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The following pages present forecasts by the Institute for Employment Research, Germany (IAB) of the number of people in employment subject to social security contributions, the number of unemployed, the number of unemployed in the Social Code II and III systems and the number of people who are able to work and are eligible for benefits for various regions as well as the unemployment rate. Until the issue 1/2015, this forecast was published as "Regional Forecasts of Unemployment and Employment in the German Federal States and Labour Market Districts". At the IAB, the calculations are carried out in the Regional Research Network.

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1 Methodology

The forecasts for the number of employed subject to social security contributions, the number of unemployed and those capable of working and eligible for benefits are carried out in a three-step process:

1. First, nine different time-series models are estimated. In two of these models, only former values of the dependent variable are included. These models adapt best to the short-term development in a region if there are large fluctuations in the region or there is no clear pattern in the recent past. Two further models decompose the time series to differentiate between level, trend, seasonal and business-cycle influences. The advantage of these two models is that they have a high and robust forecast quality if the time series has a regular and clearly identifiable long-term pattern. In order to profit from the advantages of both types of models, further models were constructed which use a combination of these two approaches. Especially in the case of relatively small regional units, as is the case with the labour market districts, it is likely that regional interdependencies play an important role. Such spatial interdependencies are accounted for in three further models. Two of these treat employment, unemployment and the number capable of working and eligible for benefits as separate variables whereas the third model (first used in March 2011) also accounts for the dependencies between the unemployed (at their place of residence) and the employed (at their place of work). The models with spatial autocorrelation were developed at the IAB in order to improve the forecast accuracy. The last model, a stock-flow approach, uses the information that in- and outflow of workers provide about the future level of (un)employment. These models yield especially good forecasting results during turning points.
2. In order to take the pros and cons of the different models used in the first step into account, an average of the models is calculated in a second step. However, in this so-called pooling, in each region only those models are included whose forecasts have a relatively small deviation from the forecast for Germany. At the same time, in order to control for international and national influences, we adjust the regional forecasts to match the values for the national forecast that take these (inter)national dependencies into account. Hence, the national forecast is a further explanatory variable in our pooled model for every region. The current forecast is based on those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024 (in German only).
3. In order to verify the validity of the models, in a third step the results are compared with assessments at the ten Regional Offices of the IAB. In this step, it is possible to take important unique events in a region into account. Thus, regional expertise is contained in the forecasts.

In addition to the forecasts of the yearly averages, we also predict unemployment rates based on the number of all civilian employees. Please note that the number of civilian employees is an estimate in this context. For this purpose, we use the predicted change in unemployment and employment subject to social security contributions, but hold constant the number in all other employment types, for example, mini-jobs, civil servants or self-employed.

By definition, forecasts are uncertain. For this reason, lower and upper bounds are calculated so that the future true values lie within this interval with a probability of roughly 66%. Because the underlying regional forecast model differs from the one used for the national forecasts, the statistical uncertainty and hence the lower and upper bounds differ between the two. A more complete explanation (in German only) of the methodology used can be found in:

Bach et al. (2009): Der deutsche Arbeitsmarkt – Entwicklungen und Perspektiven. In: Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung, Nürnberg (Ed.), Handbuch Arbeitsmarkt 2009, (IAB-Bibliothek, 314), Bielefeld: Bertelsmann, p. 64-78.

2 Employment in the Federal States yearly average

	2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)			
		Average	Average	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
Federal State								
Schleswig-Holstein	1,060,100	1,064,400	1,051,700	1,077,000		0.4	-0.8	1.6
Hamburg	1,077,900	1,087,000	1,073,800	1,100,300		0.8	-0.4	2.1
Lower Saxony	3,156,600	3,172,600	3,131,500	3,213,800		0.5	-0.8	1.8
Bremen	347,600	349,600	345,500	353,600		0.6	-0.6	1.7
North Rhine-Westphalia	7,367,500	7,426,300	7,346,300	7,506,300		0.8	-0.3	1.9
Hessen	2,769,800	2,790,800	2,759,800	2,821,900		0.8	-0.4	1.9
Rhineland-Palatinate	1,491,300	1,496,800	1,467,100	1,526,500		0.4	-1.6	2.4
Baden-Württemberg	4,938,400	4,960,300	4,897,900	5,022,700		0.4	-0.8	1.7
Bavaria	5,964,400	5,997,100	5,916,300	6,077,900		0.5	-0.8	1.9
Saarland	392,300	391,400	387,200	395,700		-0.2	-1.3	0.9
Berlin	1,689,600	1,696,700	1,670,000	1,723,400		0.4	-1.2	2.0
Brandenburg	882,700	883,000	872,700	893,400		0.0	-1.1	1.2
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	576,000	575,100	569,400	580,800		-0.2	-1.1	0.8
Saxony	1,642,800	1,645,100	1,626,600	1,663,600		0.1	-1.0	1.3
Saxony-Anhalt	797,000	794,300	787,200	801,400		-0.3	-1.2	0.6
Thuringia	792,900	788,400	778,900	797,900		-0.6	-1.8	0.6
Germany (western/eastern/total)¹⁾								
Germany, western	28,566,000	28,736,000	28,377,000	29,096,000		0.6	-0.7	1.9
Germany, eastern	6,381,000	6,383,000	6,305,000	6,461,000		0.0	-1.2	1.3
Germany, total	34,947,000	35,119,000	34,682,000	35,556,000		0.5	-0.8	1.7

¹⁾ Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000. Due to rounding off, the sums for Germany (western/eastern/total) may diverge slightly from official statistics. Due to methodological differences, the lower and upper bounds presented here are not comparable with those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

Total values correspond to those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

Source: Forecasts are based on data of the Federal Employment Agency. Time-span: January 1993 to June 2024.

3 Employment in the Labour Market Districts yearly average

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
			Average ¹⁾	Average ¹⁾	Lower Bound ²⁾	Upper Bound ²⁾	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
30	Greifswald	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	84,000	84,000	82,600	85,400	0.0	-1.7	1.7
31	Neubrandenburg	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	91,200	90,500	88,700	92,200	-0.8	-2.7	1.1
32	Rostock	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	166,300	167,500	160,600	174,400	0.7	-3.4	4.9
33	Schwerin	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	161,200	160,300	153,400	167,200	-0.6	-4.8	3.7
34	Stralsund	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	73,300	72,800	71,900	73,700	-0.7	-1.9	0.5
35	Cottbus	Brandenburg	220,800	220,700	209,700	231,800	0.0	-5.0	5.0
36	Eberswalde	Brandenburg	92,700	92,900	91,100	94,600	0.2	-1.7	2.0
37	Frankfurt (Oder)	Brandenburg	151,100	151,300	146,100	156,600	0.1	-3.3	3.6
38	Neuruppin	Brandenburg	166,700	165,600	157,400	173,900	-0.7	-5.6	4.3
39	Potsdam	Brandenburg	251,400	252,500	240,600	264,300	0.4	-4.3	5.1
42	Sachsen-Anhalt Ost	Saxony-Anhalt	131,500	130,900	127,000	134,900	-0.5	-3.4	2.6
43	Sachsen-Anhalt West	Saxony-Anhalt	132,700	131,500	127,100	136,000	-0.9	-4.2	2.5
44	Sachsen-Anhalt Süd	Saxony-Anhalt	270,100	269,500	255,700	283,300	-0.2	-5.3	4.9
45	Sachsen-Anhalt Nord	Saxony-Anhalt	262,700	262,400	253,600	271,200	-0.1	-3.5	3.2
71	Annaberg-Buchholz	Saxony	110,700	109,200	106,400	112,100	-1.4	-3.9	1.3
72	Bautzen	Saxony	199,200	198,200	192,700	203,700	-0.5	-3.3	2.3
73	Chemnitz	Saxony	118,000	117,700	116,500	119,000	-0.3	-1.3	0.8
74	Dresden	Saxony	282,900	286,200	275,800	296,700	1.2	-2.5	4.9
75	Leipzig	Saxony	297,700	303,100	291,300	314,900	1.8	-2.1	5.8
76	Oschatz	Saxony	157,400	157,600	154,500	160,700	0.1	-1.8	2.1
77	Pirna	Saxony	79,700	79,500	73,400	85,500	-0.3	-7.9	7.3
78	Plauen	Saxony	79,400	78,800	73,000	84,500	-0.8	-8.1	6.4
79	Riesa	Saxony	88,000	87,500	82,200	92,800	-0.6	-6.6	5.5
80	Freiberg	Saxony	105,200	103,700	99,400	107,900	-1.4	-5.5	2.6
92	Zwickau	Saxony	124,600	123,600	119,700	127,500	-0.8	-3.9	2.3
93	Thüringen Mitte	Thuringia	276,300	276,700	266,700	286,700	0.1	-3.5	3.8
94	Thüringen Ost	Thuringia	244,200	242,800	235,000	250,700	-0.6	-3.8	2.7

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97	Thüringen Nord	Thuringia	118,500	117,000	112,400	121,600	-1.3	-5.1	2.6
98	Thüringen Südwest	Thuringia	153,900	151,900	149,100	154,800	-1.3	-3.1	0.6
111	Bad Oldesloe	Schleswig-Holstein	141,600	141,500	138,300	144,600	-0.1	-2.3	2.1
115	Elmshorn	Schleswig-Holstein	196,100	197,200	193,100	201,300	0.6	-1.5	2.7
119	Flensburg	Schleswig-Holstein	172,700	172,800	169,300	176,300	0.1	-2.0	2.1
123	Hamburg	Hamburg	1,077,900	1,087,000	1,026,400	1,147,700	0.8	-4.8	6.5
127	Heide	Schleswig-Holstein	86,900	87,000	81,100	93,000	0.1	-6.7	7.0
131	Kiel	Schleswig-Holstein	162,300	163,400	160,900	165,800	0.7	-0.9	2.2
135	Lübeck	Schleswig-Holstein	170,200	170,900	165,000	176,700	0.4	-3.1	3.8
139	Neumünster	Schleswig-Holstein	130,300	131,600	126,500	136,800	1.0	-2.9	5.0
211	Braunschweig-Goslar	Lower Saxony	258,400	259,200	246,700	271,600	0.3	-4.5	5.1
214	Bremen-Bremerhaven	Bremen/Lower Saxony	376,400	378,100	373,300	382,900	0.5	-0.8	1.7
221	Celle	Lower Saxony	109,700	110,100	105,200	115,000	0.4	-4.1	4.8
224	Emden-Leer	Lower Saxony	163,200	163,100	156,500	169,600	-0.1	-4.1	3.9
231	Göttingen	Lower Saxony	180,200	180,200	171,700	188,700	0.0	-4.7	4.7
234	Hameln	Lower Saxony	124,300	123,800	120,200	127,400	-0.4	-3.3	2.5
237	Hannover	Lower Saxony	546,700	550,100	517,700	582,500	0.6	-5.3	6.5
241	Helmstedt	Lower Saxony	190,200	191,100	186,800	195,500	0.5	-1.8	2.8
244	Hildesheim	Lower Saxony	129,600	130,000	123,100	136,900	0.3	-5.0	5.6
251	Lüneburg-Uelzen	Lower Saxony	180,700	181,300	176,000	186,500	0.3	-2.6	3.2
257	Nordhorn	Lower Saxony	208,600	210,800	206,500	215,200	1.1	-1.0	3.2
261	Oldenburg-Wilhelmshaven	Lower Saxony	300,400	303,900	292,500	315,400	1.2	-2.6	5.0
264	Osnabrück	Lower Saxony	234,100	235,400	231,100	239,700	0.6	-1.3	2.4
267	Stade	Lower Saxony	179,500	180,800	172,000	189,500	0.7	-4.2	5.6
274	Vechta	Lower Saxony	151,300	152,500	146,100	159,000	0.8	-3.4	5.1
277	Nienburg-Verden	Lower Saxony	170,900	171,800	166,200	177,400	0.5	-2.8	3.8
311	Aachen-Düren	North Rhine-Westphalia	399,000	402,800	387,500	418,100	1.0	-2.9	4.8
315	Bergisch Gladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	252,100	252,200	240,100	264,200	0.0	-4.8	4.8
317	Bielefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	351,800	353,300	340,400	366,100	0.4	-3.2	4.1

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321	Bochum	North Rhine-Westphalia	200,600	202,900	201,200	204,700	1.1	0.3	2.0
323	Bonn	North Rhine-Westphalia	369,800	375,600	364,800	386,500	1.6	-1.4	4.5
325	Brühl	North Rhine-Westphalia	209,300	210,100	206,200	213,900	0.4	-1.5	2.2
327	Coesfeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	236,600	238,000	232,600	243,400	0.6	-1.7	2.9
331	Detmold	North Rhine-Westphalia	121,200	121,800	118,500	125,100	0.5	-2.2	3.2
333	Dortmund	North Rhine-Westphalia	266,400	269,000	265,600	272,300	1.0	-0.3	2.2
337	Düsseldorf	North Rhine-Westphalia	463,200	469,800	452,600	486,900	1.4	-2.3	5.1
341	Duisburg	North Rhine-Westphalia	179,500	180,200	171,700	188,600	0.4	-4.3	5.1
343	Essen	North Rhine-Westphalia	272,800	276,800	266,700	286,900	1.5	-2.2	5.2
345	Gelsenkirchen	North Rhine-Westphalia	118,400	118,200	113,100	123,300	-0.2	-4.5	4.1
347	Hagen	North Rhine-Westphalia	177,900	176,600	173,900	179,400	-0.7	-2.2	0.8
351	Hamm	North Rhine-Westphalia	199,900	200,700	191,500	209,900	0.4	-4.2	5.0
353	Herford	North Rhine-Westphalia	232,000	233,000	229,400	236,600	0.4	-1.1	2.0
355	Iserlohn	North Rhine-Westphalia	160,000	158,900	151,900	166,000	-0.7	-5.1	3.8
357	Köln	North Rhine-Westphalia	631,000	641,000	604,700	677,400	1.6	-4.2	7.4
361	Krefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	195,200	195,800	193,400	198,300	0.3	-0.9	1.6
364	Mettmann	North Rhine-Westphalia	202,700	205,300	196,300	214,200	1.3	-3.2	5.7
365	Mönchengladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	269,900	272,500	263,300	281,800	1.0	-2.4	4.4
367	Ahlen-Münster	North Rhine-Westphalia	294,600	299,100	288,900	309,300	1.5	-1.9	5.0
371	Oberhausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	133,800	134,300	126,000	142,600	0.4	-5.8	6.6
373	Paderborn	North Rhine-Westphalia	177,000	178,900	176,100	181,700	1.1	-0.5	2.7
375	Recklinghausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	183,200	185,100	179,900	190,400	1.0	-1.8	3.9
377	Rheine	North Rhine-Westphalia	173,000	174,400	169,700	179,100	0.8	-1.9	3.5
381	Siegen	North Rhine-Westphalia	182,300	183,200	178,400	188,000	0.5	-2.1	3.1
383	Meschede-Soest	North Rhine-Westphalia	227,700	228,100	219,300	236,800	0.2	-3.7	4.0
387	Wesel	North Rhine-Westphalia	255,100	257,200	251,700	262,700	0.8	-1.3	3.0
391	Solingen-Wuppertal	North Rhine-Westphalia	231,500	231,500	224,300	238,700	0.0	-3.1	3.1
411	Bad Hersfeld-Fulda	Hessen	149,000	149,100	140,100	158,100	0.1	-6.0	6.1
415	Darmstadt	Hessen	299,300	300,500	287,500	313,600	0.4	-3.9	4.8

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419	Frankfurt	Hessen	644,000	654,200	620,000	688,400	1.6	-3.7	6.9
427	Gießen	Hessen	232,000	232,500	228,000	237,100	0.2	-1.7	2.2
431	Hanau	Hessen	141,700	142,100	132,600	151,600	0.3	-6.4	7.0
433	Bad Homburg	Hessen	314,600	317,600	306,100	329,000	1.0	-2.7	4.6
435	Kassel	Hessen	225,100	226,100	220,100	232,100	0.4	-2.2	3.1
439	Korbach	Hessen	124,900	124,900	122,000	127,700	0.0	-2.3	2.2
443	Limburg-Wetzlar	Hessen	155,400	155,700	152,200	159,200	0.2	-2.1	2.4
447	Marburg	Hessen	97,800	98,400	93,000	103,700	0.6	-4.9	6.0
451	Offenbach	Hessen	189,800	192,700	188,200	197,200	1.5	-0.8	3.9
459	Wiesbaden	Hessen	196,200	197,000	192,000	202,100	0.4	-2.1	3.0
511	Bad Kreuznach	Rhineland-Palatinate	123,100	123,600	119,000	128,200	0.4	-3.3	4.1
515	Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens	Rhineland-Palatinate	170,200	169,700	167,500	171,900	-0.3	-1.6	1.0
519	Koblenz-Mayen	Rhineland-Palatinate	209,700	210,900	205,800	216,000	0.6	-1.9	3.0
523	Ludwigshafen	Rhineland-Palatinate	185,100	185,500	182,700	188,300	0.2	-1.3	1.7
527	Mainz	Rhineland-Palatinate	257,200	259,900	256,700	263,100	1.0	-0.2	2.3
535	Montabaur	Rhineland-Palatinate	105,900	106,100	102,300	109,800	0.2	-3.4	3.7
543	Landau	Rhineland-Palatinate	154,600	155,200	152,000	158,400	0.4	-1.7	2.5
547	Neuwied	Rhineland-Palatinate	106,200	106,700	103,500	109,800	0.5	-2.5	3.4
555	Saarland	Saarland	392,300	391,400	371,800	411,100	-0.2	-5.2	4.8
563	Trier	Rhineland-Palatinate	179,300	179,200	174,000	184,400	-0.1	-3.0	2.8
611	Aalen	Baden-Württemberg	189,300	189,900	182,800	197,000	0.3	-3.4	4.1
614	Balingen	Baden-Württemberg	121,400	121,000	118,800	123,300	-0.3	-2.1	1.6
617	Freiburg	Baden-Württemberg	287,400	291,200	275,300	307,200	1.3	-4.2	6.9
621	Göppingen	Baden-Württemberg	314,300	314,600	310,600	318,500	0.1	-1.2	1.3
624	Heidelberg	Baden-Württemberg	285,900	288,300	284,100	292,400	0.8	-0.6	2.3
627	Heilbronn	Baden-Württemberg	229,200	231,200	223,100	239,200	0.9	-2.7	4.4
631	Karlsruhe-Rastatt	Baden-Württemberg	476,300	479,000	459,000	499,100	0.6	-3.6	4.8
634	Konstanz-Ravensburg	Baden-Württemberg	333,000	334,700	317,600	351,700	0.5	-4.6	5.6
637	Lörrach	Baden-Württemberg	135,300	135,200	133,200	137,200	-0.1	-1.6	1.4

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641	Ludwigsburg	Baden-Württemberg	218,000	219,500	211,100	227,900	0.7	-3.2	4.5
644	Mannheim	Baden-Württemberg	200,300	201,000	190,100	211,900	0.3	-5.1	5.8
647	Nagold-Pforzheim	Baden-Württemberg	223,900	222,800	214,500	231,000	-0.5	-4.2	3.2
651	Offenburg	Baden-Württemberg	192,300	192,900	186,100	199,700	0.3	-3.2	3.8
664	Reutlingen	Baden-Württemberg	212,200	213,800	206,300	221,300	0.8	-2.8	4.3
671	Waiblingen	Baden-Württemberg	154,900	155,100	150,500	159,700	0.1	-2.8	3.1
674	Schwäbisch Hall-Tauberbischofsheim	Baden-Württemberg	258,300	259,200	244,500	273,900	0.3	-5.3	6.0
677	Stuttgart	Baden-Württemberg	632,600	634,700	607,500	662,000	0.3	-4.0	4.6
684	Ulm	Baden-Württemberg	254,900	257,300	252,500	262,000	0.9	-0.9	2.8
687	Rottweil-Villingen-Schwenningen	Baden-Württemberg	218,900	218,900	208,100	229,700	0.0	-4.9	4.9
711	Ansbach-Weißenburg	Bavaria	169,300	169,600	164,800	174,400	0.2	-2.7	3.0
715	Aschaffenburg	Bavaria	148,400	147,900	143,200	152,600	-0.3	-3.5	2.8
723	Bayreuth-Hof	Bavaria	199,200	199,600	192,300	206,900	0.2	-3.5	3.9
727	Bamberg-Coburg	Bavaria	245,600	244,500	234,500	254,600	-0.4	-4.5	3.7
729	Fürth	Bavaria	260,900	260,700	247,300	274,200	-0.1	-5.2	5.1
735	Nürnberg	Bavaria	395,800	397,700	392,700	402,700	0.5	-0.8	1.7
739	Regensburg	Bavaria	283,500	286,600	276,600	296,600	1.1	-2.4	4.6
743	Schwandorf	Bavaria	173,600	173,900	166,200	181,700	0.2	-4.3	4.7
747	Schweinfurt	Bavaria	178,900	178,300	172,200	184,500	-0.3	-3.7	3.1
751	Weiden	Bavaria	89,400	89,100	86,100	92,000	-0.3	-3.7	2.9
759	Würzburg	Bavaria	220,800	221,100	210,700	231,500	0.1	-4.6	4.8
811	Augsburg	Bavaria	276,100	278,400	266,500	290,300	0.8	-3.5	5.1
815	Deggendorf	Bavaria	142,300	143,100	137,200	149,000	0.6	-3.6	4.7
819	Donauwörth	Bavaria	223,500	223,400	216,500	230,200	0.0	-3.1	3.0
823	Freising	Bavaria	225,800	228,400	218,900	238,000	1.2	-3.1	5.4
827	Ingolstadt	Bavaria	226,100	225,600	220,200	231,000	-0.2	-2.6	2.2
831	Kempten-Memmingen	Bavaria	292,700	295,600	290,800	300,300	1.0	-0.6	2.6
835	Landshut-Pfarrkirchen	Bavaria	191,000	191,900	182,200	201,500	0.5	-4.6	5.5
843	München	Bavaria	1,239,500	1,255,500	1,185,100	1,325,900	1.3	-4.4	7.0

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
			Average ¹⁾	Average ¹⁾	Lower Bound ²⁾	Upper Bound ²⁾	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
847	Passau	Bavaria	132,300	132,400	127,300	137,500	0.1	-3.8	3.9
855	Rosenheim	Bavaria	202,700	202,900	195,400	210,300	0.1	-3.6	3.7
859	Traunstein	Bavaria	207,800	209,200	198,800	219,600	0.7	-4.3	5.7
863	Weilheim	Bavaria	239,200	241,700	229,400	254,000	1.0	-4.1	6.2
900	Berlin	Berlin	1,689,600	1,696,700	1,588,900	1,804,500	0.4	-6.0	6.8
Germany (western/eastern/total)³⁾									
Germany, western			28,566,000	28,736,000	28,377,000	29,096,000	0.6	-0.7	1.9
Germany, eastern			6,381,000	6,383,000	6,305,000	6,461,000	0.0	-1.2	1.3
Germany, total			34,947,000	35,119,000	34,682,000	35,556,000	0.5	-0.8	1.7

¹⁾ Due to rounding off, differences between the sum of the labour market districts and Germany can occur.

²⁾ The statistical uncertainty which is represented in the lower and upper bounds is also affected by the size of a region. This means that the relative uncertainty of labour market districts is generally higher than for the Federal States. Therefore, the sums of the lower and upper bounds do not correspond to the values for the Federal States. The values for Germany (western/eastern/total) shown here are those from the results of the sum of the Federal States.

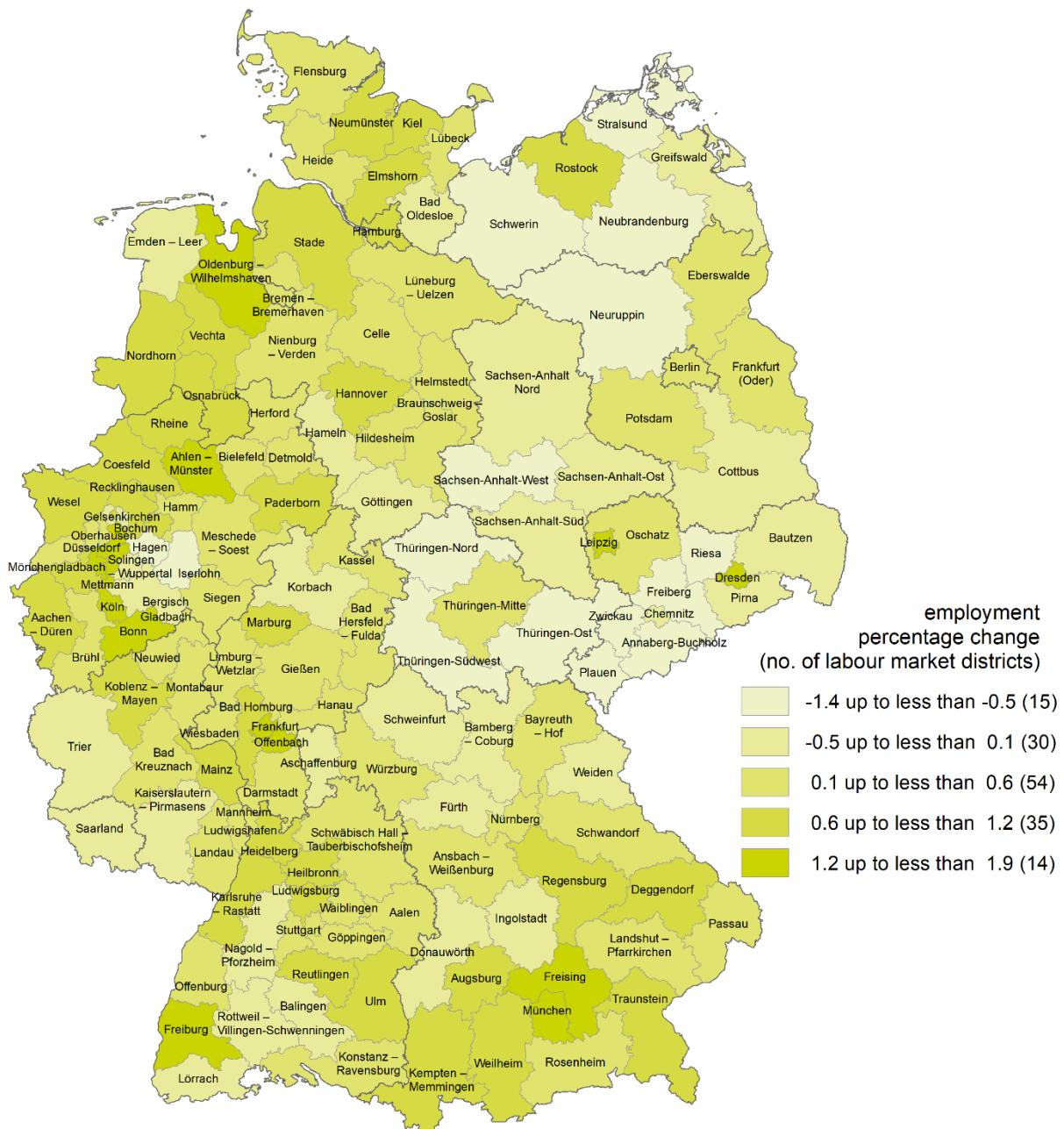
³⁾ Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000.

Total values correspond to those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

Source: Forecasts are based on data of the Federal Employment Agency. Time-span: January 1993 to June 2024.

4 Employment in the Labour Market Districts

percentage change in yearly average from 2024 to 2025



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Basis for the figure: GeoBasis-DE/Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy 2024;
Source: Statistic of the Federal Employment Agency 2024, own calculations.

5 Unemployment in the Federal States yearly average

	2024	Average	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
	Average		Lower Bound	Upper Bound		... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
Federal State								
Schleswig-Holstein	92,700	94,700	88,500	101,000		2.2	-4.5	9.0
Hamburg	88,900	91,200	86,300	96,100		2.6	-2.9	8.1
Lower Saxony	262,300	264,400	250,000	278,800		0.8	-4.7	6.3
Bremen	41,100	41,500	39,600	43,500		1.0	-3.6	5.8
North Rhine-Westphalia	750,400	758,400	714,300	802,400		1.1	-4.8	6.9
Hessen	195,100	200,200	188,200	212,100		2.6	-3.5	8.7
Rhineland-Palatinate	121,100	124,300	116,100	132,500		2.6	-4.1	9.4
Baden-Württemberg	269,500	276,600	254,400	298,800		2.6	-5.6	10.9
Bavaria	283,300	293,600	265,100	322,100		3.6	-6.4	13.7
Saarland	37,200	38,000	35,200	40,700		2.2	-5.4	9.4
Berlin	202,400	208,400	196,600	220,300		3.0	-2.9	8.8
Brandenburg	81,700	83,800	75,500	92,100		2.6	-7.6	12.7
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	64,600	67,100	59,900	74,400		3.9	-7.3	15.2
Saxony	137,200	142,200	129,000	155,400		3.6	-6.0	13.3
Saxony-Anhalt	82,900	84,800	76,700	92,800		2.3	-7.5	11.9
Thuringia	67,500	70,900	63,700	78,100		5.0	-5.6	15.7
Germany (western/eastern/total)¹⁾								
Germany, western	2,142,000	2,183,000	2,038,000	2,328,000		1.9	-4.9	8.7
Germany, eastern	636,000	657,000	601,000	713,000		3.3	-5.5	12.1
Germany, total	2,778,000	2,840,000	2,639,000	3,041,000		2.2	-5.0	9.5

¹⁾Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000. Due to rounding off, the sums for Germany (western/eastern/total) may diverge slightly from official statistics. Due to methodological differences, the lower and upper bounds presented here are not comparable with those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

Total values correspond to those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

Source: Forecasts are based on data of the Federal Employment Agency. Time-span: January 1991 to August 2024.

6 Number of Unemployed in the Social Code II System¹⁾ in the Federal States yearly average

	2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
		Average	Average	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
Federal State							
Schleswig-Holstein	60,800	62,700	58,100	67,400	3.1	-4.4	10.9
Hamburg	58,900	60,600	56,900	64,400	2.9	-3.4	9.3
Lower Saxony	175,400	179,700	170,400	189,000	2.5	-2.9	7.8
Bremen	31,100	31,900	30,300	33,500	2.6	-2.6	7.7
North Rhine-Westphalia	527,100	534,400	510,300	558,500	1.4	-3.2	6.0
Hessen	130,600	132,900	124,300	141,500	1.8	-4.8	8.3
Rhineland-Palatinate	72,600	75,500	71,300	79,700	4.0	-1.8	9.8
Baden-Württemberg	152,000	156,200	146,900	165,400	2.8	-3.4	8.8
Bavaria	139,700	144,500	133,700	155,300	3.4	-4.3	11.2
Saarland	25,500	26,200	24,300	28,100	2.7	-4.7	10.2
Berlin	137,000	139,800	129,500	150,000	2.0	-5.5	9.5
Brandenburg	55,200	56,800	51,300	62,200	2.9	-7.1	12.7
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	43,200	44,600	40,400	48,800	3.2	-6.5	13.0
Saxony	92,200	94,000	85,600	102,500	2.0	-7.2	11.2
Saxony-Anhalt	57,300	58,200	52,500	63,900	1.6	-8.4	11.5
Thuringia	43,400	45,000	40,300	49,600	3.7	-7.1	14.3
Germany (western/eastern/total)²⁾							
Germany, western	1,374,000	1,405,000	1,327,000	1,483,000	2.3	-3.4	7.9
Germany, eastern	428,000	438,000	400,000	477,000	2.3	-6.5	11.4
Germany, total	1,802,000	1,843,000	1,726,000	1,960,000	2.3	-4.2	8.8

¹⁾ SGB II unemployed.

²⁾ Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000. Due to rounding off, the sums for Germany (western/eastern/total) may diverge slightly from official statistics. Due to methodological differences, the lower and upper bounds presented here are not comparable with those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

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Source: Forecasts are based on data of the Federal Employment Agency. Time-span: January 2005 to August 2024.

7 Number of Unemployed in the Social Code III System¹⁾ in the Federal States yearly average

	2024		2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
	Average	Average	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
Federal State								
Schleswig-Holstein	31,900	32,000	29,400	34,600	0.3	-7.8	8.5	
Hamburg	30,000	30,600	28,200	33,000	2.0	-6.0	10.0	
Lower Saxony	86,900	84,700	76,700	92,700	-2.5	-11.7	6.7	
Bremen	10,000	9,600	8,600	10,600	-4.0	-14.0	6.0	
North Rhine-Westphalia	223,300	224,000	203,600	244,400	0.3	-8.8	9.4	
Hessen	64,500	67,300	59,700	74,900	4.3	-7.4	16.1	
Rhineland-Palatinate	48,500	48,800	44,000	53,600	0.6	-9.3	10.5	
Baden-Württemberg	117,500	120,400	105,900	134,900	2.5	-9.9	14.8	
Bavaria	143,600	149,100	131,700	166,500	3.8	-8.3	15.9	
Saarland	11,700	11,800	10,100	13,500	0.9	-13.7	15.4	
Berlin	65,400	68,600	63,500	73,700	4.9	-2.9	12.7	
Brandenburg	26,500	27,000	24,100	29,900	1.9	-9.1	12.8	
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	21,400	22,500	20,500	24,500	5.1	-4.2	14.5	
Saxony	45,000	48,200	43,700	52,700	7.1	-2.9	17.1	
Saxony-Anhalt	25,600	26,600	23,300	29,900	3.9	-9.0	16.8	
Thuringia	24,100	25,900	23,000	28,800	7.5	-4.6	19.5	
Germany (western/eastern/total)²⁾								
Germany, western	768,000	778,000	698,000	859,000	1.3	-9.1	11.8	
Germany, eastern	208,000	219,000	198,000	240,000	5.3	-4.8	15.4	
Germany, total	976,000	997,000	896,000	1,098,000	2.2	-8.2	12.5	

¹⁾ SGB III unemployed.

²⁾ Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000. Due to rounding off, the sums for Germany (western/eastern/total) may diverge slightly from official statistics. Due to methodological differences, the lower and upper bounds presented here are not comparable with those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

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8 Unemployment in the Labour Market Districts yearly average

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
			Average ¹⁾	Average ¹⁾	Lower Bound ²⁾	Upper Bound ²⁾	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
30	Greifswald	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	10,400	10,800	9,600	12,000	3.8	-7.7	15.4
31	Neubrandenburg	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	11,400	11,700	10,500	12,800	2.6	-7.9	12.3
32	Rostock	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	14,700	15,300	13,600	16,900	4.1	-7.5	15.0
33	Schwerin	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	17,700	18,500	16,300	20,600	4.5	-7.9	16.4
34	Stralsund	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	10,400	10,800	9,500	12,100	3.8	-8.7	16.3
35	Cottbus	Brandenburg	18,500	18,600	16,000	21,200	0.5	-13.5	14.6
36	Eberswalde	Brandenburg	11,900	12,300	10,800	13,900	3.4	-9.2	16.8
37	Frankfurt (Oder)	Brandenburg	14,100	14,500	13,100	15,900	2.8	-7.1	12.8
38	Neuruppin	Brandenburg	18,000	18,400	16,800	20,100	2.2	-6.7	11.7
39	Potsdam	Brandenburg	19,200	20,000	18,500	21,500	4.2	-3.6	12.0
42	Sachsen-Anhalt Ost	Saxony-Anhalt	13,300	13,600	12,000	15,100	2.3	-9.8	13.5
43	Sachsen-Anhalt West	Saxony-Anhalt	12,800	13,300	11,200	15,400	3.9	-12.5	20.3
44	Sachsen-Anhalt Süd	Saxony-Anhalt	30,400	31,000	28,300	33,600	2.0	-6.9	10.5
45	Sachsen-Anhalt Nord	Saxony-Anhalt	26,400	26,900	23,700	30,200	1.9	-10.2	14.4
71	Annaberg-Buchholz	Saxony	8,600	8,900	7,500	10,300	3.5	-12.8	19.8
72	Bautzen	Saxony	20,200	20,700	18,700	22,700	2.5	-7.4	12.4
73	Chemnitz	Saxony	11,100	11,700	10,900	12,600	5.4	-1.8	13.5
74	Dresden	Saxony	20,000	20,700	19,500	21,900	3.5	-2.5	9.5
75	Leipzig	Saxony	25,300	25,800	24,100	27,600	2.0	-4.7	9.1
76	Oschatz	Saxony	14,600	15,500	13,800	17,100	6.2	-5.5	17.1
77	Pirna	Saxony	6,700	6,700	5,800	7,700	0.0	-13.4	14.9
78	Plauen	Saxony	6,600	7,100	6,200	7,900	7.6	-6.1	19.7
79	Riesa	Saxony	7,300	7,700	6,800	8,500	5.5	-6.8	16.4
80	Freiberg	Saxony	8,300	8,700	7,600	9,800	4.8	-8.4	18.1
92	Zwickau	Saxony	8,500	8,700	7,200	10,100	2.4	-15.3	18.8
93	Thüringen Mitte	Thuringia	21,000	21,800	19,600	24,100	3.8	-6.7	14.8

			2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	Average ¹⁾	Average ¹⁾	Lower Bound ²⁾	Upper Bound ²⁾	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
94	Thüringen Ost	Thuringia	21,800	22,700	20,400	25,000	4.1	-6.4	14.7
97	Thüringen Nord	Thuringia	12,600	13,200	11,500	15,000	4.8	-8.7	19.0
98	Thüringen Südwest	Thuringia	12,100	13,200	11,200	15,200	9.1	-7.4	25.6
111	Bad Oldesloe	Schleswig-Holstein	11,500	11,900	11,100	12,800	3.5	-3.5	11.3
115	Elmshorn	Schleswig-Holstein	17,900	18,100	17,000	19,100	1.1	-5.0	6.7
119	Flensburg	Schleswig-Holstein	15,100	15,200	13,500	16,900	0.7	-10.6	11.9
123	Hamburg	Hamburg	88,900	91,200	87,100	95,400	2.6	-2.0	7.3
127	Heide	Schleswig-Holstein	8,600	8,900	8,000	9,700	3.5	-7.0	12.8
131	Kiel	Schleswig-Holstein	14,100	14,500	13,100	15,900	2.8	-7.1	12.8
135	Lübeck	Schleswig-Holstein	15,000	15,300	13,800	16,800	2.0	-8.0	12.0
139	Neumünster	Schleswig-Holstein	10,500	10,800	9,900	11,700	2.9	-5.7	11.4
211	Braunschweig-Goslar	Lower Saxony	21,500	21,400	20,000	22,800	-0.5	-7.0	6.0
214	Bremen-Bremerhaven	Bremen/Lower Saxony	43,300	43,700	41,200	46,200	0.9	-4.8	6.7
221	Celle	Lower Saxony	10,400	10,200	9,500	10,900	-1.9	-8.7	4.8
224	Emden-Leer	Lower Saxony	16,800	17,200	16,000	18,400	2.4	-4.8	9.5
231	Göttingen	Lower Saxony	16,200	16,300	14,900	17,600	0.6	-8.0	8.6
234	Hameln	Lower Saxony	13,200	13,300	12,500	14,100	0.8	-5.3	6.8
237	Hannover	Lower Saxony	50,400	51,900	48,500	55,300	3.0	-3.8	9.7
241	Helmstedt	Lower Saxony	11,700	11,700	11,100	12,400	0.0	-5.1	6.0
244	Hildesheim	Lower Saxony	14,700	14,800	13,900	15,800	0.7	-5.4	7.5
251	Lüneburg-Uelzen	Lower Saxony	16,900	17,100	16,000	18,200	1.2	-5.3	7.7
257	Nordhorn	Lower Saxony	9,400	9,400	8,400	10,400	0.0	-10.6	10.6
261	Oldenburg-Wilhelmshaven	Lower Saxony	26,500	26,500	24,800	28,200	0.0	-6.4	6.4
264	Osnabrück	Lower Saxony	14,900	14,900	13,700	16,100	0.0	-8.1	8.1
267	Stade	Lower Saxony	16,600	16,600	15,600	17,700	0.0	-6.0	6.6
274	Vechta	Lower Saxony	8,200	8,200	7,500	8,900	0.0	-8.5	8.5
277	Nienburg-Verden	Lower Saxony	12,700	12,700	11,900	13,600	0.0	-6.3	7.1
311	Aachen-Düren	North Rhine-Westphalia	42,700	43,600	40,300	46,800	2.1	-5.6	9.6
315	Bergisch Gladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	23,700	24,200	22,600	25,800	2.1	-4.6	8.9

			2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	Average ¹⁾	Average ¹⁾	Lower Bound ²⁾	Upper Bound ²⁾	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
317	Bielefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	27,600	28,000	26,200	29,900	1.4	-5.1	8.3
321	Bochum	North Rhine-Westphalia	27,100	27,000	24,900	29,100	-0.4	-8.1	7.4
323	Bonn	North Rhine-Westphalia	31,500	32,000	29,900	34,100	1.6	-5.1	8.3
325	Brühl	North Rhine-Westphalia	22,800	22,700	21,300	24,200	-0.4	-6.6	6.1
327	Coesfeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	15,700	16,500	14,900	18,000	5.1	-5.1	14.6
331	Detmold	North Rhine-Westphalia	10,300	10,200	9,500	10,900	-1.0	-7.8	5.8
333	Dortmund	North Rhine-Westphalia	38,200	38,400	35,900	41,000	0.5	-6.0	7.3
337	Düsseldorf	North Rhine-Westphalia	27,700	28,100	26,200	30,000	1.4	-5.4	8.3
341	Duisburg	North Rhine-Westphalia	33,800	34,000	31,800	36,300	0.6	-5.9	7.4
343	Essen	North Rhine-Westphalia	33,000	33,200	31,100	35,200	0.6	-5.8	6.7
345	Gelsenkirchen	North Rhine-Westphalia	24,900	25,300	23,700	26,900	1.6	-4.8	8.0
347	Hagen	North Rhine-Westphalia	24,700	24,800	23,200	26,500	0.4	-6.1	7.3
351	Hamm	North Rhine-Westphalia	24,300	24,400	22,800	26,100	0.4	-6.2	7.4
353	Herford	North Rhine-Westphalia	19,500	19,900	18,300	21,600	2.1	-6.2	10.8
355	Iserlohn	North Rhine-Westphalia	17,300	17,900	16,200	19,500	3.5	-6.4	12.7
357	Köln	North Rhine-Westphalia	55,000	55,500	52,700	58,300	0.9	-4.2	6.0
361	Krefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	22,900	23,100	21,700	24,400	0.9	-5.2	6.6
364	Mettmann	North Rhine-Westphalia	18,200	18,500	17,400	19,700	1.6	-4.4	8.2
365	Mönchengladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	29,400	30,200	28,400	32,000	2.7	-3.4	8.8
367	Ahlen-Münster	North Rhine-Westphalia	18,100	18,100	17,000	19,200	0.0	-6.1	6.1
371	Oberhausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	19,200	19,300	17,800	20,700	0.5	-7.3	7.8
373	Paderborn	North Rhine-Westphalia	14,000	14,200	13,000	15,400	1.4	-7.1	10.0
375	Recklinghausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	27,500	27,700	25,700	29,700	0.7	-6.5	8.0
377	Rheine	North Rhine-Westphalia	13,600	13,500	12,700	14,400	-0.7	-6.6	5.9
381	Siegen	North Rhine-Westphalia	12,600	12,700	11,600	13,800	0.8	-7.9	9.5
383	Meschede-Soest	North Rhine-Westphalia	17,400	17,500	16,200	18,900	0.6	-6.9	8.6
387	Wesel	North Rhine-Westphalia	28,100	28,000	25,700	30,300	-0.4	-8.5	7.8
391	Solingen-Wuppertal	North Rhine-Westphalia	29,600	29,900	27,300	32,600	1.0	-7.8	10.1
411	Bad Hersfeld-Fulda	Hessen	7,400	7,500	6,600	8,400	1.4	-10.8	13.5

			2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	Average ¹⁾	Average ¹⁾	Lower Bound ²⁾	Upper Bound ²⁾	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
415	Darmstadt	Hessen	23,200	24,100	22,200	25,900	3.9	-4.3	11.6
419	Frankfurt	Hessen	28,400	29,600	27,500	31,700	4.2	-3.2	11.6
427	Gießen	Hessen	19,000	19,600	18,100	21,000	3.2	-4.7	10.5
431	Hanau	Hessen	13,100	13,400	12,400	14,500	2.3	-5.3	10.7
433	Bad Homburg	Hessen	22,600	23,200	21,800	24,700	2.7	-3.5	9.3
435	Kassel	Hessen	17,700	17,800	16,200	19,500	0.6	-8.5	10.2
439	Korbach	Hessen	8,400	8,400	7,400	9,500	0.0	-11.9	13.1
443	Limburg-Wetzlar	Hessen	13,300	13,700	12,600	14,800	3.0	-5.3	11.3
447	Marburg	Hessen	6,200	6,300	5,700	7,000	1.6	-8.1	12.9
451	Offenbach	Hessen	17,400	17,900	16,600	19,200	2.9	-4.6	10.3
459	Wiesbaden	Hessen	18,400	18,700	17,600	19,800	1.6	-4.3	7.6
511	Bad Kreuznach	Rhineland-Palatinate	10,800	11,100	10,100	12,100	2.8	-6.5	12.0
515	Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens	Rhineland-Palatinate	18,100	18,800	17,500	20,200	3.9	-3.3	11.6
519	Koblenz-Mayen	Rhineland-Palatinate	12,900	13,200	12,200	14,200	2.3	-5.4	10.1
523	Ludwigshafen	Rhineland-Palatinate	16,300	16,300	15,100	17,400	0.0	-7.4	6.7
527	Mainz	Rhineland-Palatinate	20,100	20,500	19,000	22,000	2.0	-5.5	9.5
535	Montabaur	Rhineland-Palatinate	7,100	7,300	6,400	8,100	2.8	-9.9	14.1
543	Landau	Rhineland-Palatinate	13,300	13,700	12,700	14,700	3.0	-4.5	10.5
547	Neuwied	Rhineland-Palatinate	9,400	9,700	8,700	10,700	3.2	-7.4	13.8
555	Saarland	Saarland	37,200	38,000	34,900	41,000	2.2	-6.2	10.2
563	Trier	Rhineland-Palatinate	13,100	13,700	12,500	15,000	4.6	-4.6	14.5
611	Aalen	Baden-Württemberg	10,000	10,100	8,900	11,300	1.0	-11.0	13.0
614	Balingen	Baden-Württemberg	7,500	7,600	6,700	8,500	1.3	-10.7	13.3
617	Freiburg	Baden-Württemberg	15,300	15,900	14,900	16,900	3.9	-2.6	10.5
621	Göppingen	Baden-Württemberg	19,700	20,300	18,700	22,000	3.0	-5.1	11.7
624	Heidelberg	Baden-Württemberg	17,000	17,700	16,500	18,800	4.1	-2.9	10.6
627	Heilbronn	Baden-Württemberg	12,400	12,500	11,300	13,600	0.8	-8.9	9.7
631	Karlsruhe-Rastatt	Baden-Württemberg	25,900	26,900	25,000	28,900	3.9	-3.5	11.6
634	Konstanz-Ravensburg	Baden-Württemberg	16,200	16,700	15,300	18,000	3.1	-5.6	11.1

			2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	Average ¹⁾	Average ¹⁾	Lower Bound ²⁾	Upper Bound ²⁾	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
637	Lörrach	Baden-Württemberg	10,400	11,000	10,200	11,800	5.8	-1.9	13.5
641	Ludwigsburg	Baden-Württemberg	12,200	12,600	11,500	13,700	3.3	-5.7	12.3
644	Mannheim	Baden-Württemberg	13,700	14,200	13,300	15,000	3.6	-2.9	9.5
647	Nagold-Pforzheim	Baden-Württemberg	15,000	15,700	14,000	17,500	4.7	-6.7	16.7
651	Offenburg	Baden-Württemberg	10,000	10,100	8,900	11,200	1.0	-11.0	12.0
664	Reutlingen	Baden-Württemberg	11,300	11,500	10,400	12,700	1.8	-8.0	12.4
671	Waiblingen	Baden-Württemberg	10,100	10,500	9,500	11,500	4.0	-5.9	13.9
674	Schwäbisch Hall-Tauberbischofsheim	Baden-Württemberg	12,600	12,500	11,300	13,800	-0.8	-10.3	9.5
677	Stuttgart	Baden-Württemberg	28,700	29,300	27,100	31,500	2.1	-5.6	9.8
684	Ulm	Baden-Württemberg	9,600	9,600	8,300	11,000	0.0	-13.5	14.6
687	Rottweil-Villingen-Schwenningen	Baden-Württemberg	11,900	11,900	10,300	13,500	0.0	-13.4	13.4
711	Ansbach-Weißenburg	Bavaria	7,800	7,700	6,900	8,500	-1.3	-11.5	9.0
715	Aschaffenburg	Bavaria	9,600	10,100	9,200	11,000	5.2	-4.2	14.6
723	Bayreuth-Hof	Bavaria	11,400	12,000	11,000	13,000	5.3	-3.5	14.0
727	Bamberg-Coburg	Bavaria	13,300	13,400	11,900	14,900	0.8	-10.5	12.0
729	Fürth	Bavaria	13,300	14,000	12,900	15,100	5.3	-3.0	13.5
735	Nürnberg	Bavaria	23,700	24,600	23,400	25,900	3.8	-1.3	9.3
739	Regensburg	Bavaria	11,400	11,200	10,000	12,500	-1.8	-12.3	9.6
743	Schwandorf	Bavaria	8,600	8,900	7,900	9,900	3.5	-8.1	15.1
747	Schweinfurt	Bavaria	8,600	8,900	8,100	9,800	3.5	-5.8	14.0
751	Weiden	Bavaria	5,000	5,000	4,400	5,700	0.0	-12.0	14.0
759	Würzburg	Bavaria	9,100	9,200	8,300	10,200	1.1	-8.8	12.1
811	Augsburg	Bavaria	16,700	17,500	16,000	19,000	4.8	-4.2	13.8
815	Deggendorf	Bavaria	7,300	7,400	6,600	8,100	1.4	-9.6	11.0
819	Donauwörth	Bavaria	8,500	8,700	7,300	10,200	2.4	-14.1	20.0
823	Freising	Bavaria	10,400	11,000	10,100	11,800	5.8	-2.9	13.5
827	Ingolstadt	Bavaria	8,500	9,000	8,200	9,700	5.9	-3.5	14.1
831	Kempten-Memmingen	Bavaria	11,600	11,800	10,500	13,000	1.7	-9.5	12.1
835	Landshut-Pfarrkirchen	Bavaria	10,200	10,800	10,000	11,600	5.9	-2.0	13.7

			2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	Average ¹⁾	Average ¹⁾	Lower Bound ²⁾	Upper Bound ²⁾	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
843	München	Bavaria	49,800	52,500	49,200	55,700	5.4	-1.2	11.8
847	Passau	Bavaria	7,100	7,300	6,600	7,900	2.8	-7.0	11.3
855	Rosenheim	Bavaria	9,200	9,400	8,500	10,300	2.2	-7.6	12.0
859	Traunstein	Bavaria	9,700	10,100	9,200	11,000	4.1	-5.2	13.4
863	Weilheim	Bavaria	12,500	13,100	12,200	14,100	4.8	-2.4	12.8
900	Berlin	Berlin	202,400	208,400	196,600	220,300	3.0	-2.9	8.8
Germany (western/eastern/total)³⁾									
Germany, western			2,142,000	2,183,000	2,038,000	2,328,000	1.9	-4.9	8.7
Germany, eastern			636,000	657,000	601,000	713,000	3.3	-5.5	12.1
Germany, total			2,778,000	2,840,000	2,639,000	3,041,000	2.2	-5.0	9.5

¹⁾ Due to rounding off, differences between the sum of the labour market districts and Germany can occur.

²⁾ The statistical uncertainty which is represented in the lower and upper bounds is also affected by the size of a region. This means that the relative uncertainty of labour market districts is generally higher than for the Federal States. Therefore, the sums of the lower and upper bounds do not correspond to the values for the Federal States. The values for Germany (western/eastern/total) shown here are those from the results of the sum of the Federal States.

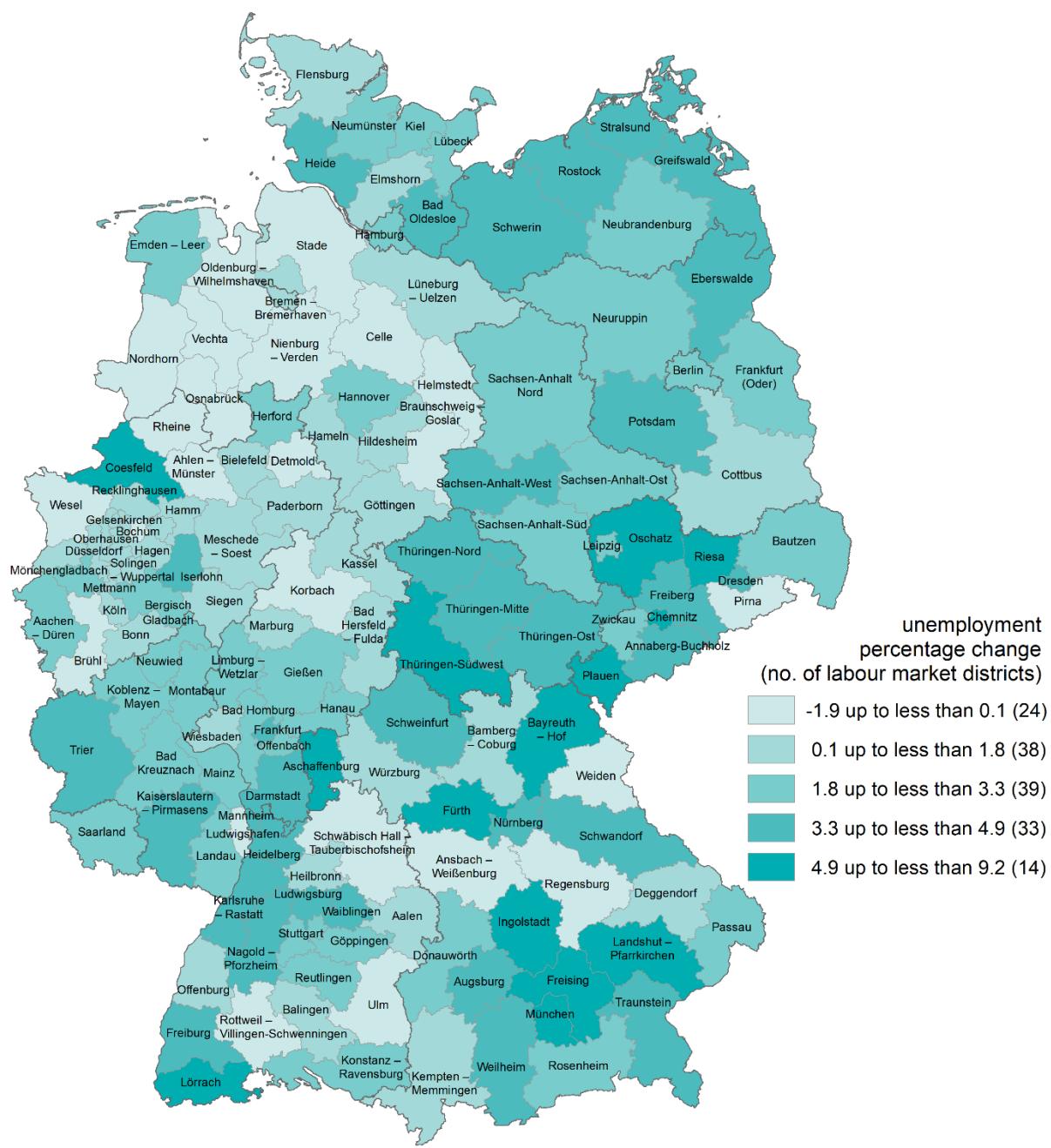
³⁾ Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000.

Total values correspond to those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

Source: Forecasts are based on data of the Federal Employment Agency. Time-span: December 1997 to August 2024.

9 Unemployment in the Labour Market Districts

percentage change in yearly average from 2024 to 2025

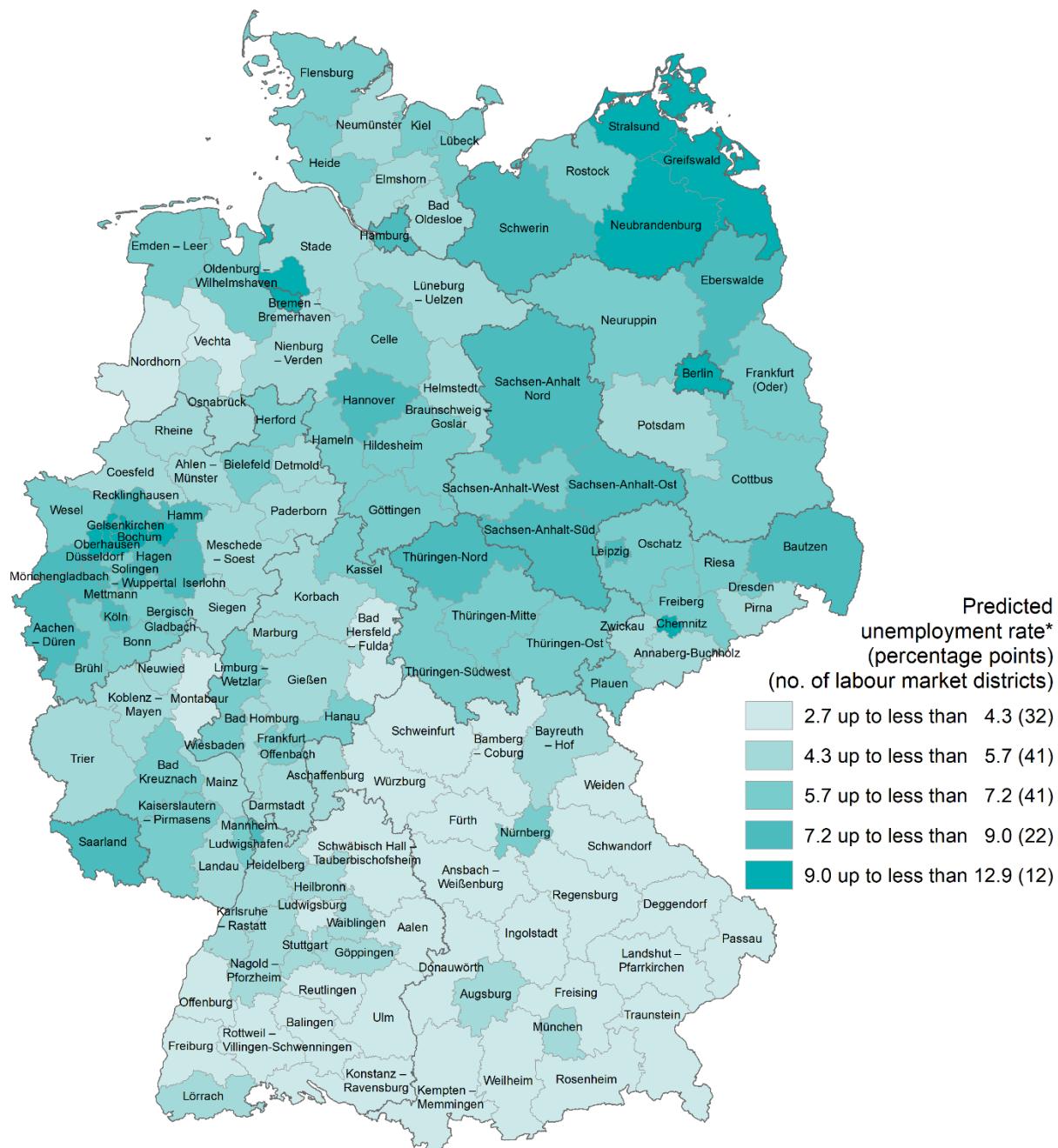


September 2024

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Source: Statistic of the Federal Employment Agency 2024, own calculations.

10 Unemployment Rates 2025 in the Labour Market Districts in percent



September 2024

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Source: Statistic of the Federal Employment Agency 2024; own calculations.

11 Unemployment Rate in the Labour Market Districts

yearly average

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%	Change 2024 to 2025 in percentage points ¹⁾
30	Greifswald	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	9,1	9,5	0,3
31	Neubrandenburg	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	8,9	9,2	0,3
32	Rostock	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	6,7	6,9	0,2
33	Schwerin	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	7,2	7,6	0,3
34	Stralsund	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	9,2	9,6	0,4
35	Cottbus	Brandenburg	6,0	6,0	0,0
36	Eberswalde	Brandenburg	7,5	7,6	0,2
37	Frankfurt (Oder)	Brandenburg	6,2	6,4	0,1
38	Neuruppin	Brandenburg	6,0	6,1	0,1
39	Potsdam	Brandenburg	5,4	5,6	0,2
42	Sachsen-Anhalt Ost	Saxony-Anhalt	7,4	7,5	0,1
43	Sachsen-Anhalt West	Saxony-Anhalt	6,6	6,8	0,2
44	Sachsen-Anhalt Süd	Saxony-Anhalt	8,2	8,3	0,1
45	Sachsen-Anhalt Nord	Saxony-Anhalt	7,4	7,5	0,1
71	Annaberg-Buchholz	Saxony	5,2	5,4	0,2
72	Bautzen	Saxony	7,4	7,5	0,2
73	Chemnitz	Saxony	8,8	9,2	0,4
74	Dresden	Saxony	6,4	6,6	0,1
75	Leipzig	Saxony	7,4	7,4	0,0
76	Oschatz	Saxony	6,1	6,4	0,3
77	Pirna	Saxony	5,2	5,2	0,0
78	Plauen	Saxony	5,9	6,3	0,4
79	Riesa	Saxony	5,9	6,2	0,3
80	Freiberg	Saxony	5,4	5,7	0,3
92	Zwickau	Saxony	5,3	5,4	0,1
93	Thüringen Mitte	Thuringia	5,9	6,1	0,2
94	Thüringen Ost	Thuringia	6,6	6,8	0,3
97	Thüringen Nord	Thuringia	6,9	7,2	0,3
98	Thüringen Südwest	Thuringia	5,3	5,8	0,5
111	Bad Oldesloe	Schleswig-Holstein	4,7	4,9	0,1
115	Elmshorn	Schleswig-Holstein	5,3	5,3	0,0
119	Flensburg	Schleswig-Holstein	5,9	5,9	0,0
123	Hamburg	Hamburg	8,0	8,1	0,1
127	Heide	Schleswig-Holstein	5,9	6,1	0,2
131	Kiel	Schleswig-Holstein	6,7	6,9	0,1
135	Lübeck	Schleswig-Holstein	6,6	6,7	0,1
139	Neumünster	Schleswig-Holstein	5,5	5,6	0,1
211	Braunschweig-Goslar	Lower Saxony	6,5	6,5	-0,1
214	Bremen-Bremerhaven	Bremen/Lower Saxony	10,0	10,0	0,0
221	Celle	Lower Saxony	6,0	5,9	-0,1
224	Emden-Leer	Lower Saxony	6,6	6,7	0,1
231	Göttingen	Lower Saxony	6,6	6,7	0,0

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234	Hameln	Lower Saxony	6,6	6,7	0,0
237	Hannover	Lower Saxony	7,8	7,9	0,2
241	Helmstedt	Lower Saxony	5,5	5,4	0,0
244	Hildesheim	Lower Saxony	6,5	6,5	0,0
251	Lüneburg-Uelzen	Lower Saxony	5,3	5,3	0,0
257	Nordhorn	Lower Saxony	3,4	3,4	0,0
261	Oldenburg-Wilhelmshaven	Lower Saxony	6,2	6,2	-0,1
264	Osnabrück	Lower Saxony	4,8	4,8	0,0
267	Stade	Lower Saxony	5,2	5,2	0,0
274	Vechta	Lower Saxony	4,2	4,1	0,0
277	Nienburg-Verden	Lower Saxony	4,7	4,7	0,0
311	Aachen-Düren	North Rhine-Westphalia	7,1	7,2	0,1
315	Bergisch Gladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	6,0	6,1	0,1
317	Bielefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	6,9	6,9	0,1
321	Bochum	North Rhine-Westphalia	9,7	9,6	-0,1
323	Bonn	North Rhine-Westphalia	6,1	6,2	0,0
325	Brühl	North Rhine-Westphalia	6,1	6,1	-0,1
327	Coesfeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	4,5	4,6	0,2
331	Detmold	North Rhine-Westphalia	5,5	5,4	-0,1
333	Dortmund	North Rhine-Westphalia	11,6	11,6	-0,1
337	Düsseldorf	North Rhine-Westphalia	7,8	7,8	0,0
341	Duisburg	North Rhine-Westphalia	12,7	12,7	0,0
343	Essen	North Rhine-Westphalia	10,8	10,7	-0,1
345	Gelsenkirchen	North Rhine-Westphalia	12,7	12,8	0,1
347	Hagen	North Rhine-Westphalia	8,9	8,9	0,0
351	Hamm	North Rhine-Westphalia	7,8	7,8	0,0
353	Herford	North Rhine-Westphalia	6,3	6,3	0,1
355	Iserlohn	North Rhine-Westphalia	7,7	7,9	0,3
357	Köln	North Rhine-Westphalia	8,9	8,9	-0,1
361	Krefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	7,9	8,0	0,0
364	Mettmann	North Rhine-Westphalia	6,9	7,0	0,0
365	Mönchengladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	7,5	7,7	0,1
367	Ahlen-Münster	North Rhine-Westphalia	5,3	5,2	-0,1
371	Oberhausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	9,6	9,6	0,0
373	Paderborn	North Rhine-Westphalia	5,5	5,5	0,0
375	Recklinghausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	8,4	8,4	0,0
377	Rheine	North Rhine-Westphalia	5,1	5,1	-0,1
381	Siegen	North Rhine-Westphalia	5,3	5,4	0,0
383	Meschede-Soest	North Rhine-Westphalia	5,4	5,4	0,0
387	Wesel	North Rhine-Westphalia	6,7	6,7	-0,1
391	Solingen-Wuppertal	North Rhine-Westphalia	8,8	8,8	0,0
411	Bad Hersfeld-Fulda	Hessen	3,8	3,9	0,0
415	Darmstadt	Hessen	5,0	5,2	0,2
419	Frankfurt	Hessen	6,5	6,6	0,1
427	Gießen	Hessen	5,0	5,1	0,1
431	Hanau	Hessen	5,6	5,7	0,1

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024	2025 GDP: +0,4%	Change 2024 to 2025 in percentage points ¹⁾
433	Bad Homburg	Hessen	5,5	5,6	0,1
435	Kassel	Hessen	6,0	6,0	0,0
439	Korbach	Hessen	4,5	4,4	0,0
443	Limburg-Wetzlar	Hessen	5,7	5,8	0,1
447	Marburg	Hessen	4,5	4,6	0,0
451	Offenbach	Hessen	6,3	6,3	0,1
459	Wiesbaden	Hessen	7,1	7,1	0,0
511	Bad Kreuznach	Rhineland-Palatinate	5,7	5,8	0,1
515	Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens	Rhineland-Palatinate	6,4	6,7	0,2
519	Koblenz-Mayen	Rhineland-Palatinate	4,5	4,6	0,1
523	Ludwigshafen	Rhineland-Palatinate	7,0	7,0	0,0
527	Mainz	Rhineland-Palatinate	5,5	5,5	0,1
535	Montabaur	Rhineland-Palatinate	3,9	4,0	0,1
543	Landau	Rhineland-Palatinate	5,0	5,1	0,1
547	Neuwied	Rhineland-Palatinate	5,4	5,5	0,1
555	Saarland	Saarland	7,0	7,2	0,1
563	Trier	Rhineland-Palatinate	4,4	4,6	0,2
611	Aalen	Baden-Württemberg	3,9	3,9	0,0
614	Balingen	Baden-Württemberg	4,0	4,1	0,0
617	Freiburg	Baden-Württemberg	4,0	4,1	0,1
621	Göppingen	Baden-Württemberg	4,3	4,4	0,1
624	Heidelberg	Baden-Württemberg	4,4	4,5	0,1
627	Heilbronn	Baden-Württemberg	4,4	4,4	0,0
631	Karlsruhe-Rastatt	Baden-Württemberg	4,3	4,5	0,1
634	Konstanz-Ravensburg	Baden-Württemberg	3,5	3,6	0,1
637	Lörrach	Baden-Württemberg	4,6	4,9	0,3
641	Ludwigsburg	Baden-Württemberg	3,9	4,0	0,1
644	Mannheim	Baden-Württemberg	7,6	7,8	0,2
647	Nagold-Pforzheim	Baden-Württemberg	4,3	4,5	0,2
651	Offenburg	Baden-Württemberg	3,9	3,9	0,0
664	Reutlingen	Baden-Württemberg	3,8	3,9	0,0
671	Waiblingen	Baden-Württemberg	4,1	4,3	0,1
674	Schwäbisch Hall-Tauberbischofsheim	Baden-Württemberg	3,6	3,6	0,0
677	Stuttgart	Baden-Württemberg	5,0	5,1	0,1
684	Ulm	Baden-Württemberg	3,1	3,0	0,0
687	Rottweil-Villingen-Schwenningen	Baden-Württemberg	4,1	4,1	0,0
711	Ansbach-Weißenburg	Bavaria	3,0	2,9	0,0
715	Aschaffenburg	Bavaria	4,4	4,6	0,2
723	Bayreuth-Hof	Bavaria	4,4	4,6	0,2
727	Bamberg-Coburg	Bavaria	3,8	3,8	0,0
729	Fürth	Bavaria	3,8	3,9	0,2
735	Nürnberg	Bavaria	5,6	5,7	0,2
739	Regensburg	Bavaria	3,1	3,0	-0,1
743	Schwandorf	Bavaria	3,5	3,6	0,1
747	Schweinfurt	Bavaria	3,4	3,6	0,1

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751	Weiden	Bavaria	4,2	4,2	0,0
759	Würzburg	Bavaria	3,0	3,1	0,0
811	Augsburg	Bavaria	4,2	4,3	0,2
815	Deggendorf	Bavaria	3,6	3,6	0,0
819	Donauwörth	Bavaria	2,7	2,7	0,1
823	Freising	Bavaria	2,7	2,9	0,1
827	Ingolstadt	Bavaria	2,9	3,0	0,2
831	Kempten-Memmingen	Bavaria	2,9	2,9	0,0
835	Landshut-Pfarrkirchen	Bavaria	3,7	3,9	0,2
843	München	Bavaria	4,5	4,7	0,2
847	Passau	Bavaria	3,8	3,9	0,1
855	Rosenheim	Bavaria	2,9	2,9	0,0
859	Traunstein	Bavaria	3,3	3,4	0,1
863	Weilheim	Bavaria	3,2	3,3	0,1
900	Berlin	Berlin	9,6	9,8	0,2
Germany (western/eastern/total)					
Germany, western			5,6	5,7	0,1
Germany, eastern			7,4	7,6	0,2
Germany, total			6,0	6,1	0,1

¹⁾ Due to rounding off, the differences between the two unemployment rates may diverge from the shown rates.

Note: Unemployment rates based on the number of people in the civilian labour force; estimate under the assumption that the number of mini-jobs, civil servants, self-employed and working family members remains constant in the years 2024 and 2025.

Total values correspond to those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 19/2024.

Source: Forecasts are based on data of the Federal Employment Agency. Time-span: December 1997 to August 2024.

12 People Capable of Working and Eligible for Benefits¹⁾ in the Federal States yearly average

	2024		2025 GDP: +0,4%			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
	Average	Average	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
Federal State								
Schleswig-Holstein	141,600	142,200	137,700	146,600	0.4	-2.8	3.5	
Hamburg	137,600	141,400	138,200	144,600	2.8	0.4	5.1	
Lower Saxony	384,900	380,600	371,900	389,200	-1.1	-3.4	1.1	
Bremen	68,400	70,100	68,400	71,800	2.5	0.0	5.0	
North Rhine-Westphalia	1,138,900	1,142,400	1,117,800	1,167,100	0.3	-1.9	2.5	
Hessen	292,900	293,800	286,300	301,300	0.3	-2.3	2.9	
Rhineland-Palatinate	161,700	163,200	158,600	167,800	0.9	-1.9	3.8	
Baden-Württemberg	356,800	371,800	362,000	381,500	4.2	1.5	6.9	
Bavaria	331,200	343,500	331,500	355,400	3.7	0.1	7.3	
Saarland	59,400	60,400	58,600	62,200	1.7	-1.3	4.7	
Berlin	330,300	332,600	318,400	346,900	0.7	-3.6	5.0	
Brandenburg	110,900	110,800	103,900	117,600	-0.1	-6.3	6.0	
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	83,100	81,900	77,100	86,700	-1.4	-7.2	4.3	
Saxony	187,600	186,900	177,900	196,000	-0.4	-5.2	4.5	
Saxony-Anhalt	126,400	126,100	120,000	132,300	-0.2	-5.1	4.7	
Thuringia	88,200	88,400	83,900	92,800	0.2	-4.9	5.2	
Germany (western/eastern/total)²⁾								
Germany, western	3,073,000	3,109,000	3,031,000	3,188,000	1.2	-1.4	3.7	
Germany, eastern	927,000	927,000	881,000	972,000	0.0	-5.0	4.9	
Germany, total	4,000,000	4,036,000	3,912,000	4,160,000	0.9	-2.2	4.0	

¹⁾ "erwerbsfähige Leistungsberechtigte".

²⁾ Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000. Due to rounding off, the sums for Germany (western/eastern/total) may diverge slightly from official statistics.

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