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Unemployment on the rise

Unemployment went up in recent months. According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands, the number of registered unemployed averaged 159 thousand in the period March-May.

Upward trend in unemployment

In the months March through May there were 159 thousand people unemployed on average, 8 thousand more than in the period February -April. However, the season usually gives rise to a drop in unemployment of about 13 thousand. This raises the seasonally corrected unemployment figure by 5 thousand compared to the previous three-month period. Compared to the fourth quarter of last year the number of unemployed is up by 34 thousand. There has been an upward trend in unemployment in recent months.

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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	135	141	140	141	135	146
2002	152	161	167	159								
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	-51	-41
2002	-32	-15	12	25								
Seasonally corrected figures												
1995	470	480	467	471	465	460	460	455	452	451	458	454
1996	454	451	456	448	436	431	441	442	441	431	432	427
1997	415	398	391	388	394	394	386	373	353	348	335	329
1998	332	329	311	296	288	286	281	272	267	262	259	255
1999	248	248	240	234	233	223	221	214	213	206	187	191
2000	186	200	195	204	190	185	177	178	183	189	184	177
2001	169	159	150	142	149	146	144	143	141	139	134	136
2002	137	145	163	168								
Average monthly changes in the last three months												
1995	-7	0	-5	0	-5	-2	-4	-3	-3	-3	1	1
1996	1	-2	1	-2	-5	-8	-2	2	3	-3	-3	-5
1997	-5	-11	-12	-9	-1	1	-1	-7	-14	-13	-13	-8
1998	-5	-2	-6	-12	-14	-8	-5	-5	-6	-6	-4	-4
1999	-5	-4	-5	-5	-5	-6	-4	-6	-3	-5	-9	-7
2000	-7	4	1	6	-3	-3	-9	-4	-1	4	2	-2
2001	-7	-8	-9	-9	-3	-1	1	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2
2002	-1	4	9	10								

Source: Statistics Netherlands

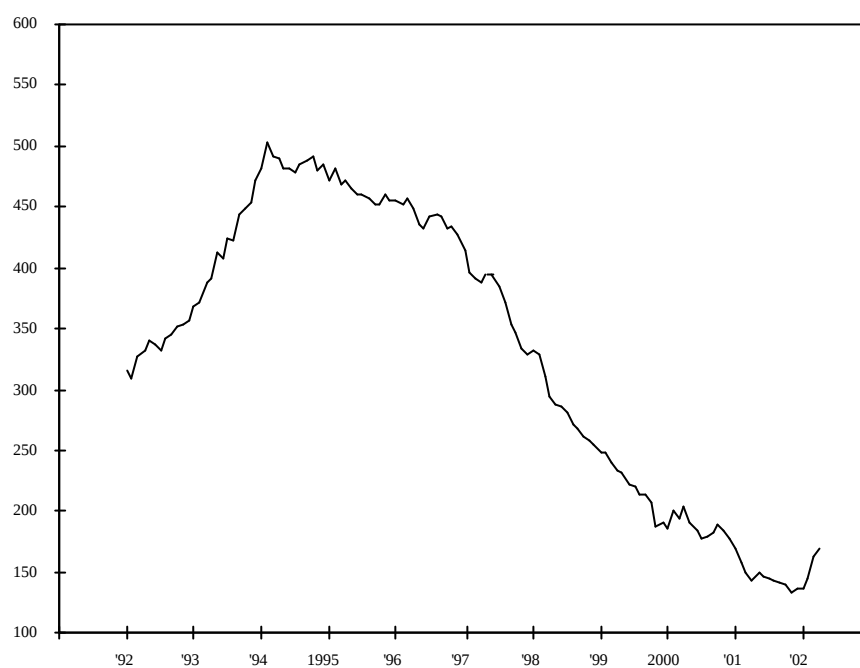
1) Three-month averages recorded in the second month.

Table 2. Registered unemployed by sex and registration period

	Sex		Registration period		Total	Unemployment percentage
	man	woman	<1 year	≥ 1 year		
	<i>x 1 000</i>					<i>as a percentage of the labour force</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
2001	77	69	94	52	146	2.0 *
Mar'01-May '01	76	58	79	55	134	1.8
Mar'02-May '02	81	78	103	56	159	2.2 *

Source: Statistics Netherlands

Registere unemployed
seasonally corrected figures
x 1 000



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