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Table 1.75: Unemployment rates, approximating U.S. concepts, in the nine countries, quarterly data seasonally adjusted

Country	Annual average		2001				2002			
	2001	2002	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
United States	4.8	5.8	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.7	5.9
Canada	6.4	7.0	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.8	7.1	6.9	7.0	6.9
Australia	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.1
Japan¹	5.1	5.4	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5
France¹	8.5	8.8	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.9
Germany¹	8.0	8.4	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.6
Italy²	9.6	9.1	10.0	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.0
Sweden¹	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.4
United Kingdom¹	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.1

¹ Preliminary for 2002 for Japan, France, Germany, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

² Quarterly rates are for the first month of the quarter.

NOTE: Quarterly figures for France and Germany are calculated by applying annual adjustment factors to current published data, and therefore should be viewed as less precise indicators of unemployment under U.S. concepts than the annual figures. For further qualifications and historical data, see *Comparative Civilian Labor Force Statistics, Ten Countries, 1959-2002* (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Apr. 14, 2003), on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/fls/home.htm>.

SOURCE: *Monthly Labor Review*, U.S., March 2004, p. 117.