

**Employment bulletin of the Finnish Ministry of Labour,
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At the end of August, there were 210,400 unemployed job applicants registered at the employment offices, i.e. 32,700 less than a year ago. Compared with July, the number of unemployed job applicants decreased by 27,600. The reduction in unemployment since the previous month was partly due to seasonal factors, such as the starts of schools, the reduced number of lay-offs and other revival of the labour market after the holiday season. Unemployment among women decreased by 19,600 since July. The number of placements through the training and subsidized measures of the labour administration increased by 1,100 since August the previous year.

In August, there were 4,100 laid-off workers among the unemployed, i.e. 2,700 less than in July. Since August the previous year, the number of lay-offs decreased by 900. There were 900 job applicants on short week, this being 300 less than the previous year.

During August, 49,100 new vacancies were reported to the employment offices, i.e. 8,400 more than in August the previous year. In all, the number of open vacancies at the employment offices amounted to 79,100 in August. Of the vacancies, 41,700 were filled during August, 19,900 of them through the employment offices. At the end of August, there were still 37,400 open vacancies at the employment offices, up 7,800 on the previous year.

Of the unemployed job applicants, 103,500 (49%) were men and 106,900 (51%) women. Since July, unemployment among men decreased by 7,900 and among women by 19,600. Compared with August a year ago, unemployment among men decreased by 17,000 (-14%) and among women by 15,700 (-13%).

At the end of August, the number of unemployed job applicants under 25 years of age amounted to 22,700. This is 4,800 less than in August a year ago. Youth unemployment decreased by 6,100 since July. Unemployed job applicants under 20 years of age numbered 6,100. Unemployed job applicants over 50 years of age amounted to 83,900, down 9,100 on the previous year. Unemployed job applicants over 55 years of age numbered 60,100, down 5,400 on the previous year.

At the end of August, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 51,000, down 13,300 on the previous year. Of these, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 24,500, down 4,200 on the previous year.

At the end of August, the number of persons covered by training and subsidized employment measures arranged by the labour administration amounted to 80,600, up 1,100 on the previous year. Compared with July, the number of measures increased by 5,700. In all, 3.0% of the labour force was covered by these measures.

At the end of August, the number of people placed under employment subsidy measures arranged by the labour administration was 38,900, up 200 on the previous year. Of these placements, 5% were in government jobs, 24% in local government jobs and 70% in the private sector. Since August the previous year, the number of placements had decreased by 11% in government jobs and by 9% in local government jobs, while the placements had increased by 5% in the private sector.

At the end of August, labour market training was attended by 24,800 students, up 1,000 on the previous year. During August, 7,600 new students started labour market training.

TABLE 1. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF AUGUST (I) AND ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT OFFICES DURING AUGUST (II)

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		AUGUST 07	AUGUST 06	CHANGE	
				PERSONS	%
A. JOB-SEEKERS					
1.	Unemployed	210379	243104	-32725	-13,5
	- laid off	4131	4990	-859	-17,2
2.	On reduced working week	924	1215	-291	-24,0
3.	Those who have work	114041	119706	-5665	-4,7
	- in the conventional labour market	72688	77356	-4668	-6,0
	- in subsidized employment	41353	42350	-997	-2,4
4.	Persons not in labour force	53581	53038	543	1,0
5.	Unemployment pensioners	46274	44893	1381	3,1
1-5	Total of job-seekers	425199	461956	-36757	-8,0
B. LABOUR DEMAND					
1.	Jobs vacant	37379	29589	7790	26,3
	- notified for over a month	10095	7573	2522	33,3
	- notified for over 2 months	4764	3221	1543	47,9
C. SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT					
1.	Placement in the state	2092	2359	-267	-11,3
2.	Placement in the municipalities	9463	10376	-913	-8,8
3.	Placement in the private sector	27319	25916	1403	5,4
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	38874	38651	223	0,6
4.	Labour market training	24783	23805	978	4,1
5.	Trainee work with lab.mark.supp./coaching for working life	9212	10218	-1006	-9,8
6.	In job alternation places	7741	6815	926	13,6
1-6	Total measures	80610	79489	1121	1,4
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT					
1.	Unemployed women	106855	122537	-15682	-12,8
2.	Under 25 years old	22738	27575	-4837	-17,5
3.	Unemployed over a year	51015	64295	-13280	-20,7
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY					
1.	Members of unemployment funds	90716	104598	-13882	-13,3
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons*	262104	295589	-33485	-11,3
2.	Other job-seekers	211677	215804	-4127	-1,9
1-2	Total number of job-seekers	473781	511393	-37612	-7,4
3.	Vacancies during a month	79095	63363	15732	24,8
	- of those new vacancies	49142	40700	8442	20,7
	- vacancies filled during a month	41715	33581	8134	24,2
	- filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	19879	13788	6091	44,2
4.	Started spell of unemployment	56530	58550	-2020	-3,5
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	77023	80416	-3393	-4,2
6.	New placements with subsidies	11551	13139	-1588	-12,1
7.	New entrants to labour market training	7555	7649	-94	-1,2

* Laid offs excluded