

International Figures of the Week

COUNTRY FOCUS / GERMANY

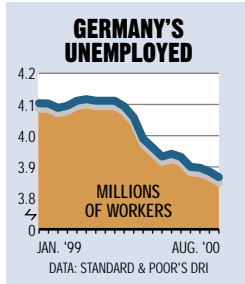
After worrisome signs from falling business confidence and weak industrial production, recent data help to allay fears that the German recovery is petering out. Unemployment continues to fall, and new orders keep growing strongly.

The data suggest that the export-driven recovery, powered by the 24% drop in the euro since January, 1999, is slowly cranking

up domestic demand as production gains reduce joblessness, which lifts overall buying power. Unemployment fell by 18,000 in August. The

seasonally-adjusted jobless rate held at the July level of 9.5%, but the trend is clearly down.

The economy grew 1.1% in the second quarter, or 4.7% at an annual rate, the best showing in more than two years. However, the mix of growth was weighted toward inventories with only a tepid advance in domestic spending, suggesting a cooler third-quarter pace. The government hopes to spur demand in the coming year with corporate and household tax cuts totaling 1% of gross domestic product.



STOCK INDEXES

	SEPT. 6	AUG. 30	% CHG. YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA /All Ordinaires	3281.7	3316.3	13.0%
BRAZIL /Bovespa	17589.7	17414.3	57.3
BRITAIN /FTSE100	6694.7	6615.1	6.1
CANADA /TSE 300	11150.7	11173.6	60.3
FRANCE /CAC 40	6796.8	6634.6	45.2
GERMANY /DAX	7333.0	7185.6	42.4
HONG KONG /Hang Seng	17605.2	17095.9	38.3
ITALY /MIB 30	48434.0	47376.0	43.2
JAPAN /Nikkei 225	16399.9	16901.7	-6.8
MEXICO /IPC 35	6789.7	6572.9	34.4
SOUTH KOREA /Composite	676.7	718.9	-19.1
SPAIN /IBEX 35	11238.5	10869.6	12.7
UNITED STATES /Dow Jones	11310.6	11103.0	2.1

DATA: BRIDGE Information Systems, Inc.

CURRENCY CROSS RATES

	USDOLLAR	SKWON	SFRANC	MPESO	YEN	EURO	GDOL	POUND	REAL	ADOL
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	1.7770	0.00160	0.9965	0.1904	16.7440	1.5464	1.1961	2.5475	0.9737	-
BRAZILIAN REAL	1.8250	0.00165	1.0261	0.1955	0.0172	1.5994	1.2319	2.6217	-	1.0270
BRITISH POUND	0.6961	0.00063	0.3912	0.0745	6.5726	0.6057	0.4694	-	0.3814	0.3917
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.4814	0.00134	0.8332	0.1587	13.9992	1.2893	-	2.1284	0.8117	0.8336
EUROPEAN EURO	1.1490	0.00104	0.6464	0.1231	10.8667	-	0.7757	1.6509	0.6296	0.6466
JAPANESE YEN	105.82	0.09500	59.51	11.3358	-	92.08	71.44	152.02	57.9836	59.5700
MEXICAN PESO	9.3350	0.00843	5.2485	-	0.0882	8.123	6.301	13.4153	5.1151	5.2532
SWISS FRANC	1.7786	0.00161	-	0.1905	1.6815	1.5477	1.2004	2.5555	0.9746	1.0010
SOUTH KOREAN WON	1107.50	-	622.681	118.640	10.466	963.700	747.604	1591.15	606.849	623.241
U.S. DOLLAR	-	0.00090	0.5623	0.1071	9.4505	0.8702	0.6751	1.4367	0.5479	0.5653

DATA: BRIDGE Information Systems, Inc., Quotes as of 4 p.m., Sept. 6, 2000

CENTRAL BANK POLICY RATES

	SEPT. 6	AUG. 30	YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA /Overnight cash	6.24	6.24	4.75
BRAZIL /Selic Overnight	16.60	16.47	19.38
BRITAIN /Base Lending	6.00	6.00	5.25
CANADA /Overnite Financing	6.00	6.00	4.62
EURO ZONE /Refinance	4.50	4.25	2.50
HONG KONG /Interbank Overnight	7.25	5.75	4.50
JAPAN /Overnight Call	0.24	0.25	0.01
MEXICO /One-day Loan	15.05	15.25	18.17
SOUTH KOREA /Discount	5.07	5.19	3.00
UNITED STATES /Federal Funds Rate	6.61*	6.51	5.09

DATA: BRIDGE Information Systems, Inc., Standard & Poor's DRI, *Sept. 5

GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS (BENCHMARK 10-YEAR BOND)

	SEPT. 6	AUG. 30	YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA	6.03	6.32	6.32
BRITAIN	5.27	5.32	5.29
CANADA	5.64	5.84	5.64
FRANCE	5.40	5.48	5.05
GERMANY	5.20	5.26	5.52
HONG KONG	7.10	7.26	7.49
ITALY	5.57	5.67	5.14
JAPAN	1.98	1.87	1.80
SOUTH KOREA (3-Year)	8.89	8.92	9.07
SPAIN	5.51	5.61	5.26
UNITED STATES	5.68	5.81	5.93

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