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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE STATISTICS' DESCRIPTION

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Description:

Employment Service Statistics compiles data on jobseekers registered with the Employment and Economic Development Offices (TE Offices), unemployed jobseekers, administrative labour market policy, and vacancies reported to the TE Offices. The data is collected from the TE Offices' client service register. The statistics cover all of the people, services and vacancies in the above-mentioned groups that are registered in this register at the time. The figures also include registered jobseekers who are taking part in local government trial schemes for promoting employment.

Data content:

Data about the jobseekers' groups, unemployed jobseekers, labour market policy services, and vacancies. The data on jobseekers is classified according to gender, age, vocation, education, duration of unemployment, previous labour market situation, and the reason for terminating job seeking. The number of participants in different labour market policy is divided in the same manner according to age, gender, duration of the previous period of unemployment, and placement after the service. For job vacancies, new/all/filled vacancies during the month, those still vacant at the end of the month.

Employment Service Statistics are confidential information until the release date specified in advance. The basic material must be kept confidential. The basic material may be released for research use, subject to a separate research permit granted by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment.

Classifications used:

Standard Classification of Education 2006, Statistics Finland Handbooks 1, Standard Industrial Classification 2008 from year 2010, Regional classification: Municipality, Sub-regional units, Regions, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centre) and Employment and Economic Development Office (TE Office). Classification of Occupations, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment 2014 based on Statistics Finland's Classification of Occupations.

Data collection method and data sources:

Data collection for the Employment Service Statistics is based entirely upon the data from the TE Offices' client service system. Thus, the Employment Service Statistics is a completely register-based system in which the reported persons have registered in the TE Offices. The data that changes on a monthly basis are transferred from the register to the Employment Service Statistics system, in which the change data is used to update the existing data.

Updating frequency:

Monthly. For some data 4-month, quarterly, semi-annual and annual statistics also exist.

Time of completion or release:

The monthly data is ready approximately three weeks after the end of the statistical month. Release dates for the Monthly statistics, Employment Service Statistics monthly release, and the Employment bulletin are specified at the end of the previous year so that the schedule indicates the exact release date for the next year's monthly statistics bulletins. The release schedule is maintained on the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment website at: <http://www.tem.fi/en/release-dates-of-statistics-and-description-and-quality-description>

The Employment Service Statistics' 4-month and quarterly statistics are also released approximately three weeks after the end of the statistical month. The semi-annual and annual statistics are released 4-8 weeks after the end of the statistics period in question.

Time series:

All data in electronic format has been available in the statistics database since 2006. Basic data is available in electronic format since 1991. Due to administrative changes and, for example, changes in the classification of education and occupation, the time series for all of the data are not comparable from the same date. The data from 1962 to 1991 is in paper format on a general level and on micro cards from 1981 onward in National Archives.

Key words:

Job-seeking, unemployed, unemployment, labour market policy services, vacancy, labour market

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