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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of December the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 282,200, up 26,700 on the previous year. Compared with November, the number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 25,400.

In December, 23,600 of the unemployed jobseekers were individually laid-off, which is 6,600 more than in November. Since December a year ago, the number of individual lay-offs has increased by 5,400. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 2,900, representing an increase of 800 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during December totalled 29,400, or 4,600 less than December in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 51,300 in December, which is 6,900 less than a year ago. A total of 26,600 of these vacancies were filled during December, 5,100 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of December was 25,400, down 1,100 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 165,000 (58%) were men and 117,200 (42%) women, indicating an increase of 14,900 for men and of 10,500 for women from the figures for November. Compared with December a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 18,500 (13%) and among women by 8,200 (8%).

At the end of December, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 34,800, representing an increase by 3,300 from December a year ago and an increase by 4,000 since November. A total of 7,500 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 107,200, up 9,100 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 75,600, representing an increase of 6,500 on the year before.

At the end of December, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 66,000, up 9,000 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 30,100, up 4,100 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 24,900, up 3,500 from December a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 6,300 at the end of December, up 1,300 from the year before.

At the end of December, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 101,900, down 2,500 on the previous year. Compared with November, the number of placements through these measures decreased by 10,600. In all, 3.9% 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 27,700 at the end of December, down 5,000 on the previous year. Of these placements, 2% were in government jobs, 26% in local government jobs and 72% in the private sector. Since December of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 45% in government jobs, 12% in local government jobs and 15% in the private sector.

At the end of December, labour market training was attended by 26,900 students, up 500 on the previous year. During December, 3,000 new students began labour market training, representing an increase of 1,000 on the year before.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		DEC. 12	DEC. 11	CHANGE PERSONS	%
A.	JOBSEEKERS				
1.	Unemployed	282 174	255 467	26 707	10,5
	- of those individual lay-offs	23 575	18 132	5 443	30,0
2.	On reduced working week	2 915	2 118	797	37,6
3.	Those who have work	101 299	99 189	2 110	2,1
	- of those in the conventional labour market	64 082	60 547	3 535	5,8
	- of those in subsidized employment	37 217	38 642	-1 425	-3,7
4.	Persons not in labour force	76 064	76 782	-718	-0,9
5.	Unemployment pensioners	22 340	33 543	-11 203	-33,4
1-5	Total of jobseekers	484 792	467 099	17 693	3,8
B.	LABOUR DEMAND				
1.	Jobs vacant	25 384	26 502	-1 118	-4,2
	- of those notified for over a month	6 172	6 318	-146	-2,3
	- of those notified for over 2 months	2 765	2 964	-199	-6,7
C.	SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1.	Placement in the state	579	1 046	-467	-44,6
2.	Placement in the municipalities	7 277	8 265	-988	-12,0
3.	Placement in the private sector	19 850	23 418	-3 568	-15,2
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	27 706	32 729	-5 023	-15,3
4.	Labour market training	26 873	26 338	535	2,0
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	12 791	11 416	1 375	12,0
6.	In job alternation places	5 739	6 515	-776	-11,9
7.	Rehabilitative work	10 502	9 287	1 215	13,1
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	18 313	18 151	162	0,9
1-8	Total measures	101 924	104 436	-2 512	-2,4
D.	STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1.	Unemployed women	117 164	108 936	8 228	7,6
2.	Unemployed men	165 010	146 531	18 479	12,6
3.	Under 25 years old	34 836	31 557	3 279	10,4
4.	Over 50 years old	107 240	98 126	9 114	9,3
5.	Unemployed over a year	66 047	57 033	9 014	15,8
E.	UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	127 232	112 850	14 382	12,7
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons	304 240	277 437	26 803	9,7
2.	Other jobseekers	200 476	210 643	-10 167	-4,8
1-2	Total number of jobseekers	504 716	488 080	16 636	3,4
3.	Vacancies during a month	51 309	58 179	-6 870	-11,8
	New vacancies during a month	29 355	33 931	-4 576	-13,5
	Vacancies filled during a month	26 631	31 137	-4 506	-14,5
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	5 090	8 607	-3 517	-40,9
4.	Started spell of unemployment	63 984	70 643	-6 659	-9,4
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	37 420	40 185	-2 765	-6,9
6.	New placements with subsidies	7 283	5 884	1 399	23,8
7.	New entrants to labour market training	2 975	1 975	1 000	50,6