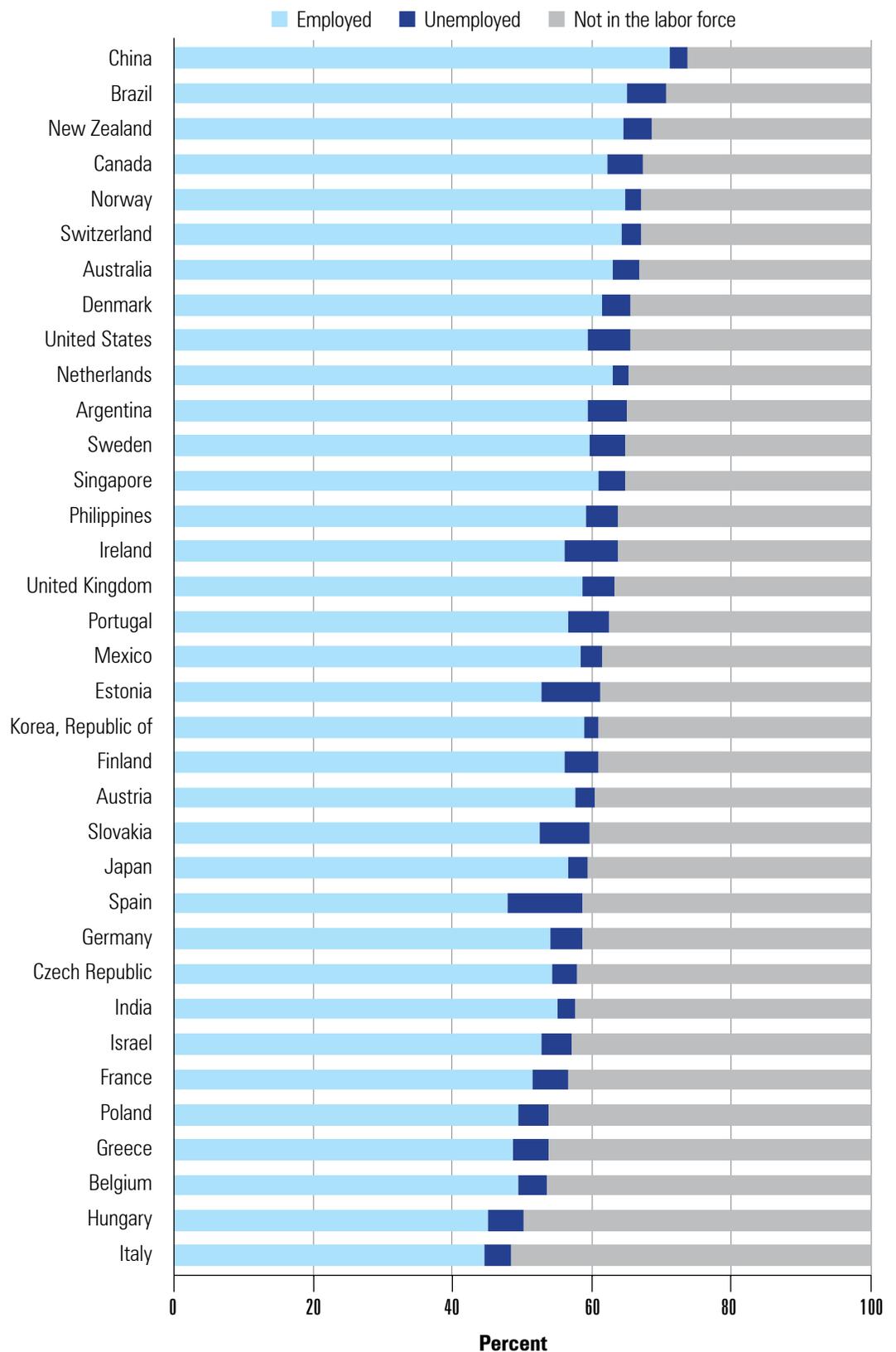


# CHART 2.4

The working-age population is composed of those in the labor force—the employed and the unemployed—and those not in the labor force.

- Italy was the only country with less than half of its working-age population engaged in the labor force.
- Although Spain had average labor force participation, this masks its relatively low employment rate and high unemployment. Estonia, Ireland, and Slovakia also had relatively low employment but high unemployment.

## Working-age population by labor force status, selected countries, in percent, 2009



SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics and International Labour Office