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## **Employment bulletin of the Finnish Ministry of Employment and the Economy, November 2009**

According to the Employment Service Statistics, at the end of November the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 274,100, up 73,000 on the previous year. Compared with October, the number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 4,600.

In November, 33,300 of the unemployed were individually laid-off, which is 1,900 more than in October. Since November a year ago, the number of individual lay-offs has increased by 20,800. In addition, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 4,700, representing an increase of 3,200 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during November totalled 27,000, or 2,500 less than November in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 43,400 in November, which is 11,100 less than a year ago. A total of 24,900 of these vacancies were filled during November, 7,900 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of November was 18,200, down 4,900 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 165,300 (60%) were men and 108,800 (40%) women, indicating an increase of 5,500 for men and a decrease of 900 for women from the figures for October. Compared with November a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 53,100 (47%) and among women by 19,800 (22%).

At the end of November, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 32,800, representing an increase by 11,500 from November a year ago and a decrease by 900 from October. A total of 8,300 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 85,700, up 9,700 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 57,700, representing an increase of 4,500 on the year before. The numbers of unemployed jobseekers by age group do not include laid-off workers.

At the end of November, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 44,600, up 4,500 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 14,300, down 3,600 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 15,300, up 3,200 from November a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 3,600 at the end of November, up 1,100 from the year before.

At the end of November, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 85,600, down 200 on the previous year. Compared with October, the number of placements through these measures increased by 2,400. In all, 3.2% of the labour force was covered by these measures.

The number of people placed under employment subsidy measures arranged by the employment and the economy administration was 31,900 at the end of November, down 4,900 on the previous year. Of these placements, 4% were in government jobs, 23% in local government jobs and 73% in the private sector. Since November of the year before, the number of placements has increased by 1% in government jobs and decreased by 16% in local government jobs and by 13% in the private sector.

At the end of November, labour market training was attended by 35,000 students, up 3,800 on the previous year. During November, 8,300 new students began labour market training.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		NOV. 09	NOV. 08	CHANGE	
				PERSONS	%
<b>A. JOBSEEKERS</b>					
1.	Unemployed	274 145	201 188	72 957	36,3
	- individual lay-offs	33 334	12 547	20 787	165,7
2.	On reduced working week	4 660	1 430	3 230	225,9
3.	Those who have work	110 282	103 819	6 463	6,2
	- in the conventional labour market	70 294	63 322	6 972	11,0
	- in subsidized employment	39 988	40 497	-509	-1,3
4.	Persons not in labour force	66 563	59 992	6 571	11,0
5.	Unemployment pensioners	49 974	48 774	1 200	2,5
<b>1-5</b>	<b>Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>505 624</b>	<b>415 203</b>	<b>90 421</b>	<b>21,8</b>
<b>B. LABOUR DEMAND</b>					
1.	Jobs vacant	18 157	23 040	-4 883	-21,2
	- notified for over a month	3 913	5 491	-1 578	-28,7
	- notified for over 2 months	1 615	2 460	-845	-34,3
<b>C. SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT</b>					
1.	Placement in the state	1 159	1 143	16	1,4
2.	Placement in the municipalities	7 329	8 775	-1 446	-16,5
3.	Placement in the private sector	23 433	26 920	-3 487	-13,0
<b>1-3</b>	<b>Total employment subsidy measures</b>	<b>31 921</b>	<b>36 838</b>	<b>-4 917</b>	<b>-13,3</b>
4.	Labour market training	34 953	31 125	3 828	12,3
5.	Trainee work with lab.mark.supp./coaching for working life	13 063	10 895	2 168	19,9
6.	In job alternation places	5 665	6 919	-1 254	-18,1
<b>1-6</b>	<b>Total measures</b>	<b>85 602</b>	<b>85 777</b>	<b>-175</b>	<b>-0,2</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>					
1.	Unemployed women	108 843	89 002	19 841	22,3
2.	Under 25 years old	32 805	21 298	11 507	54,0
3.	Unemployed over a year	44 565	40 064	4 501	11,2
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>					
1.	Members of unemployment funds	135 060	91 586	43 474	47,5
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>					
1.	Unemployed persons*	273 326	218 634	54 692	25,0
2.	Other jobseekers	258 027	216 873	41 154	19,0
<b>1-2</b>	<b>Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>531 353</b>	<b>435 507</b>	<b>95 846</b>	<b>22,0</b>
3.	Vacancies during a month	43 391	54 468	-11 077	-20,3
	- of those new vacancies	27 046	29 502	-2 456	-8,3
	- vacancies filled during a month	24 870	31 909	-7 039	-22,1
	- filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	7 857	12 411	-4 554	-36,7
4.	Started spell of unemployment	56 463	56 786	-323	-0,6
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	56 671	52 161	4 510	8,6
6.	New placements with subsidies	9 614	8 141	1 473	18,1
7.	New entrants to labour market training	8 325	5 802	2 523	43,5

\* Laid offs excluded