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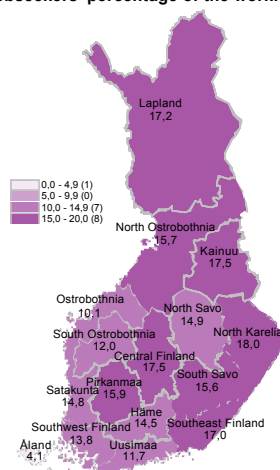
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## In January, the number of unemployed jobseekers was 368,100

Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce by ELY centre



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A total of 368,100 unemployed jobseekers were registered at the Employment and Economic Development Offices at the end of January. This is 8,500 more than a year earlier. The number of unemployed jobseekers decreased by 9,800 from the previous month. The share of the unemployed jobseekers out of labour force was 14.0% which is 0.3 percentage points more than a year earlier. The figures are from the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy.

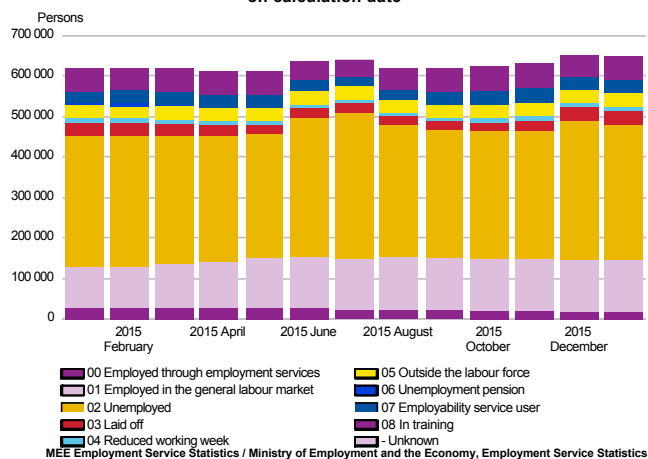
### Trends:

- The total number of jobseekers increased
- The number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 8,500 compared to the year before
- Services included in the activation rate had 7,000 people less than a year ago
- The number of new job vacancies decreased by 1,000 compared to a year ago



## All jobseekers

**Jobseekers by group  
on calculation date**



### The total number of jobseekers increased

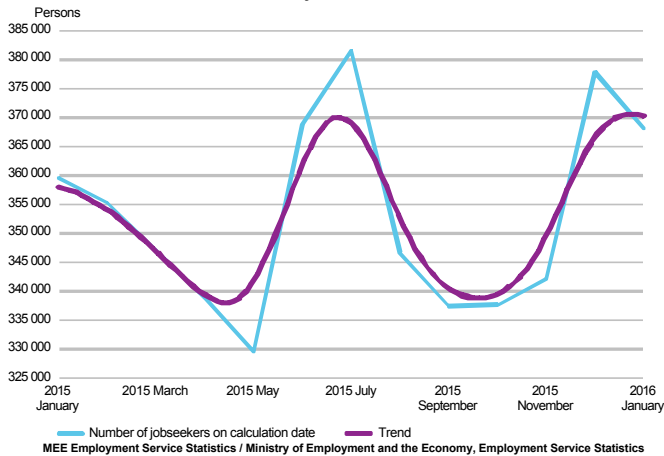
At the end of January, the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at the Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 650,600, up 32,000 on the previous year. Of the jobseekers, 341,000 were men and 309,600 were women. Compared to the situation a year ago, the number of men increased by 13,100 and the number of women by 18,900.

Of the jobseekers, 145,400 were employed, 126,700 of them were on the open labour market and 18,600 were employed through the services of the employment and economic development administration. The number of jobseekers outside the labour force was 126,300, of whom 33,200 in services promoting employment and 60,100 were in training. Of the jobseekers, 368,100 were unemployed jobseekers, which is 8,500 more than the year before. In January, 31,000 of unemployed jobseekers were fully laid off, which is 3,600 less than in December. Since January of the year before, the number of people fully laid off has decreased by 3,500. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 10,800, representing an increase of 1,200 from the year before.



## Unemployed jobseekers

**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS**  
monthly and trend



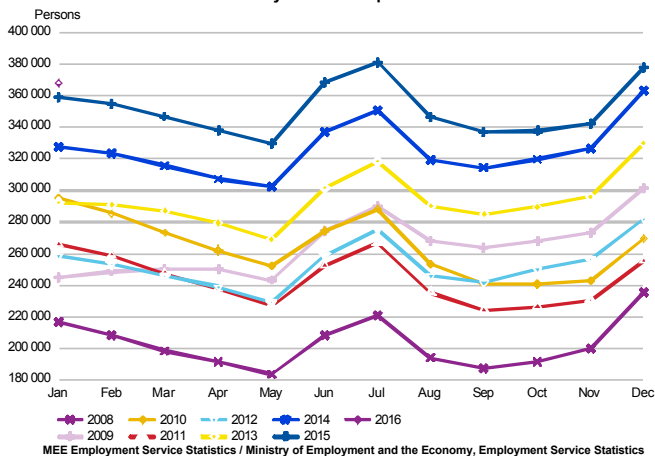
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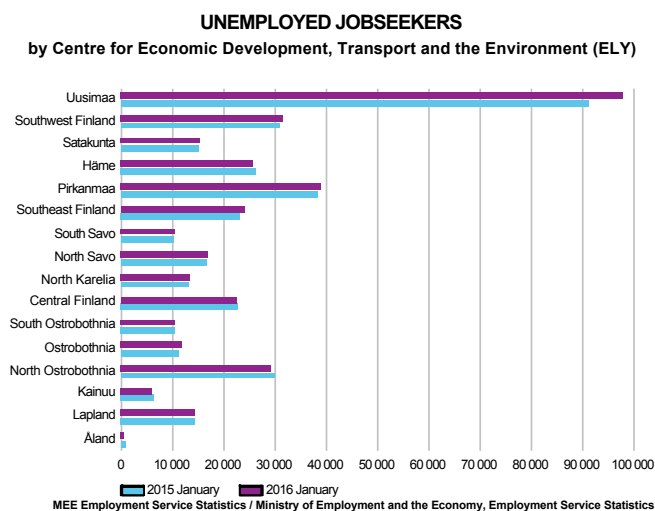
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The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 33,400, up 900 from January a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 10,800 at the end of January, up 700 from the year before.

**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS**  
month by month comparison



## Unemployed jobseekers by region



### Unemployment decreased in five regions

Compared to the same period in the previous year, the number of unemployed jobseekers decreased in January in the areas of five Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centres). The greatest changes were in Kainuu (-5%), Northern Ostrobothnia (-2%), Häme (-2%) and Lapland (-2%). Unemployment increased in all other ELY Centre areas; the most in Ostrobothnia (8%), Uusimaa (7%) and South-East Finland (4%).

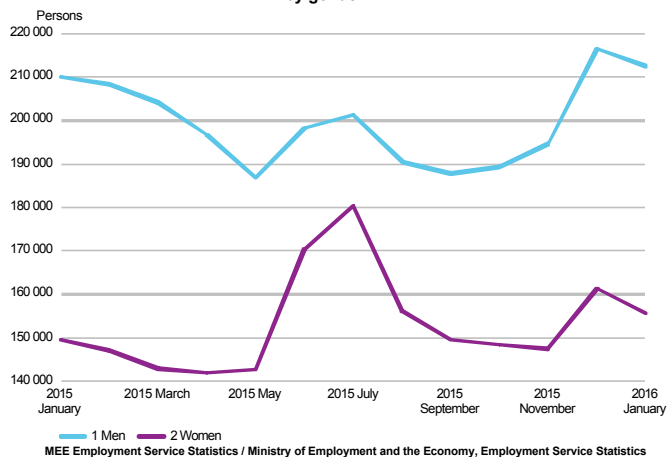
### Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant in Employment and Economic Development Office by ELY centre

ELY centre	Unemployed jobseekers			Change		Of the unemployed jobseekers fully laid off	Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce	Jobs vacant			Change	
	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	Jan 2015			Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	Jan 2015
Uusimaa	97 745	98 599	91 196	6 549	7	5 567	11,7	15 582	9 818	15 602	-20	0
Southwest Finland	31 384	32 783	30 776	608	2	2 736	13,8	3 177	1 972	3 413	-236	-7
Satakunta	15 180	15 745	15 089	91	1	1 620	14,8	1 828	1 002	2 044	-216	-11
Häme	25 722	26 708	26 219	-497	-2	2 198	14,5	2 472	1 348	2 534	-62	-2
Pirkanmaa	38 769	39 857	38 129	640	2	3 655	15,9	3 518	1 977	3 100	418	13
Southeast Finland	24 048	25 159	23 176	872	4	2 231	17,0	1 926	1 018	1 768	158	9
South Savo	10 357	10 851	10 079	278	3	1 087	15,6	1 163	530	1 105	58	5
North Savo	16 814	17 255	16 708	106	1	1 975	14,9	1 631	1 197	1 255	376	30
North Karelia	13 226	13 556	12 859	367	3	1 125	18,0	1 330	449	615	715	116
Central Finland	22 371	23 107	22 612	-241	-1	1 590	17,5	1 423	889	974	449	46
South Ostrobothnia	10 519	11 015	10 507	12	0	1 473	12,0	2 659	2 263	2 614	45	2
Ostrobothnia	11 856	11 868	10 968	888	8	1 557	10,1	2 967	921	2 542	425	17
North Ostrobothnia	29 251	30 176	29 861	-610	-2	2 520	15,7	2 677	1 643	3 094	-417	-13
Kainuu	5 900	6 122	6 220	-320	-5	498	17,5	539	361	331	208	63
Lapland	14 204	14 350	14 434	-230	-2	1 140	17,2	2 012	832	2 025	-13	-1
Åland	600	610	633	-33	-5	14	4,1	461	232	313	148	47
Abroad	172	165	148	24	16	38	.	3 199	1 619	3 583	-384	-11
WHOLE COUNTRY	368 118	377 926	359 614	8 504	2	31 024	14,0	48 564	28 071	46 912	1 652	4



## Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group

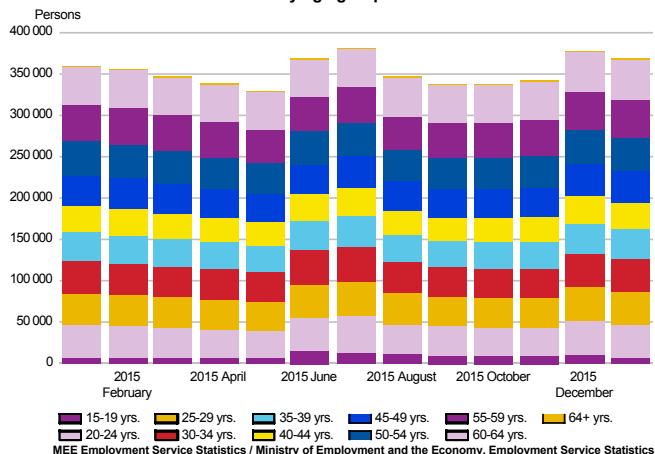
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS  
by gender**



### Unemployment increased more among women

Of the unemployed jobseekers, 212,500 (58%) were men and 155,600 (42%) were women, indicating a decrease of 4,100 for men and 5,700 for women from the figures for December. Compared with January a year ago, the unemployment among men increased by 2,400 (1%) and among women by 6,100 (4%).

**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS  
by age group**



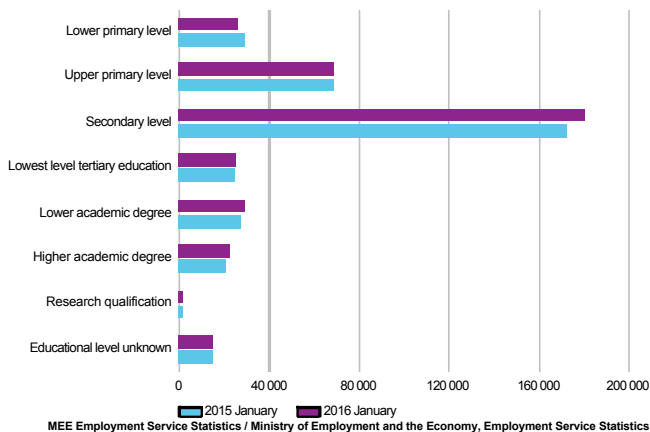
### Unemployment grew only slightly among young people

At the end of January, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 48,300 representing an increase of 400 from January a year ago. Youth unemployment decreased from December by 4,000. For those under 20, the number of unemployed was 8,200. Among those over 50, the number of unemployed was 135,200, representing an increase of 3,500 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 94,000, representing an increase of 2,800 on the year before.



## Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

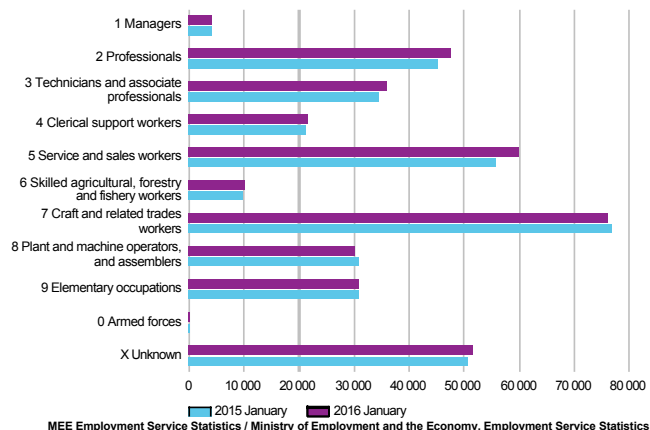
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS**  
by level of education



### Unemployment increased especially among those with a higher level of education

Examined by level of education, the unemployment rose from January of last year at all other levels of education, except among those with lower level basic qualifications (-11%) and higher level basic qualifications (-0%); the increase was greatest among those with doctorate or equivalent level tertiary education (9%), lower-degree level tertiary education (7%) and higher-degree level tertiary education (6%).

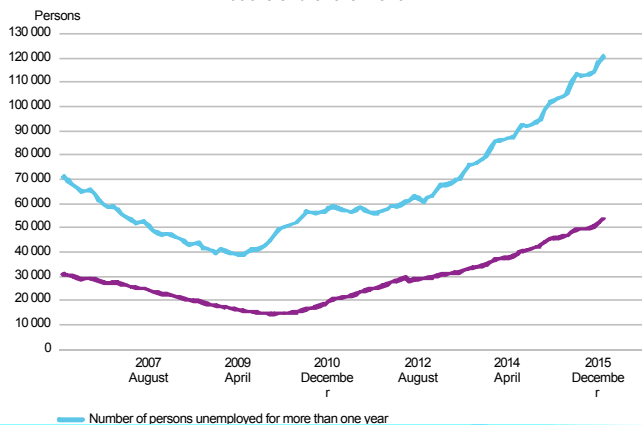
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS**  
by occupational group



### Unemployment decreased in four occupational groups

Examined by occupation, unemployment decreased in four groups from January of last year; the greatest decreases were in the groups of process and transport workers (-600) and construction, repair and manufacturing workers (-600). Unemployment increased the most in the groups of service and sales personnel (4,200), specialised experts (2,200) and skilled workers (1,600).

**LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED**  
at the end of the month



### Long-term unemployment continued to grow

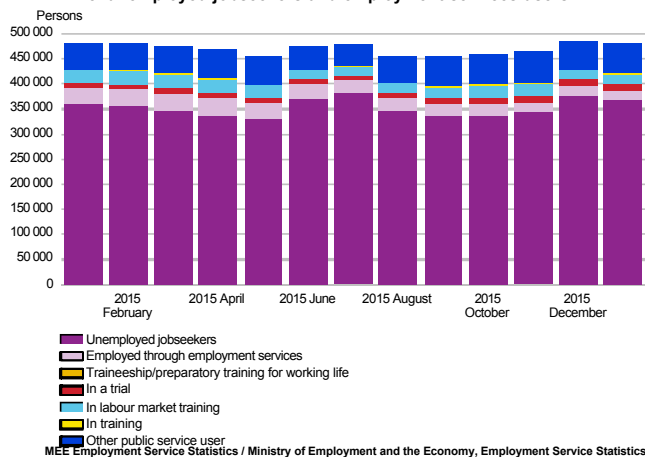
At the end of January, the number of long-term unemployed who have been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 120,700, up 19,200 on the previous year. Of the long-term unemployed, 70,900 were men and 49,800 were women. The number of men increased by 11,400 (19%) from the previous year and the number of women by 7,700 (18%). Long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 53,600, which is 8,200 more than a year ago.



## Services

### BROAD UNEMPLOYMENT

i.e. unemployed jobseekers and employment services users



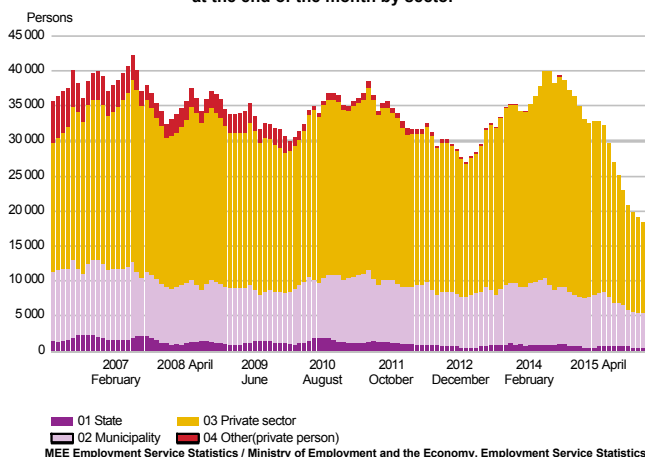
### Decrease in the number of persons covered by services

At the end of January, the number of persons covered by services included in the activation rate amounted to 114,700, down 7,100 on the previous year. Compared with December, the number of persons covered by such services increased by 7,100. The activation rate at the end of January was 23.8 %, which is 1.5 percentage points lower than a year earlier. In all, 4.4 % of the labour force was covered by these services.

Of those covered by services, the number of men was 54,200, down 3,300 on the previous year. The number of women covered by these services was 60,500, down 3,800 on the previous year.

Broad unemployment, or the total number of unemployed jobseekers and those covered by services, was 482,800 at the end of January. This is 1,400 more than a year earlier. The growth in broad unemployment was due to the increase in unemployed jobseekers.

### EMPLOYED THROUGH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES at the end of the month by sector



### The number of placements decreased in all sectors

At the end of January, the number of persons claiming pay subsidies, employed by the State or receiving start-up grants totalled 18,300, which is 14,700 less than the year before. Of those employed, 3% were in government jobs, 27% in local government jobs and 70% in the private sector. Since January of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 10% in government jobs, by 29% in local government jobs and by 50% in the private sector. Of those employed, 51% were men. Placements for men decreased by 7,200, and those for women by 7,500 from the previous year.





## Labour market training, training and self-motivated studies

**PERSONS IN LABOUR MARKET TRAINING**  
in target profession at the end of the month

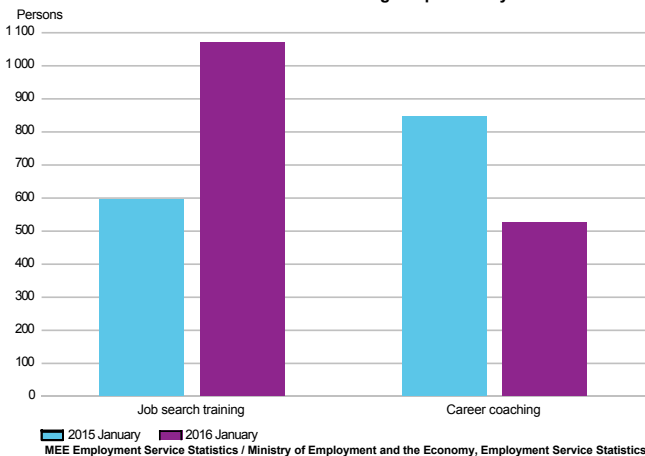


### Decrease in labour market training

At the end of January, labour market training was attended by 20,900 students, down 2,900 on the previous year. Of the students, 10,800 were men and 10,000 were women. Compared to the situation a year ago, the number of men decreased by 1,200 and the number of women by 1,700. During January, 4,100 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 700 on the year before.

Based on target profession, the largest subgroup at the end of January within the category of 'unknown' were people in integration training (7,300), which is 900 more than the year before. In January, the number of people without a specified target profession was 1,000, which is 300 less than in January last year.

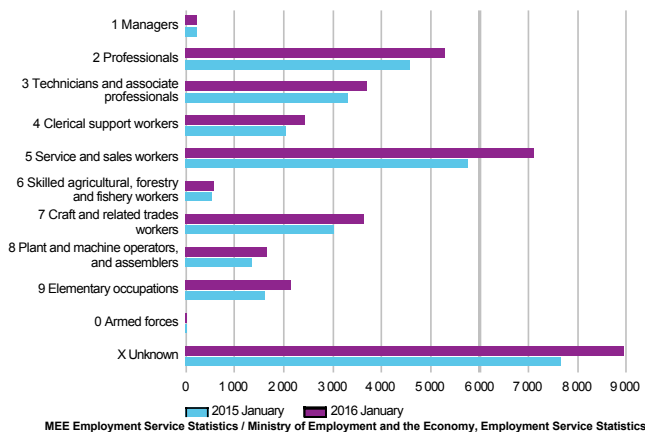
**IN TRAINING**  
at the end of the month and during the previous year



### The number of persons in training increased slightly

At the end of January, 1,600 persons were in training, which is 200 more than the year before. The number of men in training was 900 and that of women 700. In January, work and training trials had a total of 300 participants less than a year earlier. The number of participants in job search training increased by 500 compared to January last year.

**IN SELF-MOTIVATED STUDIES**  
in person's profession at the end of the month



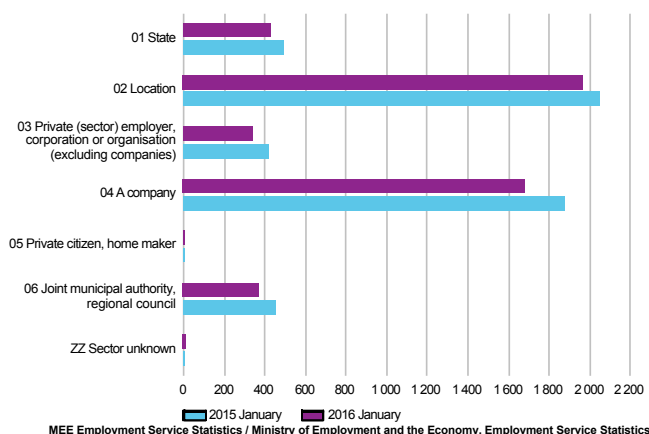
### The number of people in self-motivated study increased from the previous year

Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefits were attended by a total of 35,700 people, representing an increase of 5,700 on the year before. The number of men receiving unemployment benefits for studies was 14,100, up 2,400 on the previous year. Among women, the number was 21,600, representing an increase of 3,300 on the year before. In the 'unknown' group, the profession of 7,000 persons remained unspecified, which is 1,200 more than the previous year.



## Job alternation, rehabilitative work and trials

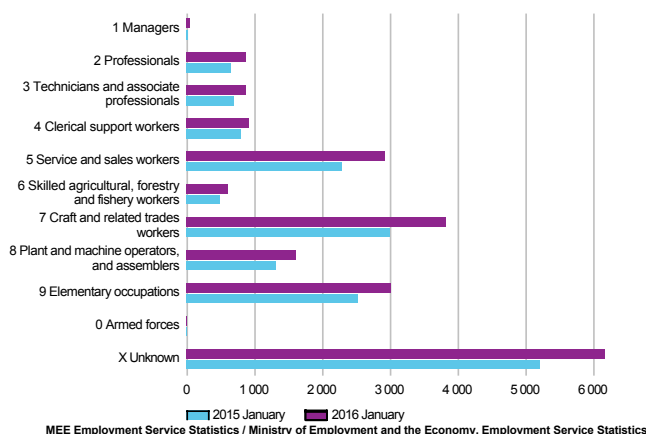
**AS A JOB ALTERNATION SUBSTITUTE**  
at the end of the month and during the previous year by sector



### The number of job alternation substitutes decreased

A total of 4,800 persons were job alternation substitutes at the end of January, which is 500 less than a year earlier. Of these job alternation substitutes, a total of 1,500 were men, representing a decrease of 200 on the year before. The corresponding number for women was 3,300, down 300 on January the year before.

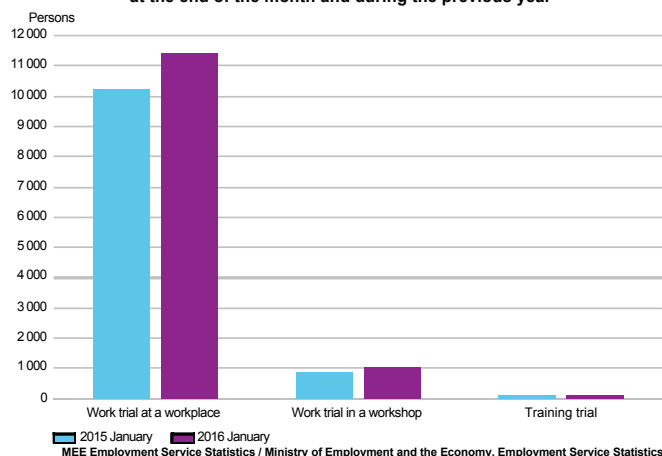
**REHABILITATIVE WORK ACTIVITIES**  
at the end of the month and during the previous year



### More participants in rehabilitative work activities than in the previous year

A total of 20,800 persons participated in rehabilitative work activities at the end of January, which is 3,900 more than a year earlier. Of the participants 12,000 were men and 8,800 were women. The number of men increased by 2,200 from the previous year, and the number of women by 1,700.

**IN TRIALS**  
at the end of the month and during the previous year



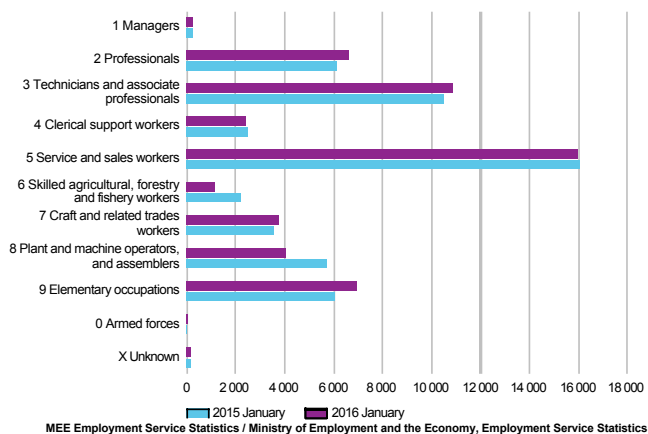
### Participation in work and training trials increased from the previous year

Work and training trials had a total of 12,600 participants at the end of January, which is 1,400 more than the previous year. Of the participants, 5,600 were men and 7,000 were women. The number of men increased by 600, and the number of women by 700.



## Jobs vacant

**NEW JOB VACANCIES**  
during the month and during the previous year



### Decrease in new job vacancies compared to last year

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during January totalled 52,100, which is 1,000 less than January in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 80,100 in January, which is 2,800 more than a year ago. A total of 7,500 of these vacancies were filled during January, 3,500 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of January was 48,600, up 1,700 on the previous year.

The number of new vacancies had increased in six occupational groups; the greatest increases were in the groups other workers (900), specialised experts (500) and skilled workers (300). The number of new job vacancies has decreased in five occupational groups; the most in the groups of process and transport workers (-1,700) and farmers and forest workers (-1,000).



## Summary table for the whole country

**TABLE 1** EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2016 JANUARY (I) AND  
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES DURING JANUARY (II)  
WHOLE COUNTRY

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Jan-16	Jan-15	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
<b>A. JOBSEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	368 118	359 614	8 504	2,4
of whom fully laid off	31 024	34 520	-3 496	-10,1
2. On reduced working week	10 752	9 517	1 235	13,0
3. Those who have work	145 387	127 648	17 739	13,9
of whom in the general labour market	126 744	99 914	26 830	26,9
of whom employed through employment services	18 643	27 734	-9 091	-32,8
4. Persons outside the labour force	126 346	114 883	11 463	10,0
of whom in services promoting employment	33 250	28 630	4 620	16,1
of whom in training	60 140	53 853	6 287	11,7
5. On unemployment pension	0	6 946	-6 946	-100,0
<b>1-5 Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>650 603</b>	<b>618 608</b>	<b>31 995</b>	<b>5,2</b>
<b>B LABOUR DEMAND</b>				
1. Jobs vacant	48 564	46 912	1 652	3,5
of those notified for over a month	10 293	9 052	1 241	13,7
of those notified for over 2 months	3 411	3 626	-215	-5,9
<b>C PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES</b>				
1. Employed by the State	463	517	-54	-10,4
2. Employed by municipalities	5 008	7 091	-2 083	-29,4
3. Employed by the private sector	12 855	25 453	-12 598	-49,5
<b>1-3 Total number of employed people</b>	<b>18 326</b>	<b>33 061</b>	<b>-14 735</b>	<b>-44,6</b>
4. Labour market training	20 860	23 779	-2 919	-12,3
5. Training	1 603	1 444	159	11,0
6. Engaged in work/training trials	12 596	11 239	1 357	12,1
7. As a job alternation substitute	4 797	5 284	-487	-9,2
8. Rehabilitative work	20 808	16 941	3 867	22,8
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	35 732	30 056	5 676	18,9
<b>1-9 Total number of people participating in services</b>	<b>114 722</b>	<b>121 804</b>	<b>-7 082</b>	<b>-5,8</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	155 642	149 571	6 071	4,1
2. Unemployed men	212 476	210 043	2 433	1,2
3. Under 25 years old	48 314	47 880	434	0,9
4. Over 50 years old	135 200	131 695	3 505	2,7
5. Unemployed over a year	120 698	101 535	19 163	18,9
6. Foreign unemployed	33 392	32 486	906	2,8
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	168 013	166 929	1 084	0,6
<b>II. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	421 766	413 522	8 244	2,0
2. Other jobseekers	257 776	234 132	23 644	10,1
<b>1-2 Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>679 542</b>	<b>647 654</b>	<b>31 888</b>	<b>4,9</b>
3. Vacancies during a month	80 091	77 268	2 823	3,7
New vacancies during a month	52 098	53 101	-1 003	-1,9
Vacancies filled during a month	7 493	10 016	-2 523	-25,2
of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	3 472	6 330	-2 858	-45,2
4. Started spell of unemployment	55 163	60 483	-5 320	-8,8
5. Completed spell of unemployment	66 883	62 218	4 665	7,5
6. New jobs found through employment services	5 412	7 771	-2 359	-30,4
7. New entrants to labour market training	4 067	4 740	-673	-14,2



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