

**Employment bulletin of the Finnish Ministry of Labour,  
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At the end of July, there were 238,000 unemployed job applicants registered at the employment offices, i.e. 33,700 less than a year ago. Compared with June, the number of unemployed job applicants increased by 13,100. The increase is typical for the summer months and it is mainly a consequence of recently graduated young people entering the labour market as well as the termination of certain fixed-term employment contracts for the summer months. Unemployment among women increased by 8,600 since June. The number of placements through the training and subsidized measures of the labour administration increased by 3,900 since July the previous year.

In July, there were 6,800 laid-off workers among the unemployed, i.e. 1,700 more than in June. Since July the previous year, the number of lay-offs decreased by 1,200. There were 900 job applicants on short week, this being 300 less than the previous year.

During July, 32,200 new vacancies were reported to the employment offices, i.e. 7,300 more than in July the previous year. In all, the number of open vacancies at the employment offices amounted to 60,200 in July. Of the vacancies, 28,500 were filled during July, 13,300 of them through the employment offices. At the end of July, there were still 32,000 open vacancies at the employment offices, up 8,000 on the previous year.

Of the unemployed job applicants, 111,400 (47%) were men and 126,500 (53%) women. Since June, unemployment among men increased by 4,500 and among women by 8,600. Compared with July a year ago, unemployment among men decreased by 17,900 (-14%) and among women by 15,800 (-11%).

At the end of July, the number of unemployed job applicants under 25 years of age amounted to 28,800. This is 5,700 less than in July a year ago. Youth unemployment increased by 2,500 since June. Unemployed job applicants under 20 years of age numbered 7,900. Unemployed job applicants over 50 years of age amounted to 87,400, down 8,400 on the previous year. Unemployed job applicants over 55 years of age numbered 61,800, down 4,900 on the previous year.

At the end of July, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 52,700, down 13,500 on the previous year. Of these, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 25,100, down 4,100 on the previous year.

At the end of July, the number of persons covered by training and subsidized employment measures arranged by the labour administration amounted to 75,000, up 3,900 on the previous year. Compared with June, the number of measures decreased by 8,400. In all, 2.7% of the labour force was covered by these measures.

At the end of July, the number of people placed under employment subsidy measures arranged by the labour administration was 37,900, up 1,600 on the previous year. Of these placements, 6% were in government jobs, 22% in local government jobs and 72% in the private sector. Since July the previous year, the number of placements had decreased by 6% in government jobs and by 5% in local government jobs, while the placements had increased by 9% in the private sector.

At the end of July, labour market training was attended by 21,400 students, up 1,600 on the previous year. During July, 1,000 new students started labour market training.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	JULY 07	JULY 06	CHANGE	
			PERSONS	%
<b>A. JOB-SEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed	237953	271674	-33721	-12,4
- laid off	6802	8052	-1250	-15,5
2. On reduced working week	930	1189	-259	-21,8
3. Those who have work	112039	116105	-4066	-3,5
- in the conventional labour market	72308	77488	-5180	-6,7
- in subsidized employment	39731	38617	1114	2,9
4. Persons not in labour force	53917	53916	1	0,0
5. Unemployment pensioners	46008	45160	848	1,9
<b>1-5 Total of job-seekers</b>	<b>450847</b>	<b>488044</b>	<b>-37197</b>	<b>-7,6</b>
<b>B. LABOUR DEMAND</b>				
1. Jobs vacant	31972	24001	7971	33,2
- notified for over a month	12015	8256	3759	45,5
- notified for over 2 months	5025	3728	1297	34,8
<b>C. SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Placement in the state	2200	2327	-127	-5,5
2. Placement in the municipalities	8533	8964	-431	-4,8
3. Placement in the private sector	27178	25000	2178	8,7
<b>1-3 Total employment subsidy measures</b>	<b>37911</b>	<b>36291</b>	<b>1620</b>	<b>4,5</b>
4. Labour market training	21374	19808	1566	7,9
5. Trainee work with lab.mark.supp./coaching for working life	8413	8677	-264	-3,0
6. In job alternation places	7258	6307	951	15,1
<b>1-6 Total measures</b>	<b>74956</b>	<b>71083</b>	<b>3873</b>	<b>5,4</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	126505	142279	-15774	-11,1
2. Under 25 years old	28844	34525	-5681	-16,5
3. Unemployed over a year	52668	66154	-13486	-20,4
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Members of unemployment funds	103841	117719	-13878	-11,8
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed persons*	257183	290155	-32972	-11,4
2. Other job-seekers	217182	222052	-4870	-2,2
<b>1-2 Total number of job-seekers</b>	<b>474365</b>	<b>512207</b>	<b>-37842</b>	<b>-7,4</b>
3. Vacancies during a month	60224	48080	12144	25,3
- of those new vacancies	32239	24979	7260	29,1
- vacancies filled during a month	28531	24097	4434	18,4
- filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	13292	9585	3707	38,7
4. Started spell of unemployment	51321	55093	-3772	-6,8
5. Completed spell of unemployment	46600	47976	-1376	-2,9
6. New placements with subsidies	6828	6721	107	1,6
7. New entrants to labour market training	977	873	104	11,9

\* Laid offs excluded