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## ***Unemployment up mainly among men***

Unemployment in the Netherlands was 166 thousand on average in the period June-August this year. The number rose by an average six thousand people a month in the first half of this year. Statistics Netherlands' figures further show that the gap in unemployment between men and women has become smaller.

### ***Unemployment rising***

An average 166 thousand people were unemployed in the period June-August. Seasonal effects usually push down unemployment in this period. Once these effects have been removed the figure comes to 175 thousand. Unemployment figures are based on a sample survey and as there is a certain margin of error, the trend can best be viewed over a longer period. Compared with six months ago the figure is 38 thousand higher, the equivalent of an increase of roughly six thousand people a month. So unemployment has shown an upward trend risen in the first half of the year.

### ***Narrowing gap between men and women***

Unemployment rose more strongly for men than for women. Compared with the same period one year ago, 23 thousand more men and 8 thousand more women are unemployed. However, as the female labour force is smaller the percentage of female unemployment is still higher than that for men: 2.6 and 2.1 percent respectively. But the gap is closing: one year ago these percentages were 1.6 for men and 2.3 for women.

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