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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of April the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 239,200, up 1,600 on the previous year. Compared with March, the number of unemployed jobseekers decreased by 6,900.

In April, 15,900 of the unemployed jobseekers were individually laid-off, which is 3,100 less than in March. Since April a year ago, the number of individual lay-offs has decreased by 300. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 2,300, representing an increase of 200 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during April totalled 48,500, or 1,600 more than April in the previous year. The total number of vacancies remaining unfilled at Employment and Economic Development Offices at the end of April was 95,800, down 2,200 on the previous year. A total of 53,100 of these vacancies were filled during April, 12,800 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of April was 43,000, up 2,000 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 141,600 (59%) were men and 97,500 (41%) women, indicating a decrease of 6,200 for men and of 700 for women from the figures for March. Compared with April a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 100 (+0.1%) and among women by 1,500 (+1.6%).

At the end of April, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 28,200, representing an increase by 1,400 from April a year ago and a decrease by 1,400 from March. A total of 5,300 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 95,200, up 1,500 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 67,900, representing an increase of 2,100 on the year before.

At the end of April, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 59,500, up 2,500 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 28,600, up 7,100 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 18,700, up 1,600 from April a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 4,500 at the end of April, up 500 from the year before.

At the end of April, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 115,000, down 300 on the previous year. Compared with March, the number of placements through these measures remained unchanged. In all, 4.3% of the labour force was covered by these measures.

The number of people placed under employment subsidy measures arranged by the employment and economic administration was 31,700 at the end of April, down 5,200 on the previous year. Of these placements, 3% were in government jobs, 27% in local government jobs and 70% in the private sector. Since April of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 33% in government jobs, 13% in local government jobs and 14% in the private sector.

At the end of April, labour market training was attended by 31,000 students, down 4,500 on the previous year. During April, 5,600 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 500 on the year before.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		APR. 12	APR. 11	CHANGE PERSONS	%
A.	JOBSEEKERS				
1.	Unemployed	239 181	237 579	1 602	0,7
	- of those individual lay-offs	15 881	16 134	-253	-1,6
2.	On reduced working week	2 349	2 193	156	7,1
3.	Those who have work	105 033	109 725	-4 692	-4,3
	- of those in the conventional labour market	64 253	65 508	-1 255	-1,9
	- of those in subsidized employment	40 780	44 217	-3 437	-7,8
4.	Persons not in labour force	85 051	87 161	-2 110	-2,4
5.	Unemployment pensioners	29 824	39 511	-9 687	-24,5
1-5	Total of jobseekers	461 438	476 169	-14 731	-3,1
B.	LABOUR DEMAND				
1.	Jobs vacant	42 978	40 980	1 998	4,9
	- of those notified for over a month	14 788	13 043	1 745	13,4
	- of those notified for over 2 months	8 614	5 312	3 302	62,2
C.	SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1.	Placement in the state	875	1 310	-435	-33,2
2.	Placement in the municipalities	8 518	9 769	-1 251	-12,8
3.	Placement in the private sector	22 270	25 793	-3 523	-13,7
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	31 663	36 872	-5 209	-14,1
4.	Labour market training	31 023	35 543	-4 520	-12,7
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	14 552	13 954	598	4,3
6.	In job alternation places	7 794	5 722	2 072	36,2
7.	Rehabilitative work	10 575	9 468	1 107	11,7
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	19 437	13 781	5 656	41,0
1-8	Total measures	115 044	115 340	-296	-0,3
D.	STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1.	Unemployed women	97 534	96 026	1 508	1,6
2.	Unemployed men	141 647	141 553	94	0,1
3.	Under 25 years old	28 233	26 793	1 440	5,4
4.	Over 50 years old	95 178	93 696	1 482	1,6
5.	Unemployed over a year	59 508	56 999	2 509	4,4
E.	UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	103 614	106 664	-3 050	-2,9
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons	279 050	279 834	-784	-0,3
2.	Other jobseekers	213 159	227 582	-14 423	-6,3
1-2	Total number of jobseekers	492 209	507 416	-15 207	-3,0
3.	Vacancies during a month	95 786	98 028	-2 242	-2,3
	New vacancies during a month	48 471	46 886	1 585	3,4
	Vacancies filled during a month	53 119	60 806	-7 687	-12,6
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	12 840	13 919	-1 079	-7,8
4.	Started spell of unemployment	51 691	56 104	-4 413	-7,9
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	58 295	69 413	-11 118	-16,0
6.	New placements with subsidies	9 736	10 488	-752	-7,2
7.	New entrants to labour market training	5 566	6 017	-451	-7,5