

**Employment bulletin of the Finnish Ministry of Labour,
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At the end of June, there were 224,800 unemployed job applicants registered at the employment offices, i.e. 33,900 less than a year ago. Compared with May, the number of unemployed job applicants increased by 22,800. 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. The termination of fixed-term employments for the summer months increased unemployment especially among women. Unemployment among women increased by 19,200. The number of placements through the training and subsidized measures of the labour administration increased by 4,300 since June the previous year.

In June, there were 5,100 laid-off workers among the unemployed, i.e. 500 more than in May. Since June the previous year, the number of lay-offs decreased by 1,300. There were 1,000 job applicants on short week, this being 300 less than the previous year.

During June, 37,300 new vacancies were reported to the employment offices, i.e. 4,000 more than in June the previous year. In all, the number of open vacancies at the employment offices amounted to 71,900 in June. Of the vacancies, 42,600 were filled during June, 19,400 of them through the employment offices. At the end of June, there were still 30,100 open vacancies at the employment offices, up 5,900 on the previous year.

Of the unemployed job applicants, 106,900 (48%) were men and 117,900 (52%) women. Since May, unemployment among men increased by 3,600 and among women by 19,200. Compared with June a year ago, unemployment among men decreased by 18,200 (-14%) and among women by 15,700 (-12%).

At the end of June, the number of unemployed job applicants under 25 years of age amounted to 26,400. This is 5,100 less than in June a year ago. Youth unemployment increased by 7,400 since May. Unemployed job applicants under 20 years of age numbered 7,700. Unemployed job applicants over 50 years of age amounted to 85,300, down 8,700 on the previous year. Unemployed job applicants over 55 years of age numbered 60,800, down 5,000 on the previous year.

At the end of June, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 52,400, down 13,200 on the previous year. Of these, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 25,100, down 3,800 on the previous year.

At the end of June, the number of persons covered by training and subsidized employment measures arranged by the labour administration amounted to 83,300, up 4,300 on the previous year. Compared with May, the number of measures decreased by 10,800. In all, 2.9% of the labour force was covered by these measures.

At the end of June, the number of people placed under employment subsidy measures arranged by the labour administration was 40,900, up 2,500 on the previous year. Of these placements, 5% were in government jobs, 23% in local government jobs and 72% in the private sector. Since June the previous year, the number of placements had decreased by 4% in government jobs and by 3% in local government jobs, while the placements had increased by 11% in the private sector.

At the end of June, labour market training was attended by 25,000 students, up 1,700 on the previous year. During June, 1,700 new students started labour market training.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		JUNE 07	JUNE 06	CHANGE	
				PERSONS	%
A. JOB-SEEKERS					
1.	Unemployed	224843	258745	-33902	-13,1
	- laid off	5115	6423	-1308	-20,4
2.	On reduced working week	962	1246	-284	-22,8
3.	Those who have work	117613	121525	-3912	-3,2
	- in the conventional labour market	73685	79220	-5535	-7,0
	- in subsidized employment	43928	42305	1623	3,8
4.	Persons not in labour force	60292	61206	-914	-1,5
5.	Unemployment pensioners	45731	45683	48	0,1
1-5	Total of job-seekers	449441	488405	-38964	-8,0
B. LABOUR DEMAND					
1.	Jobs vacant	30140	24251	5889	24,3
	- notified for over a month	8800	8273	527	6,4
	- notified for over 2 months	4025	3635	390	10,7
C. SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT					
1.	Placement in the state	2251	2333	-82	-3,5
2.	Placement in the municipalities	9383	9655	-272	-2,8
3.	Placement in the private sector	29225	26358	2867	10,9
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	40859	38346	2513	6,6
4.	Labour market training	25006	23269	1737	7,5
5.	Trainee work with lab.mark.supp./coaching for working life	10050	10823	-773	-7,1
6.	In job alternation places	7434	6567	867	13,2
1-6	Total measures	83349	79005	4344	5,5
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT					
1.	Unemployed women	117894	133586	-15692	-11,7
2.	Under 25 years old	26351	31460	-5109	-16,2
3.	Unemployed over a year	52414	65605	-13191	-20,1
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY					
1.	Members of unemployment funds	98524	112521	-13997	-12,4
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons*	254221	285835	-31614	-11,1
2.	Other job-seekers	225844	233349	-7505	-3,2
1-2	Total number of job-seekers	480065	519184	-39119	-7,5
3.	Vacancies during a month	71872	62336	9536	15,3
	- of those new vacancies	37344	33296	4048	12,2
	- vacancies filled during a month	42648	37315	5333	14,3
	- filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	19356	15656	3700	23,6
4.	Started spell of unemployment	78648	80300	-1652	-2,1
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	49975	52451	-2476	-4,7
6.	New placements with subsidies	9974	9934	40	0,4
7.	New entrants to labour market training	1694	1433	261	18,2

* Laid offs excluded