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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of September the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 239,600, up 15,600 on the previous year. Compared with August, the number of unemployed jobseekers decreased by 6,700.

In September, 11,300 of the unemployed jobseekers were individually laid-off, which is 900 more than in August. Since September 2011, the number of people individually laid off has increased by 2,600. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 2,400, representing an increase of 600 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during September totalled 36,100, or 6,100 less than September in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 62,500 in September, which is 8,300 less than a year ago. A total of 36,300 of these vacancies were filled during September, 8,000 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of September was 28,200, down 500 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 135,200 (56%) were men and 104,400 (44%) women, indicating a decrease of 1,300 for men and of 5,400 for women from the figures for August. Compared with September a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 10,200 (8%) and among women by 5,400 (5%).

At the end of September, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 30,000, representing an increase by 2,900 from September a year ago and a decrease by 2,500 from August. A total of 7,200 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 92,000, up 3,400 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 65,600, representing an increase of 2,000 on the year before.

At the end of September, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 61,500, up 5,200 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 31,400, up 7,000 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 20,300, up 2,400 from September a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 4,800 at the end of September, up 800 from the year before.

At the end of September, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 108,100, down 4,700 on the previous year. Compared with August, the number of placements through these measures increased by 7,800. In all, 4.1% 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 30,300 at the end of September, down 5,300 on the previous year. Of these placements, 2% were in government jobs, 26% in local government jobs and 72% in the private sector. Since September of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 46% in government jobs, 12% in local government jobs and 14% in the private sector.

At the end of September, labour market training was attended by 28,300 students, down 1,500 on the previous year. During September, 8,700 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 1,500 on the year before.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		SEPT. 12	SEPT. 11	CHANGE PERSONS %	
A.	JOBSEEKERS				
1.	Unemployed	239 598	223 966	15 632	7,0
	- of those individual lay-offs	11 314	8 688	2 626	30,2
2.	On reduced working week	2 353	1 742	611	35,1
3.	Those who have work	108 428	105 047	3 381	3,2
	- of those in the conventional labour market	70 866	63 612	7 254	11,4
	- of those in subsidized employment	37 562	41 435	-3 873	-9,3
4.	Persons not in labour force	79 512	81 026	-1 514	-1,9
5.	Unemployment pensioners	23 179	35 798	-12 619	-35,3
1-5	Total of jobseekers	453 070	447 579	5 491	1,2
B.	LABOUR DEMAND				
1.	Jobs vacant	28 186	28 701	-515	-1,8
	- of those notified for over a month	5 819	6 474	-655	-10,1
	- of those notified for over 2 months	2 425	1 932	493	25,5
C.	SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1.	Placement in the state	762	1 409	-647	-45,9
2.	Placement in the municipalities	7 800	8 877	-1 077	-12,1
3.	Placement in the private sector	21 700	25 270	-3 570	-14,1
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	30 262	35 556	-5 294	-14,9
4.	Labour market training	28 254	29 766	-1 512	-5,1
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	12 643	12 297	346	2,8
6.	In job alternation places	7 318	7 226	92	1,3
7.	Rehabilitative work	10 428	9 271	1 157	12,5
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	19 190	18 666	524	2,8
1-8	Total measures	108 095	112 782	-4 687	-4,2
D.	STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1.	Unemployed women	104 448	99 006	5 442	5,5
2.	Unemployed men	135 150	124 960	10 190	8,2
3.	Under 25 years old	29 957	27 068	2 889	10,7
4.	Over 50 years old	92 041	88 599	3 442	3,9
5.	Unemployed over a year	61 547	56 324	5 223	9,3
E.	UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	99 934	93 841	6 093	6,5
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons	285 449	268 457	16 992	6,3
2.	Other jobseekers	197 504	210 180	-12 676	-6,0
1-2	Total number of jobseekers	482 953	478 637	4 316	0,9
3.	Vacancies during a month	62 548	70 833	-8 285	-11,7
	New vacancies during a month	36 066	42 166	-6 100	-14,5
	Vacancies filled during a month	36 264	40 812	-4 548	-11,1
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	7 957	9 808	-1 851	-18,9
4.	Started spell of unemployment	63 157	63 837	-680	-1,1
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	67 685	66 081	1 604	2,4
6.	New placements with subsidies	10 829	11 613	-784	-6,8
7.	New entrants to labour market training	8 654	10 107	-1 453	-14,4