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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of November the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 256,800, up 26,800 on the previous year. Compared with October, the number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 6,700.

In November, 17,000 of the unemployed were individually laid-off, which is 3,200 more than in October. Since November a year ago, the number of individual lay-offs has increased by 4,600. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 2,900, representing an increase of 800 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during November totalled 30,900, or 5,700 less than November in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 53,200 in November, which is 7,100 less than a year ago. A total of 29,900 of these vacancies were filled during November, 6,800 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of November was 23,000, down 1,800 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 150,100 (58%) were men and 106,700 (42%) women, indicating an increase of 7,100 for men and a decrease of 400 for women from the figures for October. Compared with November a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 17,700 (13%) and among women by 9,100 (9%).

At the end of November, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 30,800, representing an increase by 4,200 from November a year ago and an increase by 200 from October. A total of 6,700 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 101,100, up 8,700 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 72,200, representing an increase of 6,200 on the year before.

At the end of November, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 63,200, up 7,000 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 29,600, up 4,200 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 20,800, up 3,400 from November a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 5,300 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 labour administration amounted to 112,500, down 5,000 on the previous year. Compared with October, the number of placements through these measures increased by 900. In all, 4.2% 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 28,800 at the end of November, down 5,200 on the previous year. Of these placements, 2% were in government jobs, 27% in local government jobs and 71% in the private sector. Since November of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 43% in government jobs, 12% in local government jobs and 15% in the private sector.

At the end of November, labour market training was attended by 31,200 students, down 2,000 on the previous year. During November, 5,600 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 900 on the year before.

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. 12	NOV. 11	CHANGE PERSONS	%
A.	JOBSEEKERS				
1.	Unemployed	256 759	229 976	26 783	11,6
	- of those individual lay-offs	16 984	12 350	4 634	37,5
2.	On reduced working week	2 899	2 085	814	39,0
3.	Those who have work	105 272	104 337	935	0,9
	- of those in the conventional labour market	65 277	61 503	3 774	6,1
	- of those in subsidized employment	39 995	42 834	-2 839	-6,6
4.	Persons not in labour force	84 147	85 731	-1 584	-1,8
5.	Unemployment pensioners	23 273	34 363	-11 090	-32,3
1-5	Total of jobseekers	472 350	456 492	15 858	3,5
B.	LABOUR DEMAND				
1.	Jobs vacant	22 983	24 826	-1 843	-7,4
	- of those notified for over a month	6 094	6 188	-94	-1,5
	- of those notified for over 2 months	2 403	2 662	-259	-9,7
C.	SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1.	Placement in the state	651	1 141	-490	-42,9
2.	Placement in the municipalities	7 608	8 671	-1 063	-12,3
3.	Placement in the private sector	20 546	24 194	-3 648	-15,1
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	28 805	34 006	-5 201	-15,3
4.	Labour market training	31 183	33 189	-2 006	-6,0
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	15 268	14 771	497	3,4
6.	In job alternation places	6 269	6 629	-360	-5,4
7.	Rehabilitative work	11 444	9 978	1 466	14,7
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	19 513	18 945	568	3,0
1-8	Total measures	112 482	117 518	-5 036	-4,3
D.	STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1.	Unemployed women	106 659	97 545	9 114	9,3
2.	Unemployed men	150 100	132 431	17 669	13,3
3.	Under 25 years old	30 842	26 685	4 157	15,6
4.	Over 50 years old	101 053	92 391	8 662	9,4
5.	Unemployed over a year	63 152	56 158	6 994	12,5
E.	UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	114 035	100 933	13 102	13,0
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons	287 355	260 791	26 564	10,2
2.	Other jobseekers	206 465	217 881	-11 416	-5,2
1-2	Total number of jobseekers	493 820	478 672	15 148	3,2
3.	Vacancies during a month	53 178	60 286	-7 108	-11,8
	New vacancies during a month	30 859	36 564	-5 705	-15,6
	Vacancies filled during a month	29 866	34 325	-4 459	-13,0
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	6 779	8 266	-1 487	-18
4.	Started spell of unemployment	56 922	56 235	687	1,2
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	46 762	49 686	-2 924	-5,9
6.	New placements with subsidies	8 972	9 468	-496	-5,2
7.	New entrants to labour market training	5 600	6 453	-853	-13,2