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Unemployment marginally down

- **Unemployment down for the seventh month running**
- **Fewer men unemployed than a year ago**
- **Number of young job seekers growing**
- **WW benefits down by 11 thousand**

Adjusted for seasonal variation, 412 thousand persons were unemployed in September 2010, according to the latest figures released by Statistics Netherlands.

Figures published by the Institute for Implementation of Employees' Insurances (UWV) show that the number of job seekers as well as the number of unemployment (WW) benefits have decreased. At the same time, the number of young job seekers increased.

Number of unemployed further down

Seasonally adjusted unemployment dropped by 2 thousand in September. Unemployment has declined for six months now by an average of 6 thousand a month.

If seasonal effects are not taken into account, 396 thousand persons were unemployed in September, i.e. 7 thousand more than in the same month one year previously. Female unemployment was 18 thousand higher, male unemployment 11 thousand lower than in September 2009.

Number of job seekers on the same level as a year ago

The UWV reports that the number of unemployed job seekers (nww) declined by more than 3 thousand in September and stood at 488 thousand, approximately the same as in September 2009. The number of job seekers in higher educational professions dropped further after an increase in the summer months. The number of people seeking technical jobs at lower and secondary level also fell. The number of young job seekers grew for the third consecutive month and rose by 1.5 percent to 42 thousand in September.

More WW benefits terminated than new ones granted

The number of current WW benefits dropped by more than 11 thousand in September to 270 thousand. Considerably more benefits were terminated (48 thousand) than new ones granted (36 thousand). The number of WW benefits terminated due to work resumption rose sharply relative to last month and also relative to September 2009.

Table 1. Unemployed labour force

	Not adjusted for seasonal variation	Seasonally adjusted	
	% of the labour force	total	total
		annual change	
	%	x 1,000	x 1,000
2010			
September	5.1	396	7
August	4.9	386	17
July	5.7	449	37
June	5.6	441	56
May	5.5	432	69
April	5.6	437	77
March	6.0	468	114
February	6.1	478	124
January	5.9	456	132
2009			
December	5.2	404	125
November	5.4	417	130
October	5.1	395	118
September	5.0	389	111
August	4.7	370	105
<i>Annual averages</i>			
2009	4.8	377	77
2008	3.8	300	-43
2007	4.5	344	-66
2006	5.5	410	-72

Source: Statistics Netherlands

		15-24 yrs	25-44 yrs	45-64 yrs	total
<i>x 1,000</i>					
Men					
2010	September	41	85	71	197
2009	September	53	91	64	208
Women					
2010	September	43	90	66	199
2009	September	44	83	54	181
Total					
2010	September	84	175	137	396
2009	September	97	174	118	389
<i>% of the labour force</i>					
Men					
2010	September	9.5	4.1	3.9	4.6
2009	September	11.6	4.3	3.6	4.8
Women					
2010	September	10.9	5.1	5.0	5.7
2009	September	10.7	4.6	4.3	5.2
Total					
2010	September	10.2	4.6	4.3	5.1
2009	September	11.2	4.5	3.9	5.0

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Table 3. Unemployed job seekers (nww) by gender, age and region

	September 2010	August 2010	Monthly change	September 2009	Annual change
	x 1,000	x 1,000	%	x 1,000	%
NWW total	488.2	491.5	-0.7	488.7	-0.1
Gender					
Men	249.5	252.4	-1.2	248.4	0.4
Women	238.7	239.1	-0.2	240.2	-0.6
Age					
<25 yrs	42.0	41.4	1.5	40.9	2.7
25-35 yrs	89.4	90.4	-1.1	91.8	-2.7
35-45 yrs	121.2	123.1	-1.6	125.0	-3.1
45-65 yrs	235.7	236.6	-0.4	230.9	2.1
Province					
Groningen	22.2	22.1	0.2	22.2	0.1
Friesland	20.6	20.7	-0.3	19.6	5.5
Drenthe	16.6	16.8	-1.6	16.2	2.1
Overijssel	35.8	36.4	-1.6	35.2	1.7
Flevoland	13.1	13.2	-0.5	13.0	0.7
Gelderland	54.4	54.9	-1.0	54.3	0.1
Utrecht	25.8	26.0	-0.7	26.8	-3.5
North Holland	79.0	79.2	-0.3	82.6	-4.4
South Holland	109.8	108.9	0.8	102.2	7.5
Zeeland	7.5	7.7	-2.1	8.0	-6.4
North Brabant	66.2	67.5	-2.0	67.3	-1.7
Limburg	36.7	37.4	-1.9	40.5	-9.5
abroad/unknown	0.6	0.6		0.8	
Major municipalities					
Amsterdam	37.4	37.8	-1.0	42.9	-12.8
Rotterdam	34.6	34.2	1.4	32.9	5.4
The Hague	18.8	18.8	0.4	17.5	7.7
Utrecht	7.8	7.8	-0.1	9.4	-16.3

Source: UWV