

**Employment bulletin of the Finnish Ministry of Labour,
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At the end of November, there were 199,100 unemployed job applicants registered at the employment offices, i.e. 27,400 less than a year ago. Compared with October, the number of unemployed job applicants increased by 800. Unemployment decreased from the previous year in the areas of all Employment and Economic Development Centres, as well as in all occupational categories. The number of placements through the training and subsidized measures of the labour administration decreased by 5,500 since November the previous year.

In November, there were 6,200 laid-off workers among the unemployed, i.e. 1,300 more than in October. Since November the previous year, the number of lay-offs decreased by 700. There were 1,000 job applicants on short week, this being 300 less than the previous year.

During November, 37,000 new vacancies were reported to the employment offices, i.e. 2,100 more than in November the previous year. In all, the number of open vacancies at the employment offices amounted to 67,000 in November. Of the vacancies, 36,700 were filled during November, 17,100 of them through the employment offices. At the end of November, there were still 29,800 open vacancies at the employment offices, up 3,000 on the previous year.

Of the unemployed job applicants, 104,200 (52%) were men and 95,000 (48%) women. Since October, unemployment among men increased by 3,400, while it decreased by 2,600 among women. Compared with November a year ago, unemployment among men decreased by 15,000 (-13%) and among women by 12,600 (-12%).

At the end of November, the number of unemployed job applicants under 25 years of age amounted to 18,400. This is 3,400 less than in November a year ago. Youth unemployment decreased by 800 since October. Unemployed job applicants under 20 years of age numbered 4,300. Unemployed job applicants over 50 years of age amounted to 82,800, down 8,400 on the previous year. Unemployed job applicants over 55 years of age numbered 59,300, down 5,200 on the previous year.

At the end of November, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 47,400, down 11,400 on the previous year. Of these, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 22,800, down 4,400 on the previous year.

At the end of November, the number of persons covered by training and subsidized employment measures arranged by the labour administration amounted to 88,800, down 5,500 on the previous year. Compared with October, the number of measures decreased by 700. In all, 3.4% of the labour force was covered by these measures.

At the end of November, the number of people placed under employment subsidy measures arranged by the labour administration was 35,200, down 3,900 on the previous year. Of these placements, 4% were in government jobs, 25% in local government jobs and 71% in the private sector. Since November the previous year, the number of placements had decreased by 33% in government jobs, by 18% in local government jobs and by 5% in the private sector.

At the end of November, labour market training was attended by 34,200 students, down 900 on the previous year. During November, 5,500 new students started labour market training.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		NOV. 07	NOV. 06	CHANGE	
				PERSONS	%
A. JOB-SEEKERS					
1.	Unemployed	199147	226514	-27367	-12,1
	- laid off	6247	6918	-671	-9,7
2.	On reduced working week	1003	1322	-319	-24,1
3.	Those who have work	109843	120119	-10276	-8,6
	- in the conventional labour market	68208	73620	-5412	-7,4
	- in subsidized employment	41635	46499	-4864	-10,5
4.	Persons not in labour force	62469	64372	-1903	-3,0
5.	Unemployment pensioners	47022	44493	2529	5,7
1-5	Total of job-seekers	419484	456820	-37336	-8,2
B. LABOUR DEMAND					
1.	Jobs vacant	29774	26792	2982	11,1
	- notified for over a month	8604	7130	1474	20,7
	- notified for over 2 months	3334	2777	557	20,1
C. SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT					
1.	Placement in the state	1283	1928	-645	-33,5
2.	Placement in the municipalities	8739	10655	-1916	-18,0
3.	Placement in the private sector	25217	26530	-1313	-4,9
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	35239	39113	-3874	-9,9
4.	Labour market training	34193	35098	-905	-2,6
5.	Trainee work with lab.mark.supp./coaching for working life	12666	13901	-1235	-8,9
6.	In job alternation places	6657	6113	544	8,9
1-6	Total measures	88755	94225	-5470	-5,8
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT					
1.	Unemployed women	94982	107559	-12577	-11,7
2.	Under 25 years old	18394	21788	-3394	-15,6
3.	Unemployed over a year	47410	58840	-11430	-19,4
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY					
1.	Members of unemployment funds	90573	103300	-12727	-12,3
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons*	223241	251883	-28642	-11,4
2.	Other job-seekers	218499	226997	-8498	-3,7
1-2	Total number of job-seekers	441740	478880	-37140	-7,8
3.	Vacancies during a month	66981	59751	7230	12,1
	- of those new vacancies	36972	34897	2075	5,9
	- vacancies filled during a month	36679	32342	4337	13,4
	- filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	17100	12418	4682	37,7
4.	Started spell of unemployment	52236	54937	-2701	-4,9
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	49203	53441	-4238	-7,9
6.	New placements with subsidies	8591	9054	-463	-5,1
7.	New entrants to labour market training	5529	6744	-1215	-18,0

* Laid offs excluded