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International Unemployment Rates & Employment Indexes

Seasonally Adjusted, June 2014

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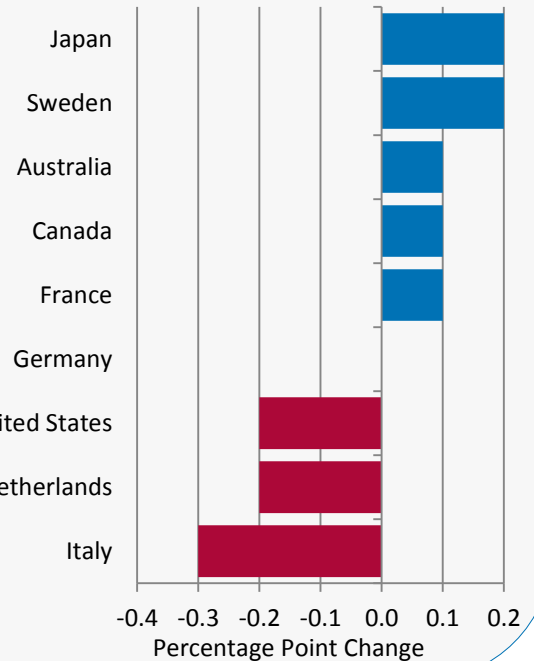
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Unemployment rate trends in June 2014 were mixed both in Europe and in economies outside of Europe. Unemployment decreased in Italy and the Netherlands, remained steady in Germany, and increased in France and Sweden. In Germany, month-on-month unemployment has held steady or declined for the last 5 years, falling from 8.0 percent in June 2009 to 5.1 percent in June 2014.

Joblessness continued to fall in the US, but rose in Canada and Japan. In Japan, despite having the largest June increase in unemployment (along with Sweden), joblessness (3.3 percent) remains the lowest of all economies compared. See [Table 1](#) and [Charts 3-4](#).

Chart 1. Unemployment Rates change from May 2014 to June 2014



Employment trends in June 2014 were also mixed across the countries compared. Employment increased in three economies, remained stable in three, and declined in three. In the US, the employment index (January 2007=100) increased from 99.9 to 100.1, signaling a return to pre-recession employment levels for the first time since April 2008. See [Table 3](#) and [Chart 5](#).

Labor market recovery in June was most robust in the US and Italy, where declines in unemployment were coupled with gains in employment.

Chart 2. Employment Index change from May 2014 to June 2014

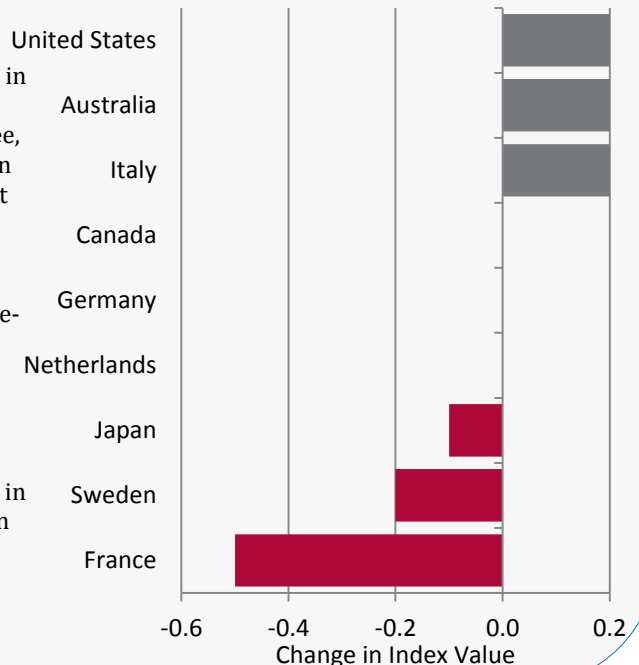
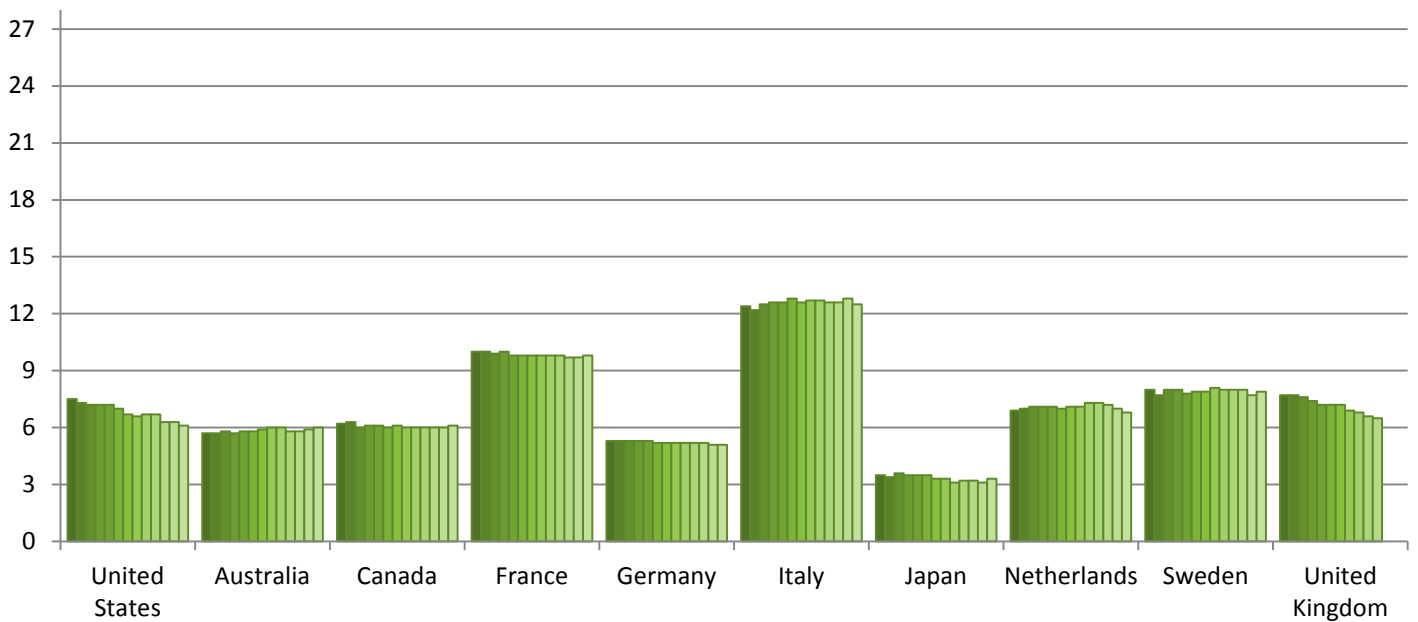


CHART 3. Unemployment rates adjusted to US concepts, seasonally adjusted
June 2013 – June 2014

Percent

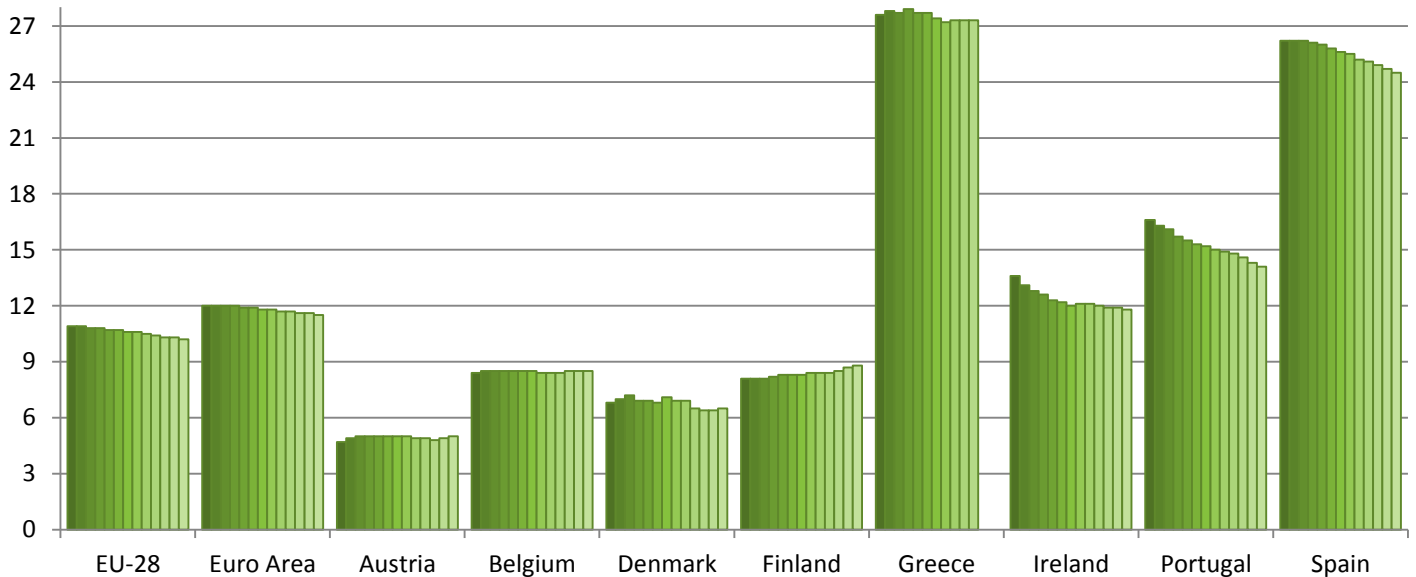


Note: The latest available monthly data are shown for each country. See [Table 1](#).

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons program

CHART 4. Unemployment rates unadjusted by The Conference Board, seasonally adjusted
June 2013 – June 2014

Percent



Note: The latest available monthly data are shown for each country. See [Table 2](#).

The European Union-28 (EU-28) refers to the EU member countries as of July 1, 2013.

The Euro area refers to the EU member countries that adopted the euro as a common currency.

Source: Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT), and The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons program

TABLE 1. Unemployment rates adjusted to US concepts, seasonally adjusted
(in percent)

														Change from May 2014-Jun. 2014
	2009	2010	2011	2012	Q2 2013	Q3 2013	Q4 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Jun. 2013	Apr. 2014	May 2014	Jun. 2014	
United States	9.3	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.2	7.5	6.3	6.3	6.1	-0.2
Australia	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	0.1
Canada	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.1	0.1
France	9.2	9.4	9.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.7	10.0	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.1
Germany	7.8	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	0.0
Italy	7.9	8.5	8.5	10.8	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.6	12.8	12.5	-0.3
Japan (1)	4.8	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.3	0.2
Netherlands	3.7	4.5	4.5	5.3	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.0	6.8	-0.2
Sweden	8.3	8.5	7.7	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.7	7.9	0.2
United Kingdom	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.2	6.8	NA	7.7	6.5	NA	NA	NA

Note:

(1) For Japan, 2011 data are partially based on estimates from the Statistics Bureau of Japan for areas affected by the March 11, 2011 earthquake. NA means data not available.

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Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons program

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(in percent)

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	2009	2010	2011	2012	Q2 2013	Q3 2013	Q4 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Jun. 2013	Apr. 2014	May 2014	Jun. 2014	
EU-28 (1)	9.0	9.6	9.6	10.4	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.5	10.3	10.9	10.3	10.3	10.2	-0.1
Euro Area (2)	9.5	10.0	10.1	11.3	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.6	12.0	11.6	11.6	11.5	-0.1
Austria	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.9	NA	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	0.1
Belgium	7.9	8.3	7.2	7.6	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	0.0
Denmark	6.0	7.5	7.6	7.5	6.9	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.5	0.1
Finland	8.2	8.4	7.8	7.7	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.1	8.5	8.7	8.8	0.1
Greece	9.6	12.7	17.9	24.5	27.6	27.8	27.6	27.3	NA	27.6	27.3	NA	NA	NA
Ireland	12.0	13.9	14.7	14.7	13.7	12.8	12.2	12.0	11.9	13.6	11.9	11.9	11.8	-0.1
Portugal	10.6	12.0	12.9	15.8	16.9	16.0	15.4	14.9	14.3	16.6	14.6	14.3	14.1	-0.2
Spain	17.9	19.9	21.4	24.8	26.2	26.1	25.8	25.3	24.7	26.2	24.9	24.7	24.5	-0.2

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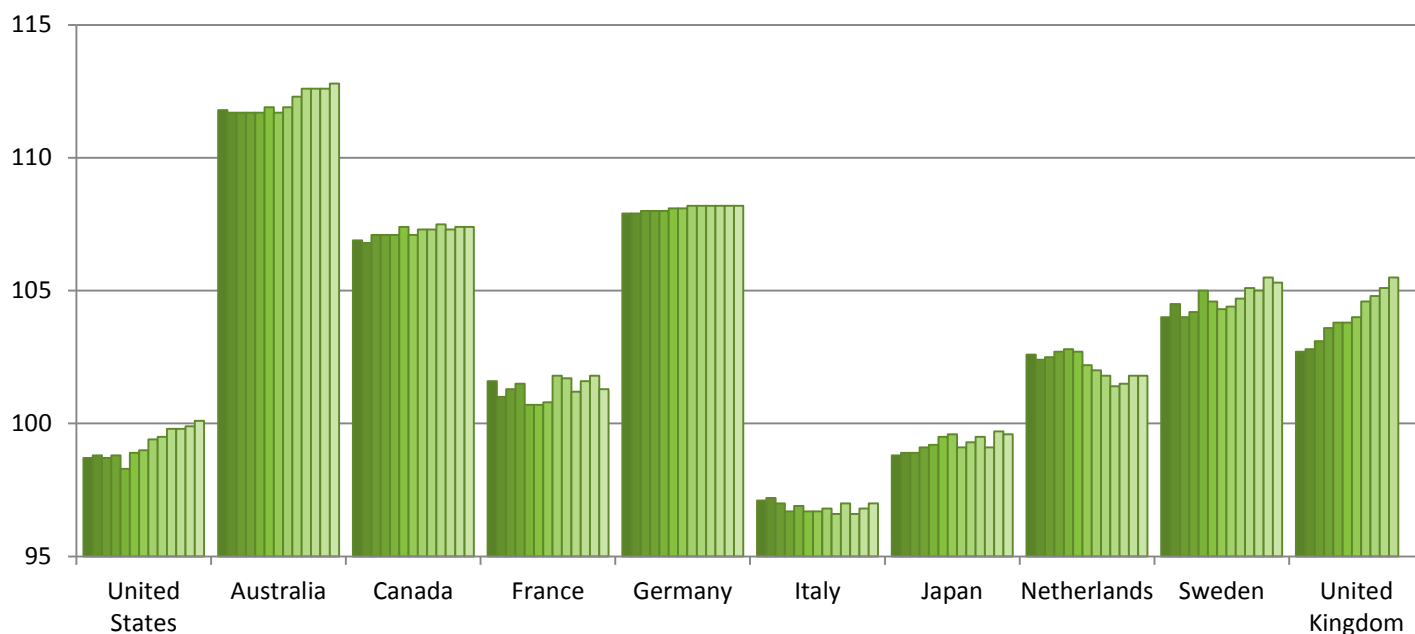
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Source: Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT)

CHART 5. Employment indexes adjusted to US concepts, seasonally adjusted

June 2013 – June 2014

Jan. 2007 = 100



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Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons program

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														Change from May 2014-Jun. 2014
	2009	2010	2011	2012	Q2 2013	Q3 2013	Q4 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Jun. 2013	Apr. 2014	May 2014	Jun. 2014	
	2007 = 100				Q1 2007 = 100					January 2007 = 100				
United States	95.8	95.2	95.8	97.6	98.5	98.7	98.7	99.5	99.8	98.7	99.8	99.9	100.1	0.2
Australia	103.6	105.8	107.7	108.7	111.3	111.3	111.4	111.9	112.3	111.8	112.6	112.6	112.8	0.2
Canada	100.2	101.6	103.2	104.4	106.5	106.7	106.9	107.1	107.1	106.9	107.3	107.4	107.4	0.0
France	100.5	100.8	101.1	101.3	102.1	101.9	101.4	102.2	102.2	101.6	101.6	101.8	101.3	-0.5
Germany	101.4	102.1	104.7	105.6	107.5	107.7	107.8	107.9	107.9	107.9	108.2	108.2	108.2	0.0
Italy	99.2	98.4	99.0	98.5	97.2	97.0	96.8	96.9	96.9	97.1	96.6	96.8	97.0	0.2
Japan (1)	98.3	98.1	97.9	97.6	98.4	98.6	99.1	98.9	99.1	98.8	99.1	99.7	99.6	-0.1
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