



# Press release

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## ***Fewer hours through temporary employment agencies***

The number of hours worked for temporary employment agencies in the first quarter of 2000 fell by more than 2% on the first quarter of 1999. The most recent figures by Statistics Netherlands further show that total turnover by temporary employment agencies increased by 6% in the same period to over 3.4 billion guilders in value.

### ***Over 164 thousand jobs through temporary employment agencies***

The number of hours worked by people employed through temporary employment agencies on a non-permanent basis was 67 million in the first quarter of 2000, 7 million hours less than a year ago. The 67 million hours are the equivalent of 129 thousand fulltime jobs.

The number of hours worked through temporary employment agencies by people employed on a permanent basis came to over 18 million in the first quarter. This constitutes a substantial increase of 5 million hours on the first quarter of 1999. The 18 million hours constitute about 35 thousand fulltime jobs.

In total the two types of hours worked in the first quarter through temporary employment agencies comes to over 164 thousand jobs.

### ***Drop in the number of fulltime jobs***

The seasonally corrected first quarter figure for the number of temp jobs for people not permanently employed by the temp agencies fell from 160 thousand in 1999 to 147 thousand this year. The figures by Statistics Netherlands further show that the seasonally corrected figure for the number of temp jobs for people not permanently employed by the temp agencies has started to fall ever since the first quarter of 1999.

### ***Turnover up***

Despite the fact that the number of hours worked through temp agencies fell, the turnover increased by 6% in the first quarter of 2000 on the same quarter of 1999.

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