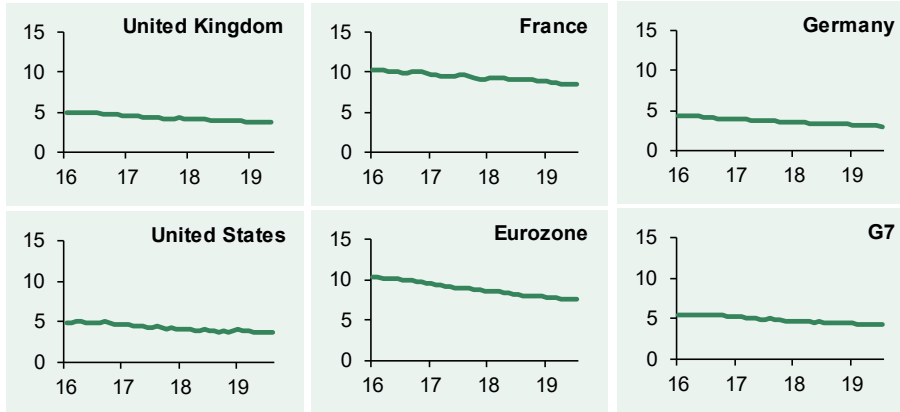


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The OECD produces harmonised unemployment rates for OECD members based on the ILO definition of unemployment.

Harmonised Unemployment Rate (%)



The UK harmonised unemployment rate for **Q1 2019** was 3.7%. This was slightly below the rate of the US (3.9%), below that of France (8.7%) but above that of Germany (3.2%). The UK rate was the 9th lowest of the 36 OECD member countries.

The unemployment rate for the Eurozone fell to 7.6% from 7.8% in **Q2 2019**, and fell in the G7 from 4.4% to 4.3%. The Q2 figure for the UK has not yet been published.

Most of the OECD countries have seen a fall in the unemployment rate over the last year.

Greece had the highest unemployment rate out of the OECD member states for Q1 2019 (18.4%) followed by Spain at 14.2%.

The Czech Republic had the lowest unemployment rate in the OECD at 2.0%.

Youth (aged 15-24) unemployment is a major issue in many developed economies at present. In Q1 2019 youth unemployment was 39.5% in Greece, 34.1% in Spain and 31.3% in Italy. UK youth unemployment stood at 10.6%.

Unemployment											
Unemployed as % of labour force (standardised); seasonally adjusted											
	CAN	FRA	GER	ITA	JPN	UK	USA	Eurozone	G7	OECD	
2016	7.0	10.1	4.1	11.7	3.1	4.8	4.9	10.0	5.5	6.3	
2017	6.3	9.4	3.8	11.2	2.8	4.4	4.4	9.1	5.0	5.8	
2018	5.8	9.1	3.4	10.6	2.4	4.0	3.9	8.2	4.6	5.3	
2018 Q2	5.9	9.1	3.4	10.8	2.4	4.0	3.9	8.3	4.6	5.3	
Q3	5.9	9.0	3.4	10.3	2.4	4.0	3.8	8.0	4.5	5.3	
Q4	5.6	8.9	3.3	10.5	2.4	3.9	3.8	7.9	4.4	5.3	
2019 Q1	5.8	8.7	3.2	10.3	2.4	3.7	3.9	7.8	4.4	5.3	
Q2	5.5	8.5	3.1	9.9	2.4	..	3.6	7.6	4.3	5.2	
Change on qtr	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	...	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	
Change on yr	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-0.1	...	-0.3	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	

Source: OECD, Harmonised Unemployment Rates

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