



Press release

Statistics Netherlands

PR01-260
15-11-2001
9:30 AM

Unemployment stable

According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands the number of registered unemployed averaged 140 thousand in the period August-October. Unemployment has remained stable over the last six months, although it is still 41 thousand lower than in the same period last year.

Unemployment stable

In the period August-October the number of registered unemployed averaged 140 thousand. At this time of the year there are hardly any seasonal effects, on balance, so that the seasonally corrected figure is also 141 thousand. This is a few thousand less than in previous three-month periods. The seasonally corrected figures have been between 140 and 150 thousand since February-April. The changes are small and well within the margins of error usual for sample surveys. So unemployment has been stable for six months.

Unemployment down on a year ago

The drop at the end of last year and early this year makes that the number of unemployed is still 41 thousand less than during the same period last year. This drop concerns mainly people who have been registered as unemployed at the labour exchange for more than a year. Short-term unemployment is down by 10 thousand on the same period last year. The short-term unemployment figures show that school-leavers are not having any trouble finding a job this year.

Statistics Netherlands
Press Office

P.O. Box 4000
2270 JM Voorburg
The Netherlands
tel. +31 70 337 58 16
fax +31 70 337 59 71
e-mail:
persdienst@cbs.nl

Statistics Netherlands
is a department of
the Ministry of
Economic Affairs

For further information please contact S.C.H.H.L. Lucassen, tel. (045) 570 73 46.

Table 1. Registered unemployed 1)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
x 1 000												
Original figures												
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	140			
Year on year changes												
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	-41			
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	144	141			
Average monthly changes in previous 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	-2			

Source: CBS.

1) Three-month averages based on the second month.

Table 2. Registered unemployed by sex and registration period

	Sex		Registration period		Total	Unemployment-
	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
Aug.'00-Oct.'00	86	96	104	78	181	2,5
Aug.'01-Oct.'01	70	69	93	47	140	1,9 *

Source: CBS.

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

Registere unemployed seasonally corrected

x 1 000**Bron: CBS**

