

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 | 49,321 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