

7 Misconceptions about France and Germany

#2 “French productivity is higher due to higher unemployment” Wrong!

One of the most common and entrenched beliefs about French workers is that they are more productive than their German peers.

While this may still be the case, after correcting for **underemployment**, in 2016 France outperformed Germany’s productivity by a mere 1.4%. This is a far cry from the pre-corrected figure of 5%.

52.8 Euro
French hourly
output per
Employee*