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	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d				
HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT											
21 Hong Kong, China (SAR)	201	5.6	68	3,386	(.)	15	85	..	..	..	..
23 Israel	246	9.0	112	2,494	2	22	76	..	..	..	..
25 Singapore	116	5.3	98	2,267	0	30	70	..	..	..	..
27 Slovenia	58	5.8	111	946	9	37	53	..	..	..	..
28 Cyprus	19	5.3	148	338	5	24	71	..	..	..	..
30 Brunei Darussalam	7 ^e	..	..	146	1	21	77	..	..	..	..
31 Barbados	14	9.8	118	132	3	17	70	..	..	..	..
33 Kuwait	15 ^f	1.1 ^f	173 ^f	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
34 Malta	12	7.5	142	149	2	29	68	..	..	..	..
35 Qatar	13	3.9	548	438	3	41	56	..	..	..	..
38 Argentina	1,141	10.6	135	9,639	1	24	75	2003 ^g	40 ^g	31 ^g	46 ^g
39 United Arab Emirates	41	2.3	118	1,779	8	33	59	..	..	..	..
40 Chile	440	6.9	139	5,905	13	23	64	1996 ^h	36 ^h	44 ^h	31 ^h
41 Bahrain	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
43 Lithuania	133	8.3	101	1,474	14	29	57	..	..	..	..
44 Estonia	52	7.9	81	607	5	34	61	..	..	..	..
45 Latvia	99	8.7	93	1,036 ^g	12 ^g	26 ^g	62 ^g	..	..	..	..
46 Uruguay	155	12.2	161	1,115 ^g	5 ^g	22 ^g	74 ^g	2000	30	25	34
47 Croatia	229	12.7	120	1,573	17	29	54	..	..	..	..
48 Costa Rica	126	6.6	192	1,777	15	22	63	2000	20	17	22
49 Bahamas	18	10.2	122	161	4	18	78	..	..	..	..
50 Seychelles	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
51 Cuba	88	1.9	129	4,642	21	19	59	..	..	..	..
53 Bulgaria	334	10.1	95	2,980	9	34	57	..	..	..	..
57 Antigua and Barbuda	..	..	..	28 ^g	4 ^g	19 ^g	74 ^g	..	..	..	..
58 Oman	53	..	..	282 ^g	6 ^g	11 ^g	82 ^g	..	..	..	..
59 Trinidad and Tobago	50	8.0	190	525	7	28	64	..	..	..	..
60 Romania	705	7.2	83	9,147	32	30	38	..	..	..	..
61 Saudi Arabia	327	5.2	274	5,913	5	21	74	..	..	..	..
62 Panama	137	10.3	173	1,188	16	17	67	2004	33	29	35
63 Malaysia	370	3.6	100	9,987	15	30	53	..	..	..	..
64 Belarus	68 ^f	1.5 ^f	325 ^f	4,701 ^g	21 ^g	35 ^g	40 ^g	..	..	..	..
65 Mauritius	52	9.6	284	490	10	32	57	2004	8	6	9
67 Russian Federation	5,775	7.8	105	68,169	10	30	60	2004	12	11	12
68 Albania	157	14.4	141	931	58	14	28 ⁱ	..	..	..	..
69 Macedonia (TFYR)	324	37.3	105	545	20	32	48	..	..	..	..
70 Brazil	8,264	8.9	172	84,596	21	21	58	2003	37	31	42
MEDIUM HUMAN DEVELOPMENT											
71 Dominica	3	11.0	80	26	24	18	54	..	..	..	..
72 Saint Lucia	13	16.4	164	59	11	18	53	..	..	..	..
73 Kazakhstan	659	8.4	140	7,182	34	17	49	..	..	..	..
74 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	1,823	15.8	127	9,994	11	20	69	2004	46	45	47
75 Colombia	2,406	11.8	174	18,217	22	19	59 ⁱ	2004 ^g	58 ^g	59 ^g	55 ^g
76 Ukraine	1,601	7.2	91	20,680	19	24	56 ⁱ	2004	4	4	4
78 Thailand	496	1.4	80	36,302	43	20	37	2002	72	..	..
79 Dominican Republic	716	17.9	254	3,315	16	21	63	1997 ^h	48 ^h	50 ^h	47 ^h
80 Belize	12	11.0	230	78	28	17	55	..	..	..	..
81 China	8,390	4.2	..	737,400	44	18	16	..	..	..	..
82 Grenada	..	..	..	35	14	24	59	..	..	..	..
83 Armenia	424	36.4	91	1,108	46	17	38	..	..	..	..
85 Suriname	12	14.0	200	73	6	15	75
86 Jordan	43	4	22	74
87 Peru	437	11.4	143	3,400	1	24	76	2004 ^g	56 ^g	55 ^g	57 ^g

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88 Lebanon	116	
89 Ecuador	334	7.9	186	3,892	8	21	70	2004 ^g	40 ^g	44 ^g	37 ^g	
90 Philippines	2,619	7.4	99	32,875	37	15	48	1995 ^h	72 ^h	73 ^h	71 ^h	
91 Tunisia	486	14.2	132	..	..	..	..	1994–95	50 ^h	39 ^h	53 ^h
93 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	..	..	..	35	15	20	56	..	..	..	..
94 Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2,556	11.5	170	19,760	25	30	45	..	..	..	..
95 Paraguay	206	8.1	151	2,247	32	16	53	1995 ^h	66 ^h	..	..
96 Georgia	279	13.8	85	1,745	54	9	36	..	..	..	..
97 Guyana	..	..	..	240	28	23	48	..	..	..	..
98 Azerbaijan	369	8.5	125	3,850 ^g	39 ^g	12 ^g	49 ^g	..	..	..	..
99 Sri Lanka	623	7.7	216	6,943	34	23	39	..	..	..	..
100 Maldives	2	..	..	86	14	19	50	..	..	..	..
101 Jamaica	130	10.9	207	1,063	18	18	64	..	..	..	..
103 El Salvador	184	6.8	44	2,526	19	24	57	1997 ^h	57 ^h	69 ^h	46 ^h	
104 Algeria	1,475	15.3	103	7,798	21	26	53	1997 ^h	43 ^h	41 ^h	43 ^h	
105 Viet Nam	926	2.1	131	42,316	58	17	25	..	..	..	..
106 Occupied Palestinian Territories	212	26.7	71	578	16	25	58	..	..	..	..
107 Indonesia	10,854	9.1	155	94,948	44	18	38	1998 ^h	78 ^h	77 ^h	78 ^h	
108 Syrian Arab Republic	638	11.7	290	4,822	30	27	43	2003	22	7	24	
110 Nicaragua	135	12.2	165	1,953	31	18	40	2000 ^g	55 ^g	59 ^g	52 ^g	
111 Moldova	104	7.3	69	1,319	41	16	43	2004	8	5	11	
112 Egypt	2,241	11.0	311	18,119	30	20	50	2003 ^g	45 ^g	59 ^g	42 ^g	
113 Uzbekistan	..	..	..	8,885	39	19	35	..	..	..	..
114 Mongolia	33 ^f	3.3 ^f	120 ^f	951	40	16	44	..	..	..	..
115 Honduras	108	4.1	197	2,544	39	21	40	1997 ^h	58 ^h	66 ^h	74 ^h	
116 Kyrgyzstan	186	8.5	116	1,807	53	10	37	2003	43	39	45	
117 Bolivia	222	5.5	161	2,091 ^g	5 ^g	28 ^g	67 ^g	1997 ^h	64 ^h	74 ^h	55 ^h	
118 Guatemala	172	3.4	196	4,769	39	20	38	..	..	..	..
121 South Africa	4,385	26.6	100	11,622	10	25	65	2004	16	16	15	
122 Tajikistan	51 ^f	2.7 ^f	121 ^f	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
124 Botswana	144	23.8	123	567	23	22	50	..	..	..	..
125 Namibia	221	33.8	138	432	31	12	56	..	..	..	..
126 Morocco	1,226	11.0	106	9,603	44	20	36 ⁱ	1995 ^h	45 ^h	47 ^h	44 ^h	
128 India	16,634	4.3	100	308,760 ^g	67 ^g	13 ^g	20 ^{g,i}	2000 ^g	56 ^g	57 ^g	55 ^g	
130 Lao People's Democratic Republic	38	..	..	2,165 ^g	85 ^g	4 ^g	11 ^g	..	..	..	..
131 Cambodia	503	1.8	147	6,243	70	11	19	..	..	..	..
132 Myanmar	190 ^f	..	..	18,359	63	12	25 ⁱ	..	..	..	..
135 Ghana	..	..	..	8,300	55	14	31	..	..	..	..
136 Pakistan	3,566	7.7	194	38,882	42	21	37	2003–04	70	66	70	
138 Lesotho	216	39.3	153	353	57	15	23	..	..	..	..
140 Bangladesh	2,002	4.3	117	44,322	52	14	35	..	..	..	..
142 Nepal	178	1.8	85	7,459 ^g	79 ^g	6 ^g	21 ^g	..	..	..	..
143 Madagascar	383	4.5	160	8,099	78	7	15	..	..	..	..
144 Cameroon	468	7.5	82	5,806 ^g	61 ^g	9 ^g	23 ^g	..	..	..	..
145 Papua New Guinea	69	2.8	30	2,345	72	4	23	..	..	..	..
146 Haiti	..	..	..	..	51	11	39	..	..	..	..
148 Kenya	1,276	..	..	1,674	19	20	62	1999 ^h	72 ^h	83 ^h	59 ^h
149 Djibouti	..	..	..	77 ^g	2 ^g	8 ^g	80 ^g	..	..	..	..
151 Zimbabwe	298	6.0	63	
153 Yemen	469	11.5	66	3,622	54	11	35	
154 Uganda	346	3.2	156	9,257	69	8	22	

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	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d	1996–2005 ^d				
LOW HUMAN DEVELOPMENT											
157 Eritrea	82 ^g	4 ^g	19 ^g	77 ^g
158 Nigeria	5,229 ^g	3 ^g	22 ^g	75 ^g
159 Tanzania (United Republic of)	913	5.1	132	16,915	82	3	15	2001	43	41	46
160 Guinea	1991 ^h	72 ^h	87 ^h	66 ^h
161 Rwanda	16	0.6	38	3,143 ^g	90 ^g	3 ^g	7 ^g
162 Angola	19 ^e
163 Benin	1992 ^h	93 ^h	97 ^h	87 ^h
165 Zambia	508	12.0	92	3,530	70	7	23
167 Burundi	1 ^e	14.0 ^e	88 ^e
169 Ethiopia	1,654	5.0	312	20,843 ^g	93 ^g	3 ^g	5 ^g	2004	41	48	36
170 Chad	1993 ^h	74 ^h	95 ^h	60 ^h
171 Central African Republic	2003 ^g	21 ^g	21 ^g	21 ^g
172 Mozambique	192	1999 ^h	74 ^h
173 Mali	227	8.8	153	2004	71	80	63
176 Burkina Faso	7 ^e	2000 ^h	77 ^h

NOTES

Data are not strictly comparable across countries as they were compiled using different sources.

As a result data may differ from the standard definitions of unemployment and the informal sector.

- a.** Data refer to the ILO definition of unemployment unless otherwise specified.
- b.** Employment by economic activity may not sum to 100 as a result of rounding or the omission of employment in economic activity that is not adequately defined.

c. Informal sector may not be of the same year as data for employment and unemployment. As a result, they may not be strictly comparable.

d. Data refer to the most recent year during the period specified.

e. Data refer to work applicants.

f. Data refer to the registered unemployed.

g. Data refer to a year or period other than that specified, differ from the standard definition or refer to only part of a country.

h. Data are from Charmes and Rani 2007.

i. Services include persons engaged in extra-territorial organizations and bodies and/or persons not classifiable by economic activity.

SOURCES

Columns 1–3: ILO 2007b.

Columns 4–7: ILO 2005.

Columns 8–11: ILO Bureau of Statistics 2007, unless otherwise specified.