

DEMAND AND OUTPUT

Table 25
Growth of real GNP/GDP in the OECD area^a
Percentage changes from previous period, seasonally adjusted at annual rates

	1987 Share in total OECD	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1988		1989		1990	
							I	II	I	II	I	II
United States	36.1	2.8	3.4	3.9	3	2½	4.0	2.6	3¾	2	2¼	2¼
Japan	19.0	2.5	4.5	5.7	4¾	4¼	5.7	4.5	4¾	4¼	4¼	4
Germany	9.0	2.3	1.8	3.4	3	2¾	3.5	2.5	3½	2¼	3¼	2¾
France ^b	7.0	2.3	1.9	3.4	3	2¾	3.6	2.9	3¼	3	2½	2½
Italy ^b	6.0	2.5	3.0	3.9	3½	3¼	5.3	2.0	4	3½	3¼	3
United Kingdom ^b	5.4	3.2	4.6	3.7	2¼	2	3.6	1.6	2¾	2¼	2	2
Canada ^b	3.3	3.2	4.0	4.5	3¾	2¼	4.4	3.5	3¾	2	2½	2½
Total of above countries	85.8	2.7	3.4	4.2	3¼	2¾	4.3	3.0	4	2¾	2¾	2¾
Other OECD countries ^c	14.2	2.5	3.0	3.3	3¼	2½	3.2	3.9	3	2¾	2½	2½
Total OECD	100.0	2.7	3.4	4.1	3¼	2¾	4.2	3.1	3¾	2¾	2¾	2¾
Four major European countries	27.4	2.5	2.6	3.6	3	2¾	3.9	2.3	3½	2¾	2¾	2½
OECD Europe	39.8	2.6	2.7	3.5	3	2¾	3.6	2.9	3¼	2¾	2¾	2½
EEC	34.3	2.5	2.7	3.5	3	2¾	3.6	3.0	3¼	2¾	2¾	2¾
Total OECD less the United States	63.9	2.5	3.3	4.2	3½	3	4.3	3.4	3¾	3¼	3¼	3
Industrial Production :												
Major seven countries	-	0.7	3.4	6.3	4¼	3	6.1	6.1	4	3¼	3	3
Total OECD	-	0.9	3.2	5.9	4¼	3	5.8	5.6	4	3¼	3	3

a) Aggregates were computed on the basis of 1987 GNP/GDP weights expressed in 1987 US dollars.

b) GDP.

c) Half-yearly data must be interpreted with care since for most of these countries, amounting to over 50 per cent of the total GDP of the smaller countries, half-yearly growth rates were obtained by simple interpolation. For details on yearly basis, see Table 26.

Table 26
Growth of real GNP/GDP in other OECD countries^a
Percentage changes from previous year

	1987 Share in total OECD	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Austria	0.9	1.4	1.5	4.2	3	2½
Belgium	1.1	2.1	2.1	4.2	3¼	2¾
Denmark	0.8	3.1	-0.7	-0.2	½	1½
Finland	0.7	2.3	3.8	4.8	3	2¼
Greece	0.4	1.2	-0.4	3.5	3½	2¾
Iceland	0	7.1	8.7	-1.4	-1½	..
Ireland ^b	0.2	-1.3	4.7	0.4	4½	3¼
Luxembourg	0	4.7	2.7	5.2	3½	2¾
Netherlands	1.7	2.0	1.4	2.7	3¼	3
Norway	0.7	4.3	3.4	2.6	4½	2½
Portugal	0.3	4.3	4.7	4.1	3½	3¼
Spain	2.3	3.3	5.5	5.0	4¾	4
Sweden	1.3	1.1	2.4	2.1	1¾	¾
Switzerland	1.4	2.8	2.3	3.0	2½	2¼
Turkey ^b	0.5	8.1	7.4	3.4	3¼	4½
Total of above European countries	12.4	2.7	2.9	3.3	3¼	2¾
Australia	1.6	2.1	4.5	3.8	3¼	1¾
New Zealand	0.3	-3.5	-0.1	0.3	1½	1¾
Total of above countries	14.2	2.5	3.0	3.3	3¼	2½

a) Aggregates were computed on the basis of 1987 GNP/GDP weights expressed in 1987 US dollars.

b) GDP deflator.

Table 41
Unemployment in the OECD area^a

	1988 Unemploy- ment (thousands)						1988		1989		1990	
		1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	I	II	I	II	I	II
<i>Unemployment rates</i>												
United States	6 695	7.0	6.2	5.5	5¼	5½	5.6	5.4	5¼	5½	5½	5¾
Japan	1 545	2.8	2.9	2.5	2¼	2¼	2.5	2.5	2¼	2¼	2¼	2¼
Germany	2 242	7.9	7.9	7.9	7½	7	7.9	7.9	7½	7¼	7	7
France	2 437	10.4	10.5	10.1	10	10¼	10.0	10.1	10	10	10	10¼
Italy	2 885	10.3	11.0	11.0	11	11½	11.1	11.0	11	11¼	11¼	11½
United Kingdom	2 341	11.7	10.2	8.2	7	7¼	8.7	7.6	7¼	7	7¼	7½
Canada	1 050	9.6	8.9	7.8	7¼	7¼	7.8	7.9	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¾
Total of above countries	19 194	7.3	6.9	6.3	6	6¼	6.4	6.2	6	6	6¼	6¼
Other OECD countries ^b	8 843	11.6	11.0	10.8	10¾	10¾	10.9	10.8	10¾	10¾	10¾	10¾
Total OECD	28 037	8.2	7.8	7.3	7	7¼	7.4	7.2	7	7	7	7¼
<i>Unemployment levels (millions)</i>												
North America		9.5	8.6	7.7	7¼	8	7.8	7.7	7½	7¼	8	8¼
OECD Europe		19.2	18.7	18.1	17¼	17¼	18.2	17.9	17¼	17¼	17¼	18
EEC		14 636	11.2	10.8	10.2	9¾	9½	10.3	10.0	9¾	9½	9½
Total OECD less the United States	21 342	8.8	8.5	8.1	7¼	7¼	8.2	8.0	7¼	7¼	7¼	8

a) For sources and definitions, see "Sources and Methods". For unemployment rates standardized by OECD facilitating cross-country comparisons, see Table R17 in "Reference Statistics".

b) For details on a yearly basis, see Table 42.

Table 42
Unemployment rates in other OECD countries^a
Per cent of labour force

	1988 Unemployment (thousands)	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Austria	119	3.1	3.8	3.5	3¼	3
Belgium	424	11.3	11.1	10.0	9½	9
Denmark	244	7.8	7.8	8.6	9½	9¾
Finland	115	5.4	5.1	4.5	3¼	3¼
Greece	302	7.4	7.4	7.6	7¼	8
Iceland	1	0.6	0.5	1.0	1¼	..
Ireland	219	17.4	17.5	16.7	15½	15
Luxembourg	2	1.4	1.6	1.4	1¼	1½
Netherlands ^b	435	13.2	8.7	8.3	8	8
Norway	71	2.0	2.1	3.2	4¼	4
Portugal	254	8.6	7.1	5.6	5½	5½
Spain	2 853	21.0	20.5	19.5	18¼	17¼
Sweden	72	2.2	1.9	1.6	1½	1¼
Switzerland	24	0.7	0.7	0.7	¾	¾
Turkey	3 039	15.8	15.2	15.9	16¼	17¼
Total of above European countries	8 173	12.2	11.5	11.3	11¼	11¼
Australia	575	8.0	8.0	7.1	6½	7
New Zealand	96	4.0	4.1	6.0	7	7½
Total of above countries	8 843	11.6	11.0	10.8	10¾	10¾

a) For sources and definitions, see "Sources and Methods".

b) Values for 1987 and 1988 are based on estimates of unemployment using the new measurement method.

Table 49
Consumer prices
 Percentage changes from previous period, not seasonally adjusted

	At average annual rate				At actual rate						
	Average		1986	1987	1988	12 months to Mar.1989	6 months to Mar.1989	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
1967-76	1976-85										
United States	6.1	7.3	1.9	3.7	4.1	5.0	2.1	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.6
Japan	9.4	4.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.9	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.6
Germany	4.8	3.9	-0.2	0.2	1.2	2.7	2.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	0.2
France	7.8	10.1	2.7	3.1	2.7	3.4	1.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Italy ^a	9.1	15.1	6.1	4.6	5.0	6.4	4.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.5
United Kingdom	10.8	10.1	3.4	4.2	4.9	7.9	3.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.4
Canada	6.2	8.1	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.6	2.4	0	0.5	0.7	0.5
Total of above countries ^b	7.1	7.4	2.0	2.8	3.1	4.1	1.8	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5
Austria	6.0	4.8	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.2	0.9	0	0.7	0.5	0.1
Belgium	6.8	6.4	1.3	1.6	1.2	2.8	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2
Denmark	8.2	9.2	3.6	4.0	4.6	4.7	2.6	0	0.5	0.7	0.6
Finland	9.6	9.1	2.9	4.1	5.1	6.6	3.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	1.1
Greece	8.9	19.0	23.0	16.4	13.5	13.5	6.3	1.1	-0.3	-0.4	2.7
Iceland ^c	22.9	46.5	22.2	18.3	25.7	20.9	6.7	0.2	1.7	1.4	2.8
Ireland	11.6	12.7	3.8	3.2	2.1	3.3 ^d	1.9 ^d	→	←	0.4 ^e	→
Luxembourg	6.1	6.3	0.3	-0.1	1.4	2.8	1.9	0	0.7	0.3	0.3
Netherlands	7.4	4.7	0.1	-0.7	0.7	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	-1.0	0.3	0.4
Norway	7.5	8.7	7.2	8.7	6.7	4.3	2.0	0	0.7	0.4	0.9
Portugal ^c	12.6	22.9	11.8	9.4	9.7	12.4	7.4	1.2	1.3	1.4	0.9
Spain	10.0	15.1	8.8	5.3	4.8	6.0	2.7	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.6
Sweden	6.8	9.7	4.3	4.2	5.8	6.3	3.3	0.2	1.2	0.5	0.4
Switzerland	5.4	3.5	0.7	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
Turkey ^f	14.9	44.9	34.6	38.9	75.4	64.5	34.6	3.9	5.5	4.3	2.5
Australia	8.2	9.0	9.1	8.5	7.2	6.9 ^d	3.1 ^d	→	←	0.3 ^e	→
New Zealand	9.3	13.0	13.2	15.7	6.4	4.0 ^d	2.3 ^d	→	←	0.4 ^e	→
Total OECD ^b	7.3	8.0	2.6	3.2	3.8	4.9	2.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5
OECD Europe ^b	8.0	10.0	4.0	3.8	4.9	6.5	3.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5
EEC ^b	7.9	9.4	3.3	3.1	3.4	4.8	2.6	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4

a) Index for households of wage and salary earners.

b) The country weights used in the aggregate indices are based on the private consumption and exchange rates of the preceding year.

c) Excluding rent.

d) Since consumer prices are available only on a quarterly basis, the figures shown for the rates of change over 12 and 6 months are calculated as the rate of change over 4 and 2 quarters respectively to the latest quarter available.

e) The monthly rate is calculated as the change between the two most recent quarterly indices, expressed at a monthly rate and centered at the mid-month of the quarter.

f) 1968-1970: Istanbul index (84 items); 1971-1982: Istanbul index (154 items); from 1983, Turkish index.

Table R 14. Total outlays of government as percentage of GDP

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
United States	30.7	30.4	31.6	31.6	31.3	30.6	32.2	34.6	33.4	32.2	31.6	31.7	33.7	34.1	36.5	36.9	35.8	36.7	36.9	36.7
Japan	19.2	18.9	19.4	20.9	22.1	22.4	24.5	27.3	27.7	29.0	30.5	31.6	32.6	33.5	33.7	34.1	33.2	32.7	33.1	33.2
Germany	39.1	38.6	38.6	40.1	40.8	41.5	44.6	48.9	47.9	48.0	47.8	47.6	48.3	49.2	49.4	48.3	48.0	47.5	46.9	46.8
France	40.3	39.6	38.5	38.1	38.3	38.3	39.3	43.4	43.9	43.7	44.6	45.0	46.1	48.7	50.4	51.4	52.1	52.2	51.8	51.8
United Kingdom	39.1	41.1	39.0	38.0	39.6	40.6	44.7	46.2	45.5	43.5	43.1	42.8	44.9	47.6	47.2	47.0	47.5	46.5	45.9	..
Italy	34.7	34.2	34.2	36.6	38.6	37.8	37.9	43.2	42.2	42.5	46.1	45.5	41.9	45.8	47.4	48.6	49.3	50.8	50.9	50.7
Canada	32.4	32.7	34.8	36.1	36.6	35.4	36.8	40.1	39.1	40.1	40.3	39.0	40.5	41.5	46.6	47.2	46.8	47.1	46.4	45.6
Total of above countries	31.9	31.7	32.3	32.7	33.0	32.7	34.5	37.7	36.7	36.2	36.5	37.0	38.4	38.9	40.4	40.5	39.5	39.8	40.0	39.8
Austria	40.6	40.3	39.2	39.7	39.8	41.3	41.9	46.1	46.9	46.8	49.7	48.9	48.9	50.3	50.9	51.2	50.8	51.7	52.4	52.5
Belgium	36.3	36.1	36.5	38.0	38.8	39.1	39.4	44.5	44.9	46.4	47.8	49.3	50.7	55.3	55.5	55.4	54.4	54.1	53.5	52.3
Denmark	36.3	36.3	40.2	43.0	42.6	42.1	45.9	48.2	47.8	48.9	50.6	53.2	56.2	59.8	61.2	61.6	60.3	59.3	56.0	58.3
Finland	32.8	31.2	30.5	32.0	32.4	31.0	32.0	36.1	37.1	38.3	37.8	36.7	36.6	37.4	39.0	40.2	39.7	41.4	41.9	42.0
Greece ^{a)}	23.5	22.5	22.4	22.8	22.0	21.1	25.0	26.7	27.4	29.0	29.9	29.7	30.5	35.9	37.0	38.2	40.2	43.7	42.1	43.0
Iceland	33.8	30.2	30.7	33.5	34.3	36.7	38.2	38.5	33.2	32.8	32.9	33.4	32.2	32.8	34.1	35.8	32.0	34.4	36.7	33.3
Ireland	35.2	36.6	39.6	40.5	38.8	39.0	43.0	46.5	46.0	43.7	44.3	46.8	50.8	52.5	55.3	55.3	53.3	54.5	54.7	..
Luxembourg	37.3	34.1	33.1	36.8	37.2	36.1	35.6	48.5	49.2	51.9	51.3	52.5	54.8	58.5	55.8	55.6	52.0	..	..	..
Netherlands	43.9	44.4	43.9	45.0	45.6	45.8	47.9	52.8	52.9	53.0	54.4	55.8	57.5	59.7	61.6	62.2	61.0	59.7	59.4	60.1
Norway	37.9	39.9	41.0	43.0	44.6	44.6	44.6	46.2	48.1	49.6	51.8	50.4	48.3	47.9	48.3	48.4	46.3	45.6	49.9	51.6
Portugal	20.9	20.9	21.6	21.3	22.7	21.3	24.7	30.3	35.1	35.2	36.4	36.2	25.9	43.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spain	21.3	21.7	22.2	23.6	23.2	23.0	23.1	24.7	26.0	27.5	29.3	30.5	32.9	35.6	37.5	38.8	39.3	42.1	41.7	..
Sweden	42.8	43.2	43.3	45.3	46.2	44.7	48.1	48.9	51.7	57.5	59.2	60.7	61.6	64.6	66.6	66.2	63.5	64.6	63.6	59.9
Switzerland ^{a)}	20.7	21.8	21.3	21.9	21.9	24.2	25.5	28.7	30.2	30.4	30.2	29.9	29.3	28.9	30.1	30.9	31.4	31.0	30.5	30.1
Turkey	21.9	23.1	21.9	22.1	22.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total smaller European countries	32.8	33.1	33.5	34.9	35.0	35.5	36.9	40.1	41.5	43.0	44.1	44.6	45.5	48.0	49.1	49.8	49.1	49.7	49.3	50.7
Australia	24.1	24.1	26.8	27.5	27.0	27.6	31.5	33.4	33.9	35.0	34.2	33.6	34.0	34.8	37.2	37.8	39.0	38.9	38.3	..
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total smaller countries	31.5	31.8	32.6	33.8	33.9	34.3	36.0	39.1	40.3	41.9	42.8	43.2	44.0	45.9	47.2	47.7	47.2	47.9	47.9	50.7
Total OECD	31.9	31.7	32.3	32.9	33.1	32.9	34.8	37.9	37.3	37.1	37.5	38.0	39.3	39.9	41.3	41.4	40.4	40.7	41.0	40.9
Four major European countries	38.6	38.7	37.9	38.5	39.5	39.9	42.1	45.9	45.4	45.1	45.7	45.6	45.8	48.0	48.7	48.9	49.2	49.2	48.8	49.5
OECD Europe	36.9	37.0	36.6	37.4	38.1	38.6	40.4	44.0	44.1	44.4	45.2	45.2	45.7	48.0	48.9	49.1	49.1	49.3	49.0	49.9
EEC	37.4	37.4	37.0	37.7	38.5	38.7	40.7	44.4	44.2	44.2	45.1	45.1	45.7	48.2	49.0	49.4	49.5	49.6	49.2	50.5
Total OECD less the United States	33.1	33.0	33.0	33.9	34.5	34.5	36.5	40.0	39.9	40.3	40.8	41.4	42.3	43.6	44.7	44.7	44.2	44.1	43.7	43.7

Source: *National Accounts* (annual OECD publication). The data in this table are measured according to the standard definitions of the OECD-United Nations system of accounts. (See *A System of National Accounts*, Series F, No. 2, Rev. 3, United Nations, 1968.)

Percentages for country groups. The percentages for each group of countries are calculated from the total GDP and total outlays of government for the group, with both aggregates expressed in US dollars at current exchange rates. Percentages for country groups exclude countries for which no data are shown in the table.

Total outlays of government mainly consists of current disbursements plus gross capital formation. It is the sum of lines 38, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15 less line 2 and 3 in Table 6 (Capital accumulation account) of *National Accounts*, Volume II, Detailed Tables.

a) Only current disbursements.

Table R 15. Current receipts of government as percentage of GDP

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
United States	28.7	29.9	28.9	28.2	29.3	29.6	30.3	28.8	29.5	29.7	29.9	30.5	30.8	31.6	31.1	30.7	30.7	31.2	31.3	32.0
Japan	19.6	19.7	20.6	21.6	21.5	22.5	24.5	24.0	23.6	24.7	24.5	26.3	27.6	29.1	29.5	29.8	30.4	31.2	31.5	33.2
Germany	37.8	39.3	38.3	39.4	39.8	42.2	42.7	42.7	44.0	45.0	44.7	44.4	44.7	44.8	45.4	45.1	45.3	45.6	44.9	44.4
France	38.8	39.8	38.3	37.6	37.8	37.8	38.4	39.7	41.8	41.4	41.1	42.7	44.5	45.1	45.9	46.6	47.6	47.6	47.1	47.6
United Kingdom	37.6	39.5	40.4	38.3	36.6	35.9	39.5	40.2	39.3	38.8	37.4	38.3	40.0	42.3	43.1	42.4	42.4	42.5	41.6	..
Italy	31.6	30.7	30.4	31.1	30.9	30.4	30.6	31.2	32.9	34.3	36.0	35.7	33.1	34.1	35.9	37.7	37.4	38.0	39.0	39.3
Canada	31.5	33.5	34.2	34.7	35.2	34.9	37.2	36.1	35.8	36.1	35.7	35.5	36.2	38.5	39.1	38.7	38.7	38.5	39.4	39.5
Total of above countries	30.3	31.3	30.7	30.5	31.0	31.5	32.6	32.1	32.6	32.9	32.8	33.9	34.6	35.0	35.0	34.7	34.5	34.9	35.3	35.9
Austria	38.9	39.6	39.7	40.5	41.2	41.9	42.5	42.9	42.4	43.7	46.2	45.8	46.4	47.8	46.7	46.4	47.5	48.5	47.9	47.6
Belgium	33.8	34.3	35.2	35.7	35.5	36.4	37.7	40.4	40.1	41.6	42.4	43.1	42.7	43.4	45.2	44.6	45.7	46.0	45.1	45.4
Denmark	36.9	37.2	41.7	46.4	45.9	46.8	48.4	46.1	46.9	47.6	49.6	50.8	52.2	52.1	51.2	53.6	55.5	56.5	58.6	59.5
Finland	34.8	33.8	34.1	35.7	35.4	36.0	35.7	37.8	41.0	40.4	38.0	36.0	35.8	37.4	37.2	37.4	38.9	40.3	41.5	39.6
Greece	27.3	27.2	26.8	26.6	26.6	25.4	27.0	27.4	29.5	29.9	30.1	30.6	30.5	29.1	32.3	33.6	34.8	34.6	35.6	37.2
Iceland	33.5	30.3	30.9	32.6	34.5	36.6	34.7	34.6	33.4	31.8	32.1	33.5	33.3	33.8	35.5	33.4	33.9	32.5	32.2	32.2
Ireland	31.0	31.6	35.3	36.3	34.9	34.5	35.2	34.6	37.9	36.4	35.2	35.9	38.8	39.6	41.5	43.2	43.3	43.1	43.4	..
Luxembourg	34.5	34.3	35.4	38.4	38.5	39.0	40.2	48.6	50.3	54.1	55.1	52.0	53.2	53.7	53.6	56.2	54.1	..	..	..
Netherlands	42.4	43.2	42.0	43.3	44.5	45.9	47.0	49.2	49.5	50.5	50.9	51.4	52.8	53.5	53.8	55.3	54.1	54.3	52.9	53.3
Norway	41.1	43.3	43.5	46.6	48.4	49.6	48.5	48.7	49.8	50.0	50.8	50.8	53.2	51.8	51.9	51.8	53.0	55.1	54.6	54.2
Portugal	21.5	22.5	24.3	23.5	23.4	22.7	23.0	24.8	28.1	30.5	29.5	30.0	31.4	33.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spain	21.2	21.9	22.5	22.6	23.0	23.7	22.8	24.3	25.3	26.5	27.1	28.4	29.7	31.2	31.4	33.5	33.2	34.5	35.0	..
Sweden	45.7	46.7	46.6	49.4	49.5	47.7	48.8	50.5	55.1	58.0	57.5	56.4	56.6	58.3	58.9	59.9	59.6	59.5	61.6	62.7
Switzerland	25.3	26.4	26.5	26.2	26.4	28.8	29.7	32.1	33.9	33.7	33.8	33.1	32.8	32.8	33.3	33.9	34.7	34.4	35.0	34.5
Turkey	21.8	23.8	23.7	23.7	27.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total smaller European countries	33.4	34.1	34.8	36.0	36.3	37.2	37.6	39.2	40.8	41.8	42.0	41.9	42.7	43.4	43.8	45.0	45.4	45.9	46.1	48.9
Australia	25.7	26.5	26.5	27.2	25.1	26.6	28.4	29.0	29.7	30.0	29.0	29.9	30.8	32.0	32.5	31.9	33.6	33.9	34.7	..
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total smaller countries	32.3	33.0	33.6	34.8	34.7	35.5	36.1	37.6	39.1	40.2	40.3	40.4	41.2	41.6	42.0	42.8	43.2	44.0	44.6	48.9
Total OECD	30.6	31.5	31.1	31.1	31.5	32.1	33.2	33.0	33.6	34.0	34.0	34.9	35.6	35.9	36.0	35.7	35.6	36.0	36.5	37.2
Four major European countries	36.9	37.9	37.3	37.2	37.0	37.9	38.9	39.5	40.7	41.2	41.0	41.3	41.5	42.3	43.2	43.4	43.6	43.8	43.5	44.0
OECD Europe	35.8	36.7	36.6	36.9	36.8	37.7	38.5	39.4	40.8	41.4	41.3	41.5	41.9	42.6	43.4	43.8	44.1	44.5	44.3	45.4
EEC	35.9	36.8	36.5	36.6	36.5	37.3	38.1	38.9	40.1	40.7	40.7	41.0	41.4	42.1	43.0	43.5	43.7	44.0	43.8	45.1
Total OECD less the United States	32.4	33.1	33.1	33.6	33.3	33.8	35.0	35.7	36.4	36.9	36.4	37.4	38.2	38.7	39.4	39.4	39.5	39.9	39.9	40.7

Source: *National Accounts* (annual OECD publication). The data in this table are measured according to the standard definitions of the OECD-United Nations system of accounts. (See *A System of National Accounts*, Series F, No. 2, Rev. 3, United Nations, 1968.)

Percentages for country groups. The percentages for each group of countries are calculated from the total GDP and current receipts of government for the group, with both aggregates expressed in US dollars at current exchange rates. Percentages for country groups exclude countries for which no data are shown in the table.

Current receipts of government mainly consists of direct and indirect taxes, and social security contributions paid by employers and employees. It is given on line 21 of Table 6 (Income and outlay account) of *National Accounts*, Volume II, Detailed Tables.

✓ Table R 17. Standardized unemployment rates in fifteen OECD countries
Per cent of total labour force

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
United States	3.4	4.8	5.8	5.5	4.8	5.5	8.3	7.6	6.9	6.0	5.8	7.0	7.5	9.5	9.5	7.4	7.1	6.9	6.1	5.4
Japan	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.5
Germany	0.9*	0.8*	0.9*	0.8*	0.8*	1.6*	3.6*	3.7*	3.6*	3.5*	3.2*	3.0	4.4	6.1	8.0	7.1	7.2	6.4	6.2	6.2
France ^a	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	4.0	4.4	4.9	5.2	5.9	6.3	7.4*	8.1*	8.3*	9.7*	10.2*	10.4*	10.5*	10.1
Italy	5.6	5.3	5.3	6.3	6.2	5.3	5.8	6.6	7.0	7.1	7.6	7.5	7.8	8.4	9.3	9.9	10.1	10.9*	11.8*	11.8
United Kingdom ^a	2.9	3.0	3.6	4.0	3.0	2.9	4.3	5.6	6.0*	5.9*	5.0*	6.4*	9.8*	11.3*	12.4*	11.7	11.2	11.2	10.2	8.3
Canada	4.4	5.6	6.1	6.2	5.5	5.3	6.9	7.1	8.0	8.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	10.9	11.8	11.2	10.4	9.5	8.8	7.7
Major seven countries	2.7*	3.2*	3.7*	3.8*	3.4*	3.7*	5.4*	5.4*	5.4*	5.1*	4.9*	5.5*	6.4*	7.7*	8.2*	7.4*	7.2*	7.1*	6.8*	6.2
Australia	1.8	1.6	1.9	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.8	4.7	5.6	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.7	7.1	9.9	8.9	8.2	8.0	8.1	7.2
Belgium ^a	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.7	3.0	5.0	6.4	7.4	7.9	8.2	8.8	10.8	12.6	12.1	12.1	11.3	11.2	11.1	10.2
Finland	2.8	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.3	1.7	2.2	3.8	5.8	7.2	5.9	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.5
Netherlands ^a	1.0*	1.0*	1.3*	2.2*	2.2*	2.7*	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.4	6.0	8.5	11.4	12.0	11.8	10.6	9.9	9.6	9.5
Norway	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	2.3	1.7	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.6	2.0	2.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	2.0	2.1	3.2
Portugal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.9	8.4	8.5	8.5	7.0	5.7
Spain	2.7	2.4	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.6	3.6	4.6	5.2	6.9	8.5	11.2	13.9	15.8	17.2	20.1	21.4	21.0	20.1	19.1
Sweden	1.9	1.5	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.5	3.2	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.7	1.9	1.6
Total OECD	2.6*	3.1*	3.6*	3.7*	3.3*	3.5*	5.2*	5.3*	5.3*	5.2*	5.1*	5.8*	6.7*	8.1*	8.6*	8.0*	7.8*	7.7*	7.4*	6.7
<i>Memorandum item</i>																				
EEC ^b	2.7*	2.6*	2.9*	3.2*	2.9*	3.0*	4.3*	5.0*	5.4*	5.6*	5.7*	6.4*	8.2*	9.5*	10.5*	10.8*	10.9*	10.9*	10.7*	10.0

a) Series based on EEC Labour Force Surveys: see corresponding notes in *Quarterly Labour Force Statistics*.

b) EEC: only countries shown: Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain are included in the area total.

Note: These unemployment rates are based on the ILO/OECD Guidelines. The unemployed are defined as persons of working age who are without work, available for work and actively seeking employment; unemployment is expressed as a percentage of total labour force including all members of the armed forces. Estimated or preliminary figures are marked by an asterisk (*). Break is marked by (|). Revision is marked by (R). The data above are averages of quarterly or monthly figures. For a detailed description of the sources and methods used see *Standardized Unemployment Rates, Sources and Methods* (OECD, 1985).