	--	--
<i>Ireland</i>	--	1,999	1,719	1,640	--	-280	-79	--
<i>Netherlands</i>	--	1,497	1,372	1,391	--	-125	19	--
<i>New Zealand</i>	--	1,821	1,830	1,787	--	9	-44	--
<i>Norway</i>	1,580	1,511	1,455	1,407	-70	-55	-48	-10.9
<i>Spain</i>	2,022	1,822	1,815	1,764	-199	-7	-51	-12.8
<i>Sweden</i>	1,530	1,565	1,625	1,583	34	60	-42	3.4
<i>Switzerland</i>	1,819	1,709	1,685	--	-110	-25	--	--
<i>Average excluding U.S.</i>	1,821	1,771	1,688	1,635	-72	-67	-30	-10.2%

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

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