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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of July the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 274,100, up 7,700 on the previous year. Compared with June, the number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 16,700. To some extent, 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.

In July, 12,200 of the unemployed were individually laid-off, which is 1,700 more than in June. Since July 2011, the number of people individually laid off has increased by 600. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 1,900, representing an increase of 300 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during July totalled 31,400, or 600 less than July in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 54,300 in July, which is 2,700 less than a year ago. A total of 28,600 of these vacancies were filled during July, 7,300 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of July was 25,800, down 200 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 144,500 (53%) were men and 129,700 (47%) women, indicating an increase of 7,300 for men and of 9,500 for women from the figures for June. Compared with July a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 5,300 (4%) and among women by 2,400 (2%).

At the end of July, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 40,100, representing an increase by 2,700 from July a year ago and an increase by 3,700 since June. A total of 10,800 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 96,600, up 2,400 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 68,200, representing an increase of 2,100 on the year before.

At the end of July, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 62,800, up 4,400 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 30,900, up 7,200 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 26,200, up 2,400 from July a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 5,500 at the end of July, up 700 from the year before.

At the end of July, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 92,200, up 1,000 on the previous year. Compared with June, the number of placements through these measures decreased by 8,500. In all, 3.3% 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 29,600 at the end of July, down 4,700 on the previous year. Of these placements, 3% were in government jobs, 24% in local government jobs and 73% in the private sector. Since July of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 41% in government jobs, 10% in local government jobs and 13% in the private sector.

At the end of July, labour market training was attended by 20,400 students, down 500 on the previous year. During July, 900 new students began labour market training, representing an increase of 300 on the year before.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		JULY 12	JULY 11	CHANGE PERSONS	%
A.	JOBSEEKERS				
1.	Unemployed	274 131	266 435	7 696	2,9
	- of those individual lay-offs	12 227	11 634	593	5,1
2.	On reduced working week	1 888	1 573	315	20,0
3.	Those who have work	105 384	105 794	-410	-0,4
	- of those in the conventional labour market	70 924	67 918	3 006	4,4
	- of those in subsidized employment	34 460	37 876	-3 416	-9,0
4.	Persons not in labour force	64 861	65 839	-978	-1,5
5.	Unemployment pensioners	26 151	37 240	-11 089	-29,8
1-5	Total of jobseekers	472 415	476 881	-4 466	-0,9
B.	LABOUR DEMAND				
1.	Jobs vacant	25 831	26 063	-232	-0,9
	- of those notified for over a month	7 998	7 480	518	6,9
	- of those notified for over 2 months	3 084	2 296	788	34,3
C.	SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1.	Placement in the state	885	1 490	-605	-40,6
2.	Placement in the municipalities	7 178	7 977	-799	-10,0
3.	Placement in the private sector	21 536	24 866	-3 330	-13,4
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	29 599	34 333	-4 734	-13,8
4.	Labour market training	20 370	20 853	-483	-2,3
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	9 662	9 533	129	1,4
6.	In job alternation places	7 989	6 839	1 150	16,8
7.	Rehabilitative work	8 484	7 621	863	11,3
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	16 076	12 028	4 048	33,7
1-8	Total measures	92 180	91 207	973	1,1
D.	STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1.	Unemployed women	129 679	127 324	2 355	1,8
2.	Unemployed men	144 452	139 111	5 341	3,8
3.	Under 25 years old	40 148	37 471	2 677	7,1
4.	Over 50 years old	96 643	94 200	2 443	2,6
5.	Unemployed over a year	62 844	58 447	4 397	7,5
E.	UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	112 423	111 870	553	0,5
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons	300 928	291 880	9 048	3,1
2.	Other jobseekers	194 164	207 412	-13 248	-6,4
1-2	Total number of jobseekers	495 092	499 292	-4 200	-0,8
3.	Vacancies during a month	54 313	57 050	-2 737	-4,8
	New vacancies during a month	31 420	32 021	-601	-1,9
	Vacancies filled during a month	28 622	31 231	-2 609	-8,4
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	7 294	8 473	-1 179	-13,9
4.	Started spell of unemployment	54 184	55 286	-1 102	-2,0
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	43 821	55 403	-11 582	-20,9
6.	New placements with subsidies	6 576	5 967	609	10,2
7.	New entrants to labour market training	888	574	314	54,7