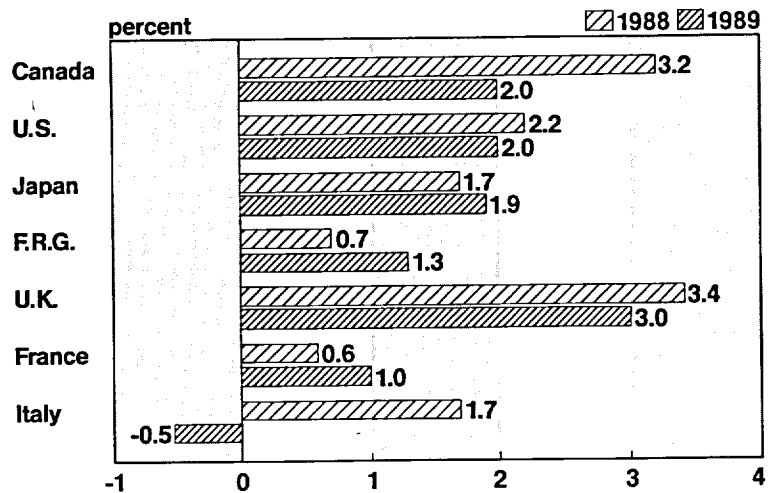


The U.K. led the G-7 in employment growth in 1989, with Canada and the U.S. posting the second-highest rates. Employment growth in the F.R.G., at 1.3 percent, was the strongest it has been in over 10 years.

**Chart 5  
Growth of Employment in 1988 and 1989**



As the current expansion continued through its seventh year, unemployment rates declined in all G-7 countries in 1989. The largest improvements occurred in the F.R.G. and the U.K., where unemployment rates had remained stubbornly high since the early 1980s recession. The Canadian unemployment rate in 1989 was at its lowest in eight years.

**Chart 6  
Unemployment Rates**

