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## **Employment Bulletin of the Finnish Ministry of Employment and the Economy, August 2012**

According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of August the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 246,300, up 11,300 on the previous year. Compared with July, the number of unemployed jobseekers decreased by 27,800.

In August, 10,400 of unemployed jobseekers were individually laid-off, which is 1,800 less than in July. Since August 2011, the number of people individually laid off has increased by 1,600. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 2,000, representing an increase of 400 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during August totalled 41,700, or 7,000 less than August in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 65,900 in August, which is 6,300 less than a year ago. A total of 37,900 of these vacancies were filled during August, 9,900 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of August was 28,100, down 2,400 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 136,500 (55%) were men and 109,900 (45%) women, indicating a decrease of 8,000 for men and of 19,800 for women from the figures for July. Compared with August a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 7,700 (6%) and among women by 3,600 (3%).

At the end of August, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 32,400, representing an increase by 2,100 from August a year ago and a decrease by 7,700 from July. A total of 8,300 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 92,900, up 3,200 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 66,200, representing an increase of 2,200 on the year before.

At the end of August, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 63,100, up 5,700 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 31,300, up 7,500 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 22,100, up 2,000 from August a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 5,000 at the end of August, up 800 from the year before.

At the end of August, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 100,300, down 2,300 on the previous year. Compared with July, the number of placements through these measures increased by 8,100. In all, 3.7% 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 30,400 at the end of August, down 5,000 on the previous year. Of these placements, 3% were in government jobs, 25% in local government jobs and 72% in the private sector. Since August of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 42% in government jobs, 12% in local government jobs and 13% in the private sector.

At the end of August, labour market training was attended by 24,000 students, down 800 on the previous year. During August, 7,300 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 700 on the year before.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		AUGUST 12	AUGUST 11	CHANGE	
				PERSONS	%
<b>A.</b>	<b>JOBSEEKERS</b>				
1.	Unemployed	246 332	234 998	11 334	4,8
	- of those individual lay-offs	10 390	8 743	1 647	18,8
2.	On reduced working week	2 037	1 592	445	28,0
3.	Those who have work	109 122	106 671	2 451	2,3
	- of those in the conventional labour market	73 439	67 103	6 336	9,4
	- of those in subsidized employment	35 683	39 568	-3 885	-9,8
4.	Persons not in labour force	72 644	73 374	-730	-1,0
5.	Unemployment pensioners	24 215	36 494	-12 279	-33,6
<b>1-5</b>	<b>Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>454 350</b>	<b>453 129</b>	<b>1 221</b>	<b>0,3</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>LABOUR DEMAND</b>				
1.	Jobs vacant	28 140	30 579	-2 439	-8,0
	- of those notified for over a month	6 590	6 015	575	9,6
	- of those notified for over 2 months	2 572	2 264	308	13,6
<b>C.</b>	<b>SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT</b>				
1.	Placement in the state	834	1 449	-615	-42,4
2.	Placement in the municipalities	7 667	8 697	-1 030	-11,8
3.	Placement in the private sector	21 857	25 229	-3 372	-13,4
<b>1-3</b>	<b>Total employment subsidy measures</b>	<b>30 358</b>	<b>35 375</b>	<b>-5 017</b>	<b>-14,2</b>
4.	Labour market training	23 989	24 757	-768	-3,1
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	10 587	10 363	224	2,2
6.	In job alternation places	8 150	7 644	506	6,6
7.	Rehabilitative work	9 652	8 658	994	11,5
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	17 592	15 844	1 748	11,0
<b>1-8</b>	<b>Total measures</b>	<b>100 328</b>	<b>102 641</b>	<b>-2 313</b>	<b>-2,3</b>
<b>D.</b>	<b>STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1.	Unemployed women	109 874	106 283	3 591	3,4
2.	Unemployed men	136 458	128 715	7 743	6,0
3.	Under 25 years old	32 410	30 277	2 133	7,0
4.	Over 50 years old	92 880	89 674	3 206	3,6
5.	Unemployed over a year	63 146	57 422	5 724	10,0
<b>E.</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	99 797	96 555	3 242	3,4
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>					
1.	Unemployed persons	307 968	299 495	8 473	2,8
2.	Other jobseekers	193 058	204 500	-11 442	-5,6
<b>1-2</b>	<b>Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>501 026</b>	<b>503 995</b>	<b>-2 969</b>	<b>-0,6</b>
3.	Vacancies during a month	65 888	72 201	-6 313	-8,7
	New vacancies during a month	41 671	48 623	-6 952	-14,3
	Vacancies filled during a month	37 946	40 637	-2 691	-6,6
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	9 926	11 137	-1 211	-10,9
4.	Started spell of unemployment	57 809	60 683	-2 874	-4,7
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	79 912	99 454	-19 542	-19,6
6.	New placements with subsidies	10 800	12 089	-1 289	-10,7
7.	New entrants to labour market training	7 311	8 015	-704	-8,8