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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of June the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 257,400, up 4,800 on the previous year. Compared with May, the number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 28,000. The increase was attributable to the influx of newly-graduated young people into the labour market, characteristic of the summer season, and the ending of certain fixed-term employment contracts for the duration of the summer. The ending of fixed-term contracts represented an increase in unemployment particularly among women, up 21,700 from May.

In June, 10,600 of the unemployed jobseekers were individually laid-off, which is 500 less than in May. Since June 2011, the number of people individually laid off has increased by 100. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 1,900, representing an increase of 200 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during June totalled 35,100, or 2,600 less than June in the previous year. The total number of vacancies remaining unfilled at Employment and Economic Development Offices at the end of June was 68,600, down 800 on the previous year. A total of 43,800 of these vacancies were filled during June, 10,300 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of June was 24,900, down 1,100 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 137,200 (53%) were men and 120,200 (47%) women, indicating an increase of 6,400 for men and of 21,700 for women from the figures for May. Compared with June a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 3,100 (2%) and among women by 1,700 (1%).

At the end of June, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 36,500, representing an increase by 1,800 from June a year ago and an increase by 9,400 since May. A total of 10,300 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 93,600, up 2,200 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 66,700, representing an increase of 2,300 on the year before.

At the end of June, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 61,000, up 3,700 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 30,000, up 7,300 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 23,700, up 2,000 from June a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 5,000 at the end of June, up 600 from the year before.

At the end of June, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the labour administration amounted to 100,700, down 400 on the previous year. Compared with May, the number of placements through these measures decreased by 12,100. In all, 3.6% 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 31,400 at the end of June, down 5,300 on the previous year. Of these placements, 3% were in government jobs, 25% in local government jobs and 72% in the private sector. Since June of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 40% in government jobs, 12% in local government jobs and 14% in the private sector.

At the end of June, labour market training was attended by 22,800 students, down 1,800 on the previous year. During June, 1,700 new students began labour market training, equalling the figure for the year before.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		JUNE 12	JUNE 11	CHANGE PERSONS	%
A.	JOBSEEKERS				
1.	Unemployed	257 383	252 548	4 835	1,9
	- of those individual lay-offs	10 569	10 501	68	0,6
2.	On reduced working week	1 931	1 746	185	10,6
3.	Those who have work	109 158	111 173	-2 015	-1,8
	- of those in the conventional labour market	70 825	68 777	2 048	3,0
	- of those in subsidized employment	38 333	42 396	-4 063	-9,6
4.	Persons not in labour force	70 174	72 454	-2 280	-3,1
5.	Unemployment pensioners	27 528	37 955	-10 427	-27,5
1-5	Total of jobseekers	466 174	475 876	-9 702	-2,0
B.	LABOUR DEMAND				
1.	Jobs vacant	24 859	25 950	-1 091	-4,2
	- of those notified for over a month	7 245	6 268	977	15,6
	- of those notified for over 2 months	3 307	2 556	751	29,4
C.	SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1.	Placement in the state	911	1 532	-621	-40,5
2.	Placement in the municipalities	7 939	8 983	-1 044	-11,6
3.	Placement in the private sector	22 595	26 219	-3 624	-13,8
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	31 445	36 734	-5 289	-14,4
4.	Labour market training	22 775	24 534	-1 759	-7,2
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	12 180	11 953	227	1,9
6.	In job alternation places	8 637	7 040	1 597	22,7
7.	Rehabilitative work	9 385	8 674	711	8,2
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	16 254	12 182	4 072	33,4
1-8	Total measures	100 676	101 117	-441	-0,4
D.	STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1.	Unemployed women	120 210	118 520	1 690	1,4
2.	Unemployed men	137 173	134 028	3 145	2,3
3.	Under 25 years old	36 487	34 713	1 774	5,1
4.	Over 50 years old	93 564	91 324	2 240	2,5
5.	Unemployed over a year	60 963	57 261	3 702	6,5
E.	UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	105 596	107 028	-1 432	-1,3
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons	292 639	286 391	6 248	2,2
2.	Other jobseekers	202 876	219 922	-17 046	-7,8
1-2	Total number of jobseekers	495 515	506 313	-10 798	-2,1
3.	Vacancies during a month	68 650	69 468	-818	-1,2
	New vacancies during a month	35 070	37 720	-2 650	-7,0
	Vacancies filled during a month	43 781	42 647	1 134	2,7
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	10 302	11 737	-1 435	-12,2
4.	Started spell of unemployment	82 163	80 969	1 194	1,5
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	47 345	59 508	-12 163	-20,4
6.	New placements with subsidies	9 258	9 622	-364	-3,8
7.	New entrants to labour market training	1 744	1 721	23	1,3