

CHART 2.12

Long-term unemployment (UR1) was most prevalent in Slovakia and Spain.

- UR1 is the most restrictive rate of labor underutilization and consists only of the subset of the unemployed who were unemployed for at least 1 year. UR3 is the official unemployment rate and the most widely recognized. The broadest rate, UR6, includes the unemployed, the marginally attached, and persons who are employed but who worked fewer hours than they would like (i.e., the time-related underemployed).

- Spain had the highest UR3 and UR6. Although Australia had the second highest UR6, its UR3 was relatively low.

Various measures of labor underutilization, selected countries, 2009



NOTE: Long term is defined as 1 year or longer. UR6 includes the unemployed, the marginally attached, and the time-related underemployed. See section notes.

SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development