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Unemployment remains stable

In the third quarter of 2001 there were 141 people registered as unemployed. According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands unemployment among women is still higher than among men.

Unemployment stable

In the third quarter of 2001 the number of registered unemployed was 141 thousand, up 6 thousand on June-August. However, due to seasonal effects it is not unusual that the number of unemployed to go up by about 6 thousand. The seasonally corrected figure shows that registered unemployment during the third quarter is the same as the previous three-month average.

Over the last six months the unemployment figure sat between 140 and 150 thousand, showing that unemployment has stabilised. The unemployment figure is still 35 thousand less than a year ago.

Unemployment among women higher than among men

The number of men and women registered as unemployed is about the same. However, since the female labour force is smaller than the male labour force unemployment among women is higher. The unemployment figure for men is 1.7% of the male labour force, for women the percentage is nearly twice as high. Moreover, many women looking for work do not register at the employment exchange. The differences in unemployment between men and women are even greater when all people looking for work are taken into account. In that case the unemployment figure for women is twice as high as the percentage for men.

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Table 1. Registered unemployed 1)

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Ma.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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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	135	141				

Year on year

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	-34	-35				

Seasonally corrected

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	144				

Average monthly change over 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	-2				

Source: CBS

1) Three-month averages taken in the second month.

Table 2. Registered unemployed by sex and registration period

	Sex	Registration period	Total	Unemployment
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	man	woman	<1 year	≥ 1 year		percentage
x 1 000						
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
July'00-Sep.'00	87	88	98	78	176	2,4
July'01-Sep.'01	72	69	91	50	141	2,0 *

Bron: CBS

* preliminary figures, as a percentage of the labour force 2000.

**Registered unemployed,
seasonally corrected figures**

x 1 000



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