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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of January the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 258,300, down 7,800 on the previous year. Compared with December, the number of unemployed job applicants increased by 2,800.

In January, 19,300 of the unemployed were individually laid-off, which is 1,100 more than in December. Since January a year ago, the number of individual lay-offs has decreased by 2,200. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 2,300, representing a decrease of 300 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during January totalled 59,900, or 6,200 more than January in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 85,000 in January, which is 8,900 more than a year ago. A total of 35,500 of these vacancies were filled during January, 9,000 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of January was 49,700, up 5,400 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 152,500 (59%) were men and 105,800 (41%) women, indicating an increase of 6,000 for men and a decrease of 3,200 for women from the figures for December. Compared with January a year ago, unemployment among men decreased by 5,200 (-3%) and among women by 2,700 (-2%).

At the end of January, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 33,400, representing an decrease by 100 from January a year ago and an increase by 1,900 from December. A total of 6,600 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 99,600, down 400 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 70,300, representing an increase of 1,500 on the year before.

At the end of January, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 57,800, down 900 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 26,700, up 6,200 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 19,500, up 900 from January a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 4,800 at the end of January, up 300 from the year before.

At the end of January, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 108,200, up 1,200 on the previous year. Compared with December, the number of placements through these measures increased by 3,700. 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 economic administration was 31,800 at the end of January, down 3,200 on the previous year. Of these placements, 3% were in government jobs, 26% in local government jobs and 71% in the private sector. Since January of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 25% in government jobs, 9% in local government jobs and 9% in the private sector.

At the end of January, labour market training was attended by 27,100 students, down 4,600 on the previous year. During January, 7,200 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 900 on the year before.

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

| I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH | | JAN. 12 | JAN. 11 | CHANGE PERSONS | % |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| A. | JOBSEEKERS | | | | |
| 1. | Unemployed | 258 281 | 266 111 | -7 830 | -2,9 |
| | - of those individual lay-offs | 19 274 | 21 435 | -2 161 | -10,1 |
| 2. | On reduced working week | 2 301 | 2 577 | -276 | -10,7 |
| 3. | Those who have work | 98 462 | 103 320 | -4 858 | -4,7 |
| | - of those in the conventional labour market | 58 543 | 61 560 | -3 017 | -4,9 |
| | - of those in subsidized employment | 39 919 | 41 760 | -1 841 | -4,4 |
| 4. | Persons not in labour force | 80 178 | 79 202 | 976 | 1,2 |
| 5. | Unemployment pensioners | 32 639 | 42 188 | -9 549 | -22,6 |
| 1-5 | Total of jobseekers | 471 861 | 493 398 | -21 537 | -4,4 |
| B. | LABOUR DEMAND | | | | |
| 1. | Jobs vacant | 49 653 | 44 215 | 5 438 | 12,3 |
| | - of those notified for over a month | 10 773 | 7 642 | 3 131 | 41,0 |
| | - of those notified for over 2 months | 2 800 | 1 441 | 1 359 | 94,3 |
| C. | SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT | | | | |
| 1. | Placement in the state | 901 | 1 201 | -300 | -25,0 |
| 2. | Placement in the municipalities | 8 365 | 9 153 | -788 | -8,6 |
| 3. | Placement in the private sector | 22 572 | 24 700 | -2 128 | -8,6 |
| 1-3 | Total employment subsidy measures | 31 838 | 35 054 | -3 216 | -9,2 |
| 4. | Labour market training | 27 076 | 31 639 | -4 563 | -14,4 |
| 5. | Trainee work/coaching for working life | 13 889 | 13 082 | 807 | 6,2 |
| 6. | In job alternation places | 6 380 | 5 056 | 1 324 | 26,2 |
| 7. | Rehabilitative work | 9 721 | 8 875 | 846 | 9,5 |
| 8. | Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit | 19 254 | 13 227 | 6 027 | 45,6 |
| 1-8 | Total measures | 108 158 | 106 933 | 1 225 | 1,1 |
| D. | STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT | | | | |
| 1. | Unemployed women | 105 759 | 108 418 | -2 659 | -2,5 |
| 2. | Unemployed men | 152 522 | 157 693 | -5 171 | -3,3 |
| 3. | Under 25 years old | 33 425 | 33 543 | -118 | -0,4 |
| 4. | Over 50 years old | 99 621 | 100 057 | -436 | -0,4 |
| 5. | Unemployed over a year | 57 835 | 58 706 | -871 | -1,5 |
| E. | UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY | | | | |
| 1. | Members of unemployment funds | 115 146 | 124 276 | -9 130 | -7,3 |
| II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH | | | | | |
| 1. | Unemployed persons | 309 750 | 320 877 | -11 127 | -3,5 |
| 2. | Other jobseekers | 197 607 | 208 715 | -11 108 | -5,3 |
| 1-2 | Total number of jobseekers | 507 357 | 529 592 | -22 235 | -4,2 |
| 3. | Vacancies during a month | 85 457 | 76 552 | 8 905 | 11,6 |
| | New vacancies during a month | 59 869 | 53 699 | 6 170 | 11,5 |
| | Vacancies filled during a month | 35 491 | 32 103 | 3 388 | 10,6 |
| | - of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service | 8 972 | 8 597 | 375 | 4,4 |
| 4. | Started spell of unemployment | 73 329 | 74 389 | -1 060 | -1,4 |
| 5. | Completed spell of unemployment | 73 595 | 92 580 | -18 985 | -20,5 |
| 6. | New placements with subsidies | 13 987 | 14 640 | -653 | -4,5 |
| 7. | New entrants to labour market training | 7 213 | 8 127 | -914 | -11,2 |