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Less than 50 thousand long-term unemployed

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Unemployment figures point at stabilisation

In the months June-August the average number of registered unemployed was 136 thousand. Due to seasonal effects the unemployment figure during this time of the year is always lower. The seasonally corrected unemployment figure is 144 thousand, down 2 thousand on the months May-July. The last five three-month averages were all around 145 thousand, showing that unemployment has stabilised. Over the last twelve months unemployment still showed a 33 thousand decrease.

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Long-term unemployment continues to fall. The number of people registered as unemployed for more than a year fell by nearly 30 thousand to just below 50 thousand. There has been a decrease in long-term unemployment at a rate of 2.5 thousand a month since 1999. Prior to that unemployment fell even faster.

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Table 1. Registered unemployed 1)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
X 1 000												
Original series												
1995	484	497	477	465	446	445	453	453	450	451	459	463
1996	468	469	465	441	418	415	433	441	438	431	432	437
1997	429	415	399	381	376	378	379	372	351	349	336	340
1998	346	346	318	289	270	270	273	271	265	262	260	265
1999	263	265	246	227	216	209	213	212	211	206	189	201
2000	201	217	201	195	173	171	169	176	181	190	186	187
2001	184	176	155	134	132	132	136					
year-on-year. change												
1995	-11	-23	-23	-18	-15	-20	-17	-31	-34	-39	-21	-29
1996	-16	-28	-12	-24	-28	-30	-20	-12	-12	-20	-27	-26
1997	-39	-54	-66	-60	-42	-37	-54	-69	-87	-82	-96	-97
1998	-83	-69	-81	-92	-106	-108	-106	-101	-86	-87	-76	-75
1999	-83	-81	-72	-62	-54	-61	-60	-59	-54	-56	-71	-64
2000	-62	-48	-45	-32	-43	-38	-44	-36	-30	-16	-3	-14
2001	-17	-41	-46	-61	-41	-39	-33					
Seasonally corrected figures												
1995	470	480	467	470	463	459	460	455	452	451	459	455
1996	456	451	455	446	435	430	440	443	441	431	433	428
1997	416	398	390	386	393	393	386	373	353	348	336	330
1998	333	328	309	294	287	285	280	273	267	262	260	256
1999	250	248	238	231	233	223	221	214	213	206	189	192
2000	188	199	193	200	190	185	177	178	183	189	186	179
2001	171	158	147	139	149	146	144					
Average monthly change in the last three months												
1995	-7	0	-6	0	-6	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	1	1
1996	2	-3	0	-3	-5	-8	-2	3	4	-3	-3	-4
1997	-5	-12	-13	-10	-2	1	0	-7	-13	-13	-12	-8
1998	-5	-3	-7	-13	-14	-8	-5	-5	-6	-6	-4	-4
1999	-4	-4	-6	-6	-5	-5	-3	-6	-3	-5	-8	-7
2000	-6	3	0	4	-3	-3	-8	-4	-1	4	3	-1
2001	-6	-9	-11	-11	-3	0	2					

Source:
Statistics
Netherlands.

1) Three month average taken in the second month.

Table 2. Registered unemployed by sex, age and registration period

	sex		Registration period		Total	Unemployment Percentage
	Man	woman	<1 year	≥ 1 year		
<i>x 1 000</i>						
1995	260	204	217	247	464	7,0
1996	240	201	219	221	440	6,6
1997	199	176	180	195	375	5,5
1998	155	132	132	155	287	4,1
1999	115	106	110	111	221	3,1
2000	98	90	106	82	188	2,6
Juni'00-Aug.'00	84	85	92	77	169	2,3
Juni'01-Aug.'01	67	68	88	48	136	1,9 *

Source: Statistics
Netherlands.

* preliminary figure, in percentages of the labour force 2000.

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**Geregistreeerde werklozen
na verwijdering van
seizoensinvloeden**



Registered unemployment, seasonally corrected figures