

**Employment bulletin of the Finnish Ministry of Labour,  
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At the end of September, there were 198,500 unemployed job applicants registered at the employment offices, i.e. 29,600 less than a year ago. Compared with August, the number of unemployed job applicants decreased by 11,900. Unemployment among women decreased by 7,800 since August, and unemployment among men by 4,100. 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 2,700 since September the previous year.

In September, there were 4,000 laid-off workers among the unemployed, i.e. 100 less than in August. Since September the previous year, the number of lay-offs decreased by 600. There were 1,000 job applicants on short week, this being 300 less than the previous year.

During September, 42,900 new vacancies were reported to the employment offices, i.e. 6,700 more than in September the previous year. In all, the number of open vacancies at the employment offices amounted to 77,000 in September. Of the vacancies, 40,400 were filled during September, 18,000 of them through the employment offices. At the end of September, there were still 36,400 open vacancies at the employment offices, up 7,500 on the previous year.

Of the unemployed job applicants, 99,400 (50%) were men and 99,100 (50%) women. Since August, unemployment among men decreased by 4,100 and among women by 7,800. Compared with September a year ago, unemployment among men decreased by 15,400 (-13%) and among women by 14,200 (-12%).

At the end of September, the number of unemployed job applicants under 25 years of age amounted to 19,800. This is 3,900 less than in September a year ago. Youth unemployment decreased by 2,900 since August. Unemployed job applicants under 20 years of age numbered 5,000. Unemployed job applicants over 50 years of age amounted to 81,900, down 8,800 on the previous year. Unemployed job applicants over 55 years of age numbered 59,000, down 5,500 on the previous year.

At the end of September, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 49,300, down 12,400 on the previous year. Of these, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 23,800, down 4,300 on the previous year.

At the end of September, the number of persons covered by training and subsidized employment measures arranged by the labour administration amounted to 86,200, down 2,700 on the previous year. Compared with August, the number of measures increased by 5,500. In all, 3.3% of the labour force was covered by these measures.

At the end of September, the number of people placed under employment subsidy measures arranged by the labour administration was 37,700, down 1,900 on the previous year. Of these placements, 5% were in government jobs, 25% in local government jobs and 70% in the private sector. Since September the previous year, the number of placements had decreased by 20% in government jobs and by 13% in local government jobs, while the number of placements had remained at the same level in the private sector.

At the end of September, labour market training was attended by 30,600 students, which is the same amount as the previous year. During September, 10,200 new students started labour market training.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	SEP. 07	SEP. 06	CHANGE	
			PERSONS	%
<b>A. JOB-SEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed	198470	228040	-29570	-13,0
- laid off	3994	4581	-587	-12,8
2. On reduced working week	960	1273	-313	-24,6
3. Those who have work	111548	119471	-7923	-6,6
- in the conventional labour market	69798	74478	-4680	-6,3
- in subsidized employment	41750	44993	-3243	-7,2
4. Persons not in labour force	58560	58873	-313	-0,5
5. Unemployment pensioners	46614	44782	1832	4,1
<b>1-5 Total of job-seekers</b>	<b>416152</b>	<b>452439</b>	<b>-36287</b>	<b>-8,0</b>
<b>B. LABOUR DEMAND</b>				
1. Jobs vacant	36434	28897	7537	26,1
- notified for over a month	9191	7135	2056	28,8
- notified for over 2 months	3791	2804	987	35,2
<b>C. SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Placement in the state	1852	2319	-467	-20,1
2. Placement in the municipalities	9362	10786	-1424	-13,2
3. Placement in the private sector	26533	26495	38	0,1
<b>1-3 Total employment subsidy measures</b>	<b>37747</b>	<b>39600</b>	<b>-1853</b>	<b>-4,7</b>
4. Labour market training	30576	30571	5	0,0
5. Trainee work with lab.mark.supp./coaching for working life	10611	12139	-1528	-12,6
6. In job alternation places	7221	6504	717	11,0
<b>1-6 Total measures</b>	<b>86155</b>	<b>88814</b>	<b>-2659</b>	<b>-3,0</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	99053	113254	-14201	-12,5
2. Under 25 years old	19833	23715	-3882	-16,4
3. Unemployed over a year	49264	61692	-12428	-20,1
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Members of unemployment funds	87275	100378	-13103	-13,1
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed persons*	240680	271793	-31113	-11,4
2. Other job-seekers	206276	212373	-6097	-2,9
<b>1-2 Total number of job-seekers</b>	<b>446956</b>	<b>484166</b>	<b>-37210</b>	<b>-7,7</b>
3. Vacancies during a month	77035	63843	13192	20,7
- of those new vacancies	42864	36129	6735	18,6
- vacancies filled during a month	40435	36149	4286	11,9
- filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	18042	13270	4772	36,0
4. Started spell of unemployment	62403	64972	-2569	-4,0
5. Completed spell of unemployment	74032	70769	3263	4,6
6. New placements with subsidies	10421	11901	-1480	-12,4
7. New entrants to labour market training	10161	11140	-979	-8,8

\* Laid offs excluded