



# Employment Bulletin

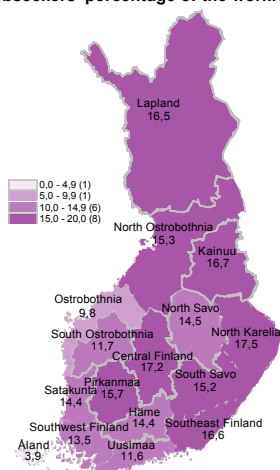
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## In February, the number of unemployed jobseekers was 361,000

Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce by ELY centre



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A total of 361,000 unemployed jobseekers were registered at the Employment and Economic Development Offices at the end of February. This is 5,600 more than a year earlier. The number of unemployed jobseekers decreased by 7,100 from the previous month. Unemployed jobseekers accounted for 13.7% of the labour force which is 0.2 percentage points more than a year ago. The figures are from the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy.

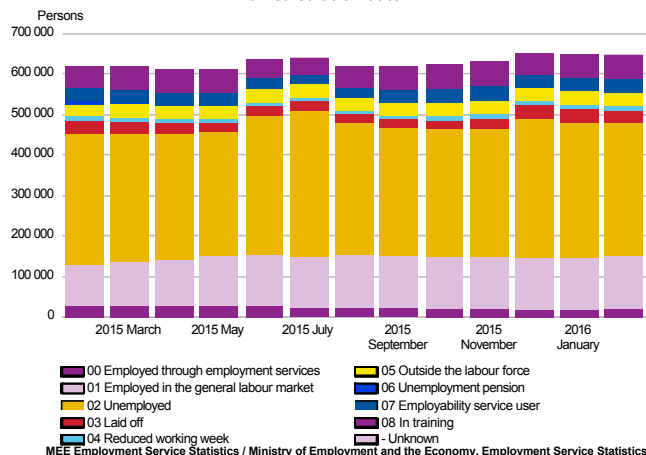
### Trends:

- The total number of jobseekers increased
- The number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 6,000 compared to the year before
- Services included in the activation rate had 7,000 less people than a year ago
- 4,000 new job vacancies more compared to last year



## All jobseekers

Jobseekers by group  
on calculation date



### The total number of jobseekers increased

At the end of February, the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at the Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 649,300, up 29,000 on the previous year. Of the jobseekers, 340,000 were men and 309,300 were women. Compared to the situation a year ago, the number of men increased by 10,900 and the number of women by 18,100.

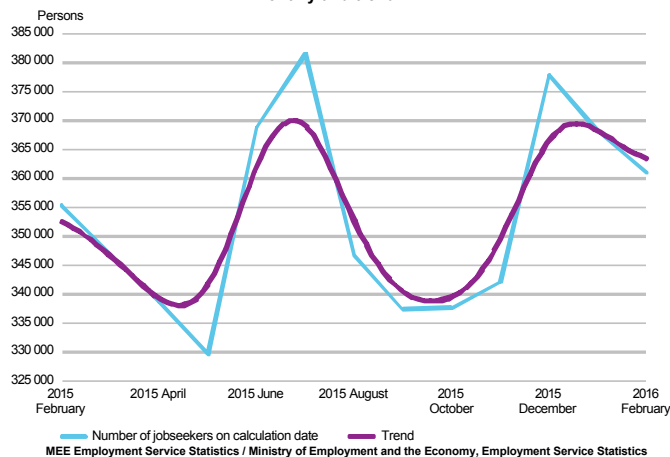
Of the jobseekers, 148,800 were employed, 129,300 of them were on the open labour market and 19,500 were employed through the services of the employment and economic development administration. The number of jobseekers outside the labour force was 128,600, of whom 35,200 were in services promoting employment and 60,500 in training. Of the jobseekers, 361,000 were unemployed jobseekers, which is 5,600 more than the year before. In February, 30,500 of unemployed jobseekers were fully laid off, which is 500 less than in January. Since February of the year before, the number of people fully laid off has decreased by 4,300. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 10,900, representing an increase of 1,400 from the year before.





## Unemployed jobseekers

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS  
monthly and trend



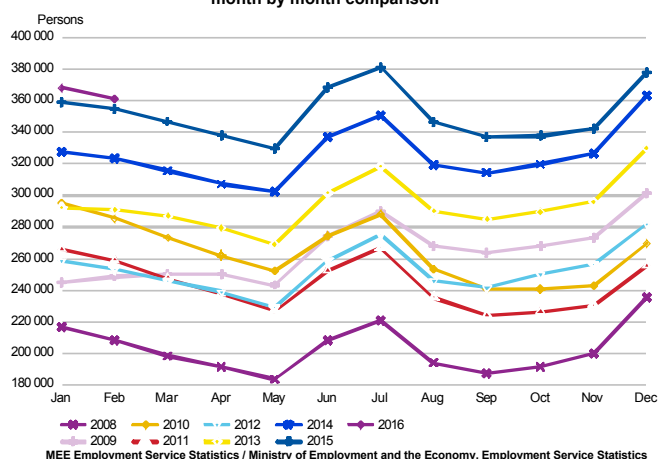
### The number of unemployed jobseekers increased in February

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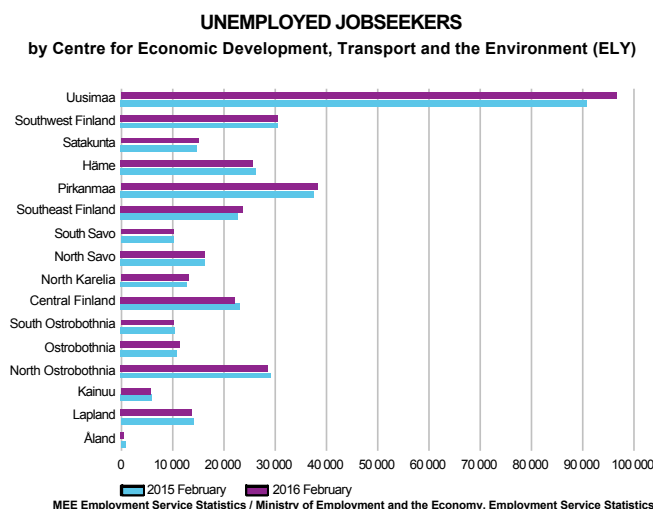
In February, 30,500 of unemployed jobseekers were fully laid off, which is 500 less than in January. Since February of the year before, the number of people fully laid off has decreased by 4,300.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 32,900, up 900 from February a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 10,700 at the end of February, up 600 from the year before.

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS  
month by month comparison



## Unemployed jobseekers by region



### Unemployment decreased in six areas

Compared to the same period in the previous year, the number of unemployed jobseekers decreased in February in the areas of six Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centres); the most in Kainuu (-5%), Central Finland (-4%), and Häme (-3%). Unemployment increased in the areas of all other ELY Centres; the most in Uusimaa (6%), Ostrobothnia (6%), South-East Finland (3%) and North Karelia (3%).

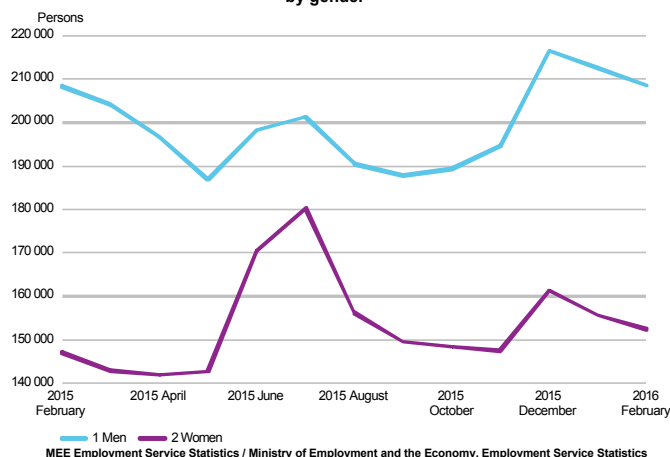
### Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant in Employment and Economic Development Office by ELY centre

ELY centre	Unemployed jobseekers			Change		Of the unemployed jobseekers fully laid off	Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce	Jobs vacant			Change	
	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Feb 2015			Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Feb 2015
Uusimaa	96 469	97 745	90 876	5 593	6	5 413	11,6	17 767	15 582	17 950	-183	-1
Southwest Finland	30 565	31 384	30 485	80	0	2 635	13,5	4 270	3 177	3 983	287	7
Satakunta	14 839	15 180	14 760	79	1	1 602	14,4	2 521	1 828	2 589	-68	-3
Häme	25 484	25 722	26 241	-757	-3	2 210	14,4	3 666	2 472	3 794	-128	-3
Pirkanmaa	38 284	38 769	37 358	926	2	3 653	15,7	4 914	3 518	4 531	383	8
Southeast Finland	23 573	24 048	22 786	787	3	2 290	16,6	3 393	1 926	3 273	120	4
South Savo	10 143	10 357	10 025	118	1	1 072	15,2	1 638	1 163	2 242	-604	-27
North Savo	16 340	16 814	16 297	43	0	1 900	14,5	2 262	1 631	2 232	30	1
North Karelia	12 898	13 226	12 561	337	3	1 104	17,5	1 753	1 330	1 007	746	74
Central Finland	22 023	22 371	22 916	-893	-4	1 571	17,2	1 791	1 423	1 490	301	20
South Ostrobothnia	10 262	10 519	10 394	-132	-1	1 530	11,7	2 997	2 659	3 234	-237	-7
Ostrobothnia	11 518	11 856	10 878	640	6	1 465	9,8	3 377	2 967	4 044	-667	-16
North Ostrobothnia	28 547	29 251	29 222	-675	-2	2 381	15,3	3 372	2 677	3 470	-98	-3
Kainuu	5 647	5 900	5 955	-308	-5	494	16,7	711	539	416	295	71
Lapland	13 631	14 204	13 836	-205	-1	1 127	16,5	2 243	2 012	2 151	92	4
Åland	577	600	615	-38	-6	13	3,9	423	461	373	50	13
Abroad	172	172	155	17	11	30	.	2 753	3 199	4 384	-1 631	-37
WHOLE COUNTRY	360 972	368 118	355 360	5 612	2	30 490	13,7	59 851	48 564	61 163	-1 312	-2



## Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group

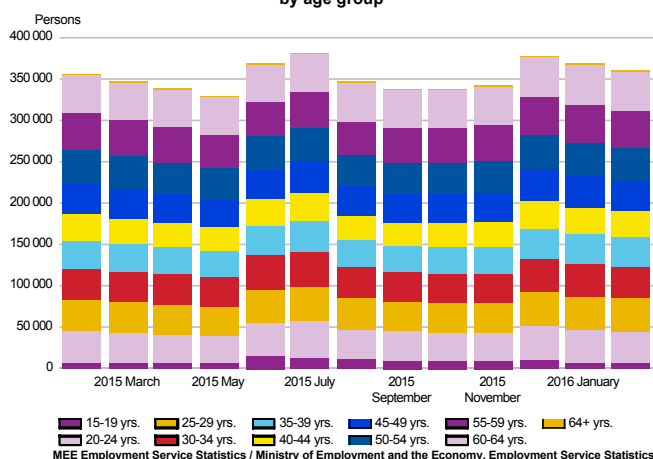
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS  
by gender



### Unemployment grew most among women

Of the unemployed jobseekers, 208,600 (58%) were men and 152,400 (42%) were women, indicating a decrease of 3,900 for men and 3,300 for women from the figures for January. Compared with February a year ago, the unemployment among men increased by 200 (0%) and among women by 5,400 (4%).

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS  
by age group



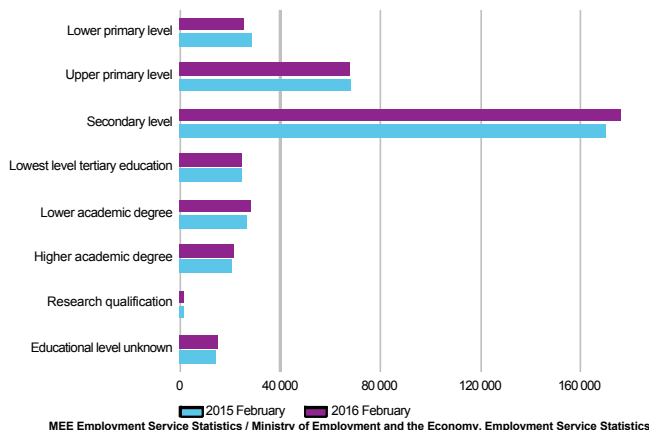
### Unemployment grew only slightly among young people

At the end of February, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 46,100 representing an increase by 200 from February a year ago. Youth unemployment decreased from January by 2,200. For those under 20, the number of unemployed was 7,600. Among those over 50, the number of unemployed was 133,900, representing an increase of 2,800 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 93,300, representing an increase of 2,400 on the year before.



## Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

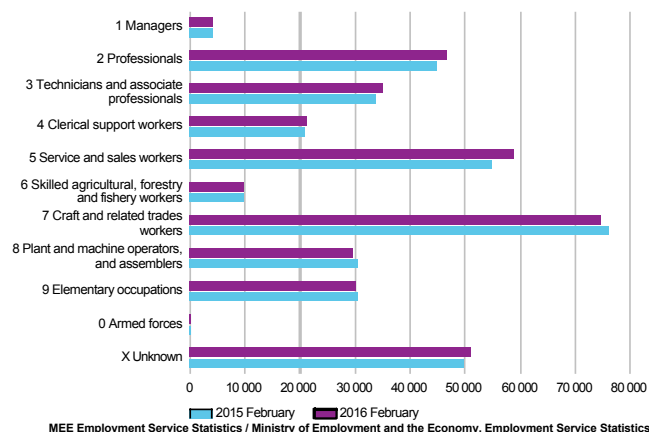
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS**  
by level of education



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

Examined by level of education, the unemployment rose from February of last year at all other levels of education, except among those with lower level basic qualifications (-11%) and higher level of basic qualifications (-1%); the increase was greatest among those with doctorate or equivalent level tertiary education (10%), lower-degree level tertiary education (7%) and higher-degree level tertiary education (5%).

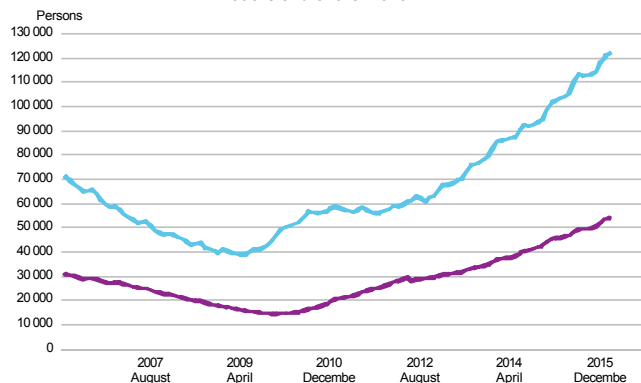
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS**  
by occupational group



### Unemployment decreased in four occupational groups

Examined by occupation, unemployment decreased in four groups from February of last year; the most in the groups of construction, repair and manufacturing workers (-1,700) and process and transport workers (-900). Consequently, unemployment grew the most in the groups; service and sales personnel (3,900), specialised experts (1,900) and skilled workers (1,300).

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

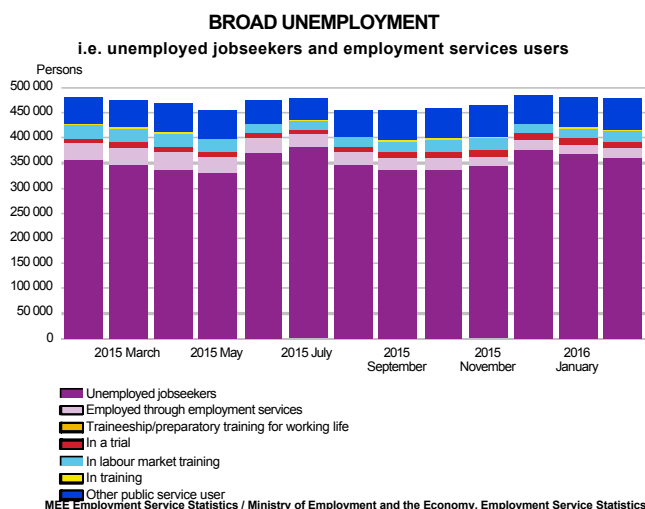


### Long-term unemployment continued to grow

At the end of February, the number of long-term unemployed who have been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted 122,000, up 19,500 on the previous year. Of the long-term unemployed, 71,500 were men and 50,500 were women. The number of men increased by 11,200 (19%) from the previous year and the number of women by 8,300 (20%). Long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 54,100, which is 8,400 more than a year ago.



## Services

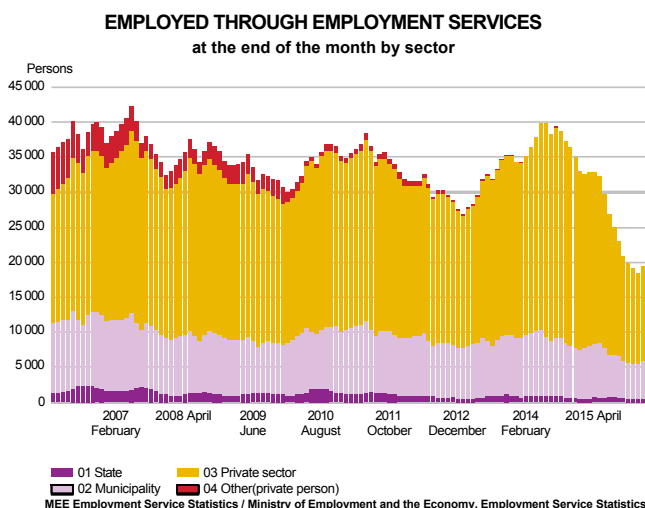


### Decrease in the number of persons covered by services

At the end of February, the number of persons covered by services included in the activation rate amounted to 118,900, down 6,600 on the previous year. Compared with January, the number of persons covered by such services increased by 4,200. The activation rate at the end of February was 24.8 %, which is 1.3 percentage points lower than a year earlier. In all, 4.5 % of the labour force was covered by these services.

Of those covered by services, the number of men was 56,700, down 2,900 on the previous year. The number of women covered by these services was 62,300, down 3,700 on the previous year.

Broad unemployment, or the total number of unemployed jobseekers and those covered by services, was 480,000 at the end of February. This is 1,000 less than a year earlier. The decrease in broad unemployment was due to the decrease in the number of persons covered by services.



### The number of placements decreased in all sectors

At the end of February, the number of persons claiming pay subsidies, employed by the State or receiving start-up grants totalled 19,500, which is 13,200 less than the year before. Of those employed, 3% were in government jobs, 28% in local government jobs and 70% in the private sector. Since February of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 11% in government jobs, by 25% in local government jobs and by 46% in the private sector. Of those employed, 52% were men. Placements for men decreased by 6,300, and those for women by 6,900 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

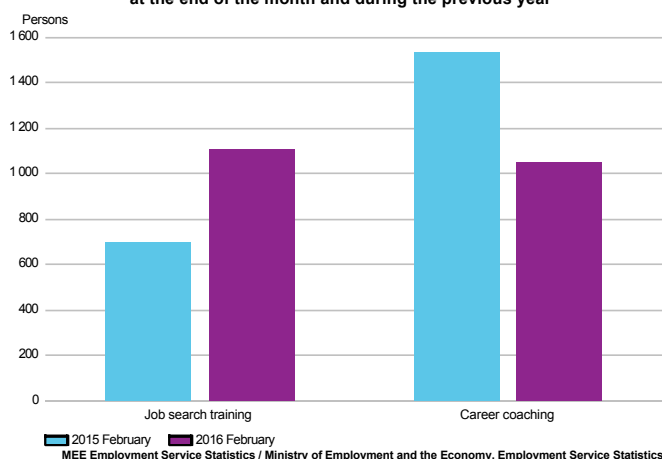


### Decrease in labour market training

At the end of February, labour market training was attended by 21,500 students, down 3,400 on the previous year. Of the students, 11,200 were men and 10,300 were women. Compared to the situation a year ago, the number of men decreased by 1,500 and the number of women by 2,000. During February, 4,100 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 700 on the year before.

Based on target occupation, the largest subgroup within the category of 'unknown' were people in integration training (7,400), which is 700 more than the year before. In February, the number of people without a specified target occupation was 1,000, which is 300 less than in February last year.

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



### The number of persons in training decreased slightly

At the end of February, 2,200 persons were in training, which is 100 less than the year before. The number of men in training was 1,200 and of women 1,000. Career training had 500 participants less than the year before. The number of participants in job search training increased by 400 compared to February last year.

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



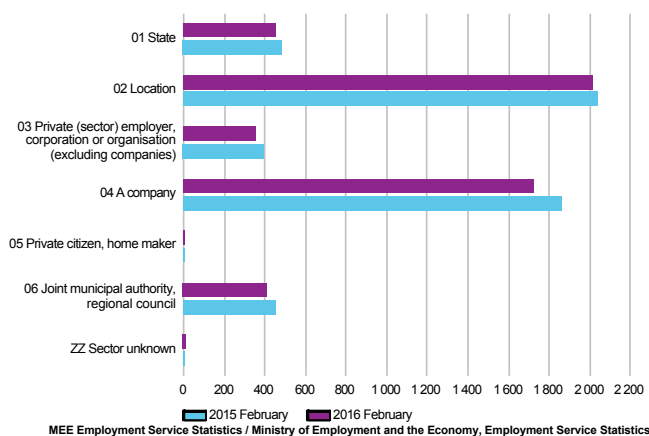
### The number of people in self-motivated study increased from the previous year

Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefits were attended by a total of 36,000 people, representing an increase of 5,600 on the year before. The number of men receiving unemployment benefits for studies was 14,200, up 2,400 on the previous year. Among women, the number was 21,800, representing an increase of 3,200 on the year before. Occupation was undetermined in case of 7,100 persons in the group of 'unknown', up 1,200 on the previous year.



## Job alternation, rehabilitative work and trials

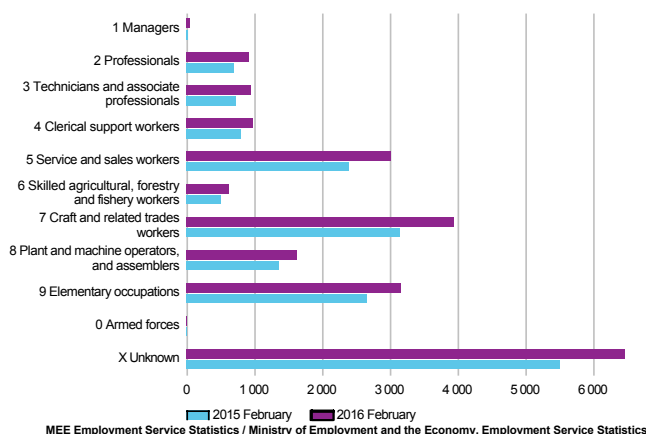
**AS A JOB ALTERNATION SUBSTITUTE**  
at the end of the month and during the previous year by sector



### The number of job alternation substitutes decreased

A total of 5,000 persons were job alternation substitutes at the end of February, which is 300 less than a year earlier. Of these job alternation substitutes, a total of 1,600 were men, representing a decrease of 100 on the year before. The corresponding number for women was 3,400, down 100 on February the year before.

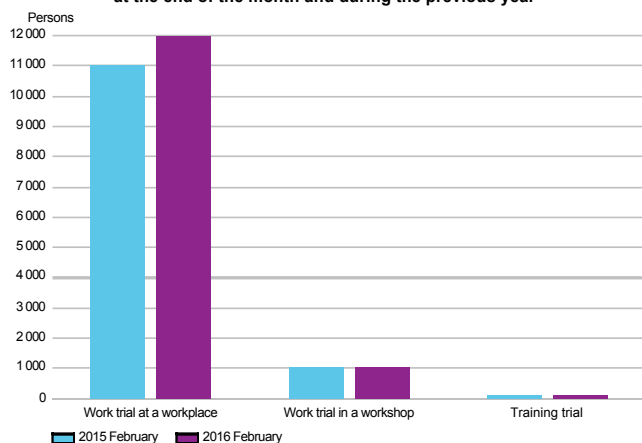
**REHABILITATIVE WORK ACTIVITIES**  
at the end of the month and during the previous year



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

A total of 21,700 persons participated in rehabilitative work activities at the end of February, which is 3,900 more than a year earlier. Of the participants 12,500 were men and 9,200 were women. The number of men increased by 2,100 a year earlier, and the number of women by 1,700.

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



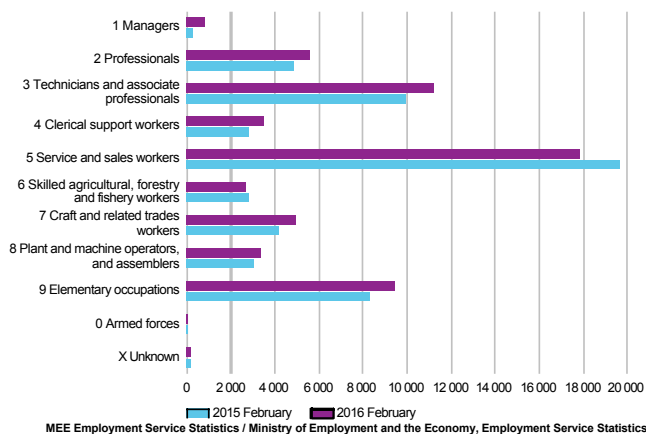
### Participation in work and training trials increased from the previous year

Work and training trials had a total of 13,200 participants at the end of February, which is 900 more than the previous year. Of the participants, 6,000 were men and 7,200 were women. The number of men increased by 500, and the number of women by 400.



## Jobs vacant

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



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

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during February totalled 59,500, which is 3,500 more than February in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 106,600 in February, which is 5,200 more than a year ago. A total of 9,200 of these vacancies were filled during February, 4,600 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of February was 59,900, down 1,300 on the previous year.

The number of new vacancies had increased for eight occupational groups; the most in the groups of skilled workers (1,300) other workers (1,200), specialised experts (800) and construction, repair and manufacturing workers (800). The number of new job vacancies had decreased in three occupational groups; the most in the group of service and sales personnel (-1,800).



## Summary table

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2016 FEBRUARY (I) AND  
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES DURING FEBRUARY (II)  
WHOLE COUNTRY

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Feb-16	Feb-15	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
<b>A. JOBSEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	360 972	355 360	5 612	1,6
of whom fully laid off	30 490	34 829	-4 339	-12,5
2. On reduced working week	10 902	9 523	1 379	14,5
3. Those who have work	148 801	130 902	17 899	13,7
of whom in the general labour market	129 265	103 145	26 120	25,3
of whom employed through employment services	19 536	27 757	-8 221	-29,6
4. Persons outside the labour force	128 579	117 842	10 737	9,1
of whom in services promoting employment	35 185	30 766	4 419	14,4
of whom in training	60 481	54 810	5 671	10,3
5. On unemployment pension	0	6 634	-6 634	-100,0
<b>1-5 Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>649 254</b>	<b>620 261</b>	<b>28 993</b>	<b>4,7</b>
<b>B. LABOUR DEMAND</b>				
1. Jobs vacant	59 851	61 163	-1 312	-2,1
of those notified for over a month	22 480	21 781	699	3,2
of those notified for over 2 months	5 277	5 064	213	4,2
<b>C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES</b>				
1. Employed by the State	500	559	-59	-10,6
2. Employed by municipalities	5 421	7 225	-1 804	-25,0
3. Employed by the private sector	13 548	24 929	-11 381	-45,7
<b>1-3 Total number of employed people</b>	<b>19 469</b>	<b>32 713</b>	<b>-13 244</b>	<b>-40,5</b>
4. Labour market training	21 502	24 911	-3 409	-13,7
5. Training	2 157	2 242	-85	-3,8
6. Engaged in work/training trials	13 158	12 211	947	7,8
7. As a job alternation substitute	4 968	5 232	-264	-5,0
8. Rehabilitative work	21 672	17 791	3 881	21,8
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	35 996	30 443	5 553	18,2
<b>1-9 Total number of people participating in services</b>	<b>118 922</b>	<b>125 543</b>	<b>-6 621</b>	<b>-5,3</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	152 357	146 992	5 365	3,6
2. Unemployed men	208 615	208 368	247	0,1
3. Under 25 years old	46 107	45 919	188	0,4
4. Over 50 years old	133 893	131 102	2 791	2,1
5. Unemployed over a year	121 979	102 505	19 474	19,0
6. Foreign unemployed	32 940	32 049	891	2,8
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	164 200	165 138	-938	-0,6
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	392 510	393 119	-609	-0,2
2. Other jobseekers	277 311	248 291	29 020	11,7
<b>1-2 Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>669 821</b>	<b>641 410</b>	<b>28 411</b>	<b>4,4</b>
3. Vacancies during a month	106 618	101 463	5 155	5,1
New vacancies during a month	59 547	56 030	3 517	6,3
Vacancies filled during a month	9 208	8 864	344	3,9
of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	4 616	5 847	-1 231	-21,1
4. Started spell of unemployment	40 750	44 245	-3 495	-7,9
5. Completed spell of unemployment	42 749	45 989	-3 240	-7,0
6. New jobs found through employment services	3 506	4 506	-1 000	-22,2





## Foreigners' summary table

FOREIGNERS' EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2016 FEBRUARY (I) AND  
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES DURING FEBRUARY (II)  
WHOLE COUNTRY

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Feb-16	Feb-15	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
<b>A. JOBSEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	32 940	32 049	891	2,8
of whom fully laid off	2 300	2 424	-124	-5,1
2. On reduced working week	359	336	23	6,8
3. Those who have work	12 807	10 337	2 470	23,9
of whom in the general labour market	11 258	8 298	2 960	35,7
of whom employed through employment services	1 549	2 039	-490	-24,0
4. Persons outside the labour force	26 344	24 097	2 247	9,3
of whom in services promoting employment	4 438	4 171	267	6,4
of whom in training	18 812	16 876	1 936	11,5
5. On unemployment pension	0	29	-29	-100,0
<b>1-5 Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>72 450</b>	<b>66 848</b>	<b>5 602</b>	<b>8,4</b>
<b>C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES</b>				
1. Employed by the State	13	7	6	85,7
2. Employed by municipalities	373	444	-71	-16,0
3. Employed by the private sector	992	1 726	-734	-42,5
<b>1-3 Total number of employed people</b>	<b>1 378</b>	<b>2 177</b>	<b>-799</b>	<b>-36,7</b>
4. Labour market training	8 776	8 918	-142	-1,6
5. Training	209	244	-35	-14,3
6. Engaged in work/training trials	2 896	2 866	30	1,0
7. As a job alternation substitute	88	105	-17	-16,2
8. Rehabilitative work	1 503	1 188	315	26,5
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	10 238	8 350	1 888	22,6
<b>1-9 Total number of people participating in services</b>	<b>25 088</b>	<b>23 848</b>	<b>1 240</b>	<b>5,2</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	15 855	15 368	487	3,2
2. Unemployed men	17 085	16 681	404	2,4
3. Under 25 years old	1 938	2 119	-181	-8,5
4. Over 50 years old	8 206	7 754	452	5,8
5. Unemployed over a year	9 605	7 793	1 812	23,3
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	7 238	6 845	393	5,7
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	36 185	36 142	43	0,1
2. Other jobseekers	37 705	31 962	5 743	18,0
<b>1-2 Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>73 890</b>	<b>68 104</b>	<b>5 786</b>	<b>8,5</b>
4. Started spell of unemployment	4 072	4 229	-157	-3,7
5. Completed spell of unemployment	4 111	4 497	-386	-8,6
6. New jobs found through employment services	256	316	-60	-19,0
7. New entrants to labour market training	1 172	1 620	-448	-27,7



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- You can access key information from MEE's Employment Service Statistics by visiting the Sector Online website: <http://www2.toimialaonline.fi> Pathway: Statistical base – Labour market – Employment service statistics
- The Employment Service Statistics data is also available from the MEE Publications page (only available in Finnish).  
[http://www.tem.fi/ajankohtaista/lehdet/tyopoliittinen\\_aikakauskirja](http://www.tem.fi/ajankohtaista/lehdet/tyopoliittinen_aikakauskirja)
- Joint monthly report from MEE and Statistics Finland  
[http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/tie\\_en.html](http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/tie_en.html)
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