



Press release

Statistics Netherlands

PR99-154
17 June 1999
9.30 hrs

Registered unemployment down

Registered unemployment fell again in the period March-May 1999, according to figures just released by Statistics Netherlands. The average of 227 thousand for this period is just over sixty thousand lower than in the same period last year, the equivalent of an average drop of five thousand a month.

Unemployment rates continue to fall

The 227 thousand unemployed for the period March-May is nineteen thousand down on the period February-April. As a fall of fifteen thousand is usual for this time of year, after seasonal adjustment the new figure is still four thousand lower than in February-April.

Decrease of five thousand a month

The unemployment figures are based on a sample survey and are therefore subject to a certain margin of error. The figures are best seen in a long-term context. Compared with one year ago, unemployment in March-May was 62 thousand lower, which is the equivalent of an average fall of five thousand a month.

For further information, please contact A. Boelens, tel. + 31 45 570 72 10; e-mail: abns@cbs.nl.

Statistics Netherlands
Press Office

P.O. Box 4000
2270 JM Voorburg
The Netherlands
tel. +31 70 337 58 16
fax +31 70 337 59 71
e-mail:
persdienst@cbs.nl

Statistics Netherlands
is a department of
the Ministry of
Economic Affairs