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International Unemployment Rates & Employment Indexes

Seasonally Adjusted, July 2014

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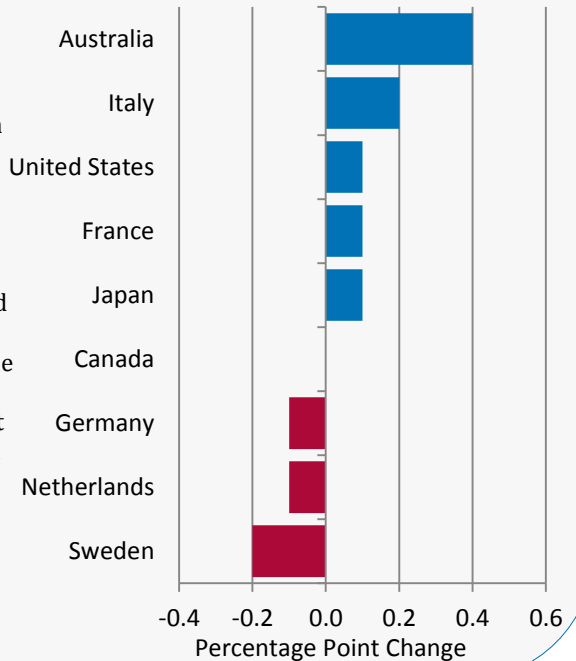
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In July 2014, **unemployment rates** remained mixed in Europe and in countries outside of Europe. Unemployment decreased in Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden, but increased in France and Italy.

Joblessness rose in the US after four straight months of steady or declining unemployment. Australia and Japan also saw the unemployment rate rise while in Canada it remained stable. While Japan's unemployment rate remains the lowest of all countries compared and has largely been on a downward trend since September 2013, it has increased for the previous two consecutive months. See [Table 1](#) and [Charts 3-4](#).

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



Employment trends in July 2014 were positive or steady with only Italy and France showing declines. In Germany, employment shows continued strength with the employment index (Jan 2007 =100) remaining stable or increasing each month since February 2012. See [Table 3](#) and [Chart 5](#).

Labor market recovery in July was most robust in Sweden and the Netherlands, where declines in unemployment were coupled with employment growth.

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

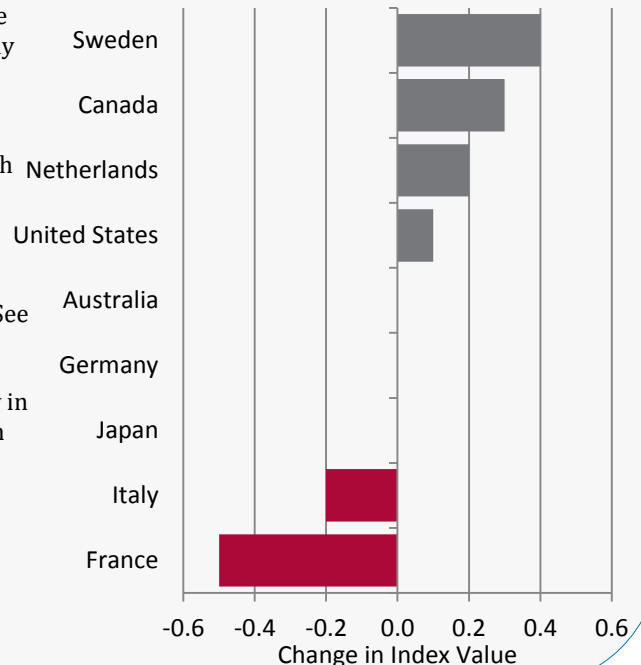
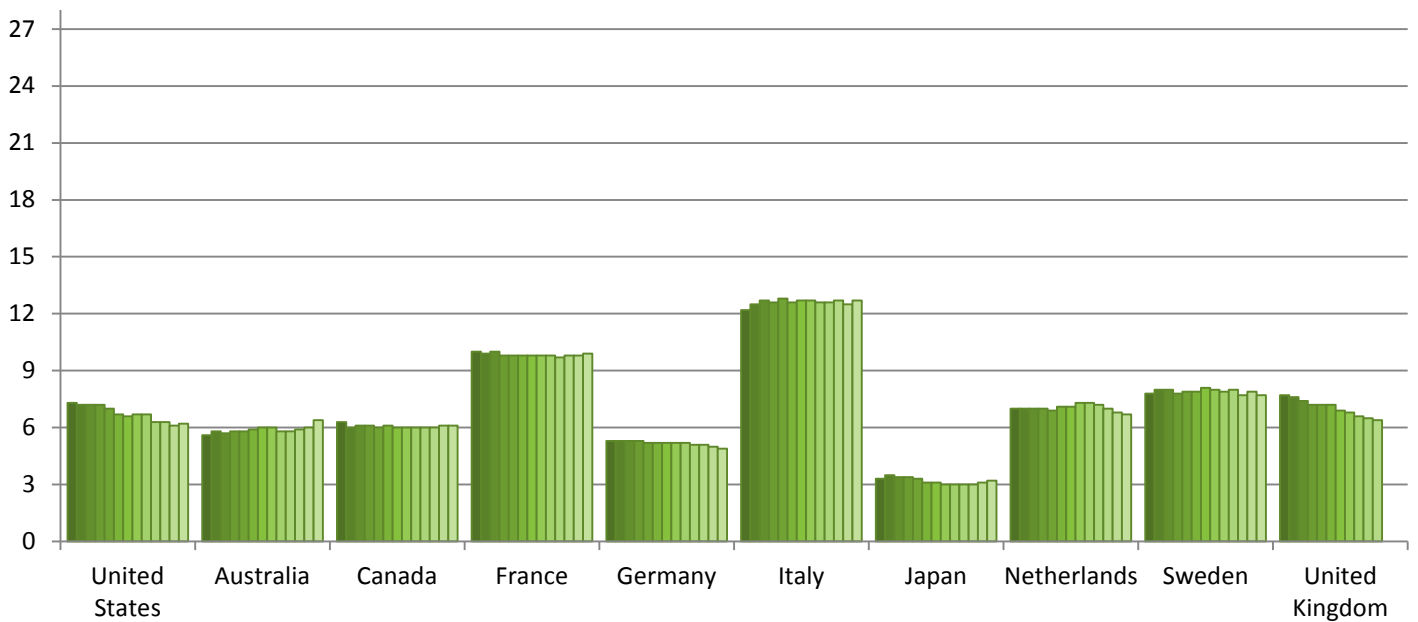


CHART 3. Unemployment rates adjusted to US concepts, seasonally adjusted
July 2013 – July 2014

Percent

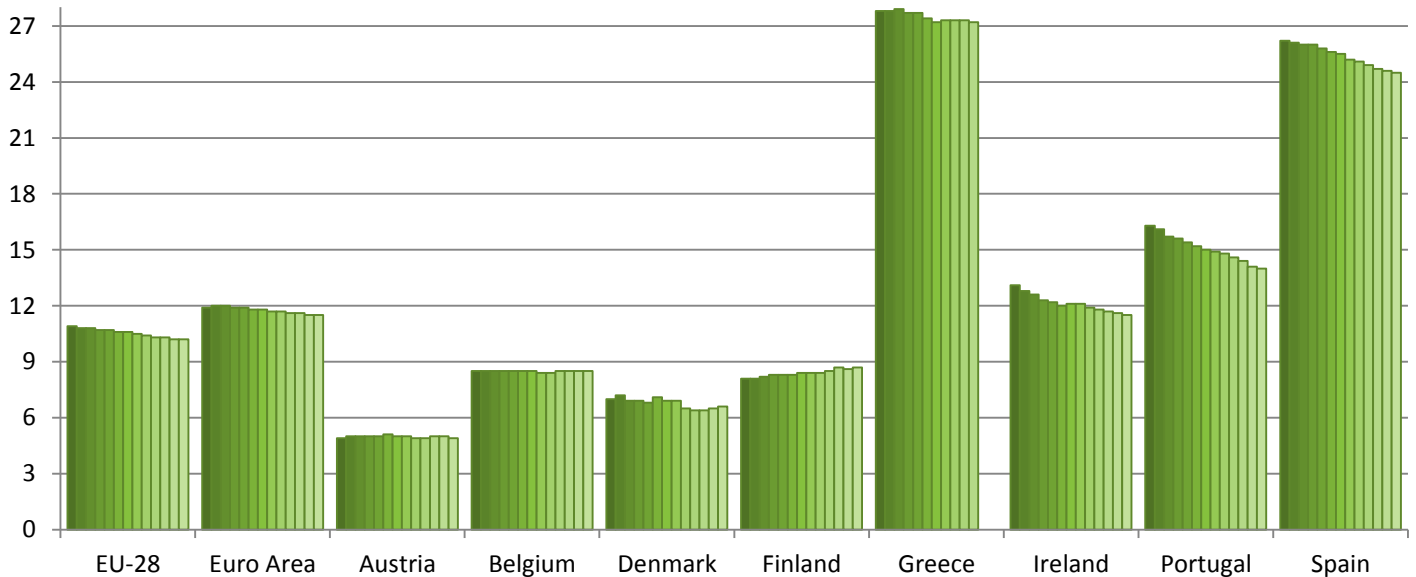


Note: The latest available monthly data are shown for each country. See [Table 1](#).

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons program

CHART 4. Unemployment rates unadjusted by The Conference Board, seasonally adjusted
July 2013 – July 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)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	Q2 2013	Q3 2013	Q4 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Jul. 2013	May 2014	Jun. 2014	Jul. 2014	Change from Jun. 2014-Jul. 2014
United States	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.2	7.3	6.3	6.1	6.2	0.1
Australia	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.9	6.0	6.4	0.4
Canada	7.1	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.1	6.1	0.0
France	9.4	9.3	9.9	10.4	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.8	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.9	0.1
Germany	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.9	-0.1
Italy	8.5	8.5	10.8	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.6	12.2	12.7	12.5	12.7	0.2
Japan (1)	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.2	0.1
Netherlands	4.5	4.5	5.3	6.7	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.7	-0.1
Sweden	8.5	7.7	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.7	-0.2
United Kingdom	7.9	8.1	8.0	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.2	6.8	NA	7.7	6.4	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.

See [technical notes](#) for information on sources and methods.

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons program

TABLE 2. Unemployment rates unadjusted by The Conference Board, seasonally adjusted
(in percent)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	Q2 2013	Q3 2013	Q4 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Jul. 2013	May 2014	Jun. 2014	Jul. 2014	Change from Jun. 2014-Jul. 2014
EU-28 (1)	9.6	9.6	10.4	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.5	10.3	10.9	10.3	10.2	10.2	0.0
Euro Area (2)	10.0	10.1	11.3	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.9	11.6	11.5	11.5	0.0
Austria	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	NA	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	-0.1
Belgium	8.3	7.2	7.6	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	0.0
Denmark	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.0	6.9	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.4	7.0	6.4	6.5	6.6	0.1
Finland	8.4	7.8	7.7	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.1	8.7	8.6	8.7	0.1
Greece	12.7	17.9	24.5	27.5	27.6	27.8	27.6	27.2	NA	27.8	27.2	NA	NA	NA
Ireland	13.9	14.7	14.7	13.1	13.7	12.8	12.2	12.0	11.7	13.1	11.7	11.6	11.5	-0.1
Portugal	12.0	12.9	15.8	16.4	16.9	16.0	15.4	14.9	14.4	16.3	14.4	14.1	14.0	-0.1
Spain	19.9	21.4	24.8	26.1	26.3	26.1	25.8	25.3	24.7	26.2	24.7	24.6	24.5	-0.1

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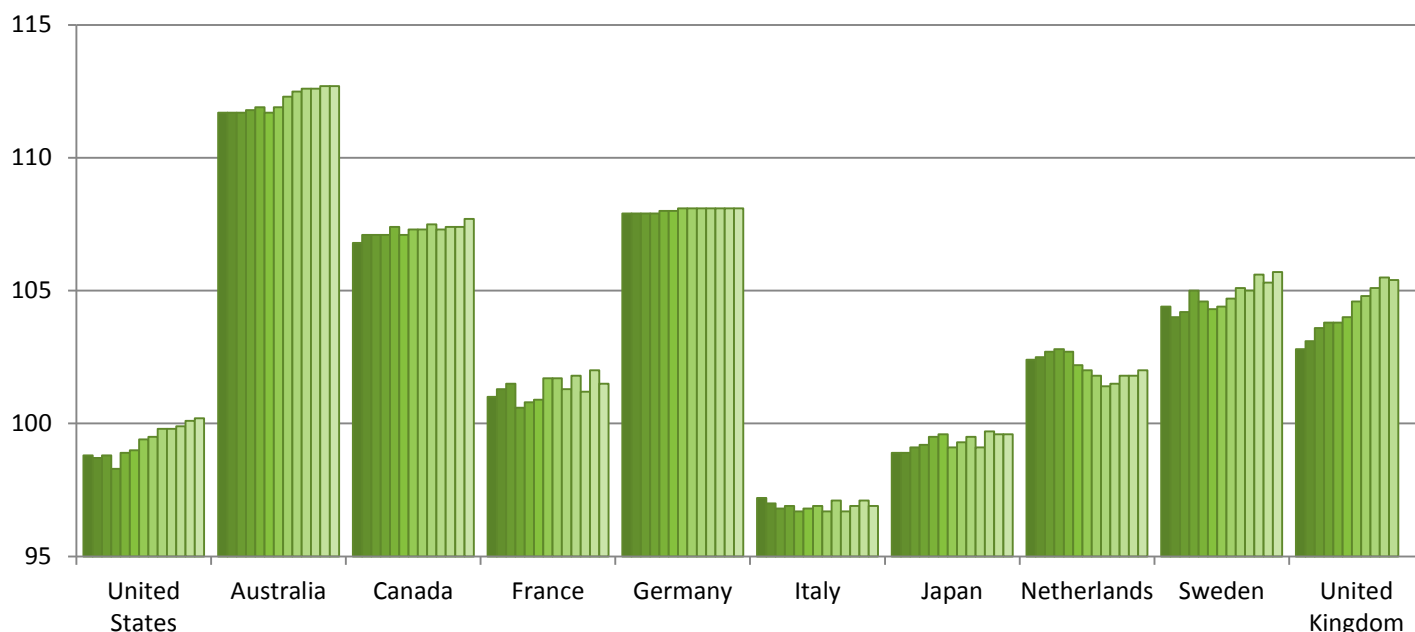
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Source: Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT)

CHART 5. Employment indexes adjusted to US concepts, seasonally adjusted July 2013 – July 2014

Jan. 2007 = 100



Note: The latest available monthly data are shown for each country. See [Table 3](#).

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons program

TABLE 3. Employment indexes adjusted to US concepts, seasonally adjusted

														Change from Jun. 2014-Jul. 2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	Q2 2013	Q3 2013	Q4 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Jul. 2013	May 2014	Jun. 2014	Jul. 2014	
	2007 = 100				Q1 2007 = 100					January 2007 = 100				
United States	95.2	95.8	97.6	98.5	98.5	98.7	98.7	99.5	99.8	98.8	99.9	100.1	100.2	0.1
Australia	105.6	107.5	108.8	109.9	111.3	111.3	111.4	111.9	112.3	111.7	112.6	112.7	112.7	0.0
Canada	101.6	103.2	104.4	105.8	106.5	106.7	106.9	107.1	107.1	106.8	107.4	107.4	107.7	0.3
France	100.7	101.0	101.2	101.1	102.2	101.9	101.4	102.2	102.3	101.0	101.2	102.0	101.5	-0.5
Germany	102.3	104.7	105.4	106.5	107.4	107.6	107.7	107.8	107.8	107.9	108.1	108.1	108.1	0.0
Italy	98.4	99.0	98.5	96.6	97.3	97.0	96.8	96.9	96.9	97.2	96.9	97.1	96.9	-0.2
Japan (1)	98.1	97.9	97.6	98.3	98.4	98.6	99.1	98.9	99.1	98.9	99.7	99.6	99.6	0.0
Netherlands	101.3	101.3	102.0	101.4	102.4	102.2	102.2	101.4	101.4	102.4	101.8	101.8	102.0	0.2
Sweden	99.6	101.9	102.5	103.5	104.1	104.5	104.9	105.0	105.6	104.4	105.6	105.3	105.7	0.4
United Kingdom	99.2	99.8	101.0	102.3	102.4	103.1	103.8	104.8	NA	102.8	105.4	NA	NA	NA

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