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Unemployment stable

According to new figures from Statistics Netherlands, registered unemployment is continuing its stable course; the average rate was 187 thousand in the months November 2000-January 2001. Compared with the same period twelve months ago, the figure was 14 thousand lower.

Small changes in unemployment

In the months November 2000-January 2001, the number of registered unemployed people in the Netherlands was 187 thousand on average. Seasonal effects usually push up unemployment in the winter months; once these effects have been removed the figure is 179 thousand, seven thousand lower than in the months October-December last year. The seasonally adjusted figures have been fluctuating between 175 and 190 thousand since April-June 2000. As the changes are small and well within the margin of error of the sample survey, the rate of unemployment is stable.

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