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Unemployment stable again

Unemployment remains stable. In the months September-November the number of registered unemployed averaged 141 thousand. This is down almost 50 thousand on the same period last year, according to the most recent figures by Statistics Netherlands.

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In the months September-November the number of registered unemployed averaged 141 thousand. The seasonally corrected unemployment figure was 140 thousand. The new unemployment figure is virtually the same as the previous three-month average. The seasonally corrected figure has been between 140 and 150 thousand ever since February-April. The changes observed are small and well within the margins of error of sample surveys such as the one on which these figures are based.

So unemployment has been stable for more than six months. Because unemployment still fell by the end of last year and early this year the number of people who were registered as unemployed was down 49 thousand on the same period last year.

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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 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	141		
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	-49		
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	140		
Average monthly changes in 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	-2	-1		

Source: CBS.

1) Three month averages in middle month.

Table 2. Registered unemployed by sex and registration

	Sex		Registration		Total	Unemployment percentage
	men	women	<1 year	≥ 1 year		
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
Sep.'00-Nov.'00	88	102	109	81	190	2,6
Sep.'01-Nov.'01	70	71	95	46	141	2,0 *

Source: CBS.

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

Registered unemployed seasonally corrected figures

x 1 000**Source: Statistics Netherlands**