

**Employment bulletin of the Finnish Ministry of Labour,
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At the end of October, there were 198,300 unemployed job applicants registered at the employment offices, i.e. 28,500 less than a year ago. Compared with September, the number of unemployed job applicants decreased by 100. 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 4,000 since October the previous year.

In October, there were 4,900 laid-off workers among the unemployed, i.e. 1,000 more than in September. Since October the previous year, the number of lay-offs decreased by 500. There were 1,000 job applicants on short week, this being 300 less than the previous year.

During October, 43,700 new vacancies were reported to the employment offices, i.e. 8,500 more than in October the previous year. In all, the number of open vacancies at the employment offices amounted to 77,500 in October. Of the vacancies, 44,700 were filled during October, 18,900 of them through the employment offices. At the end of October, there were still 32,000 open vacancies at the employment offices, up 4,900 on the previous year.

Of the unemployed job applicants, 100,800 (51%) were men and 97,600 (49%) women. Since September, unemployment among men increased by 1,400, while it decreased by 1,500 among women. Compared with October a year ago, unemployment among men decreased by 15,200 (-13%) and among women by 13,300 (-12%).

At the end of October, the number of unemployed job applicants under 25 years of age amounted to 19,200. This is 3,700 less than in October a year ago. Youth unemployment decreased by 600 since September. Unemployed job applicants under 20 years of age numbered 4,600. Unemployed job applicants over 50 years of age amounted to 82,200, down 8,800 on the previous year. Unemployed job applicants over 55 years of age numbered 59,200, down 5,400 on the previous year.

At the end of October, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 48,200, down 12,000 on the previous year. Of these, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 23,300, down 4,300 on the previous year.

At the end of October, the number of persons covered by training and subsidized employment measures arranged by the labour administration amounted to 89,400, down 4,000 on the previous year. Compared with September, the number of measures increased by 3,300. In all, 3.4% of the labour force was covered by these measures.

At the end of October, the number of people placed under employment subsidy measures arranged by the labour administration was 36,400, down 3,400 on the previous year. Of these placements, 4% were in government jobs, 25% in local government jobs and 71% in the private sector. Since October the previous year, the number of placements had decreased by 30% in government jobs, by 17% in local government jobs and by 3% in the private sector.

At the end of October, labour market training was attended by 34,200 students, which is the same amount as the previous year. During October, 9,600 new students started labour market training.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	OCT. 07	OCT. 06	CHANGE	
			PERSONS	%
A. JOB-SEEKERS				
1. Unemployed	198349	226834	-28485	-12,6
- laid off	4947	5484	-537	-9,8
2. On reduced working week	992	1311	-319	-24,3
3. Those who have work	109212	118349	-9137	-7,7
- in the conventional labour market	67380	72061	-4681	-6,5
- in subsidized employment	41832	46288	-4456	-9,6
4. Persons not in labour force	61952	62779	-827	-1,3
5. Unemployment pensioners	46882	44608	2274	5,1
1-5 Total of job-seekers	417387	453881	-36494	-8,0
B. LABOUR DEMAND				
1. Jobs vacant	32035	27101	4934	18,2
- notified for over a month	9208	7607	1601	21,0
- notified for over 2 months	2967	2733	234	8,6
C. SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1. Placement in the state	1586	2249	-663	-29,5
2. Placement in the municipalities	9098	10948	-1850	-16,9
3. Placement in the private sector	25690	26545	-855	-3,2
1-3 Total employment subsidy measures	36374	39742	-3368	-8,5
4. Labour market training	34160	34249	-89	-0,3
5. Trainee work with lab.mark.supp./coaching for working life	11971	13214	-1243	-9,4
6. In job alternation places	6931	6270	661	10,5
1-6 Total measures	89436	93475	-4039	-4,3
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	97580	110866	-13286	-12,0
2. Under 25 years old	19234	22917	-3683	-16,1
3. Unemployed over a year	48197	60154	-11957	-19,9
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Members of unemployment funds	88909	101879	-12970	-12,7
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed persons*	226796	261442	-34646	-13,3
2. Other job-seekers	215603	217874	-2271	-1,0
1-2 Total number of job-seekers	442399	479316	-36917	-7,7
3. Vacancies during a month	77498	60742	16756	27,6
- of those new vacancies	43717	35175	8542	24,3
- vacancies filled during a month	44744	33976	10768	31,7
- filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	18877	13528	5349	39,5
4. Started spell of unemployment	59930	61386	-1456	-2,4
5. Completed spell of unemployment	56432	65889	-9457	-14,4
6. New placements with subsidies	10128	10769	-641	-6,0
7. New entrants to labour market training	9640	9877	-237	-2,4

* Laid offs excluded