

OECD unemployment rate unchanged at 8.2% in September

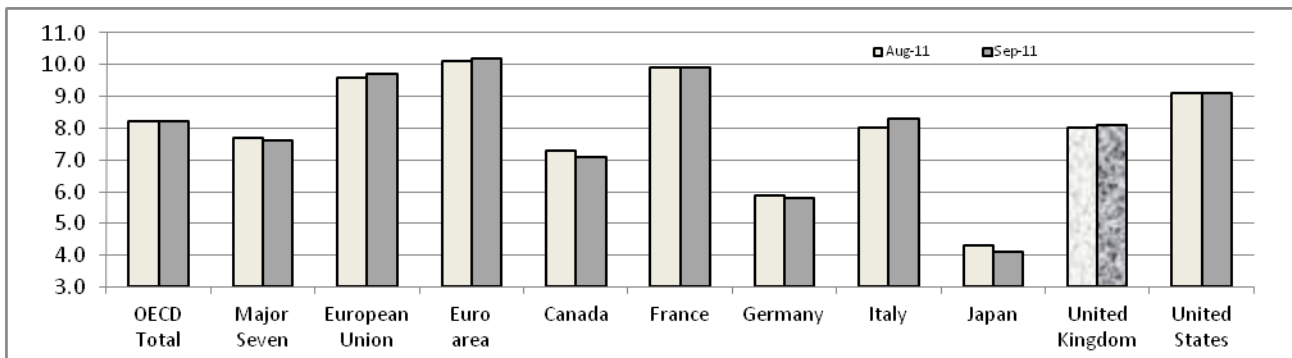
The **OECD area** unemployment rate, at 8.2% in September 2011, was unchanged from August. The rate has remained at around 8.2% since January 2011.

Between August and September unemployment rates in most OECD countries continued to display very little movement, with the notable exception of **Spain** where the unemployment rate was up by 0.4 percentage point to 22.6% and **Italy** where it was up by 0.3 percentage point to 8.3%. The **Euro area** unemployment rate rose to 10.2% in September, the highest rate recorded since June 2010. The greatest fall was recorded in **Hungary** (down by 0.4 percentage point to 9.9%).

New unemployment rate data for October 2011 show a small decline in the **United States** (down by 0.1 percentage point to 9.0%) and an increase in **Canada** (up by 0.2 percentage point to 7.3%).

Around 44.8 million people were unemployed across the OECD area in September 2011, down 1.6 million from September 2010 but still 10.8 million higher than in September 2008.

Selected Unemployment Rates, s.a.
August 2011 – September 2011 ⁽¹⁾



(1) United Kingdom: June 2011— July 2011.

Methodological Notes:

For methodological reasons, harmonised unemployment rates may differ from those published by national statistical institutes. All rates and levels quoted are seasonally adjusted (s.a.).

More methodological notes are available at <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/21/0/44743407.pdf>.

Access data:

The latest unemployment rates for **all OECD countries and geographic groupings**, as well as historical data, can be downloaded from the OECD online data dissemination facility OECD.Stat Extracts at: <http://stats.oecd.org/wbos/Default.aspx?QueryName=251&QueryType=View&Lang=en>.

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**OECD Unemployment Rates, s.a.
Percentage of labour force**

	2008	2009	2010	2010	2011			2011					
					Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD - Total	6.1	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2
Major Seven	5.9	8.1	8.2	8.1	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.6
European Union	7.1	9.0	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7
Euro area	7.7	9.6	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.2
Australia	4.2	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.2
Austria	3.8	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9
Belgium	7.0	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.1	7.0	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7
Canada ⁽¹⁾	6.1	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.1
Chile	7.8	10.8	8.2	7.7	7.4	6.8	7.2	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.0	7.2	
Czech Republic	4.4	6.7	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6
Denmark	3.4	6.1	7.4	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.1
Estonia	5.6	13.8	16.8	14.6	13.6	12.8		12.8	12.8	12.8			
Finland	6.4	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
France	7.8	9.5	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9
Germany	7.5	7.8	7.0	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
Greece	7.7	9.5	12.6	14.1	15.1	16.6		16.0	16.8	17.1	17.6		
Hungary	7.8	10.0	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.3	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.3	9.9
Iceland	3.0	7.2	7.5	8.5	7.4	6.7	7.2						
Ireland	6.3	11.8	13.7	14.4	14.3	14.2	14.4	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.5	14.4	14.2
Israel ⁽³⁾	6.1	7.5	6.7	6.5	6.0	5.5							
Italy	6.8	7.8	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.0	8.3
Japan	4.0	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.1
Korea	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.2
Luxembourg	4.9	5.2	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.8
Mexico	4.0	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.3	5.4	5.3
Netherlands	3.1	3.7	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.5
New Zealand	4.2	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.6						
Norway	2.5	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3		3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2		
Poland	7.2	8.2	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4
Portugal	8.5	10.6	12.0	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.4	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.5
Slovak Republic	9.5	12.0	14.4	14.0	13.4	13.2	13.4	13.2	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.4	13.5
Slovenia	4.4	5.9	7.3	7.8	8.1	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.0
Spain	11.4	18.0	20.1	20.4	20.6	21.0	22.2	20.7	21.0	21.3	21.8	22.2	22.6
Sweden	6.2	8.3	8.4	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.7	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.2
Switzerland	3.2	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.4							
Turkey	9.7	12.5	10.6	9.9	9.3	9.2		9.1	9.2	9.2	9.0		
United Kingdom	5.6	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.9		7.8	7.9	8.0	8.1		
United States ⁽²⁾	5.8	9.3	9.6	9.6	8.9	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.1

Notes:

(1) Canada: Unemployment rate for October 2011 was 7.3%

(2) United States: Unemployment rate for October 2011 was 9.0%

(3) The statistical data for Israel are supplied by and under the responsibility of the relevant Israeli authorities. The use of such data by the OECD is without prejudice to the status of the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank under the terms of international law.

OECD Unemployment Rates, s.a.
Change of rates over the same period of the previous year

	2008	2009	2010	2010	2011			2011					
					Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD - Total	0.4	2.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4
Major Seven	0.4	2.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5
European Union	-0.1	1.9	0.7	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Euro area	0.1	1.9	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Australia	-0.2	1.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1
Austria	-0.6	1.0	-0.4	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4
Belgium	-0.5	0.9	0.4	-0.2	-1.3	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.6	-1.5	-1.5
Canada ⁽¹⁾	0.1	2.2	-0.3	-0.7	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9
Chile	0.7	3.0	-2.6	-3.1	-1.7	-1.2	-0.6	-1.5	-1.2	-0.7	-0.8	-0.6	
Czech Republic	-0.9	2.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Denmark	-0.4	2.7	1.3	0.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5
Estonia	1.0	8.2	3.0	-1.6	-5.1	-5.1		-5.1	-5.1	-5.1			
Finland	-0.5	1.8	0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4
France	-0.6	1.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Germany	-1.2	0.3	-0.8	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Greece	-0.6	1.8	3.1	3.9	4.1	4.5		4.3	4.7	4.7	5.0		
Hungary	0.4	2.2	1.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-1.1
Iceland	0.7	4.2	0.3	0.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.6						
Ireland	1.7	5.5	1.9	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.3
Israel ⁽³⁾	-1.2	1.4	-0.8	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0							
Italy	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
Japan	0.1	1.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7	-0.9
Korea	0.0	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5
Luxembourg	0.7	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3
Mexico	0.3	1.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0
Netherlands	-0.5	0.6	0.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.1
New Zealand	0.5	1.9	0.4	-0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.2						
Norway	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.3		-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3		
Poland	-2.4	1.0	1.4	0.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Portugal	-0.4	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
Slovak Republic	-1.6	2.5	2.4	0.0	-1.3	-1.3	-0.9	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1	-1.1	-0.9	-0.8
Slovenia	-0.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7
Spain	3.1	6.6	2.1	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.1
Sweden	0.1	2.1	0.1	-0.9	-1.0	-1.1	-1.0	-1.7	-0.9	-0.7	-1.2	-0.8	-1.0
Switzerland	-0.2	0.9	0.1	-0.7	-0.6	-0.7							
Turkey	0.9	2.8	-1.9	-2.0	-2.2	-1.4		-1.7	-1.5	-1.2	-1.4		
United Kingdom	0.3	2.0	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2		0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4		
United States ⁽²⁾	1.2	3.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5

Notes:

(1) Canada: For October 2011 the change was -0.5

(2) United States: For October 2011 the change was -0.7

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