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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 3/2025 (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.), Hand-buch Arbeitsmarkt 2009, (IAB-Bibliothek, 314), Bielefeld: Bertelsmann, p. 64-78.

## 2 Employment in the Federal States yearly average

	2024 <sup>1)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
	Average	Average	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
<b>Federal State</b>							
Schleswig-Holstein	1,060,600	1,065,100	1,052,000	1,078,100	0.4	-0.8	1.7
Hamburg	1,076,700	1,082,000	1,068,400	1,095,600	0.5	-0.8	1.8
Lower Saxony	3,156,000	3,163,100	3,123,500	3,202,800	0.2	-1.0	1.5
Bremen	347,000	347,600	344,300	350,900	0.2	-0.8	1.1
North Rhine-Westphalia	7,359,800	7,384,300	7,296,200	7,472,400	0.3	-0.9	1.5
Hessen	2,766,900	2,777,600	2,747,600	2,807,600	0.4	-0.7	1.5
Rhineland-Palatinate	1,489,800	1,489,200	1,472,600	1,505,700	0.0	-1.2	1.1
Baden-Württemberg	4,937,500	4,945,200	4,890,100	5,000,400	0.2	-1.0	1.3
Bavaria	5,965,100	5,984,000	5,911,700	6,056,400	0.3	-0.9	1.5
Saarland	391,800	388,100	384,900	391,300	-0.9	-1.8	-0.1
Berlin	1,687,100	1,690,800	1,664,900	1,716,600	0.2	-1.3	1.7
Brandenburg	883,300	883,900	873,600	894,200	0.1	-1.1	1.2
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	575,600	573,800	568,000	579,700	-0.3	-1.3	0.7
Saxony	1,643,800	1,639,800	1,622,200	1,657,400	-0.2	-1.3	0.8
Saxony-Anhalt	797,100	790,900	784,200	797,700	-0.8	-1.6	0.1
Thuringia	793,900	787,500	780,300	794,800	-0.8	-1.7	0.1
<b>Germany (western/eastern/total)<sup>2)</sup></b>							
Germany, western	28,551,000	28,626,000	28,291,000	28,961,000	0.3	-0.9	1.4
Germany, eastern	6,381,000	6,367,000	6,293,000	6,440,000	-0.2	-1.4	0.9
Germany, total	34,932,000	34,993,000	34,585,000	35,402,000	0.2	-1.0	1.3

<sup>1)</sup> Values for September 2024– December 2024 are estimates.

<sup>2)</sup> 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 3/2025.

Total values correspond to those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 3/2025.

Source: Own forecasts based on data of the Federal Employment Agency. © IAB

### 3 Employment in the Labour Market Districts yearly average

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024 <sup>1)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
30	Greifswald	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	83,800	83,500	81,900	85,000	-0.4	-2.3	1.4
31	Neubrandenburg	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	91,000	89,800	88,400	91,100	-1.3	-2.9	0.1
32	Rostock	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	166,200	166,800	164,500	169,100	0.4	-1.0	1.7
33	Schwerin	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	161,400	160,700	158,300	163,100	-0.4	-1.9	1.1
34	Stralsund	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	73,200	73,000	72,000	74,000	-0.3	-1.6	1.1
35	Cottbus	Brandenburg	220,800	220,200	216,700	223,600	-0.3	-1.9	1.3
36	Eberswalde	Brandenburg	92,900	93,400	91,700	95,200	0.5	-1.3	2.5
37	Frankfurt (Oder)	Brandenburg	151,600	151,200	148,200	154,300	-0.3	-2.2	1.8
38	Neuruppin	Brandenburg	166,400	165,200	161,800	168,500	-0.7	-2.8	1.3
39	Potsdam	Brandenburg	251,700	253,900	250,900	256,900	0.9	-0.3	2.1
42	Sachsen-Anhalt Ost	Saxony-Anhalt	131,400	129,200	127,500	131,000	-1.7	-3.0	-0.3
43	Sachsen-Anhalt West	Saxony-Anhalt	132,600	130,300	128,000	132,500	-1.7	-3.5	-0.1
44	Sachsen-Anhalt Süd	Saxony-Anhalt	269,900	268,500	264,800	272,300	-0.5	-1.9	0.9
45	Sachsen-Anhalt Nord	Saxony-Anhalt	263,200	262,900	259,400	266,500	-0.1	-1.4	1.3
71	Annaberg-Buchholz	Saxony	110,800	109,300	107,800	110,700	-1.4	-2.7	-0.1
72	Bautzen	Saxony	199,100	197,300	193,700	200,900	-0.9	-2.7	0.9
73	Chemnitz	Saxony	118,300	117,500	116,300	118,700	-0.7	-1.7	0.3
74	Dresden	Saxony	282,800	283,300	279,400	287,200	0.2	-1.2	1.6
75	Leipzig	Saxony	297,600	301,800	297,600	306,000	1.4	0.0	2.8
76	Oschatz	Saxony	157,500	157,500	155,000	160,100	0.0	-1.6	1.7
77	Pirna	Saxony	79,700	79,300	78,100	80,500	-0.5	-2.0	1.0
78	Plauen	Saxony	79,700	79,100	78,200	80,000	-0.8	-1.9	0.4
79	Riesa	Saxony	88,500	88,600	87,600	89,600	0.1	-1.0	1.2
80	Freiberg	Saxony	105,300	103,600	102,200	105,000	-1.6	-2.9	-0.3
92	Zwickau	Saxony	124,500	122,500	120,800	124,100	-1.6	-3.0	-0.3
93	Thüringen Mitte	Thuringia	277,200	277,700	273,700	281,700	0.2	-1.3	1.6
94	Thüringen Ost	Thuringia	244,300	241,700	238,400	245,000	-1.1	-2.4	0.3

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97	Thüringen Nord	Thuringia	118,200	116,300	114,100	118,500	-1.6	-3.5	0.3
98	Thüringen Südwest	Thuringia	154,200	151,800	148,900	154,800	-1.6	-3.4	0.4
111	Bad Oldesloe	Schleswig-Holstein	141,500	141,300	139,200	143,300	-0.1	-1.6	1.3
115	Elmshorn	Schleswig-Holstein	196,300	197,000	194,500	199,500	0.4	-0.9	1.6
119	Flensburg	Schleswig-Holstein	173,000	174,000	170,700	177,200	0.6	-1.3	2.4
123	Hamburg	Hamburg	1,076,700	1,082,000	1,068,000	1,095,900	0.5	-0.8	1.8
127	Heide	Schleswig-Holstein	87,000	87,500	86,000	89,000	0.6	-1.1	2.3
131	Kiel	Schleswig-Holstein	162,300	162,800	160,600	165,100	0.3	-1.0	1.7
135	Lübeck	Schleswig-Holstein	170,000	170,500	167,500	173,500	0.3	-1.5	2.1
139	Neumünster	Schleswig-Holstein	130,500	132,000	129,600	134,500	1.1	-0.7	3.1
211	Braunschweig-Goslar	Lower Saxony	258,200	257,700	254,200	261,300	-0.2	-1.5	1.2
214	Bremen-Bremerhaven	Bremen/Lower Saxony	375,900	376,900	372,500	381,400	0.3	-0.9	1.5
221	Celle	Lower Saxony	109,400	109,200	107,600	110,900	-0.2	-1.6	1.4
224	Emden-Leer	Lower Saxony	163,400	163,500	160,500	166,500	0.1	-1.8	1.9
231	Göttingen	Lower Saxony	180,300	180,300	177,900	182,700	0.0	-1.3	1.3
234	Hameln	Lower Saxony	124,300	124,300	122,500	126,200	0.0	-1.4	1.5
237	Hannover	Lower Saxony	546,700	548,400	541,000	555,700	0.3	-1.0	1.6
241	Helmstedt	Lower Saxony	189,500	187,400	184,000	190,800	-1.1	-2.9	0.7
244	Hildesheim	Lower Saxony	129,600	129,500	127,300	131,700	-0.1	-1.8	1.6
251	Lüneburg-Uelzen	Lower Saxony	181,000	182,800	179,600	185,900	1.0	-0.8	2.7
257	Nordhorn	Lower Saxony	208,500	210,200	205,900	214,600	0.8	-1.2	2.9
261	Oldenburg-Wilhelmshaven	Lower Saxony	300,400	303,400	298,600	308,300	1.0	-0.6	2.6
264	Osnabrück	Lower Saxony	234,000	233,600	229,800	237,400	-0.2	-1.8	1.5
267	Stade	Lower Saxony	179,700	181,100	178,000	184,100	0.8	-0.9	2.4
274	Vechta	Lower Saxony	151,400	152,300	149,300	155,300	0.6	-1.4	2.6
277	Nienburg-Verden	Lower Saxony	170,700	170,100	167,100	173,100	-0.4	-2.1	1.4
311	Aachen-Düren	North Rhine-Westphalia	398,300	400,500	394,200	406,800	0.6	-1.0	2.1
315	Bergisch Gladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	251,700	250,900	247,700	254,100	-0.3	-1.6	1.0
317	Bielefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	352,900	356,500	350,800	362,300	1.0	-0.6	2.7

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321	Bochum	North Rhine-Westphalia	200,700	203,000	200,600	205,400	1.1	0.0	2.3
323	Bonn	North Rhine-Westphalia	368,800	371,300	366,100	376,600	0.7	-0.7	2.1
325	Brühl	North Rhine-Westphalia	209,700	210,600	207,400	213,800	0.4	-1.1	2.0
327	Coesfeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	236,700	237,700	232,600	242,800	0.4	-1.7	2.6
331	Detmold	North Rhine-Westphalia	121,600	122,700	120,600	124,800	0.9	-0.8	2.6
333	Dortmund	North Rhine-Westphalia	266,000	267,200	262,900	271,500	0.5	-1.2	2.1
337	Düsseldorf	North Rhine-Westphalia	459,300	456,600	451,400	461,900	-0.6	-1.7	0.6
341	Duisburg	North Rhine-Westphalia	180,200	182,300	180,300	184,300	1.2	0.1	2.3
343	Essen	North Rhine-Westphalia	270,800	270,900	267,000	274,900	0.0	-1.4	1.5
345	Gelsenkirchen	North Rhine-Westphalia	118,800	119,000	117,000	121,000	0.2	-1.5	1.9
347	Hagen	North Rhine-Westphalia	178,200	177,100	174,400	179,800	-0.6	-2.1	0.9
351	Hamm	North Rhine-Westphalia	200,200	200,700	197,700	203,600	0.2	-1.2	1.7
353	Herford	North Rhine-Westphalia	232,000	232,600	228,800	236,400	0.3	-1.4	1.9
355	Iserlohn	North Rhine-Westphalia	159,900	158,800	156,400	161,200	-0.7	-2.2	0.8
357	Köln	North Rhine-Westphalia	629,500	632,700	624,000	641,300	0.5	-0.9	1.9
361	Krefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	194,800	194,100	191,100	197,100	-0.4	-1.9	1.2
364	Mettmann	North Rhine-Westphalia	202,800	204,600	202,300	206,900	0.9	-0.2	2.0
365	Mönchengladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	268,600	267,600	263,300	271,900	-0.4	-2.0	1.2
367	Ahlen-Münster	North Rhine-Westphalia	295,000	300,300	295,500	305,000	1.8	0.2	3.4
371	Oberhausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	134,300	135,600	133,800	137,400	1.0	-0.4	2.3
373	Paderborn	North Rhine-Westphalia	176,500	177,400	174,300	180,400	0.5	-1.2	2.2
375	Recklinghausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	183,200	184,500	181,300	187,600	0.7	-1.0	2.4
377	Rheine	North Rhine-Westphalia	172,700	171,900	168,400	175,400	-0.5	-2.5	1.6
381	Siegen	North Rhine-Westphalia	182,000	181,800	179,400	184,300	-0.1	-1.4	1.3
383	Meschede-Soest	North Rhine-Westphalia	227,900	228,100	224,100	232,100	0.1	-1.7	1.8
387	Wesel	North Rhine-Westphalia	255,300	256,800	251,900	261,700	0.6	-1.3	2.5
391	Solingen-Wuppertal	North Rhine-Westphalia	231,400	230,500	227,500	233,500	-0.4	-1.7	0.9
411	Bad Hersfeld-Fulda	Hessen	149,200	149,200	147,100	151,400	0.0	-1.4	1.5
415	Darmstadt	Hessen	299,200	299,600	295,400	303,700	0.1	-1.3	1.5

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			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
419	Frankfurt	Hessen	642,800	648,200	639,700	656,800	0.8	-0.5	2.2
427	Gießen	Hessen	232,000	232,400	228,600	236,100	0.2	-1.5	1.8
431	Hanau	Hessen	141,600	141,800	139,600	144,100	0.1	-1.4	1.8
433	Bad Homburg	Hessen	313,700	314,500	310,600	318,400	0.3	-1.0	1.5
435	Kassel	Hessen	224,900	224,600	221,000	228,300	-0.1	-1.7	1.5
439	Korbach	Hessen	124,700	124,600	122,100	127,000	-0.1	-2.1	1.8
443	Limburg-Wetzlar	Hessen	155,300	154,600	152,500	156,800	-0.5	-1.8	1.0
447	Marburg	Hessen	97,600	98,100	96,800	99,400	0.5	-0.8	1.8
451	Offenbach	Hessen	189,600	192,100	189,800	194,400	1.3	0.1	2.5
459	Wiesbaden	Hessen	196,300	197,900	195,500	200,400	0.8	-0.4	2.1
511	Bad Kreuznach	Rhineland-Palatinate	122,800	121,600	119,500	123,600	-1.0	-2.7	0.7
515	Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens	Rhineland-Palatinate	170,100	169,400	166,900	171,900	-0.4	-1.9	1.1
519	Koblenz-Mayen	Rhineland-Palatinate	209,200	209,600	206,400	212,700	0.2	-1.3	1.7
523	Ludwigshafen	Rhineland-Palatinate	184,800	183,500	180,800	186,100	-0.7	-2.2	0.7
527	Mainz	Rhineland-Palatinate	256,800	258,300	254,700	261,800	0.6	-0.8	1.9
535	Montabaur	Rhineland-Palatinate	106,100	106,200	104,700	107,800	0.1	-1.3	1.6
543	Landau	Rhineland-Palatinate	154,400	154,400	152,000	156,700	0.0	-1.6	1.5
547	Neuwied	Rhineland-Palatinate	106,200	107,000	105,400	108,600	0.8	-0.8	2.3
555	Saarland	Saarland	391,800	388,100	383,500	392,700	-0.9	-2.1	0.2
563	Trier	Rhineland-Palatinate	179,400	179,200	176,600	181,800	-0.1	-1.6	1.3
611	Aalen	Baden-Württemberg	189,200	189,500	186,700	192,200	0.2	-1.3	1.6
614	Balingen	Baden-Württemberg	121,500	121,100	119,300	122,800	-0.3	-1.8	1.1
617	Freiburg	Baden-Württemberg	286,900	290,200	286,000	294,400	1.2	-0.3	2.6
621	Göppingen	Baden-Württemberg	314,200	313,200	309,100	317,300	-0.3	-1.6	1.0
624	Heidelberg	Baden-Württemberg	285,900	287,300	283,600	291,000	0.5	-0.8	1.8
627	Heilbronn	Baden-Württemberg	229,100	230,500	227,000	234,000	0.6	-0.9	2.1
631	Karlsruhe-Rastatt	Baden-Württemberg	476,400	478,500	473,800	483,300	0.4	-0.5	1.4
634	Konstanz-Ravensburg	Baden-Württemberg	333,200	333,800	328,400	339,100	0.2	-1.4	1.8
637	Lörrach	Baden-Württemberg	135,300	135,000	133,100	136,900	-0.2	-1.6	1.2

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			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
641	Ludwigsburg	Baden-Württemberg	217,700	218,000	214,900	221,100	0.1	-1.3	1.6
644	Mannheim	Baden-Württemberg	200,500	200,700	198,500	202,900	0.1	-1.0	1.2
647	Nagold-Pforzheim	Baden-Württemberg	224,100	223,000	220,200	225,900	-0.5	-1.7	0.8
651	Offenburg	Baden-Württemberg	192,300	192,300	189,300	195,300	0.0	-1.6	1.6
664	Reutlingen	Baden-Württemberg	212,200	213,800	210,500	217,100	0.8	-0.8	2.3
671	Waiblingen	Baden-Württemberg	155,100	155,400	152,900	157,900	0.2	-1.4	1.8
674	Schwäbisch Hall-Tauberbischofsheim	Baden-Württemberg	258,100	258,000	253,600	262,300	0.0	-1.7	1.6
677	Stuttgart	Baden-Württemberg	632,100	630,400	622,800	638,000	-0.3	-1.5	0.9
684	Ulm	Baden-Württemberg	255,100	257,200	253,600	260,800	0.8	-0.6	2.2
687	Rottweil-Villingen-Schwenningen	Baden-Württemberg	218,600	217,300	214,700	220,000	-0.6	-1.8	0.6
711	Ansbach-Weißenburg	Bavaria	169,400	169,400	166,500	172,200	0.0	-1.7	1.7
715	Aschaffenburg	Bavaria	148,500	147,400	145,600	149,200	-0.7	-2.0	0.5
723	Bayreuth-Hof	Bavaria	199,300	200,000	197,400	202,600	0.4	-1.0	1.7
727	Bamberg-Coburg	Bavaria	245,800	244,800	241,700	247,900	-0.4	-1.7	0.9
729	Fürth	Bavaria	261,300	260,900	257,600	264,200	-0.2	-1.4	1.1
735	Nürnberg	Bavaria	395,300	395,100	390,000	400,200	-0.1	-1.3	1.2
739	Regensburg	Bavaria	284,100	287,900	283,500	292,200	1.3	-0.2	2.9
743	Schwandorf	Bavaria	173,500	172,700	169,800	175,500	-0.5	-2.1	1.2
747	Schweinfurt	Bavaria	179,100	178,700	176,100	181,300	-0.2	-1.7	1.2
751	Weiden	Bavaria	89,100	88,800	87,300	90,200	-0.3	-2.0	1.2
759	Würzburg	Bavaria	221,300	223,100	220,200	226,100	0.8	-0.5	2.2
811	Augsburg	Bavaria	276,200	277,100	273,700	280,400	0.3	-0.9	1.5
815	Deggendorf	Bavaria	142,300	142,800	140,400	145,200	0.4	-1.3	2.0
819	Donauwörth	Bavaria	223,100	221,500	217,700	225,400	-0.7	-2.4	1.0
823	Freising	Bavaria	225,500	228,200	224,500	231,800	1.2	-0.4	2.8
827	Ingolstadt	Bavaria	226,600	226,700	223,500	229,900	0.0	-1.4	1.5
831	Kempton-Memmingen	Bavaria	292,400	294,400	290,500	298,400	0.7	-0.6	2.1
835	Landshut-Pfarrkirchen	Bavaria	190,600	189,300	186,500	192,000	-0.7	-2.2	0.7
843	München	Bavaria	1,236,200	1,244,100	1,226,800	1,261,500	0.6	-0.8	2.0



LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024 <sup>1)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
847	Passau	Bavaria	132,300	131,900	129,900	134,000	-0.3	-1.8	1.3
855	Rosenheim	Bavaria	203,200	204,200	201,400	207,100	0.5	-0.9	1.9
859	Traunstein	Bavaria	207,800	208,700	205,400	211,900	0.4	-1.2	2.0
863	Weilheim	Bavaria	242,200	246,300	242,600	250,000	1.7	0.2	3.2
900	Berlin	Berlin	1,687,100	1,690,800	1,662,800	1,718,700	0.2	-1.4	1.9
<b>Germany (western/eastern/total)<sup>4)</sup></b>									
Germany, western			28,551,000	28,626,000	28,291,000	28,961,000	0.3	-0.9	1.4
Germany, eastern			6,381,000	6,367,000	6,293,000	6,440,000	-0.2	-1.4	0.9
Germany, total			34,932,000	34,993,000	34,585,000	35,402,000	0.2	-1.0	-0.1

<sup>1)</sup> Values for September 2024 – December 2024 are estimates.

<sup>2)</sup> Due to rounding off, differences between the sum of the labour market districts and Germany can occur.

<sup>3)</sup> 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.

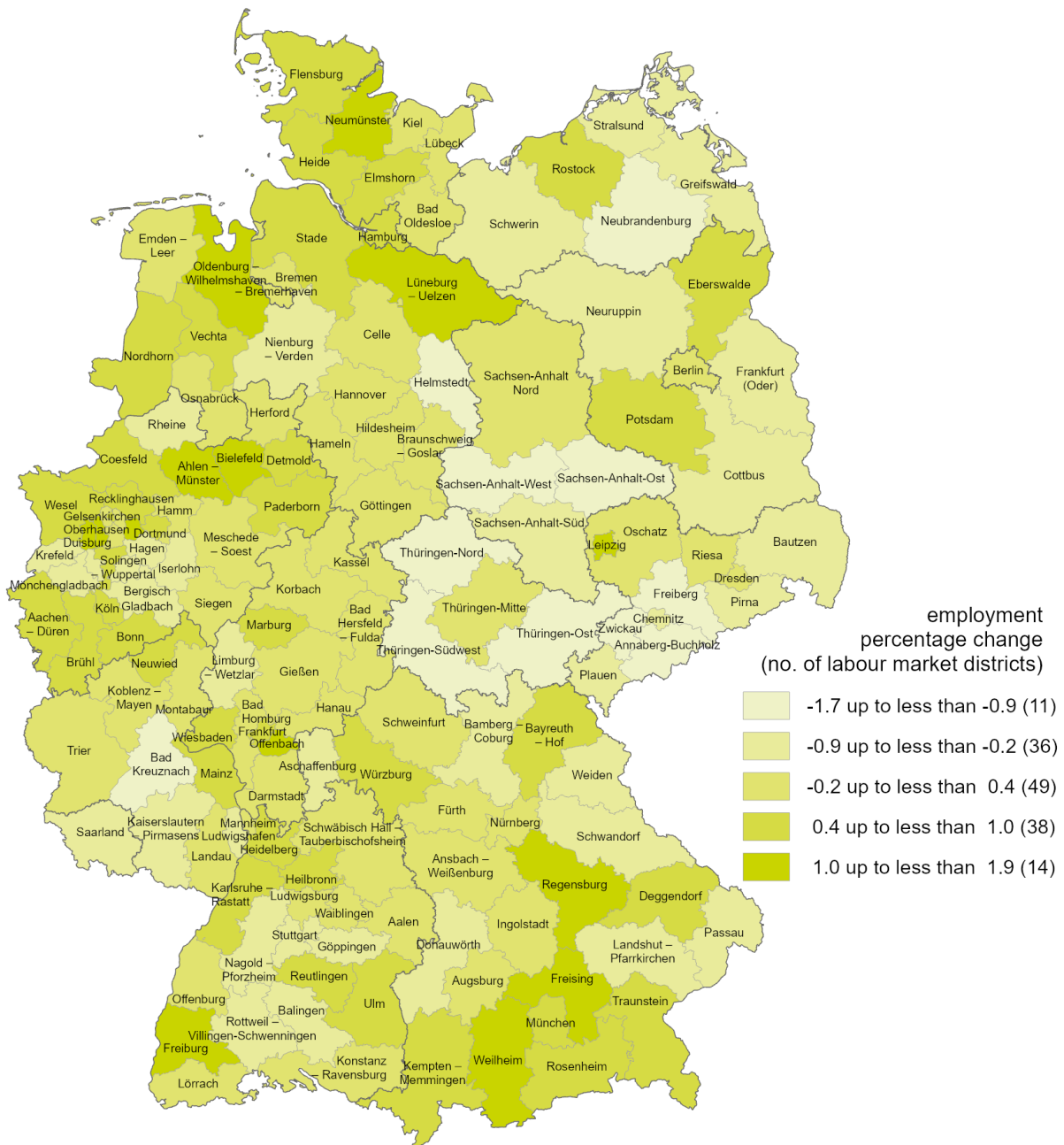
<sup>4)</sup> Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000.

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# 4 Employment in the Labour Market Districts

percentage change in yearly average from 2024 to 2025



March 2025

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## 5 Unemployment in the Federal States yearly average

	2024 <sup>1)</sup>	Average	2025 GDP: +0,2 %		Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
	Average		Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
<b>Federal State</b>							
Schleswig-Holstein	92,500	96,200	92,900	99,400	4.0	0.4	7.5
Hamburg	88,500	93,400	90,200	96,600	5.5	1.9	9.2
Lower Saxony	263,100	273,100	263,500	282,700	3.8	0.2	7.4
Bremen	41,100	43,700	42,300	45,100	6.3	2.9	9.7
North Rhine-Westphalia	749,700	780,900	754,000	807,800	4.2	0.6	7.7
Hessen	194,900	203,800	195,500	212,200	4.6	0.3	8.9
Rhineland-Palatinate	120,500	124,900	121,200	128,600	3.7	0.6	6.7
Baden-Württemberg	270,000	287,200	276,000	298,400	6.4	2.2	10.5
Bavaria	285,200	306,000	291,700	320,300	7.3	2.3	12.3
Saarland	37,200	39,200	37,800	40,500	5.4	1.6	8.9
Berlin	203,200	213,500	206,200	220,900	5.1	1.5	8.7
Brandenburg	82,800	85,800	81,100	90,500	3.6	-2.1	9.3
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	64,900	69,600	65,600	73,500	7.2	1.1	13.3
Saxony	139,700	146,500	138,800	154,200	4.9	-0.6	10.4
Saxony-Anhalt	84,800	88,100	83,400	92,900	3.9	-1.7	9.6
Thuringia	68,800	70,100	66,800	73,500	1.9	-2.9	6.8
<b>Germany (western/eastern/total)<sup>2)</sup></b>							
Germany, western	2,143,000	2,248,000	2,165,000	2,332,000	4.9	1.0	8.8
Germany, eastern	644,000	674,000	642,000	706,000	4.7	-0.3	9.6
Germany, total	2,787,000	2,922,000	2,807,000	3,037,000	4.8	0.7	9.0

<sup>1)</sup> Numbers for 2024 are yearly averages and not forecasts.

<sup>2)</sup> 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 3/2025.

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## 6 Number of Unemployed in the Social Code II System<sup>1)</sup> in the Federal States yearly average

	2024 <sup>2)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
	Average	Average	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
<b>Federal State</b>							
Schleswig-Holstein	61,100	62,900	60,100	65,700	2.9	-1.6	7.5
Hamburg	59,000	61,700	59,100	64,300	4.6	0.2	9.0
Lower Saxony	175,900	179,900	172,700	187,100	2.3	-1.8	6.4
Bremen	31,200	32,900	32,100	33,700	5.4	2.9	8.0
North Rhine-Westphalia	528,200	545,600	529,700	561,500	3.3	0.3	6.3
Hessen	130,600	133,500	128,800	138,200	2.2	-1.4	5.8
Rhineland-Palatinate	72,300	74,800	71,900	77,700	3.5	-0.6	7.5
Baden-Württemberg	152,300	160,100	153,400	166,800	5.1	0.7	9.5
Bavaria	140,000	150,500	143,700	157,300	7.5	2.6	12.4
Saarland	25,500	26,700	25,700	27,700	4.7	0.8	8.6
Berlin	137,500	142,900	136,500	149,300	3.9	-0.7	8.6
Brandenburg	55,400	57,200	54,600	59,800	3.2	-1.4	7.9
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	43,200	47,400	44,400	50,400	9.7	2.8	16.7
Saxony	92,900	96,100	90,900	101,300	3.4	-2.2	9.0
Saxony-Anhalt	58,100	60,400	56,800	64,000	4.0	-2.2	10.2
Thuringia	43,600	44,300	41,400	47,200	1.6	-5.0	8.3
<b>Germany (western/eastern/total)<sup>3)</sup></b>							
Germany, western	1,376,000	1,429,000	1,377,000	1,480,000	3.9	0.1	7.6
Germany, eastern	431,000	448,000	425,000	472,000	3.9	-1.4	9.5
Germany, total	1,807,000	1,877,000	1,802,000	1,952,000	3.9	-0.3	8.0

<sup>1)</sup> SGB II unemployed.

<sup>2)</sup> Numbers for 2024 are yearly averages and not forecasts.

<sup>3)</sup> 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 3/2025.

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## 7 Number of Unemployed in the Social Code III System<sup>1)</sup> in the Federal States yearly average

	2024 <sup>2)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
	Average	Average	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
<b>Federal State</b>							
Schleswig-Holstein	31,400	33,300	31,500	35,100	6.1	0.3	11.8
Hamburg	29,500	31,700	30,100	33,300	7.5	2.0	12.9
Lower Saxony	87,200	93,200	88,400	98,000	6.9	1.4	12.4
Bremen	9,900	10,800	10,100	11,400	9.1	2.0	15.2
North Rhine-Westphalia	221,500	235,300	222,900	247,700	6.2	0.6	11.8
Hessen	64,300	70,300	65,800	74,900	9.3	2.3	16.5
Rhineland-Palatinate	48,200	50,100	47,600	52,600	3.9	-1.2	9.1
Baden-Württemberg	117,700	127,100	119,300	134,800	8.0	1.4	14.5
Bavaria	145,200	155,500	147,000	163,900	7.1	1.2	12.9
Saarland	11,700	12,500	11,700	13,400	6.8	0.0	14.5
Berlin	65,700	70,600	66,600	74,600	7.5	1.4	13.5
Brandenburg	27,400	28,600	26,400	30,800	4.4	-3.6	12.4
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	21,700	22,200	20,100	24,400	2.3	-7.4	12.4
Saxony	46,800	50,400	47,800	53,000	7.7	2.1	13.2
Saxony-Anhalt	26,700	27,700	26,000	29,400	3.7	-2.6	10.1
Thuringia	25,200	25,800	23,600	28,000	2.4	-6.3	11.1
<b>Germany (western/eastern/total)<sup>3)</sup></b>							
Germany, western	767,000	820,000	774,000	865,000	6.9	0.9	12.8
Germany, eastern	214,000	225,000	211,000	240,000	5.1	-1.4	12.1
Germany, total	980,000	1,045,000	985,000	1,105,000	6.6	0.5	12.8

<sup>1)</sup> SGB III unemployed.

<sup>2)</sup> Numbers for 2024 are yearly averages and not forecasts.

<sup>3)</sup> 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 3/2025.

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## 8 Unemployment in the Labour Market Districts yearly average

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024 <sup>1)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
30	Greifswald	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	10,400	11,100	10,400	11,800	6.7	0.0	13.5
31	Neubrandenburg	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	11,500	12,300	11,600	12,900	7.0	0.9	12.2
32	Rostock	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	14,900	15,800	14,800	16,900	6.0	-0.7	13.4
33	Schwerin	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	17,700	18,800	17,800	19,800	6.2	0.6	11.9
34	Stralsund	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	10,400	11,600	10,900	12,200	11.5	4.8	17.3
35	Cottbus	Brandenburg	18,600	19,000	17,500	20,600	2.2	-5.9	10.8
36	Eberswalde	Brandenburg	12,000	12,300	11,600	13,100	2.5	-3.3	9.2
37	Frankfurt (Oder)	Brandenburg	14,300	15,100	14,200	16,100	5.6	-0.7	12.6
38	Neuruppin	Brandenburg	18,300	18,900	17,700	20,100	3.3	-3.3	9.8
39	Potsdam	Brandenburg	19,600	20,500	19,800	21,200	4.6	1.0	8.2
42	Sachsen-Anhalt Ost	Saxony-Anhalt	13,600	14,000	13,100	14,900	2.9	-3.7	9.6
43	Sachsen-Anhalt West	Saxony-Anhalt	13,100	13,900	12,900	14,800	6.1	-1.5	13.0
44	Sachsen-Anhalt Süd	Saxony-Anhalt	31,100	31,900	30,300	33,500	2.6	-2.6	7.7
45	Sachsen-Anhalt Nord	Saxony-Anhalt	27,000	28,300	26,800	29,900	4.8	-0.7	10.7
71	Annaberg-Buchholz	Saxony	8,800	9,300	8,700	9,900	5.7	-1.1	12.5
72	Bautzen	Saxony	20,400	20,500	19,300	21,700	0.5	-5.4	6.4
73	Chemnitz	Saxony	11,200	11,900	11,400	12,500	6.3	1.8	11.6
74	Dresden	Saxony	20,300	21,400	20,400	22,400	5.4	0.5	10.3
75	Leipzig	Saxony	26,000	28,400	27,300	29,600	9.2	5.0	13.8
76	Oschatz	Saxony	14,800	15,200	14,200	16,100	2.7	-4.1	8.8
77	Pirna	Saxony	6,800	6,900	6,400	7,400	1.5	-5.9	8.8
78	Plauen	Saxony	6,700	6,900	6,300	7,500	3.0	-6.0	11.9
79	Riesa	Saxony	7,400	7,500	6,900	8,000	1.4	-6.8	8.1
80	Freiberg	Saxony	8,500	9,100	8,600	9,700	7.1	1.2	14.1
92	Zwickau	Saxony	8,800	9,400	8,800	9,900	6.8	0.0	12.5
93	Thüringen Mitte	Thuringia	21,500	21,600	20,500	22,800	0.5	-4.7	6.0

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024 <sup>1)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
94	Thüringen Ost	Thuringia	22,300	22,600	21,400	23,800	1.3	-4.0	6.7
97	Thüringen Nord	Thuringia	12,700	13,100	12,400	13,800	3.1	-2.4	8.7
98	Thüringen Südwest	Thuringia	12,300	12,800	11,900	13,700	4.1	-3.3	11.4
111	Bad Oldesloe	Schleswig-Holstein	11,400	12,000	11,600	12,400	5.3	1.8	8.8
115	Elmshorn	Schleswig-Holstein	18,000	18,900	18,300	19,500	5.0	1.7	8.3
119	Flensburg	Schleswig-Holstein	15,000	15,500	14,900	16,000	3.3	-0.7	6.7
123	Hamburg	Hamburg	88,500	93,400	90,300	96,500	5.5	2.0	9.0
127	Heide	Schleswig-Holstein	8,500	8,900	8,500	9,300	4.7	0.0	9.4
131	Kiel	Schleswig-Holstein	14,100	14,800	14,100	15,500	5.0	0.0	9.9
135	Lübeck	Schleswig-Holstein	15,000	15,400	14,800	16,100	2.7	-1.3	7.3
139	Neumünster	Schleswig-Holstein	10,500	10,700	10,400	11,100	1.9	-1.0	5.7
211	Braunschweig-Goslar	Lower Saxony	21,700	23,100	22,300	23,900	6.5	2.8	10.1
214	Bremen-Bremerhaven	Bremen/Lower Saxony	43,300	45,700	44,300	47,000	5.5	2.3	8.5
221	Celle	Lower Saxony	10,600	11,000	10,600	11,500	3.8	0.0	8.5
224	Emden-Leer	Lower Saxony	16,600	17,200	16,500	17,900	3.6	-0.6	7.8
231	Göttingen	Lower Saxony	16,200	16,600	15,800	17,400	2.5	-2.5	7.4
234	Hameln	Lower Saxony	13,200	13,500	12,900	14,000	2.3	-2.3	6.1
237	Hannover	Lower Saxony	50,800	52,400	50,300	54,600	3.1	-1.0	7.5
241	Helmstedt	Lower Saxony	11,800	12,500	11,900	13,100	5.9	0.8	11.0
244	Hildesheim	Lower Saxony	14,800	15,600	15,100	16,200	5.4	2.0	9.5
251	Lüneburg-Uelzen	Lower Saxony	16,900	17,700	16,900	18,500	4.7	0.0	9.5
257	Nordhorn	Lower Saxony	9,400	10,200	9,600	10,700	8.5	2.1	13.8
261	Oldenburg-Wilhelmshaven	Lower Saxony	26,600	27,300	26,100	28,400	2.6	-1.9	6.8
264	Osnabrück	Lower Saxony	14,900	15,500	14,900	16,100	4.0	0.0	8.1
267	Stade	Lower Saxony	16,600	17,200	16,300	18,100	3.6	-1.8	9.0
274	Vechta	Lower Saxony	8,100	8,400	8,100	8,800	3.7	0.0	8.6
277	Nienburg-Verden	Lower Saxony	12,700	12,900	12,300	13,400	1.6	-3.1	5.5
311	Aachen-Düren	North Rhine-Westphalia	42,600	44,400	42,600	46,200	4.2	0.0	8.5
315	Bergisch Gladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	23,700	25,300	24,300	26,300	6.8	2.5	11.0

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024 <sup>1)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
317	Bielefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	27,500	28,500	27,500	29,500	3.6	0.0	7.3
321	Bochum	North Rhine-Westphalia	27,300	28,100	27,000	29,200	2.9	-1.1	7.0
323	Bonn	North Rhine-Westphalia	31,500	33,000	31,800	34,200	4.8	1.0	8.6
325	Brühl	North Rhine-Westphalia	22,800	23,500	22,700	24,300	3.1	-0.4	6.6
327	Coesfeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	15,400	16,200	15,400	17,000	5.2	0.0	10.4
331	Detmold	North Rhine-Westphalia	10,300	10,700	10,300	11,200	3.9	0.0	8.7
333	Dortmund	North Rhine-Westphalia	38,300	39,700	38,300	41,000	3.7	0.0	7.0
337	Düsseldorf	North Rhine-Westphalia	27,500	27,900	27,100	28,700	1.5	-1.5	4.4
341	Duisburg	North Rhine-Westphalia	33,900	34,700	33,600	35,900	2.4	-0.9	5.9
343	Essen	North Rhine-Westphalia	33,000	34,500	33,200	35,700	4.5	0.6	8.2
345	Gelsenkirchen	North Rhine-Westphalia	25,000	26,000	24,900	27,200	4.0	-0.4	8.8
347	Hagen	North Rhine-Westphalia	24,700	25,400	24,600	26,100	2.8	-0.4	5.7
351	Hamm	North Rhine-Westphalia	24,100	24,800	24,000	25,600	2.9	-0.4	6.2
353	Herford	North Rhine-Westphalia	19,300	20,000	19,200	20,800	3.6	-0.5	7.8
355	Iserlohn	North Rhine-Westphalia	17,300	18,900	18,100	19,700	9.2	4.6	13.9
357	Köln	North Rhine-Westphalia	55,100	56,400	54,100	58,700	2.4	-1.8	6.5
361	Krefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	22,900	23,700	23,000	24,500	3.5	0.4	7.0
364	Mettmann	North Rhine-Westphalia	18,200	19,300	18,600	20,000	6.0	2.2	9.9
365	Mönchengladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	29,300	31,300	30,100	32,500	6.8	2.7	10.9
367	Ahlen-Münster	North Rhine-Westphalia	18,200	19,100	18,500	19,700	4.9	1.6	8.2
371	Oberhausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	19,100	19,800	19,100	20,500	3.7	0.0	7.3
373	Paderborn	North Rhine-Westphalia	13,900	14,700	14,100	15,400	5.8	1.4	10.8
375	Recklinghausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	27,400	28,300	27,200	29,400	3.3	-0.7	7.3
377	Rheine	North Rhine-Westphalia	13,600	14,400	13,800	15,000	5.9	1.5	10.3
381	Siegen	North Rhine-Westphalia	12,600	13,100	12,400	13,700	4.0	-1.6	8.7
383	Meschede-Soest	North Rhine-Westphalia	17,500	18,100	17,100	19,200	3.4	-2.3	9.7
387	Wesel	North Rhine-Westphalia	28,200	29,300	28,200	30,400	3.9	0.0	7.8
391	Solingen-Wuppertal	North Rhine-Westphalia	29,500	31,800	30,500	33,100	7.8	3.4	12.2
411	Bad Hersfeld-Fulda	Hessen	7,400	7,600	7,200	8,000	2.7	-2.7	8.1



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			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
415	Darmstadt	Hessen	23,200	23,900	22,800	25,000	3.0	-1.7	7.8
419	Frankfurt	Hessen	28,100	30,700	29,500	32,000	9.3	5.0	13.9
427	Gießen	Hessen	19,100	19,700	18,900	20,600	3.1	-1.0	7.9
431	Hanau	Hessen	13,100	13,800	13,300	14,300	5.3	1.5	9.2
433	Bad Homburg	Hessen	22,500	23,400	22,700	24,200	4.0	0.9	7.6
435	Kassel	Hessen	17,800	18,700	17,700	19,600	5.1	-0.6	10.1
439	Korbach	Hessen	8,400	8,700	8,200	9,300	3.6	-2.4	10.7
443	Limburg-Wetzlar	Hessen	13,300	13,800	13,300	14,400	3.8	0.0	8.3
447	Marburg	Hessen	6,300	6,600	6,300	7,000	4.8	0.0	11.1
451	Offenbach	Hessen	17,400	18,300	17,600	19,000	5.2	1.1	9.2
459	Wiesbaden	Hessen	18,300	18,600	18,000	19,100	1.6	-1.6	4.4
511	Bad Kreuznach	Rhineland-Palatinate	10,800	11,200	10,700	11,700	3.7	-0.9	8.3
515	Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens	Rhineland-Palatinate	18,100	19,000	18,300	19,600	5.0	1.1	8.3
519	Koblenz-Mayen	Rhineland-Palatinate	12,800	13,000	12,400	13,700	1.6	-3.1	7.0
523	Ludwigshafen	Rhineland-Palatinate	16,200	16,300	15,800	16,800	0.6	-2.5	3.7
527	Mainz	Rhineland-Palatinate	20,000	21,100	20,500	21,600	5.5	2.5	8.0
535	Montabaur	Rhineland-Palatinate	7,100	7,500	7,100	7,900	5.6	0.0	11.3
543	Landau	Rhineland-Palatinate	13,200	13,800	13,500	14,200	4.5	2.3	7.6
547	Neuwied	Rhineland-Palatinate	9,400	9,800	9,400	10,200	4.3	0.0	8.5
555	Saarland	Saarland	37,200	39,200	37,700	40,600	5.4	1.3	9.1
563	Trier	Rhineland-Palatinate	12,900	13,200	12,600	13,900	2.3	-2.3	7.8
611	Aalen	Baden-Württemberg	10,000	10,700	10,100	11,300	7.0	1.0	13.0
614	Balingen	Baden-Württemberg	7,500	7,900	7,400	8,300	5.3	-1.3	10.7
617	Freiburg	Baden-Württemberg	15,300	16,300	15,800	16,800	6.5	3.3	9.8
621	Göppingen	Baden-Württemberg	19,600	21,000	20,100	21,900	7.1	2.6	11.7
624	Heidelberg	Baden-Württemberg	17,000	17,800	17,100	18,500	4.7	0.6	8.8
627	Heilbronn	Baden-Württemberg	12,500	13,600	13,000	14,300	8.8	4.0	14.4
631	Karlsruhe-Rastatt	Baden-Württemberg	25,900	27,000	26,000	28,100	4.2	0.4	8.5
634	Konstanz-Ravensburg	Baden-Württemberg	16,200	17,200	16,300	18,000	6.2	0.6	11.1

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			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
637	Lörrach	Baden-Württemberg	10,400	11,200	10,700	11,600	7.7	2.9	11.5
641	Ludwigsburg	Baden-Württemberg	12,100	13,000	12,500	13,600	7.4	3.3	12.4
644	Mannheim	Baden-Württemberg	13,700	14,300	13,900	14,800	4.4	1.5	8.0
647	Nagold-Pforzheim	Baden-Württemberg	15,000	16,000	15,300	16,800	6.7	2.0	12.0
651	Offenburg	Baden-Württemberg	10,100	10,700	10,100	11,200	5.9	0.0	10.9
664	Reutlingen	Baden-Württemberg	11,400	12,400	11,800	12,900	8.8	3.5	13.2
671	Waiblingen	Baden-Württemberg	10,200	11,000	10,500	11,500	7.8	2.9	12.7
674	Schwäbisch Hall-Tauberbischofsheim	Baden-Württemberg	12,700	13,500	12,800	14,200	6.3	0.8	11.8
677	Stuttgart	Baden-Württemberg	28,800	30,600	29,100	32,100	6.3	1.0	11.5
684	Ulm	Baden-Württemberg	9,600	10,300	9,600	10,900	7.3	0.0	13.5
687	Rottweil-Villingen-Schwenningen	Baden-Württemberg	12,000	12,700	11,900	13,500	5.8	-0.8	12.5
711	Ansbach-Weißenburg	Bavaria	7,900	8,200	7,600	8,800	3.8	-3.8	11.4
715	Aschaffenburg	Bavaria	9,600	10,500	10,000	11,000	9.4	4.2	14.6
723	Bayreuth-Hof	Bavaria	11,500	12,500	11,800	13,200	8.7	2.6	14.8
727	Bamberg-Coburg	Bavaria	13,400	14,300	13,300	15,300	6.7	-0.7	14.2
729	Fürth	Bavaria	13,200	14,100	13,400	14,700	6.8	1.5	11.4
735	Nürnberg	Bavaria	23,900	25,400	24,600	26,300	6.3	2.9	10.0
739	Regensburg	Bavaria	11,600	12,300	11,600	13,000	6.0	0.0	12.1
743	Schwandorf	Bavaria	8,700	9,300	8,600	10,100	6.9	-1.1	16.1
747	Schweinfurt	Bavaria	8,700	9,200	8,500	9,900	5.7	-2.3	13.8
751	Weiden	Bavaria	4,900	5,200	4,800	5,600	6.1	-2.0	14.3
759	Würzburg	Bavaria	9,200	9,900	9,500	10,400	7.6	3.3	13.0
811	Augsburg	Bavaria	16,800	18,300	17,300	19,200	8.9	3.0	14.3
815	Deggendorf	Bavaria	7,400	8,100	7,400	8,700	9.5	0.0	17.6
819	Donauwörth	Bavaria	8,500	8,700	8,000	9,500	2.4	-5.9	11.8
823	Freising	Bavaria	10,500	11,400	10,800	11,900	8.6	2.9	13.3
827	Ingolstadt	Bavaria	8,600	9,200	8,700	9,800	7.0	1.2	14.0
831	Kempten-Memmingen	Bavaria	11,600	12,300	11,700	12,800	6.0	0.9	10.3
835	Landshut-Pfarrkirchen	Bavaria	10,300	11,200	10,500	11,900	8.7	1.9	15.5

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			Average	Average <sup>2)</sup>	Lower Bound <sup>3)</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>3)</sup>	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
843	München	Bavaria	50,000	54,200	52,100	56,300	8.4	4.2	12.6
847	Passau	Bavaria	7,200	7,700	7,200	8,100	6.9	0.0	12.5
855	Rosenheim	Bavaria	9,300	10,000	9,500	10,400	7.5	2.2	11.8
859	Traunstein	Bavaria	9,800	10,300	9,700	10,900	5.1	-1.0	11.2
863	Weilheim	Bavaria	12,600	13,700	13,100	14,300	8.7	4.0	13.5
900	Berlin	Berlin	203,200	213,500	205,100	221,900	5.1	0.9	9.2
<b>Germany (western/eastern/total)<sup>4)</sup></b>									
Germany, western			2,143,000	2,248,000	2,165,000	2,332,000	4.9	1.0	8.8
Germany, eastern			644,000	674,000	642,000	706,000	4.7	-0.3	9.6
Germany, total			2,787,000	2,922,000	2,807,000	3,037,000	4.8	0.7	9.0

<sup>1)</sup> Numbers for 2024 are yearly averages and not forecasts.

<sup>2)</sup> Due to rounding off, differences between the sum of the labour market districts and Germany can occur.

<sup>3)</sup> 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.

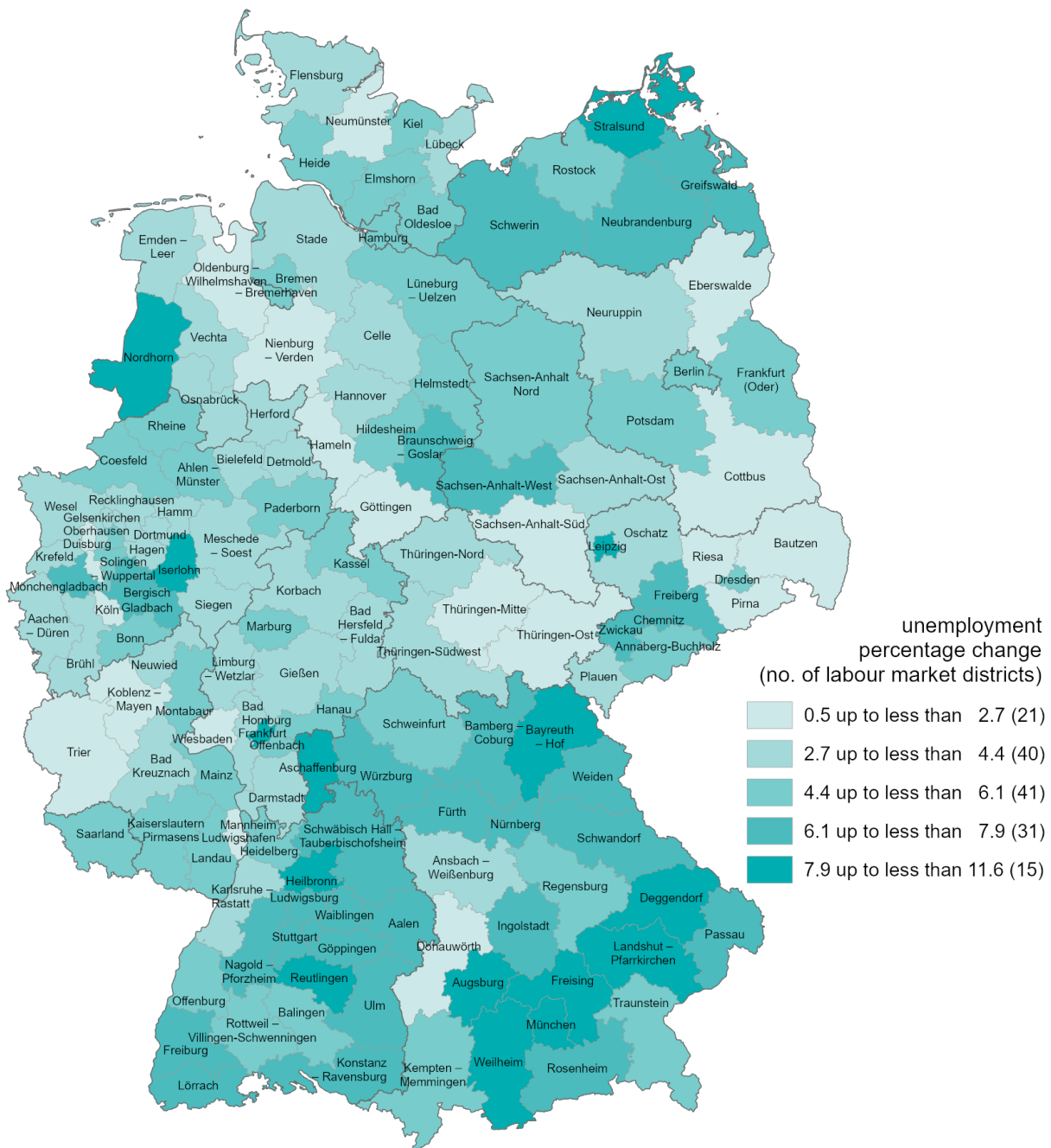
<sup>4)</sup> Values for Germany (western/eastern/total) are rounded off to the nearest 1,000.

Total values correspond to those in the IAB-Kurzbericht 3/2025.

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# 9 Unemployment in the Labour Market Districts

percentage change in yearly average from 2024 to 2025

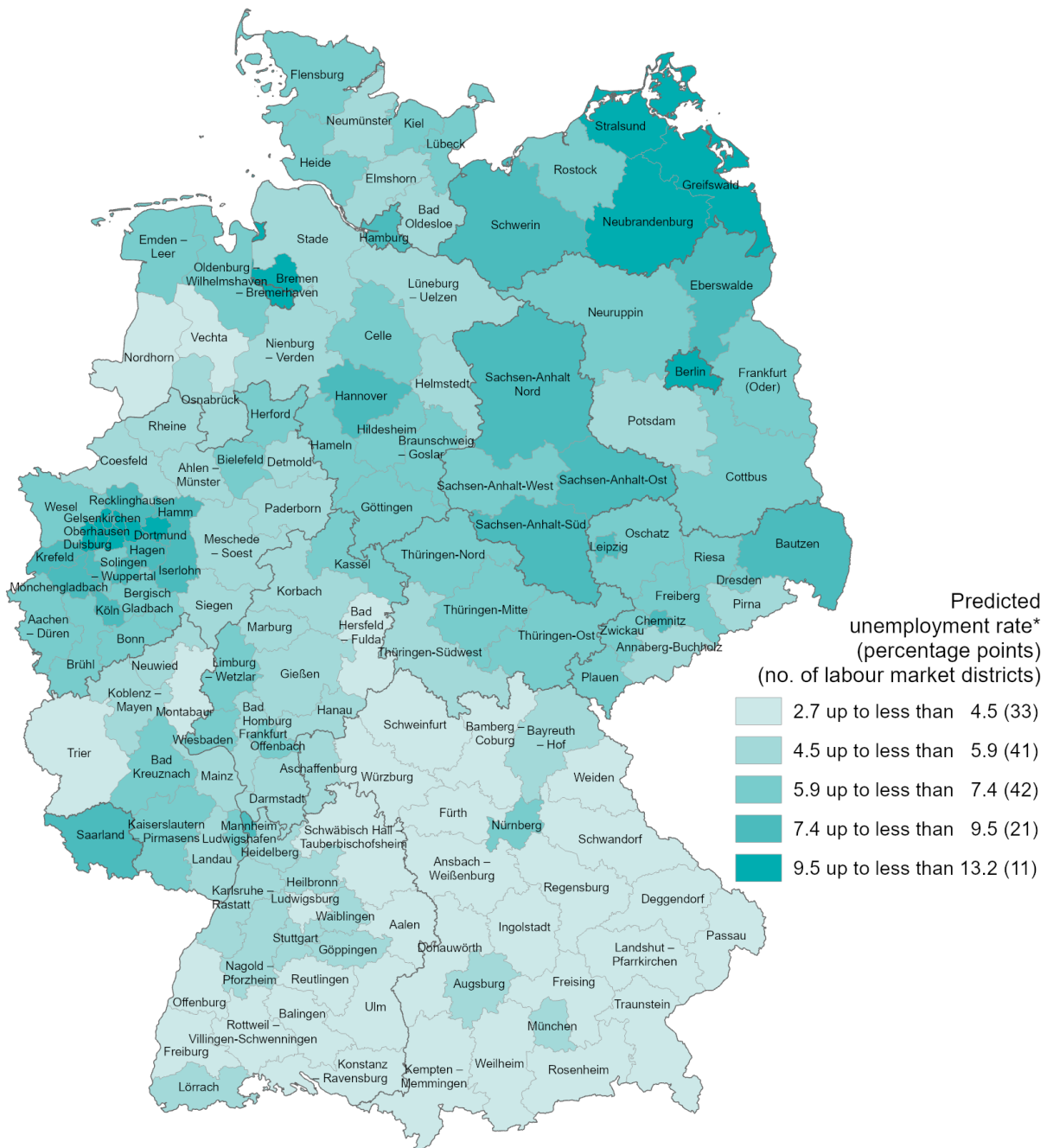


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# 10 Unemployment Rates 2025 in the Labour Market Districts in percent



\* in relation to 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.

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# 11 Unemployment Rate in the Labour Market Districts

yearly average

LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024	2025 GDP: +0,2 %	Change 2024 to 2025 in percentage points1)
30	Greifswald	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	9.1	9.7	0.6
31	Neubrandenburg	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	9.0	9.6	0.6
32	Rostock	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	6.8	7.1	0.4
33	Schwerin	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	7.2	7.7	0.4
34	Stralsund	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	9.2	10.2	1.0
35	Cottbus	Brandenburg	6.0	6.1	0.1
36	Eberswalde	Brandenburg	7.5	7.6	0.1
37	Frankfurt (Oder)	Brandenburg	6.3	6.6	0.3
38	Neuruppin	Brandenburg	6.1	6.3	0.2
39	Potsdam	Brandenburg	5.5	5.7	0.2
42	Sachsen-Anhalt Ost	Saxony-Anhalt	7.5	7.8	0.2
43	Sachsen-Anhalt West	Saxony-Anhalt	6.8	7.2	0.4
44	Sachsen-Anhalt Süd	Saxony-Anhalt	8.4	8.6	0.2
45	Sachsen-Anhalt Nord	Saxony-Anhalt	7.5	7.9	0.3
71	Annaberg-Buchholz	Saxony	5.3	5.6	0.4
72	Bautzen	Saxony	7.4	7.5	0.1
73	Chemnitz	Saxony	8.9	9.4	0.5
74	Dresden	Saxony	6.5	6.8	0.3
75	Leipzig	Saxony	7.7	8.1	0.5
76	Oschatz	Saxony	6.1	6.3	0.1
77	Pirna	Saxony	5.3	5.4	0.1
78	Plauen	Saxony	6.0	6.2	0.2
79	Riesa	Saxony	6.0	6.0	0.0
80	Freiberg	Saxony	5.5	5.9	0.4
92	Zwickau	Saxony	5.4	5.9	0.4
93	Thüringen Mitte	Thuringia	6.0	6.0	0.0
94	Thüringen Ost	Thuringia	6.7	6.8	0.1
97	Thüringen Nord	Thuringia	6.9	7.2	0.2
98	Thüringen Südwest	Thuringia	5.3	5.6	0.3
111	Bad Oldesloe	Schleswig-Holstein	4.7	4.9	0.2
115	Elmshorn	Schleswig-Holstein	5.3	5.5	0.2
119	Flensburg	Schleswig-Holstein	5.9	6.0	0.1
123	Hamburg	Hamburg	8.0	8.3	0.3
127	Heide	Schleswig-Holstein	5.9	6.1	0.2
131	Kiel	Schleswig-Holstein	6.7	7.0	0.3
135	Lübeck	Schleswig-Holstein	6.6	6.8	0.1
139	Neumünster	Schleswig-Holstein	5.5	5.5	0.1
211	Braunschweig-Goslar	Lower Saxony	6.6	7.0	0.4
214	Bremen-Bremerhaven	Bremen/Lower Saxony	10.0	10.4	0.4
221	Celle	Lower Saxony	6.1	6.3	0.2
224	Emden-Leer	Lower Saxony	6.5	6.7	0.2
231	Göttingen	Lower Saxony	6.7	6.8	0.1

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234	Hameln	Lower Saxony	6.6	6.7	0.2
237	Hannover	Lower Saxony	7.8	8.0	0.2
241	Helmstedt	Lower Saxony	5.5	5.8	0.3
244	Hildesheim	Lower Saxony	6.6	6.9	0.3
251	Lüneburg-Uelzen	Lower Saxony	5.3	5.5	0.2
257	Nordhorn	Lower Saxony	3.4	3.6	0.2
261	Oldenburg-Wilhelmshaven	Lower Saxony	6.3	6.4	0.1
264	Osnabrück	Lower Saxony	4.9	5.0	0.2
267	Stade	Lower Saxony	5.2	5.4	0.1
274	Vechta	Lower Saxony	4.1	4.2	0.1
277	Nienburg-Verden	Lower Saxony	4.7	4.8	0.1
311	Aachen-Düren	North Rhine-Westphalia	7.1	7.3	0.2
315	Bergisch Gladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	6.0	6.4	0.4
317	Bielefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	6.8	7.0	0.2
321	Bochum	North Rhine-Westphalia	9.8	9.9	0.1
323	Bonn	North Rhine-Westphalia	6.1	6.4	0.2
325	Brühl	North Rhine-Westphalia	6.1	6.3	0.1
327	Coesfeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	4.4	4.6	0.2
331	Detmold	North Rhine-Westphalia	5.5	5.7	0.1
333	Dortmund	North Rhine-Westphalia	11.7	11.9	0.3
337	Düsseldorf	North Rhine-Westphalia	7.7	7.9	0.1
341	Duisburg	North Rhine-Westphalia	12.8	12.9	0.1
343	Essen	North Rhine-Westphalia	10.8	11.2	0.4
345	Gelsenkirchen	North Rhine-Westphalia	12.7	13.1	0.4
347	Hagen	North Rhine-Westphalia	8.9	9.1	0.2
351	Hamm	North Rhine-Westphalia	7.7	7.9	0.2
353	Herford	North Rhine-Westphalia	6.2	6.4	0.2
355	Iserlohn	North Rhine-Westphalia	7.7	8.4	0.7
357	Köln	North Rhine-Westphalia	8.9	9.0	0.1
361	Krefeld	North Rhine-Westphalia	7.9	8.2	0.3
364	Mettmann	North Rhine-Westphalia	6.9	7.2	0.3
365	Mönchengladbach	North Rhine-Westphalia	7.5	8.0	0.4
367	Ahlen-Münster	North Rhine-Westphalia	5.3	5.4	0.1
371	Oberhausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	9.6	9.8	0.2
373	Paderborn	North Rhine-Westphalia	5.4	5.7	0.2
375	Recklinghausen	North Rhine-Westphalia	8.3	8.5	0.2
377	Rheine	North Rhine-Westphalia	5.1	5.4	0.3
381	Siegen	North Rhine-Westphalia	5.4	5.5	0.2
383	Meschede-Soest	North Rhine-Westphalia	5.4	5.6	0.2
387	Wesel	North Rhine-Westphalia	6.8	6.9	0.2
391	Solingen-Wuppertal	North Rhine-Westphalia	8.8	9.4	0.6
411	Bad Hersfeld-Fulda	Hessen	3.8	3.9	0.1
415	Darmstadt	Hessen	5.0	5.1	0.1
419	Frankfurt	Hessen	6.5	6.9	0.4
427	Gießen	Hessen	5.0	5.1	0.1
431	Hanau	Hessen	5.6	5.8	0.3

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433	Bad Homburg	Hessen	5.4	5.6	0.2
435	Kassel	Hessen	6.1	6.3	0.3
439	Korbach	Hessen	4.5	4.6	0.1
443	Limburg-Wetzlar	Hessen	5.7	5.9	0.2
447	Marburg	Hessen	4.6	4.8	0.2
451	Offenbach	Hessen	6.3	6.5	0.2
459	Wiesbaden	Hessen	7.0	7.0	0.0
511	Bad Kreuznach	Rhineland-Palatinate	5.7	5.9	0.2
515	Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens	Rhineland-Palatinate	6.5	6.7	0.3
519	Koblenz-Mayen	Rhineland-Palatinate	4.5	4.5	0.0
523	Ludwigshafen	Rhineland-Palatinate	6.9	7.0	0.1
527	Mainz	Rhineland-Palatinate	5.5	5.7	0.2
535	Montabaur	Rhineland-Palatinate	3.9	4.1	0.2
543	Landau	Rhineland-Palatinate	4.9	5.2	0.2
547	Neuwied	Rhineland-Palatinate	5.4	5.6	0.2
555	Saarland	Saarland	7.0	7.4	0.4
563	Trier	Rhineland-Palatinate	4.4	4.4	0.1
611	Aalen	Baden-Württemberg	3.9	4.1	0.2
614	Balingen	Baden-Württemberg	4.0	4.2	0.2
617	Freiburg	Baden-Württemberg	4.0	4.2	0.2
621	Göppingen	Baden-Württemberg	4.3	4.6	0.3
624	Heidelberg	Baden-Württemberg	4.4	4.5	0.2
627	Heilbronn	Baden-Württemberg	4.5	4.8	0.3
631	Karlsruhe-Rastatt	Baden-Württemberg	4.3	4.5	0.2
634	Konstanz-Ravensburg	Baden-Württemberg	3.5	3.7	0.2
637	Lörrach	Baden-Württemberg	4.6	5.0	0.3
641	Ludwigsburg	Baden-Württemberg	3.9	4.1	0.2
644	Mannheim	Baden-Württemberg	7.6	7.8	0.3
647	Nagold-Pforzheim	Baden-Württemberg	4.3	4.6	0.3
651	Offenburg	Baden-Württemberg	3.9	4.1	0.2
664	Reutlingen	Baden-Württemberg	3.9	4.2	0.3
671	Waiblingen	Baden-Württemberg	4.2	4.5	0.3
674	Schwäbisch Hall-Tauberbischofsheim	Baden-Württemberg	3.6	3.9	0.2
677	Stuttgart	Baden-Württemberg	5.0	5.3	0.3
684	Ulm	Baden-Württemberg	3.1	3.2	0.2
687	Rottweil-Villingen-Schwenningen	Baden-Württemberg	4.2	4.4	0.2
711	Ansbach-Weißenburg	Bavaria	3.0	3.1	0.1
715	Aschaffenburg	Bavaria	4.4	4.8	0.4
723	Bayreuth-Hof	Bavaria	4.5	4.8	0.3
727	Bamberg-Coburg	Bavaria	3.8	4.1	0.3
729	Fürth	Bavaria	3.8	4.0	0.2
735	Nürnberg	Bavaria	5.6	5.9	0.3
739	Regensburg	Bavaria	3.2	3.3	0.1
743	Schwandorf	Bavaria	3.5	3.7	0.2
747	Schweinfurt	Bavaria	3.5	3.7	0.2



LMD-No.	Labour Market District (in German)	Federal State	2024	2025 GDP: +0,2 %	Change 2024 to 2025 in percentage points <sup>1)</sup>
751	Weiden	Bavaria	4.1	4.3	0.2
759	Würzburg	Bavaria	3.1	3.3	0.2
811	Augsburg	Bavaria	4.2	4.5	0.3
815	Deggendorf	Bavaria	3.6	3.9	0.3
819	Donauwörth	Bavaria	2.6	2.7	0.1
823	Freising	Bavaria	2.8	3.0	0.2
827	Ingolstadt	Bavaria	2.9	3.1	0.2
831	Kempten-Memmingen	Bavaria	2.9	3.0	0.1
835	Landshut-Pfarrkirchen	Bavaria	3.7	4.0	0.3
843	München	Bavaria	4.5	4.8	0.3
847	Passau	Bavaria	3.9	4.1	0.2
855	Rosenheim	Bavaria	2.9	3.1	0.2
859	Traunstein	Bavaria	3.4	3.5	0.1
863	Weilheim	Bavaria	3.2	3.4	0.2
900	Berlin	Berlin	9.7	10.0	0.4
<b>Germany (western/eastern/total)</b>					
Germany, western			5.7	5.9	0.2
Germany, eastern			7.5	7.8	0.3
Germany, total			6.0	6.3	0.3

<sup>1)</sup> 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.

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## 12 People Capable of Working and Eligible for Benefits<sup>1)</sup> in the Federal States yearly average

	2024 <sup>1)</sup>	2025 GDP: +0,2 %			Growth Rate 2024 to ... 2025 (in %)		
	Average	Average	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	... Average ...	... Lower Bound ...	... Upper Bound ...
<b>Federal State</b>							
Schleswig-Holstein	141,200	137,700	134,100	141,200	-2.5	-5.0	0.0
Hamburg	136,800	135,200	132,600	137,800	-1.2	-3.1	0.7
Lower Saxony	383,600	367,100	358,800	375,300	-4.3	-6.5	-2.2
Bremen	68,100	67,300	66,100	68,400	-1.2	-2.9	0.4
North Rhine-Westphalia	1,136,600	1,120,500	1,102,900	1,138,100	-1.4	-3.0	0.1
Hessen	292,500	287,100	280,500	293,700	-1.8	-4.1	0.4
Rhineland-Palatinate	161,000	157,900	154,200	161,600	-1.9	-4.2	0.4
Baden-Württemberg	354,100	355,600	347,100	364,100	0.4	-2.0	2.8
Bavaria	328,300	328,500	319,100	337,900	0.1	-2.8	2.9
Saarland	59,300	58,500	57,500	59,600	-1.3	-3.0	0.5
Berlin	329,900	323,100	316,400	329,800	-2.1	-4.1	0.0
Brandenburg	110,800	105,400	102,800	108,000	-4.9	-7.2	-2.5
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	83,400	79,100	77,300	80,900	-5.2	-7.3	-3.0
Saxony	187,600	181,100	175,700	186,500	-3.5	-6.3	-0.6
Saxony-Anhalt	126,500	119,600	117,000	122,200	-5.5	-7.5	-3.4
Thuringia	88,200	83,500	81,600	85,400	-5.3	-7.5	-3.2
<b>Germany (western/eastern/total)<sup>3)</sup></b>							
Germany, western	3,062,000	3,015,000	2,953,000	3,078,000	-1.5	-3.6	0.5
Germany, eastern	926,000	892,000	871,000	913,000	-3.7	-5.9	-1.4
Germany, total	3,988,000	3,907,000	3,824,000	3,991,000	-2.0	-4.1	0.1

<sup>1)</sup> "erwerbsfähige Leistungsberechtigte".

<sup>2)</sup> Numbers for 2024 are yearly averages based on real values for January to November and an estimate for December and not forecasts.

<sup>3)</sup> 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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