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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of October the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 250,100, up 23,800 on the previous year. Compared with September, the number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 8,700.

In October, 13,800 of the unemployed were individually laid-off, which is 3,100 more than in September. Since October 2011, the number of people individually laid off has increased by 3,500. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 2,600, representing an increase of 700 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during October totalled 35,100, or 3,100 less than October in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 60,000 in October, which is 5,600 less than a year ago. A total of 36,100 of these vacancies were filled during October, 8,600 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of October was 24,300, down 3,000 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 143,000 (57%) were men and 107,000 (43%) women, indicating an increase of 6,900 for men and of 1,800 for women from the figures for September. Compared with October a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 15,400 (12%) and among women by 8,400 (8%).

At the end of October, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 30,600, representing an increase by 3,800 from October a year ago and an increase by 900 from September. A total of 7,000 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 98,200, up 7,800 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 70,400, representing an increase of 5,600 on the year before.

At the end of October, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 62,400, up 6,400 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 29,300, up 4,400 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 20,300, up 3,000 from October a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 5,000 at the end of October, up 1,000 from the year before.

At the end of October, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 111,600, down 5,100 on the previous year. Compared with September, the number of placements through these measures increased by 3,300. In all, 4.2% 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 29,600 at the end of October, down 5,200 on the previous year. Of these placements, 2% were in government jobs, 27% in local government jobs and 71% in the private sector. Since October of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 46% in government jobs, 11% in local government jobs and 15% in the private sector.

At the end of October, labour market training was attended by 30,800 students, down 1,900 on the previous year. During October, 8,000 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 1,200 on the year before.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		OCT. 12	OCT. 11	CHANGE PERSONS %	
A.	JOBSEEKERS				
1.	Unemployed	250 086	226 327	23 759	10,5
	- of those individual lay-offs	13 822	10 284	3 538	34,4
2.	On reduced working week	2 638	1 941	697	35,9
3.	Those who have work	103 570	103 144	426	0,4
	- of those in the conventional labour market	64 062	60 673	3 389	5,6
	- of those in subsidized employment	39 508	42 471	-2 963	-7,0
4.	Persons not in labour force	83 153	84 949	-1 796	-2,1
5.	Unemployment pensioners	24 139	35 058	-10 919	-31,1
1-5	Total of jobseekers	463 586	451 419	12 167	2,7
B.	LABOUR DEMAND				
1.	Jobs vacant	24 283	27 270	-2 987	-11,0
	- of those notified for over a month	7 070	6 671	399	6,0
	- of those notified for over 2 months	2 345	2 627	-282	-10,7
C.	SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1.	Placement in the state	706	1 301	-595	-45,7
2.	Placement in the municipalities	7 828	8 796	-968	-11,0
3.	Placement in the private sector	21 087	24 713	-3 626	-14,7
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	29 621	34 810	-5 189	-14,9
4.	Labour market training	30 759	32 654	-1 895	-5,8
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	14 125	13 763	362	2,6
6.	In job alternation places	6 621	6 815	-194	-2,8
7.	Rehabilitative work	11 093	9 745	1 348	13,8
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	19 403	18 908	495	2,6
1-8	Total measures	111 622	116 695	-5 073	-4,3
D.	STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1.	Unemployed women	107 049	98 687	8 362	8,5
2.	Unemployed men	143 037	127 640	15 397	12,1
3.	Under 25 years old	30 634	26 878	3 756	14,0
4.	Over 50 years old	98 170	90 352	7 818	8,7
5.	Unemployed over a year	62 388	55 948	6 440	11,5
E.	UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	109 105	97 574	11 531	11,8
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons	284 174	265 648	18 526	7,0
2.	Other jobseekers	204 245	210 810	-6 565	-3,1
1-2	Total number of jobseekers	488 419	476 458	11 961	2,5
3.	Vacancies during a month	60 000	65 560	-5 560	-8,5
	New vacancies during a month	35 137	38 217	-3 080	-8,1
	Vacancies filled during a month	36 096	39 610	-3 514	-8,9
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	8 607	8 278	329	4
4.	Started spell of unemployment	65 299	65 115	184	0,3
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	53 532	62 219	-8 687	-14,0
6.	New placements with subsidies	10 493	10 996	-503	-4,6
7.	New entrants to labour market training	8 018	9 189	-1 171	-12,7