

Job vacancy survey

2014, 2nd quarter

Fewer open job vacancies in the second quarter than one year earlier

According to the Job Vacancy Survey of Statistics Finland, there were 27,800 open job vacancies in the second quarter of 2014, which is 15 per cent down from one year earlier (32,500). The reference period of the data for the second quarter was 1 June.

Job vacancies 2013/II – 2014/II

	Year/Quarter			
	2013/II		2014/II	
	Number	Share, %	Number	Share, %
Job vacancies	32 500		27 800	
Part-time	6 500	20	8 500	31
Fixed term	11 600	36	14 900	54
Hard-to-fill vacancies	15 600	48	10 100	36

The sub-groups are not mutually exclusive so their sum does not correspond with the total number of open job vacancies.

In all, 18,500, or 66 per cent, of the job vacancies in the second quarter of 2014 were in private enterprises. In comparison with the quarter one year earlier, when examined by the size category of the establishment, the number of open job vacancies decreased in particular in smaller establishments with fewer than five employees (-5,100), and examined by region, in the major region of Northern and Eastern Finland (-3,000). Examined by the industry of the establishment, the decrease in the number of job vacancies was divided into nearly all industry groups.

In the second quarter, employers estimated that 36 per cent of the open job vacancies were hard-to-fill, while one year earlier, such posts made up 48 per cent of open vacancies. The share of part-time positions in open vacancies went up by 11 percentage points and that of fixed-term positions by 18 percentage points from one year back. Fixed-term open vacancies were common particularly in education establishments that primarily sought teachers, and in administrative and support service establishments that were looking for workers for cleaning and building maintenance jobs, for example.

Statistics Finland has been collecting data on open job vacancies quarterly since 2002. The inquiry is directed to persons responsible for recruitment in private or public sector establishments. The data provider can respond either using the web questionnaire or through a telephone interview. The data collection

includes approximately 2,500 different establishments in every quarter. The statistics are based on Regulation (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The objective is to produce up-to-date and comparable information about the number and structure of job openings on the labour markets of EU Member States.

The sample design of the Job Vacancy Survey was changed for the statistical year 2013 so that the target samples and strata better correspond with the information needs of data users. The revisions made have a significant effect on the results, for which reason the data cannot be compared with the data released prior to the first quarter of 2013. Further information can be found in the Quality description of the statistical release in Finnish http://www.stat.fi/til/atp/2014/02/atp_2014_02_2014-08-29_laa_001_fi.html

More information about open job vacancies is available in the appendix tables of this release and in the database tables of the Job Vacancy Survey in Finnish. The figures in the tables are rounded, for which reason the sums do not always amount to the totals.

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Appendix table 1. Job vacancies by the quarters 2013/II - 2014/II

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2013/II	2014/II	2013/II - 2014/II
Job vacancies			
Total	32 500	27 800	-4 700
Unoccupied	15 400	16 300	900
Part-time	6 500	8 500	2 100
Fixed term	11 600	14 900	3 300
Hard to Fill	15 600	10 100	-5 500

Appendix table 2. Job vacancies by size of the local kind of activity unit 2013/II - 2014/II

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2013/II	2014/II	2013/II - 2014/II
Employees			
Total	32 500	27 800	-4 700
1-4 persons	8 700	3 600	-5 100
5-9 persons	4 700	4 100	-600
10-49 persons	11 500	10 300	-1 300
50 or more	7 500	9 700	2 200

Appendix table 3. Job vacancies by employer sector of the local kind of activity unit 2013/II - 2014/II

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2013/II	2014/II	2013/II - 2014/II
Employer			
Total	32 500	27 800	-4 700
Private enterprise	22 300	18 500	-3 900
Local Government	7 000	3 900	-3 100
Central Government	500	600	100
Non-Profit Organization	2 200	3 700	1 500
Other	500	1 100	600

Appendix table 4. Job vacancies by location (major region 2012) of the local kind of activity unit 2013/II - 2014/II

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2013/II	2014/II	2013/II - 2014/II
Major region			
Total (incl. Åland)	32 500	27 800	-4 700
Helsinki-Uusimaa	11 800	11 600	-100
Southern Finland	5 000	5 800	800
Western Finland	8 000	5 600	-2 400
Northern and Eastern Finland	7 700	4 700	-3 000

Appendix table 5. Job vacancies by industry (TOL 2008) of the local kind of activity unit 2013/II - 2014/II

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2013/II	2014/II	2013/II - 2014/II
Industry (TOL 2008)			
Total	32 500	27 800	-4 700
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing (01–03)	400	0	-400
B-E Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (05–39)	3 700	3 000	-700
F Construction (41–43)	2 700	2 700	-100
G-I Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (45–56)	6 100	5 500	-500
J Information and communication (58–63)	2 000	1 100	-900
K,L Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (64–68)	1 400	1 400	0
M,N Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (69–82)	5 800	4 900	-900
O-Q Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (84–88)	8 900	8 400	-600
R,S Other service activities (90–96)	1 400	700	-700

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