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According to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, at the end of May the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 229,300, up 2,700 on the previous year. Compared with April, the number of unemployed jobseekers decreased by 9,800.

In May, 11,100 of the unemployed jobseekers were individually laid-off, which is 4,800 less than in April. Since May a year ago, the number of individual lay-offs has increased by 200. Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 2,200, representing an increase of 200 from the year before.

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during May totalled 49,900, or 2,900 less than May in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 91,400 in May, which is 2,300 more than a year ago. A total of 55,300 of these vacancies were filled during May, 14,900 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of May was 35,400, up 1,500 on the previous year.

Of unemployed jobseekers, 130,800 (57%) were men and 98,500 (43%) women, indicating a decrease of 10,900 for men and an increase of 1,000 for women from the figures for April. Compared with May a year ago, unemployment among men increased by 1,500 (1%) and among women by 1,200 (1%).

At the end of May, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 27,100, representing an increase by 1,000 from May a year ago and a decrease by 1,100 from April. A total of 5,100 of those under 20 years of age were unemployed. For those over 50, this figure was 90,700, up 2,100 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 65,300, representing an increase of 2,200 on the year before.

At the end of May, the number of long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted to 60,700, up 4,300 on the previous year. Of those, persons unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 29,300, up 7,500 on the previous year.

The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 19,500, up 1,300 from May a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 4,400 at the end of May, up 400 from the year before.

At the end of May, the number of persons covered by training and subsidised employment measures arranged by the employment and economic administration amounted to 112,800, down 300 on the previous year. Compared with April, the number of placements through these measures decreased by 2,200. In all, 4.0% 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 32,700 at the end of May, down 5,800 on the previous year. Of these placements, 3% were in government jobs, 27% in local government jobs and 70% in the private sector. Since May of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 40% in government jobs, 12% in local government jobs and 15% in the private sector.

At the end of May, labour market training was attended by 28,300 students, down 3,600 on the previous year. During May, 4,000 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 900 on the year before.

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH		MAY 12	MAY 11	CHANGE PERSONS	%
A.	JOBSEEKERS				
1.	Unemployed	229 340	226 686	2 654	1,2
	- of those individual lay-offs	11 079	10 929	150	1,4
2.	On reduced working week	2 173	1 989	184	9,3
3.	Those who have work	110 832	114 539	-3 707	-3,2
	- of those in the conventional labour market	69 796	68 981	815	1,2
	- of those in subsidized employment	41 036	45 558	-4 522	-9,9
4.	Persons not in labour force	83 753	86 354	-2 601	-3,0
5.	Unemployment pensioners	28 719	38 677	-9 958	-25,7
1-5	Total of jobseekers	454 817	468 245	-13 428	-2,9
B.	LABOUR DEMAND				
1.	Jobs vacant	35 388	33 915	1 473	4,3
	- of those notified for over a month	11 408	8 244	3 164	38,4
	- of those notified for over 2 months	6 938	4 322	2 616	60,5
C.	SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT				
1.	Placement in the state	891	1 472	-581	-39,5
2.	Placement in the municipalities	8 976	10 189	-1 213	-11,9
3.	Placement in the private sector	22 844	26 807	-3 963	-14,8
1-3	Total employment subsidy measures	32 711	38 468	-5 757	-15,0
4.	Labour market training	28 270	31 900	-3 630	-11,4
5.	Trainee work/coaching for working life	14 004	13 480	524	3,9
6.	In job alternation places	8 345	6 530	1 815	27,8
7.	Rehabilitative work	10 644	9 624	1 020	10,6
8.	Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	18 841	13 150	5 691	43,3
1-8	Total measures	112 815	113 152	-337	-0,3
D.	STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1.	Unemployed women	98 546	97 379	1 167	1,2
2.	Unemployed men	130 794	129 307	1 487	1,1
3.	Under 25 years old	27 085	26 100	985	3,8
4.	Over 50 years old	90 673	88 607	2 066	2,3
5.	Unemployed over a year	60 706	56 391	4 315	7,7
E.	UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1.	Members of unemployment funds	95 294	97 413	-2 119	-2,2
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH					
1.	Unemployed persons	274 182	276 407	-2 225	-0,8
2.	Other jobseekers	216 220	230 464	-14 244	-6,2
1-2	Total number of jobseekers	490 402	506 871	-16 469	-3,2
3.	Vacancies during a month	91 378	89 113	2 265	2,5
	New vacancies during a month	49 889	52 810	-2 921	-5,5
	Vacancies filled during a month	55 316	55 601	-285	-0,5
	- of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	14 902	15 083	-181	-1,2
4.	Started spell of unemployment	55 858	59 443	-3 585	-6,0
5.	Completed spell of unemployment	65 602	84 212	-18 610	-22,1
6.	New placements with subsidies	10 264	11 933	-1 669	-14,0
7.	New entrants to labour market training	4 035	4 929	-894	-18,1