

Table 1
General characteristics

	Population (thousands) 2006	Population density (per km ²) 2006	% of population aged under 15, 1960	% of population aged under 15, 2006	% of men under 25 unemployed 2007	% of men under 25 unemployed 1997	% of women under 25 unemployed 2007	% of women under 25 unemployed 1997	% of total labour force unemployed 2006	% of total labour force unemployed 1996	% GDP on education, public and private 2005
United Kingdom	60,587	247	23.3	17.7	16.0	15.6	12.7	11.1	5.4	8.1	6.25
Ireland	4,233	60	30.5	20.4	9.3	16.9	7.9	15.2	4.4	11.9	4.58
France	61,353	112	26.4	18.4	18.0	24.5	19.6	32.8	9.1	12.2	6.01
• Germany	82,368	231	21.3	13.7	12.2	10.7	11.1	9.6	10.4	9.0	5.10
Hungary	10,071	108	25.3	15.3	17.6	16.9	18.6	14.5	7.5	10.1	5.61
Italy	58,435	194	23.4	14.2	18.2	26.7	23.3	39.6	6.9	11.7	4.71
Netherlands	16,346	401	30.0	18.2	6.5	8.8	8.1	9.8	3.9	6.5	5.02
Spain	44,068	87	27.3	14.5	15.2	30.4	21.9	46.0	8.5	22.1	4.63
Sweden	9,081	20	22.4	17.1	18.4	21.7	19.5	20.4	7.1	10.0	6.38
• Switzerland	7,484	181	23.2	15.9	6.8	7.9	7.4	3.8	3.9	3.7	(:)
• Australia	20,701	3	30.2	19.6	9.4	17.3	9.3	14.7	4.9	8.5	5.81
• Canada	32,649	3	33.7	17.3	12.3	17.1	10.0	15.2	6.3	9.6	6.2 ³
Japan	127,770	338	30.2	13.6	8.3	6.9	7.1	6.3	4.1	3.4	4.92
Korea	48,297	484	42.3	18.6	11.4	9.2	7.1	6.5	3.5	2.0	7.19
New Zealand	4,185	16	32.9	21.2	9.6	13.1	9.8	13.0	3.8	6.1	6.68
Singapore	4,589 ⁴	6,489 ⁵	39.1 ⁶	18.9 ⁷	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	3.4	(:)	(:)
South Africa	49,320,500 ⁸	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	5.4 ⁹
• USA	299,398	32	31.0	20.3	11.6	11.8	9.4	10.7	4.6	5.4	7.13

(:) Not available

Sources/Further information

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Singapore : Data is taken from the Statistics Singapore website (<http://www.singstat.gov.sg/>)

³ 2004 figure

⁴ 2007

⁵ 2007

⁶ 1970 figure

⁷ 2007

⁸ Mid-year estimate 2009 - <http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/P0302/P03022009.pdf>

⁹ 2006- http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable_db/index.php?step=countries&CID%5B%5D=165&theme=5&variable_ID=643&action=select_years