

# UR6: A broad rate of labor underutilization, selected countries, 2007 and 2009



## CHART 2.13

During the global recession, UR6 increased between 2007 and 2009 in all countries, except for Poland. The largest increases were in Spain, the United States, and Ireland.

- UR6 is a broader measure of labor underutilization than the unemployment rate because it includes the marginally attached and those who are employed but who worked fewer hours than they would like (i.e., time-related underemployed). This broader measure is popular during times of recession, when unemployment and other types of labor market difficulty are on the rise.

**NOTE:** UR6 includes the unemployed, the marginally attached, and the time-related underemployed. See section notes.

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