

TABLE B-109.—*Civilian unemployment rate, and hourly compensation, major industrial countries, 1980–2007*

[Quarterly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or quarter	United States	Canada	Japan	France	Germany ¹	Italy	United Kingdom
Civilian unemployment rate (Percent) ²							
1980	7.1	7.3	2.0	6.5	2.8	4.4	6.9
1981	7.6	7.3	2.2	7.6	4.0	4.9	9.7
1982	9.7	10.7	2.4	³ 8.3	5.6	5.4	10.8
1983	9.6	11.6	2.7	8.6	³ 6.9	5.9	11.5
1984	7.5	10.9	2.8	10.0	7.1	5.9	11.8
1985	7.2	10.2	2.7	10.5	7.2	6.0	11.4
1986	7.0	9.3	2.8	10.6	6.6	³ 7.5	11.4
1987	6.2	8.4	2.9	10.8	6.3	7.9	10.5
1988	5.5	7.4	2.5	10.3	6.3	7.9	8.6
1989	5.3	7.1	2.3	9.6	5.7	7.8	7.3
1990	³ 5.6	7.7	2.1	³ 8.6	5.0	7.0	7.1
1991	6.8	9.8	2.1	9.1	³ 5.6	³ 6.9	8.9
1992	7.5	10.6	2.2	10.0	6.7	7.3	10.0
1993	6.9	10.8	2.5	11.3	8.0	³ 9.8	10.4
1994	³ 6.1	9.6	2.9	11.9	8.5	10.7	8.7
1995	5.6	8.6	3.2	11.3	8.2	11.3	8.7
1996	5.4	8.8	3.4	11.8	9.0	11.3	8.1
1997	4.9	8.4	3.4	11.7	9.9	11.4	7.0
1998	4.5	7.7	4.1	11.2	9.3	11.5	6.3
1999	4.2	7.0	4.7	10.5	³ 8.5	11.0	6.0
2000	4.0	6.1	4.8	9.1	7.8	10.2	5.5
2001	4.7	6.5	5.1	8.4	7.9	9.2	5.1
2002	5.8	7.0	5.4	8.8	8.6	8.7	5.2
2003	6.0	6.9	5.3	9.2	9.3	8.5	5.0
2004	5.5	6.4	4.8	9.5	10.3	8.1	4.8
2005	5.1	6.0	4.5	9.6	³ 11.2	7.8	4.8
2006	4.6	5.5	4.2	9.5	10.4	6.9	5.5
2007	4.6						
2006: I	4.7	5.7	4.3	9.8	11.0	7.3	5.3
II	4.7	5.4	4.2	9.7	10.6	6.9	5.5
III	4.7	5.6	4.2	9.4	10.1	6.7	5.6
IV	4.4	5.4	4.1	9.2	9.7	6.5	5.5
2007: I	4.5	5.4	4.0	9.0	9.2	6.3	5.5
II	4.5	5.2	3.8	8.8	8.9	6.1	5.4
III	4.7	5.2	3.8	8.6	8.6	6.0	5.4
IV	4.8						
Manufacturing hourly compensation in U.S. dollars (Index, 1992=100) ⁴							
1980	55.9	49.0	32.8	45.9	46.1	44.1	47.1
1981	61.6	53.8	36.0	41.7	39.3	39.4	47.5
1982	67.2	60.1	33.5	41.1	38.8	38.6	45.1
1983	69.3	64.3	36.1	39.7	38.6	39.6	41.9
1984	71.6	65.0	37.1	38.2	36.3	39.2	39.8
1985	75.3	65.0	38.5	40.1	37.2	40.9	42.3
1986	78.8	64.9	57.1	54.7	52.4	54.6	52.0
1987	81.3	69.6	68.2	66.7	66.0	66.1	64.5
1988	84.1	78.5	78.4	70.1	70.4	70.7	74.8
1989	86.6	85.5	77.4	69.3	69.1	72.8	73.5
1990	90.5	92.4	79.2	86.0	86.4	90.2	89.6
1991	95.6	100.7	90.9	88.0	86.0	93.6	99.9
1992	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1993	102.0	94.8	117.2	97.5	100.3	82.8	88.8
1994	105.3	92.1	129.9	103.1	106.9	82.1	92.8
1995	107.3	93.9	146.1	117.5	127.6	84.7	97.3
1996	109.3	95.9	127.2	116.4	127.2	95.8	96.0
1997	112.2	96.7	118.1	105.4	112.5	89.8	104.1
1998	118.7	94.9	111.9	105.1	112.5	87.5	113.8
1999	123.4	96.8	128.8	104.0	110.3	85.1	117.5
2000	134.7	100.0	135.1	94.6	100.5	75.6	114.8
2001	137.8	98.9	121.4	94.3	100.5	76.3	114.7
2002	147.8	101.0	118.6	104.5	108.7	82.7	126.8
2003	158.2	116.7	125.3	128.8	133.1	102.0	145.2
2004	161.5	127.1	135.6	145.2	147.0	115.4	171.4
2005	168.3	141.8	134.7	144.4	148.8	119.0	177.4
2006	172.4	155.5	128.1	149.6	153.7	122.2	192.3

¹ Prior to 1991 data are for West Germany only.

² Civilian unemployment rates, approximating U.S. concepts. Quarterly data for France, Germany, and Italy 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 France (1982 and 1990), Germany (1983, 1991, 1999, and 2005), Italy (1986, 1991, and 1993), and United States (1990 and 1994). 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: 1960–2006*, October 12, 2007.

⁴ Hourly compensation in manufacturing, U.S. dollar basis; data relate to all employed persons (employees and self-employed workers). For details on manufacturing hourly compensation, see U.S. Department of Labor *International Comparisons of Manufacturing Productivity and Unit Labor Cost Trends, 2006*, September 27, 2007.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).