

*OECD Employment Outlook 2004 -
How does the United States compare?*

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Outline of talk

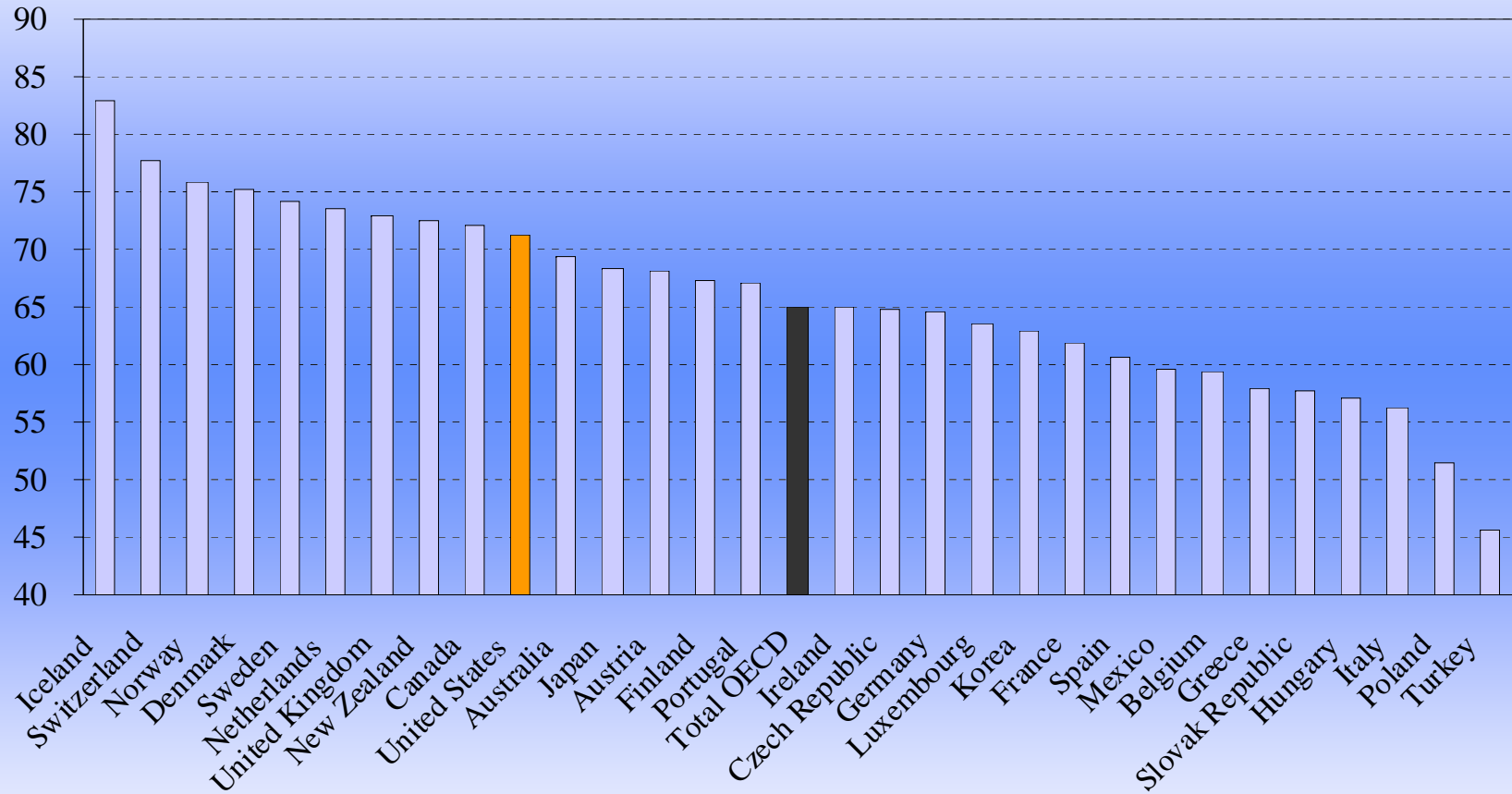
- Part 1 - Overview of the *Employment Outlook 2004*
- Part 2 - How does the US compare?
 - Most interesting differences
 - Selected charts from the report
 - Why do Americans work so much than the French?
- Part 3 - Discussion

Overview of the *Employment Outlook*

- ❑ 2004 edition just published (annual report)
- ❑ Latest comparative statistics (as every year)
- ❑ Editorial
 - OECD advice on employment policy
 - European flavour
- ❑ Five in-depth chapters:
 - 1) Working time
 - 2) Employment protection legislation
 - 3) Wage-setting institutions
 - 4) Employer-sponsored training
 - 5) Undeclared work

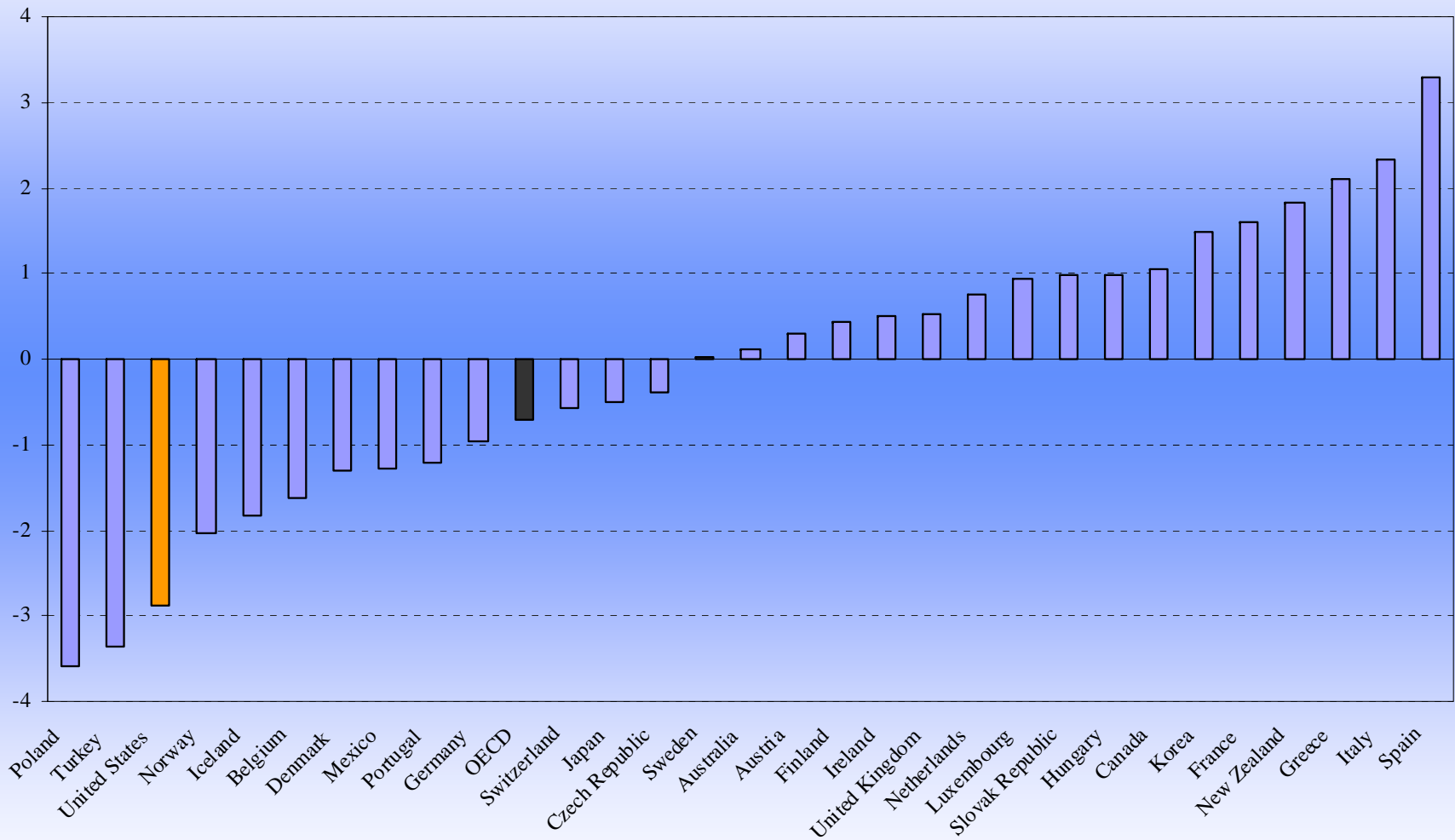
Proportion of people of working age who are employed, 2003

Employment as a percent of population aged 15-64



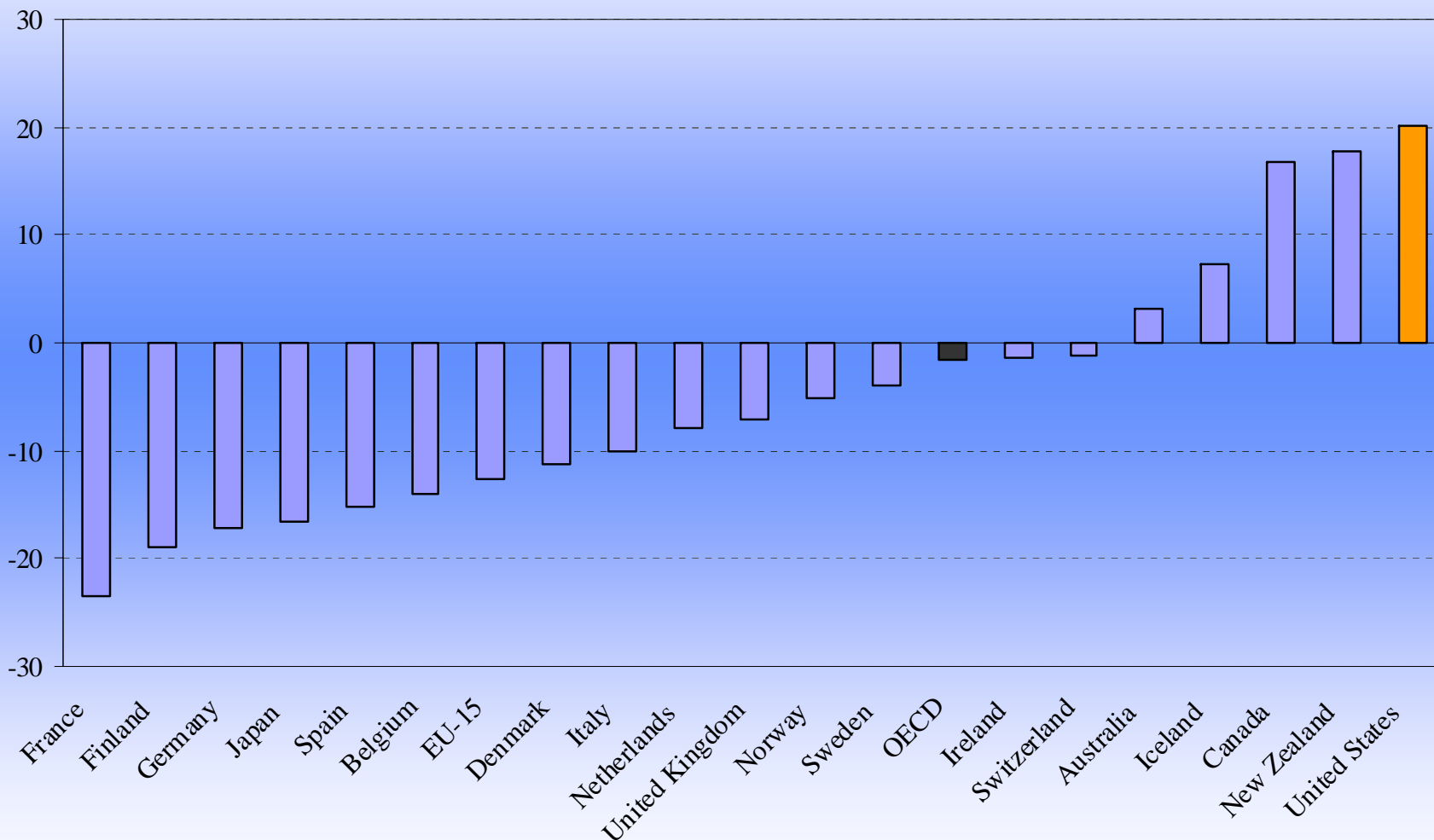
Employment in the current economic slowdown

Percentage-point changes in the E-P ratio, 2000-2003



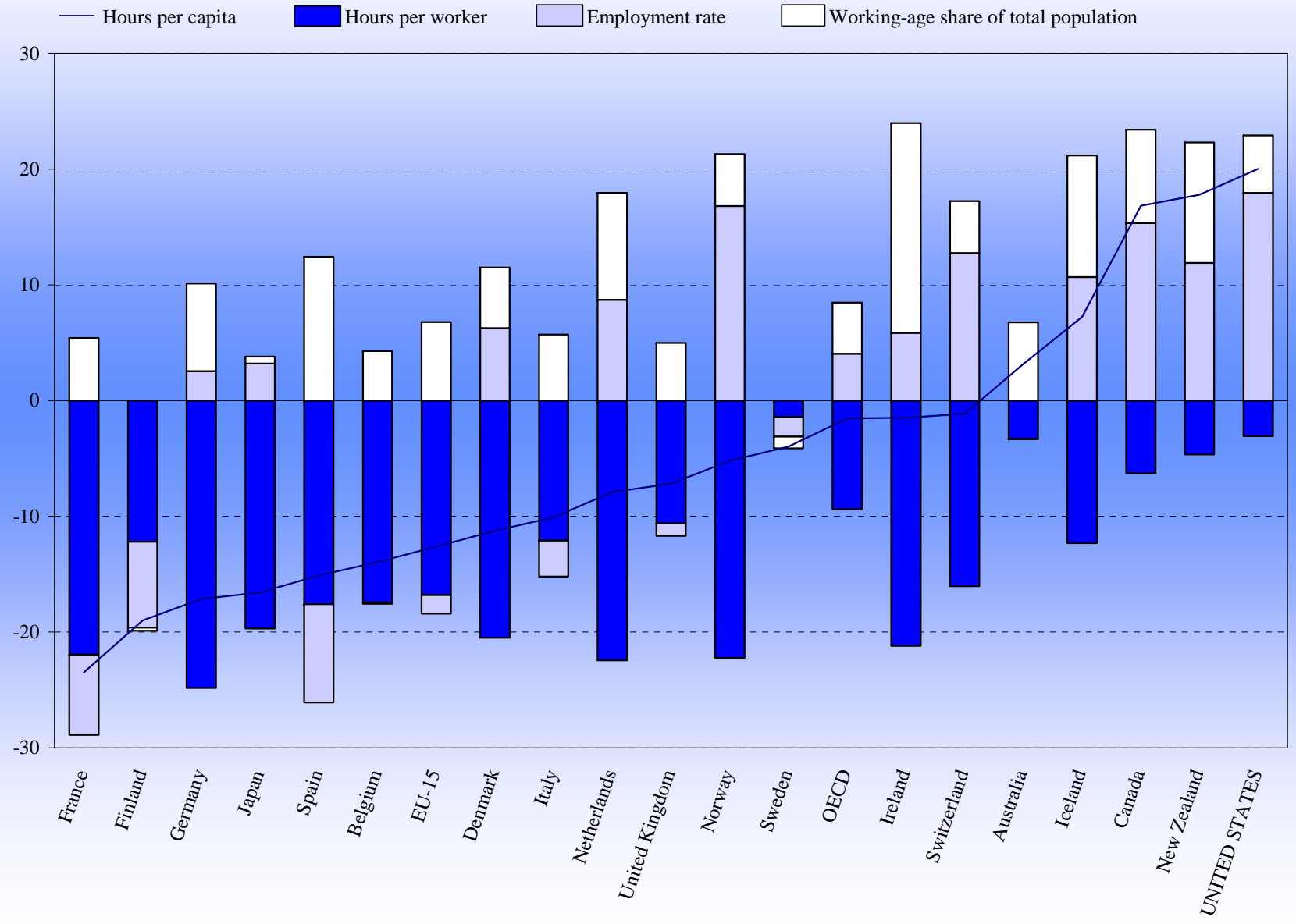
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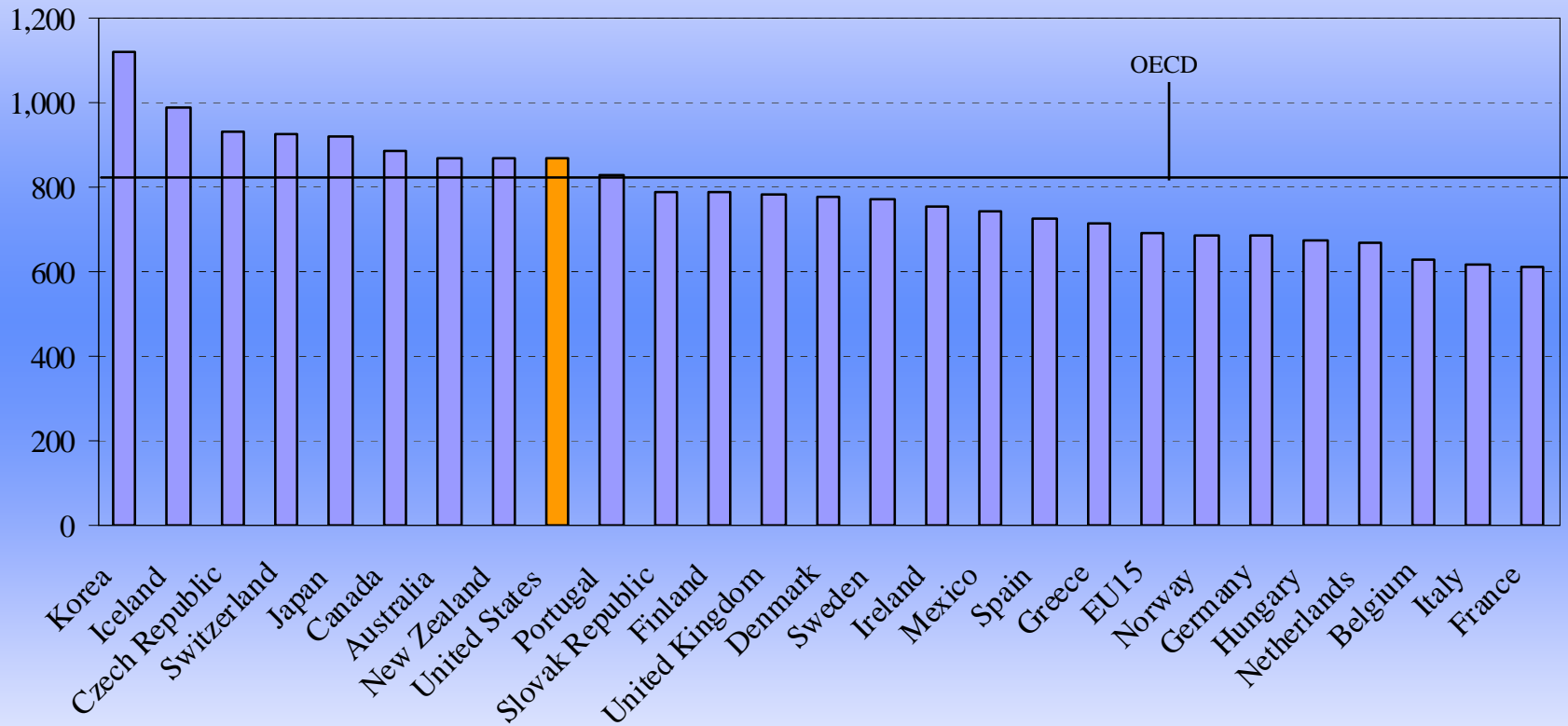


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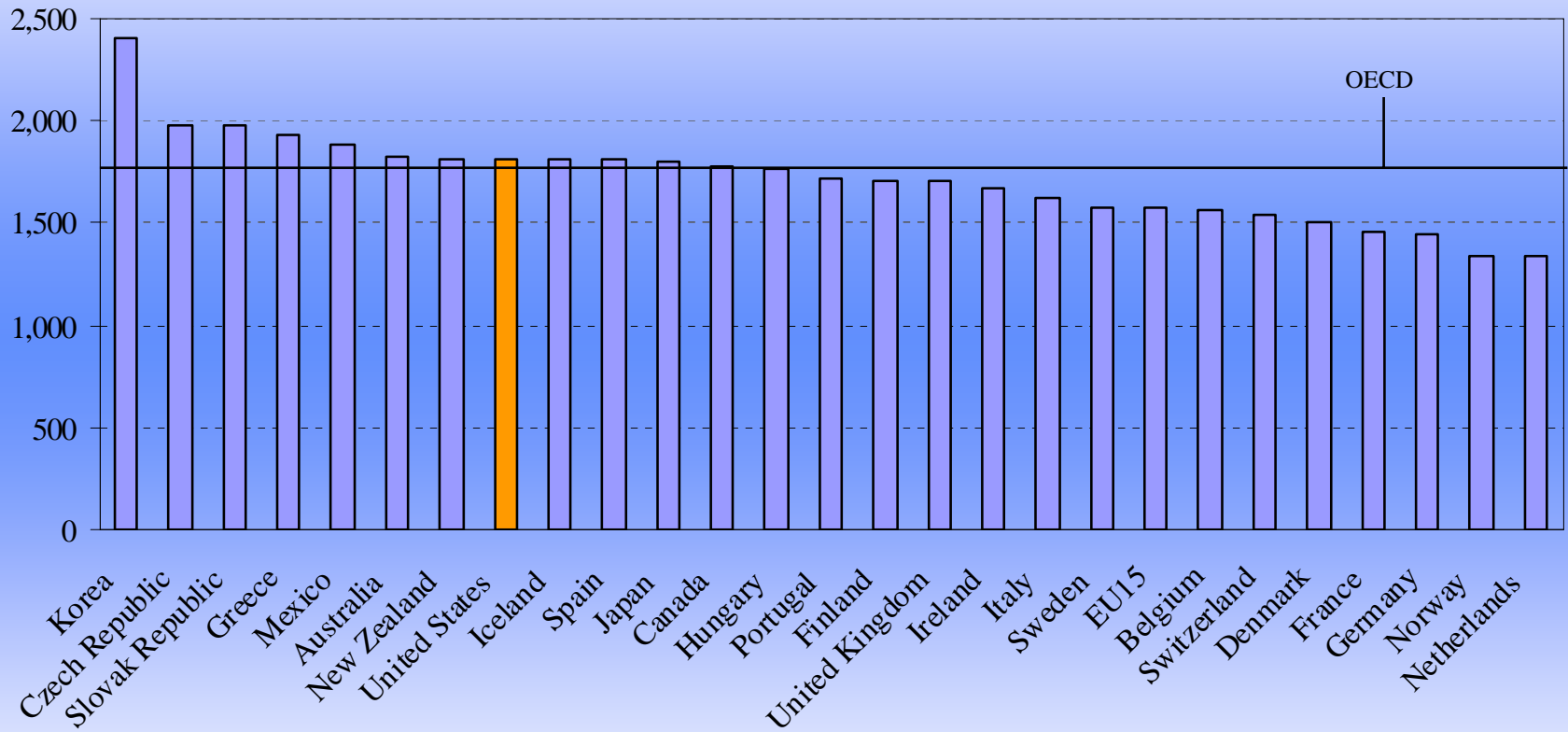
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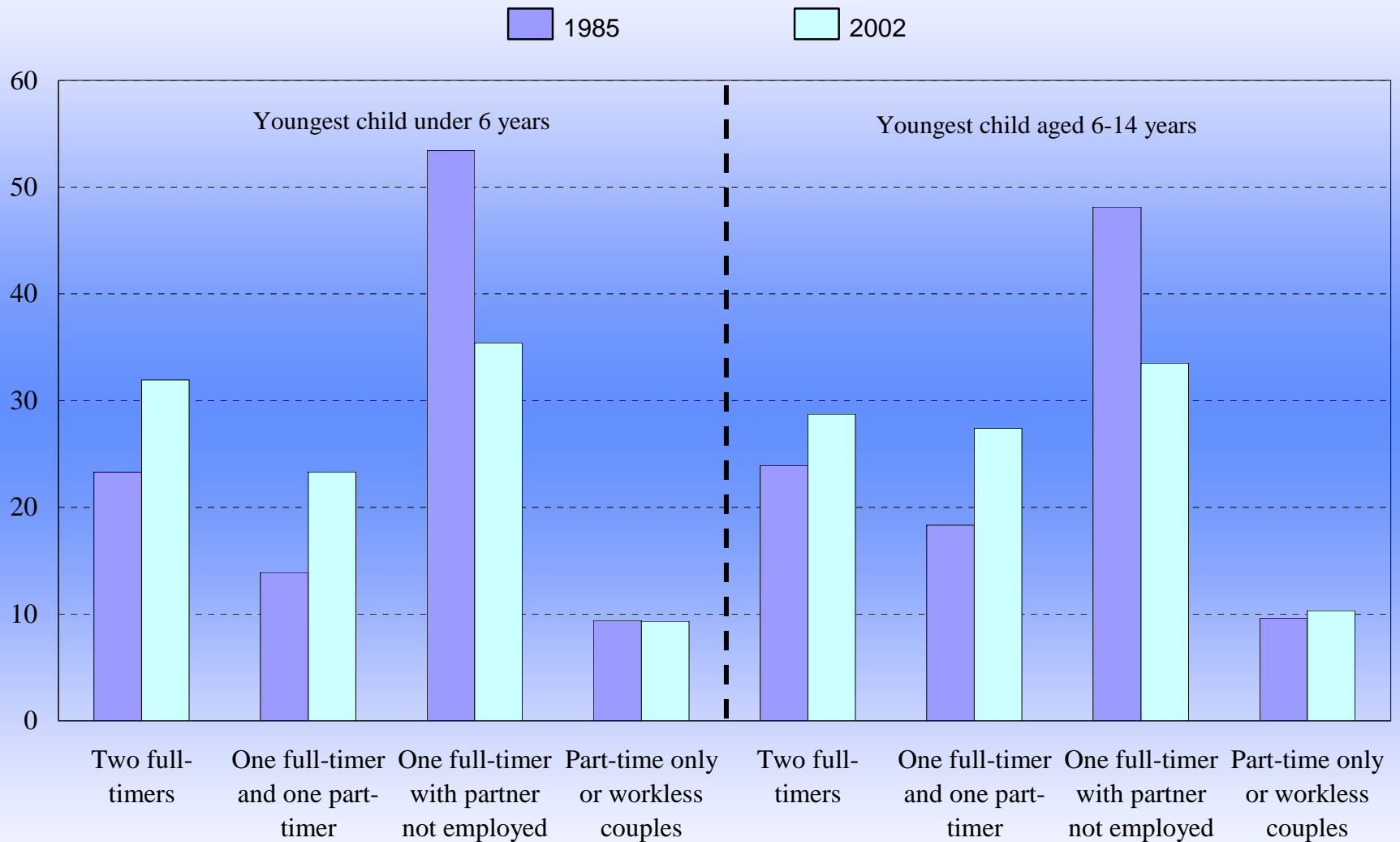


Annual hours worked per worker, 2002



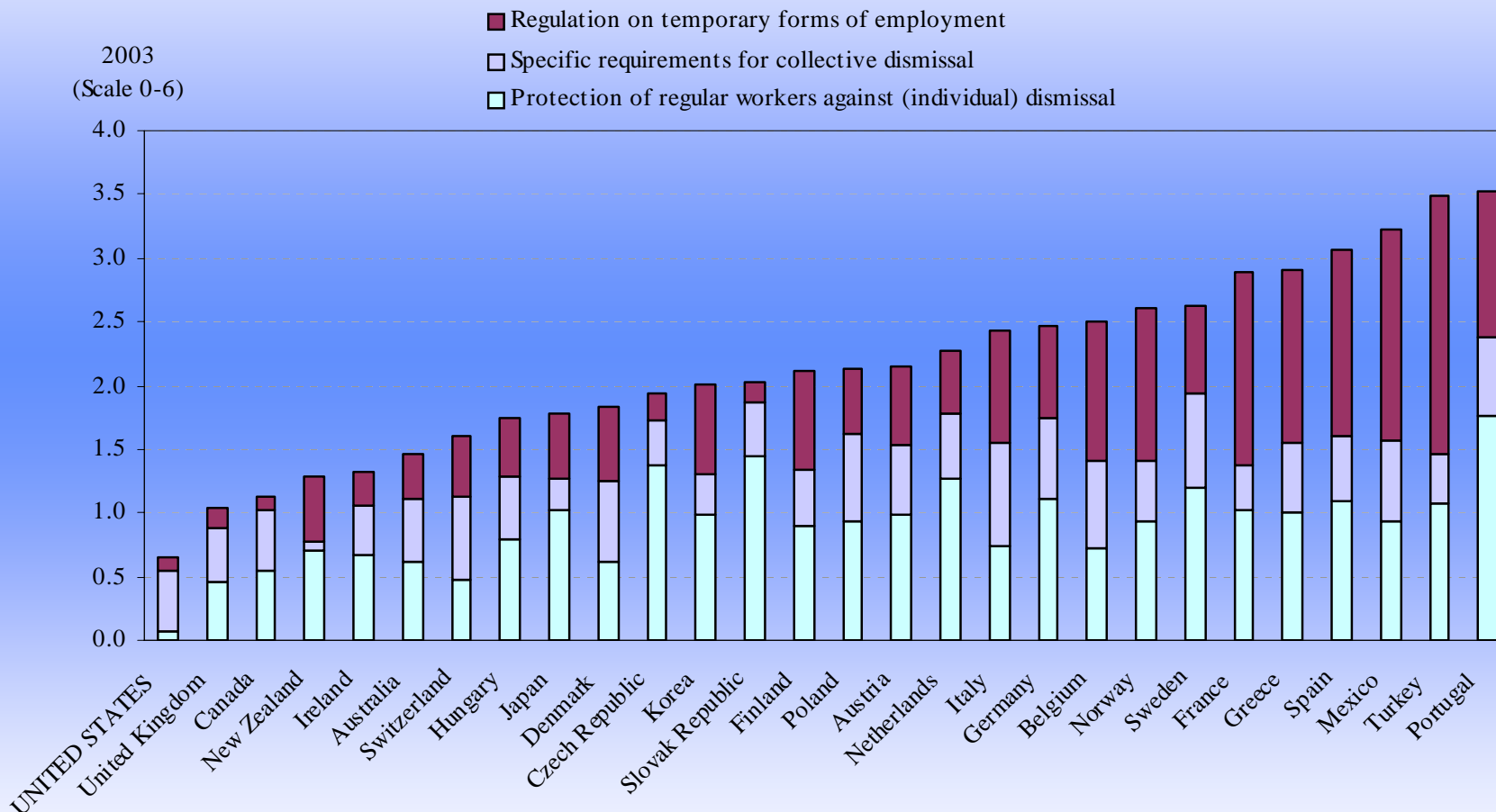
Work situation of couple families with a child under age 15, 1985 and 2002

Percentage shares

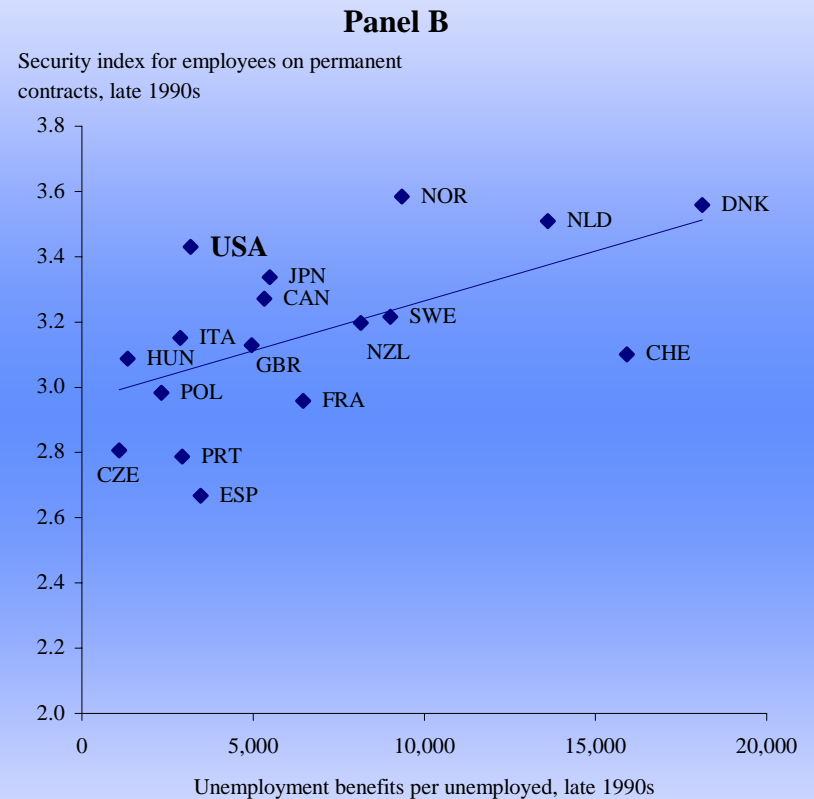
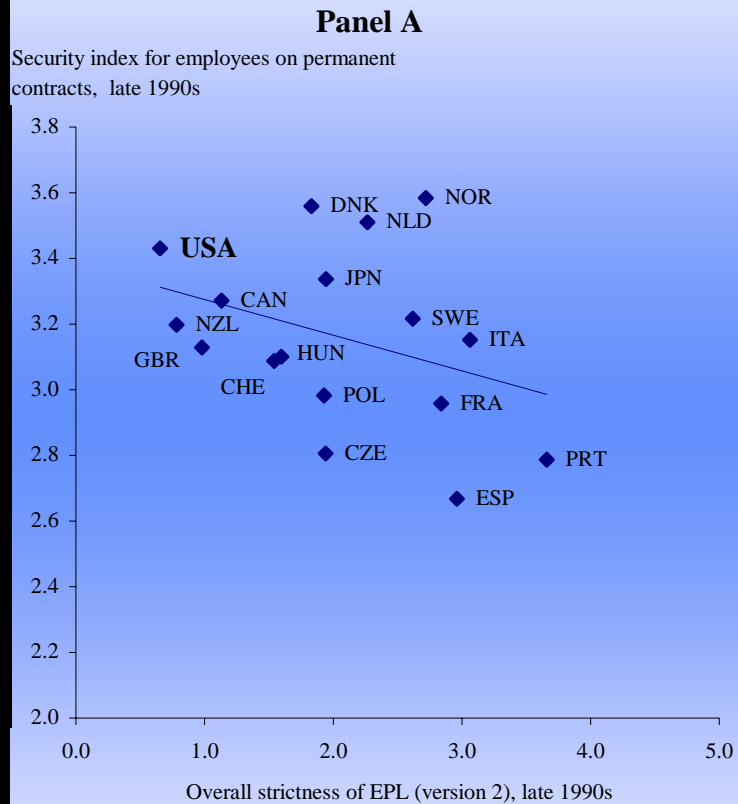


How strict are employment protection regulations in OECD countries?

Index measuring the strictness of employment protection legislation in 2003

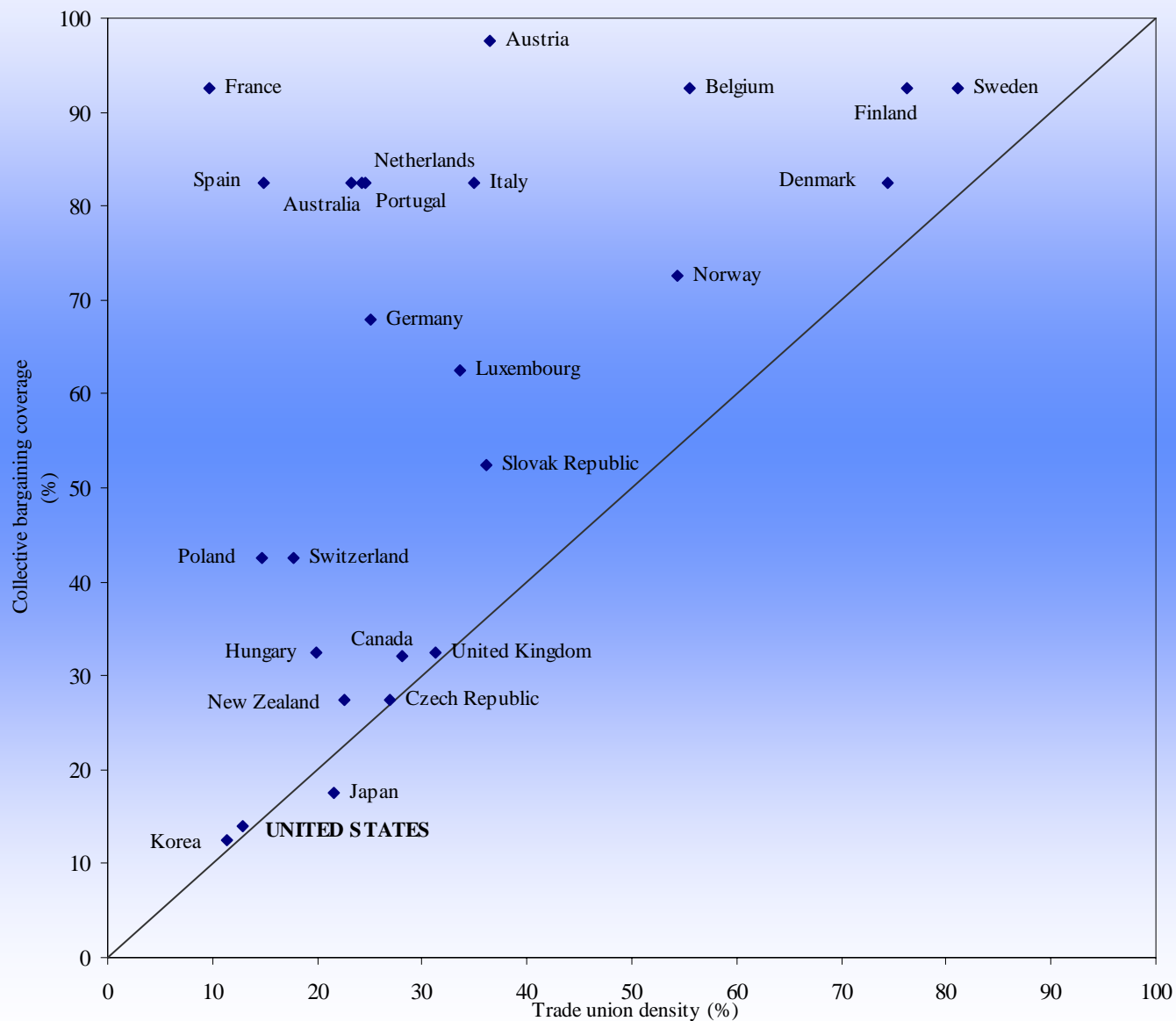


Unemployment benefits re-assure workers while EPL makes them worry



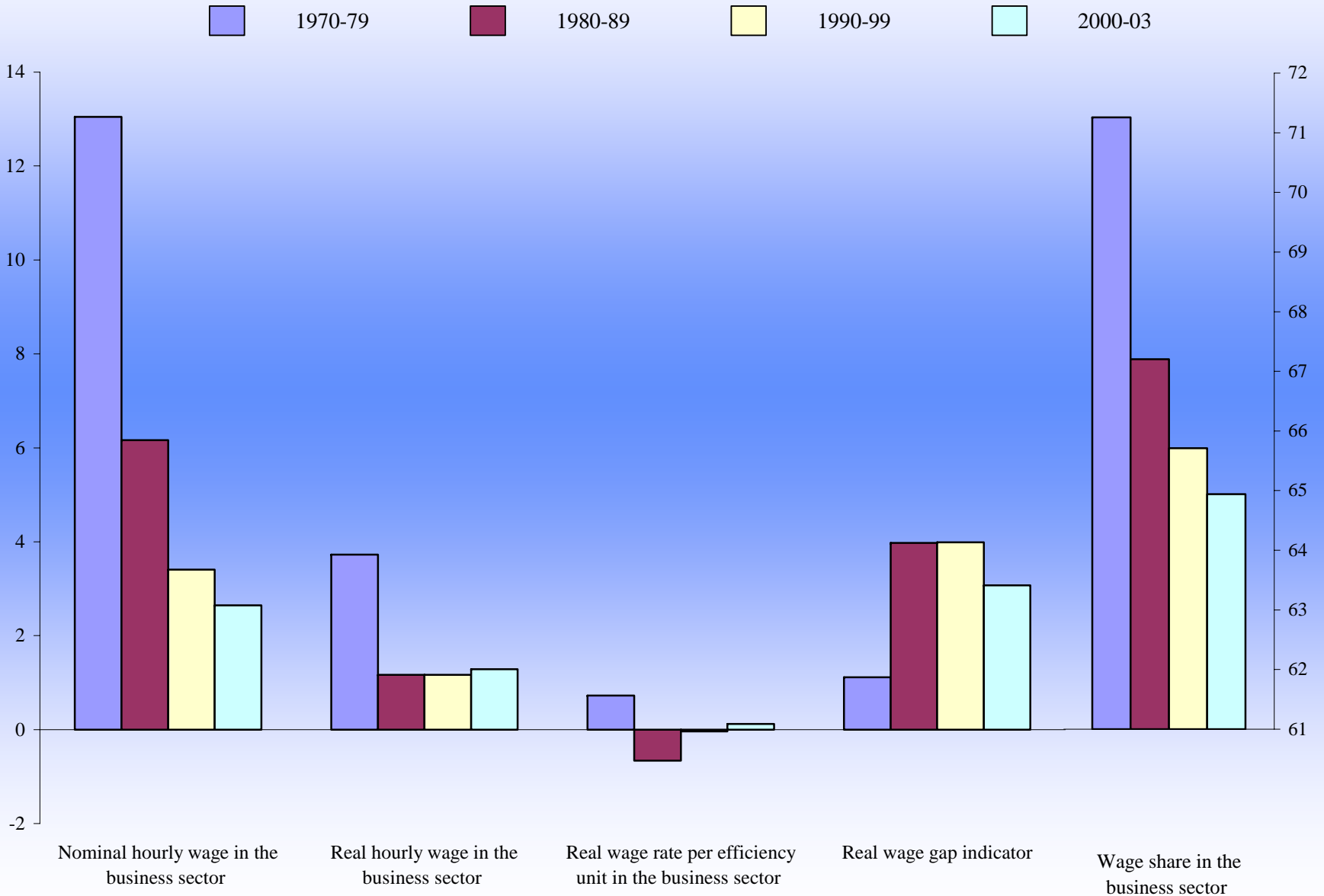
Union density and bargaining coverage, 2000

Percentage of wage and salary earners



Recent trends in aggregate earnings suggest considerable wage restraint

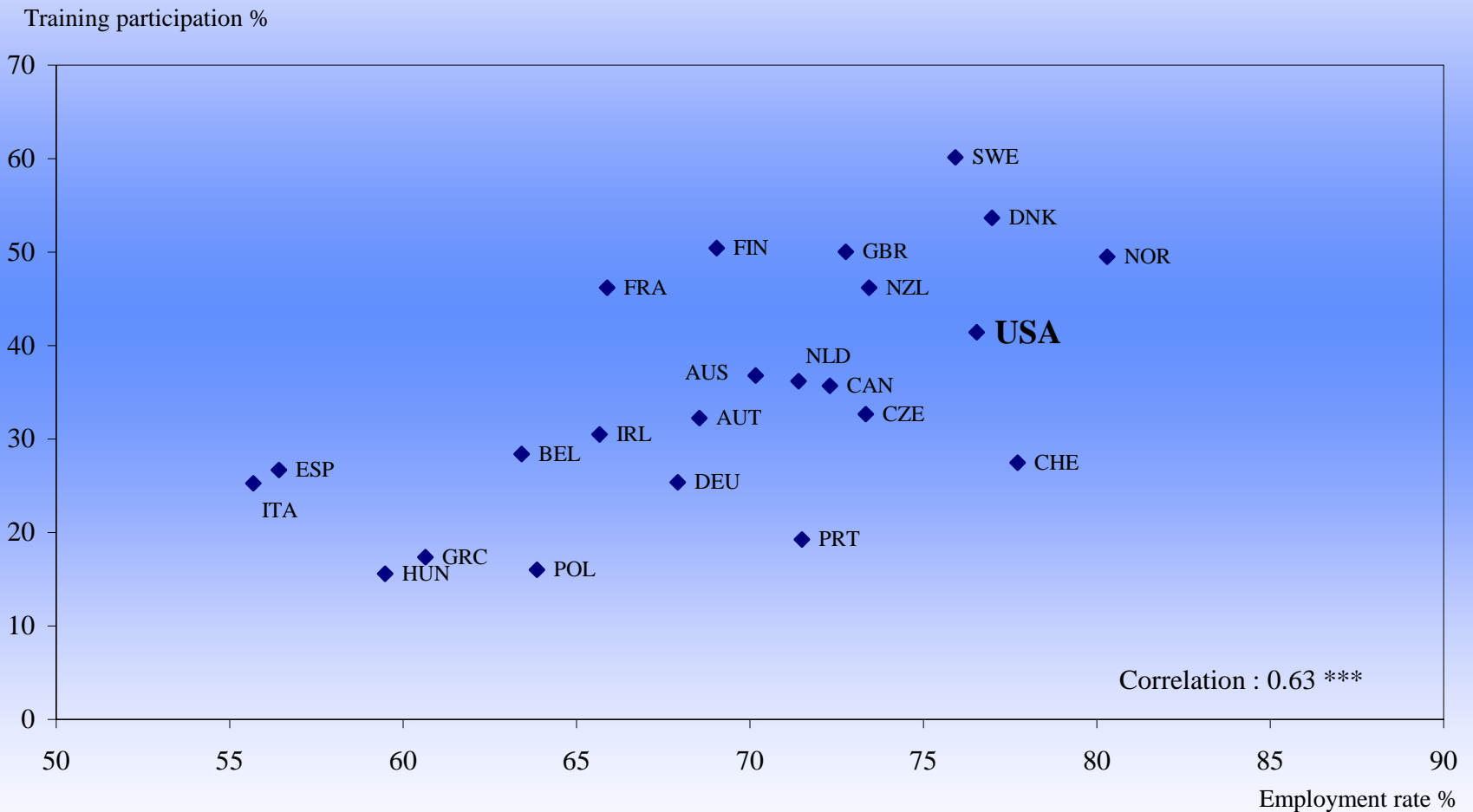
Employment-weighted averages for selected OECD countries, 1970-2003



Training and employment rates are correlated

Training participation and aggregate labour market performance, second half of the 1990s

Panel A. Employment rate



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