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## *Registered unemployment down*

The number of unemployed has fallen again, according to new figures from Statistics Netherlands. In the months September-November 1999, the number of registered unemployed people in the Netherlands was 206 thousand. Unemployment has decreased by an average five thousand people a month in the past year.

### *Registered unemployment continues to fall*

In the months September-November, the number of registered unemployed people in the Netherlands was 206 thousand. After seasonal adjustment the unemployment rate is seven thousand lower than in August-October, continuing the downward trend. As the figures are based on a sample survey, they are subject to a certain margin of error. Therefore the trend in unemployment is best considered in a longer term perspective. In the months September-November, the number of registered unemployed people in the Netherlands was 56 thousand lower than in the same period last year. This is the equivalent of a decrease of nearly five thousand people a month. This rate of decrease has continued in the last few months.

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