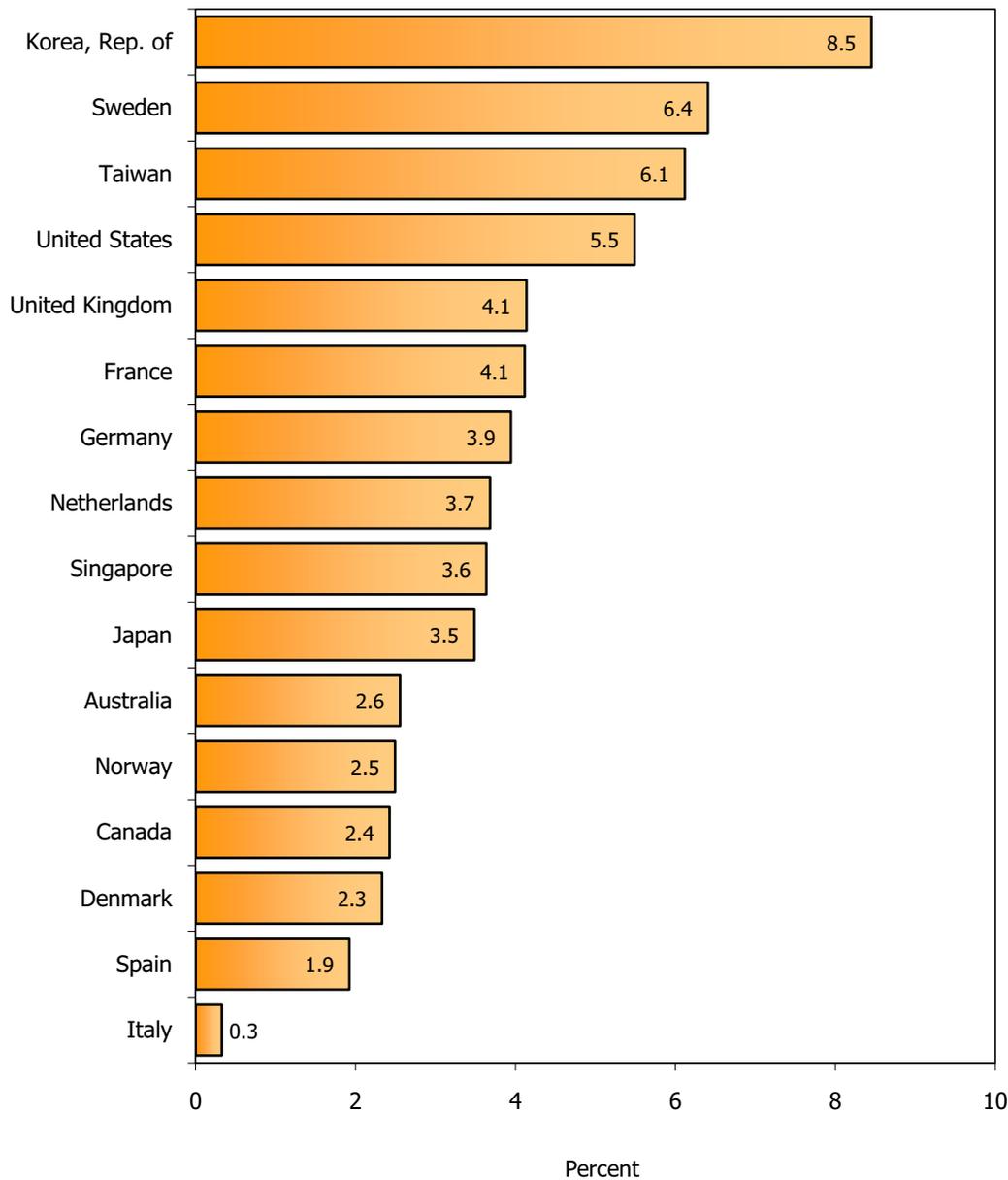


3.4 Average annual growth rates for manufacturing productivity, 1997-2007

- The Republic of Korea had the largest increase in manufacturing labor productivity, followed by Sweden, Taiwan, and the United States.
- Growth in manufacturing labor productivity was lowest in Italy.



NOTE: Productivity is defined as output per hour worked.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics.