

Slight decline in OECD unemployment rate at 7.9% in July 2013

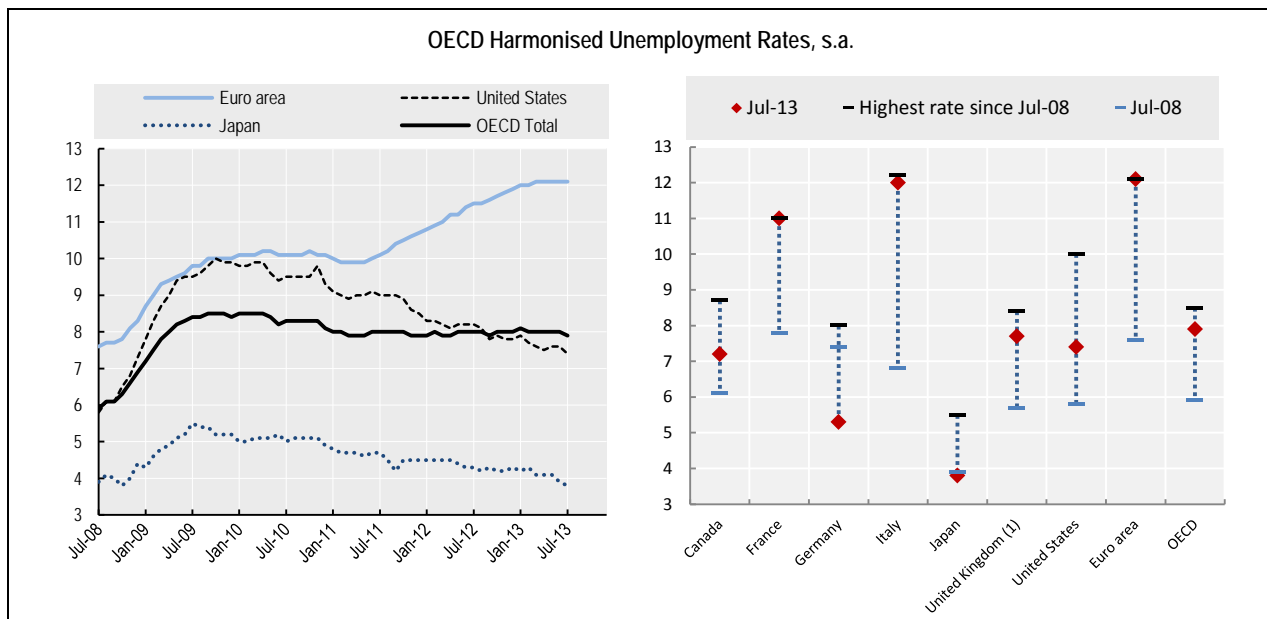
The **OECD** unemployment rate decreased to 7.9% in July 2013, compared with 8.0% in the previous month.

In the **euro area**, the unemployment rate was stable at 12.1% for the fifth successive month in July.

In July, the unemployment rate decreased in the **United States** (by 0.2 percentage point to 7.4%), **Japan** (by 0.1 percentage point to 3.8%) and **Mexico** (by 0.1 percentage point to 4.9%, the third consecutive decline), while it increased in **Canada** (by 0.1 percentage point to 7.2%). More recent data referring to the month of August show that the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point in the **United States** (to 7.3%) and **Canada** (to 7.1%).

Trends in unemployment rates across OECD countries have diverged significantly since the beginning of the global financial crisis. In August 2013, unemployment rates were significantly below the peaks reached in the second half of 2009 in **Canada** and the **United States** (1.6 and 2.7 percentage points lower, respectively). In July, the unemployment rate in **Japan** was close to its pre-crisis level while it was significantly below that level in **Germany** (2.1 percentage points lower). After a long period of increases, the unemployment rates declined in recent months in **Italy** (by 0.2 percentage point over the past two months, to 12.0%), **Portugal** (by 1.1 percentage points over the past five months, to 16.5%) and **Spain** (by 0.2 percentage point over the past 3 months, to 26.3%). By contrast, the unemployment rate reached a new peak in **Belgium** (at 8.9%), **Greece** (at 27.6% in May, the latest month available), and **Netherlands** (at 7.0%).

Overall, there were 47.9 million people unemployed in the OECD area in July 2013, 0.4 million less than in June, but still 13.2 million more than in July 2008.



(1) For the United Kingdom, latest data refer to May 2013

Methodological Notes: <http://www.oecd.org/std/labourstatistics/44743407.pdf>

All rates and levels quoted are seasonally adjusted (s.a.).

New Labour Market Statistics: <http://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?queryid=36324>

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Table 1: OECD Unemployment Rates, s.a.
Percentage of active population

	2010	2011	2012	2012		2013		2013						
				Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	
OECD - Total	8.3	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9
Major Seven	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.1	
European Union	9.7	9.7	10.5	10.6	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Euro area	10.1	10.1	11.4	11.5	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.0	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1
Australia	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7
Austria	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.8	
Belgium	8.3	7.2	7.6	7.6	8.0	8.4	8.7	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.9	
Canada ⁽¹⁾	8.0	7.5	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.2	
Chile	8.2	7.1	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.3	6.4	6.2	5.9	5.5		
Czech Republic	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.1	6.8	6.8	
Denmark	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	6.8	7.2	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	
Estonia	16.9	12.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	9.3	8.1	9.3	8.7	8.3	8.0	7.9		
Finland	8.4	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.9	
France	9.7	9.6	10.3	10.3	10.6	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.0	
Germany	7.1	6.0	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	
Greece	12.6	17.7	24.3	25.5	26.1	26.6		26.6	26.8	27.0	27.6			
Hungary	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.7	10.9	10.9	10.4	11.1	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4		
Iceland	7.6	7.1	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	
Ireland	13.9	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.3	13.7	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.9	13.9	13.8	
Israel	6.6	5.6	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.9		
Italy	8.4	8.4	10.7	10.8	11.3	11.9	12.1	11.8	11.9	12.0	12.2	12.1	12.0	
Japan	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8	
Korea	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2		
Luxembourg	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	
Mexico	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	
Netherlands	4.5	4.5	5.3	5.3	5.6	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.8	7.0	
New Zealand	6.5	6.5	6.9	7.3	6.8	6.2	6.4							
Norway	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.6		3.5	3.7	3.5	3.4			
Poland	9.7	9.7	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.4	
Portugal	11.0	12.9	15.9	16.2	17.0	17.6	17.0	17.6	17.5	17.3	17.0	16.7	16.5	
Slovak Republic	14.5	13.7	14.0	14.0	14.4	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.4	14.3	
Slovenia	7.3	8.2	8.9	9.4	9.5	10.6	11.2	10.6	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.2	
Spain	20.1	21.6	25.1	25.6	26.1	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.5	26.4	26.3	26.3	
Sweden	8.6	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.3	7.9	7.9	7.8	
Switzerland	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.6								
Turkey	10.7	8.8	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.4		8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6			
United Kingdom	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.8		7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7			
United States ⁽²⁾	9.6	9.0	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.4	

Notes:

- (1) Canada: Unemployment rate for August 2013 was 7.1%
 (2) United States: Unemployment rate for August 2013 was 7.3%

Table 2: Unemployment Rates by Gender, s.a.
Percentage of corresponding active population

	Women						Men					
	2012	2013		2013			2012	2013		2013		
		Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul		Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul
OECD - Total	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.9
Major Seven	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.4
European Union	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.5	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9
Euro area	11.6	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	11.2	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9
Australia	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.8
Austria	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.4	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8
Belgium	7.4	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	7.7	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.3
Canada	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.9	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Chile	7.9	7.3	6.9	6.9	6.2		5.4	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.0	
Czech Republic	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.0	6.0	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.9
Denmark	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.5	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.0	5.8
Estonia	9.2	8.8	8.1	8.2	7.8		11.0	9.8	8.0	7.9	8.0	
Finland	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	8.3	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6
France	10.5	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	10.1	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.0
Germany	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6
Greece	28.1	30.4		31.6			21.4	23.8		24.6		
Hungary	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.7	10.4		11.2	11.2	10.3	10.2	10.4	
Iceland	5.7	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0
Ireland	11.0	11.1	11.4	11.5	11.4	11.4	17.7	15.8	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.8
Israel	7.0	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.1		6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	
Italy	11.9	13.0	13.0	13.1	12.9	12.8	9.9	11.0	11.4	11.5	11.5	11.4
Japan	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.3	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
Korea	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9		3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.4	
Luxembourg	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.7	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0
Mexico	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.2	4.9	4.8
Netherlands	5.2	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.5	5.3	6.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.4
New Zealand	7.3	6.9	7.1				6.5	5.6	5.8			
Norway	2.8	3.3		3.2			3.6	3.8		3.6		
Poland	10.9	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.3	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7
Portugal	15.9	17.3	17.1	17.1	17.0	16.9	16.0	17.8	16.9	16.9	16.4	16.2
Slovak Republic	14.5	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.3	15.4	13.5	13.6	13.5	13.5	13.6	13.4
Slovenia	9.4	11.2	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.5	8.4	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.0	10.1
Spain	25.4	26.9	27.3	27.3	27.3	27.4	24.7	25.9	25.6	25.6	25.5	25.3
Sweden	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.0
Switzerland	4.5	4.8					3.9	4.5				
Turkey	9.4	10.0		10.3			7.6	7.7		7.9		
United Kingdom	7.4	7.2		7.1			8.3	8.2		8.3		
United States	7.9	7.7	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.0	8.2	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.7

Table 3: Unemployment Rates by Age, s.a.
Percentage of corresponding active population

	Youth (15-24)						Prime and Older Workers (25+)					
	2012	2013		2013			2012	2013		2013		
		Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul		Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul
OECD - Total	16.2	16.5	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.0	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.8
Major Seven	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	15.7	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0
European Union	23.0	23.6	23.5	23.4	23.5	23.4	9.1	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Euro area	23.1	24.1	23.9	23.8	23.9	24.0	10.1	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9
Australia	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.9	12.0	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.4
Austria	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.6	9.3	9.2	3.6	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.1
Belgium	19.7	23.0	23.9	23.9	24.1	24.6	6.4	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.5
Canada	14.3	13.8	14.0	13.6	13.8	13.9	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.1
Chile	16.3	16.7	16.0	16.0	15.0		4.9	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.1	
Czech Republic	19.5	19.2	18.7	18.6	18.2	18.3	6.0	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.0
Denmark	14.1	12.7	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.9	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8
Estonia	20.9	20.2	15.7	14.7	15.2		8.9	8.1	7.2	7.3	7.1	
Finland	18.9	19.9	20.1	20.1	20.0	19.9	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
France	24.6	26.2	25.6	25.4	25.8	26.0	8.7	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.5
Germany	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0
Greece	55.3	59.7		62.9			22.2	24.4		25.4		
Hungary	28.3	28.6	27.8	27.7	28.2		9.7	9.6	9.1	9.1	9.0	
Iceland	13.7	11.4	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.4	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Ireland	30.3	28.3	28.2	28.3	28.3	28.6	12.9	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.2
Israel	12.1	10.9	10.1	9.8	9.8		5.8	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.2	
Italy	35.2	38.7	39.0	38.3	39.0	39.5	8.9	10.0	10.2	10.2	10.2	
Japan	8.1	6.8	7.2	7.1	6.4	6.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6
Korea	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	8.4		2.8	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	
Luxembourg	18.1	19.7	19.6	19.5	19.7	19.2	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8
Mexico	9.5	9.8	9.5	9.3	9.6	9.5	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.8
Netherlands	9.5	10.4	10.7	10.6	11.0	11.5	4.5	5.4	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.1
New Zealand	17.6	15.1	15.7				4.9	4.6	4.7			
Norway	8.6	9.5		8.5			2.3	2.6		2.6		
Poland	26.5	27.4	27.0	27.0	26.6	26.1	8.5	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Portugal	37.7	40.3	39.4	39.5	38.4	37.4	14.0	15.8	15.2	15.2	15.0	15.0
Slovak Republic	34.0	34.1	34.6	34.5	35.3	34.6	12.2	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4
Slovenia	20.5	21.8	23.9	23.9	23.9		7.9	9.8	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.2
Spain	53.2	55.4	55.7	55.7	55.9	56.1	22.7	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.0	24.0
Sweden	23.6	24.3	23.9	23.3	23.8	23.0	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5
Switzerland	6.1	8.4					3.5	4.0				
Turkey	15.7	16.7		16.4			6.7	6.8		7.1		
United Kingdom	21.0	20.6		21.3			5.7	5.6		5.5		
United States	16.2	16.4	16.2	16.3	16.3	15.6	6.8	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1

Table 4: Unemployment Levels, s.a.
Thousands of persons

	2011	2012	2012	2013		2013			
				Q4	Q1	Q2	Apr	May	Jun
OECD - Total	47,278	47,833	48,250	48,596	48,402	48,378	48,538	48,276	47,884
Major Seven	28,097	27,309	27,081	27,158	26,801	26,753	26,899	26,752	26,472
European Union	23,372	25,532	26,257	26,654	26,715	26,728	26,730	26,687	26,654
Euro area	16,017	18,074	18,786	19,132	19,251	19,225	19,281	19,246	19,231
Australia	611	636	654	673	696	689	687	711	705
Austria	179	189	200	215	205	210	200	204	211
Belgium	347	369	392	411	427	423	427	430	439
Canada	1,393	1,368	1,373	1,343	1,355	1,362	1,348	1,355	1,380
Chile	574	524	531	516	491	514	491	456	
Czech Republic	351	367	379	381	372	378	375	363	363
Denmark	221	219	213	206	197	202	196	192	193
Estonia	87	70	68	64	56	58	56	55	
Finland	209	207	213	216	216	217	216	214	212
France	2,800	3,015	3,127	3,188	3,215	3,195	3,207	3,243	3,259
Germany	2,501	2,316	2,293	2,301	2,285	2,296	2,287	2,273	2,255
Greece	877	1,204	1,298	1,309		1,351	1,381		
Hungary	470	476	477	477	457	458	457	457	
Iceland	13	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Ireland	317	316	305	294	297	294	299	299	297
Israel	180	247	249	241	254	254	254	253	
Italy	2,103	2,746	2,910	3,038	3,090	3,065	3,119	3,086	3,076
Japan	3,018	2,848	2,750	2,767	2,650	2,710	2,700	2,540	2,510
Korea	855	820	764	837	810	792	821	817	
Luxembourg	12	13	13	14	14	14	14	15	15
Mexico	2,540	2,496	2,531	2,522	2,634	2,626	2,659	2,615	2,535
Netherlands	389	468	504	553	596	580	594	613	626
New Zealand	155	165	161	148	153				
Norway	87	86	92	97		95	93		
Poland	1,659	1,749	1,799	1,834	1,824	1,839	1,825	1,809	1,795
Portugal	706	860	915	933	903	920	902	888	878
Slovak Republic	363	378	387	387	389	386	389	393	391
Slovenia	83	90	96	106	111	111	111	110	110
Spain	4,999	5,769	5,997	6,027	5,991	6,025	5,994	5,955	5,935
Sweden	389	402	414	415	409	423	401	404	397
Switzerland	184	193	203	215					
Turkey	2,328	2,201	2,305	2,338		2,389	2,419		
United Kingdom	2,534	2,511	2,464	2,485		2,466	2,478		
United States	13,747	12,506	12,165	12,035	11,732	11,659	11,760	11,777	11,514