

# Job vacancy survey 2009, 1st quarter

## *Fewer job vacancies in the first quarter than one year earlier*

According to the Job Vacancy Survey of Statistics Finland, there were 46 100 job vacancies in the first quarter of 2009, which was 43 per cent fewer than one year earlier (80 400). The reference date of the measurement for the first quarter was 1 March.

In the first quarter, 28 800, or 62 per cent, of the job vacancies were in private enterprises. Job vacancies diminished clearly throughout the country. With the exception of agriculture and forestry, job vacancies decreased in all industries. The decreases were largest in construction (83%) and manufacturing (65%).

### **Job vacancies 2009/I – 2008/I**

	Year/Quarter	
	2009/I	2008/I
Job vacancies	46 100	80 400
Part-time vacancies	21 %	18 %
Fixed-term vacancies	58 %	38 %
Hard-to-fill vacancies	32 %	44 %

The relative share of part-time vacancies increased by 3 percentage points and that of fixed-term vacancies by 20 percentage points. Employers had fewer recruitment problems than one year previously. The share of hard-to-fill vacancies of all job vacancies fell by eight percentage points to 32 per cent. Most of the hard-to-fill vacancies were in human health and social work activities.

Data by industry are now published for the first time from the Job Vacancy Survey by the revised national standard industrial classification TOL 2008. The revised classification is based on the NACE Rev 2 classification of the European Union and differs in many respects from its predecessor TOL 2002. The differences are explained more closely on Statistics Finland's website at: [http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tol2008\\_en.html](http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tol2008_en.html).

Statistics Finland has been collecting data on job vacancies quarterly since the beginning of 2002. The statistics are based on a sample of establishments of enterprises and general government. The data are collected with telephone interviews and web questionnaires. The statistics are decreed by a regulation of the European Union. 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.

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### 1.1 Job vacancies by the quarters 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Job vacancies							
Total	46 100	27 800	42 100	60 100	80 400	-34 300	-43
Unoccupied	23 500	15 700	24 500	32 400	40 800	-17 200	-42
Part-time	9 900	4 400	7 200	8 200	14 100	-4 300	-30
Fixed term	26 700	10 400	11 200	30 100	30 700	-4 000	-13
Hard to Fill	14 900	12 800	23 200	25 600	35 400	-20 500	-58

### 2.1 Job vacancies by size of the local kind of activity unit 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Employees							
Total	46 100	27 800	42 100	60 100	80 400	-34 300	-43
1-4 persons	9 600	9 000	7 300	16 700	14 800	-5 200	-35
5-10 persons	9 700	4 500	8 200	11 800	14 300	-4 700	-33
11-99 persons	16 900	9 300	20 100	24 200	32 300	-15 400	-48
More than 100	9 900	5 000	6 600	7 300	18 900	-8 900	-47

### 2.2 Job vacancies by employer sector 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Employer							
Employers total	46 100	27 800	42 100	60 100	80 400	-34 300	-43
Private enterprise	28 800	17 900	29 300	37 200	58 500	-29 700	-51
Local Government	12 500	5 500	9 100	15 000	15 800	-3 300	-21
Central Government	1 300	1 100	1 200	2 600	1 100	200	14
Non-Profit Organization	2 100	1 900	1 300	2 700	2 900	-800	-27
Other	1 400	1 500	1 100	2 600	2 100	-700	-32

### 3.1 Job vacancies by province 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Province							
Total	46 100	27 800	42 100	60 100	80 400	-34 300	-43
Uusimaa	21 900	9 600	17 000	18 300	32 900	-11 100	-34
Southern Finland (excl. Uusimaa)	4 000	2 700	3 700	8 500	9 100	-5 000	-56
Western Finland	13 700	9 700	14 700	20 500	25 000	-11 300	-45
Eastern Finland	3 500	2 000	2 700	5 200	7 500	-4 100	-54
Oulu + Lapland	3 000	3 800	4 000	7 700	5 800	-2 800	-48

### 3.2 Job vacancies by industry 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Industry (TOL 2008)							
Total	46 100	27 800	42 100	60 100	80 400	-34 300	-43
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)	1 600	1 000	600	1 300	500	1 100	..
Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (B-E)	6 200	1 800	6 200	7 500	17 800	-11 600	-65
Construction (F)	900	1 000	2 100	6 800	5 400	-4 500	-83
Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (G-I)	11 500	7 700	10 300	14 500	18 900	-7 300	-39
Information and communication (J)	2 400	1 100	2 900	1 200	3 400	-1 000	-29
Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (K,L)	1 000	1 500	700	2 300	1 700	-800	-44
Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (M,N)	6 300	3 600	7 900	5 900	11 400	-5 100	-45
Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (O-Q)	13 500	7 400	10 000	17 200	18 000	-4 400	-25
Other service activities (R-T)	2 600	2 700	1 500	3 400	3 200	-700	-20

### 4.1 Part-time vacancies by province 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Province							
Total	9 900	4 400	7 200	8 200	14 100	-4 300	-30
Uusimaa	3 600	800	2 800	2 900	3 200	400	13
Southern Finland (excl. Uusimaa)	1 200	500	400	600	2 000	-800	-39
Western Finland	3 200	1 300	2 800	2 700	5 300	-2 200	-40
Eastern Finland	1 400	300	400	800	1 500	-100	-7
Oulu + Lapland	500	1 400	800	1 200	2 200	-1 700	-78

### 4.2 Part-time vacancies by industry 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Industry (TOL 2008)							
Total	9 900	4 400	7 200	8 200	14 100	-4 300	-30
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)	500	0	0	400	100	400	..
Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (B-E)	1 500	100	200	800	1 600	-100	-6
Construction (F)	100	0	100	100	300	-200	-73
Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (G-I)	3 300	1 800	2 200	3 800	6 000	-2 700	-45
Information and communication (J)	100	0	1 000	100	100	0	4
Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (K,L)	200	100	0	100	200	-100	-26
Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (M,N)	1 600	900	1 800	400	2 000	-400	-22
Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (O-Q)	2 100	700	1 300	2 000	3 300	-1 200	-36
Other service activities (R-T)	500	800	600	400	600	-100	-19

### 5.1 Fixed-term vacancies by province 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Province							
Total	26 700	10 400	11 200	30 100	30 700	-4 000	-13
Uusimaa	10 500	1 700	4 900	7 300	9 600	900	9
Southern Finland (excl. Uusimaa)	2 700	1 500	900	3 500	3 600	-900	-25
Western Finland	9 600	3 700	3 300	11 000	11 300	-1 800	-15
Eastern Finland	2 200	900	900	2 700	3 600	-1 400	-40
Oulu + Lapland	1 700	2 500	1 200	5 500	2 600	-900	-33

### 5.2 Fixed-term vacancies by industry 2009/I - 2008/I

	Year/Quarter					Change	Change (%)
	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Industry (TOL 2008)							
Total	26 700	10 400	11 200	30 100	30 700	-4 000	-13
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)	1 600	600	100	700	300	1 300	..
Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (B-E)	5 300	800	800	2 400	8 900	-3 600	-41
Construction (F)	400	200	500	3 400	1 200	-800	-68
Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (G-I)	6 200	2 600	1 900	6 600	6 600	-400	-6
Information and communication (J)	1 000	100	1 100	700	200	800	..
Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (K,L)	700	100	100	1 200	600	0	1
Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (M,N)	3 000	1 200	1 400	2 100	4 100	-1 000	-26
Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (O-Q)	6 500	4 000	4 600	10 000	7 300	-800	-12
Other service activities (R-T)	2 100	1 000	800	2 900	1 500	600	41

### 6.1 Hard-to-fill vacancies by province 2009/I - 2008/I

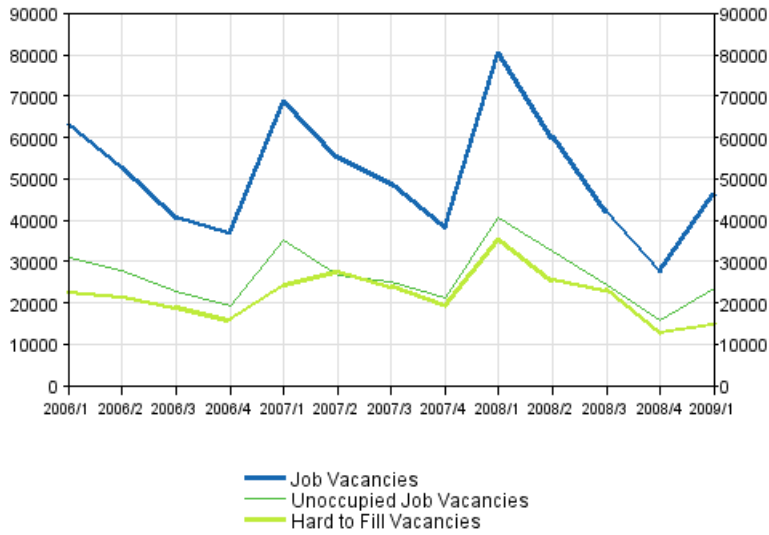
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	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Province							
Total	14 900	12 800	23 200	25 600	35 400	-20 500	-58
Uusimaa	8 400	5 200	9 200	7 600	14 800	-6 500	-44
Southern Finland (excl. Uusimaa)	800	1 300	1 800	4 000	3 300	-2 500	-77
Western Finland	3 500	4 300	8 700	8 400	12 900	-9 400	-73
Eastern Finland	1 200	500	1 600	3 500	2 800	-1 600	-57
Oulu + Lapland	1 100	1 600	1 900	2 000	1 500	-400	-29

## 6.2 Hard-to-fill vacancies by industry 2009/I - 2008/I

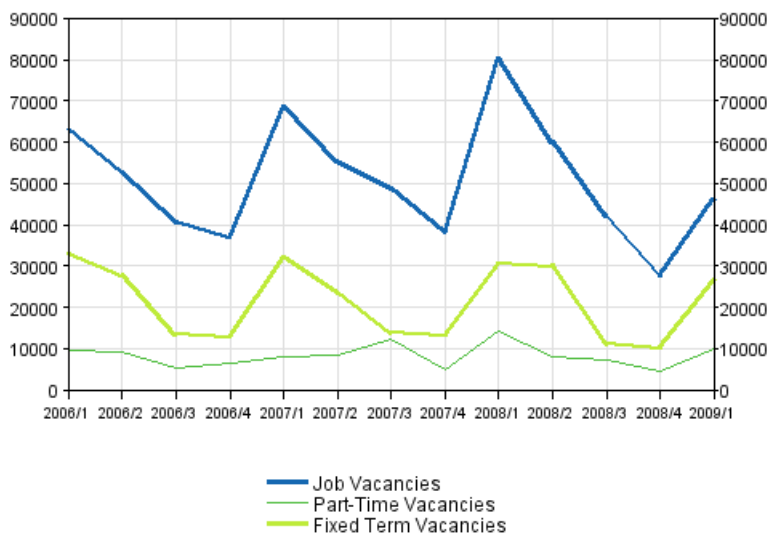
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	2009/I	2008/IV	2008/III	2008/II	2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I	2009/I - 2008/I
Industry (TOL 2008)							
Total	14 900	12 800	23 200	25 600	35 400	-20 500	-58
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)	100	300	300	1 100	300	-200	-56
Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (B-E)	600	600	4 200	4 000	4 800	-4 300	-88
Construction (F)	400	600	1 700	3 100	3 500	-3 000	-88
Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (G-I)	3 300	4 000	5 800	6 500	8 800	-5 400	-62
Information and communication (J)	400	300	1 500	800	1 900	-1 500	-78
Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (K,L)	400	800	200	600	700	-300	-49
Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (M,N)	2 500	1 800	3 900	2 400	5 300	-2 800	-53
Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (O-Q)	7 000	2 900	5 200	6 600	8 100	-1 100	-14
Other service activities (R-T)	200	1 400	400	400	2 100	-1 800	-89

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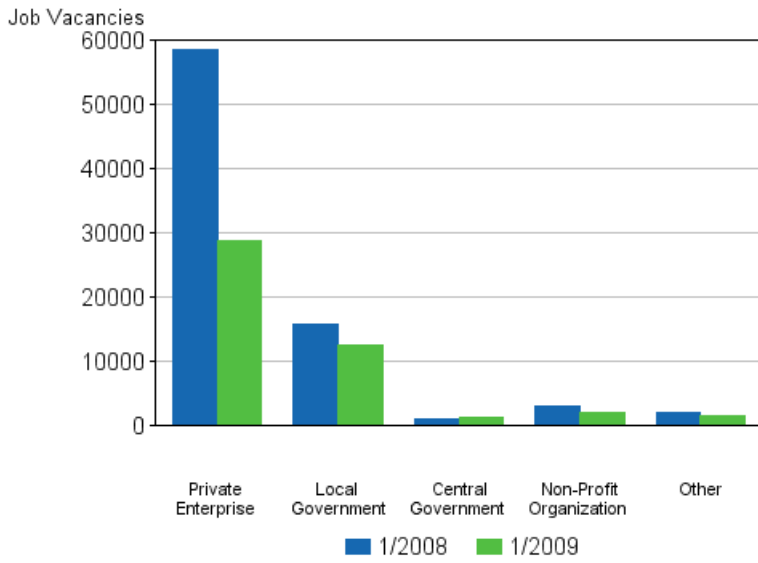
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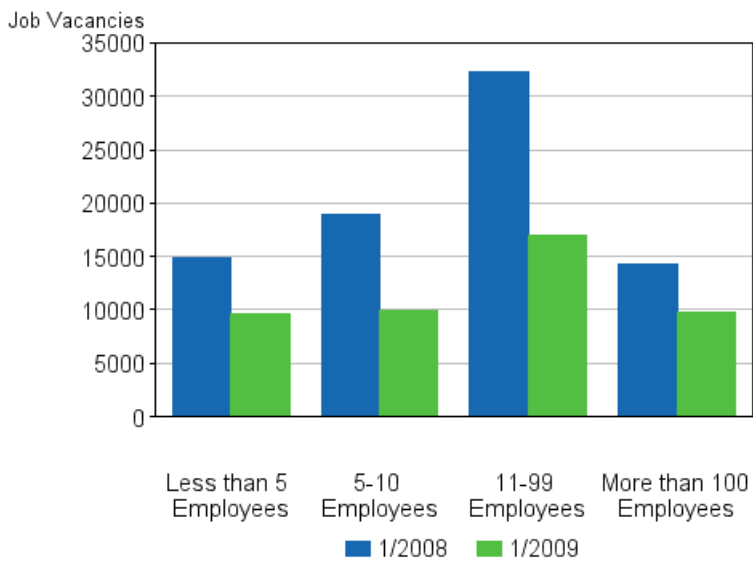
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### 3 Job vacancies by employer sector

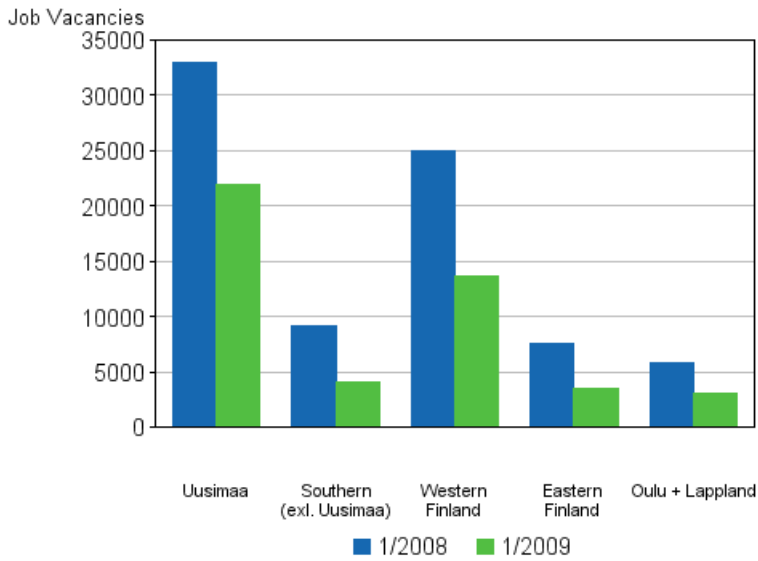


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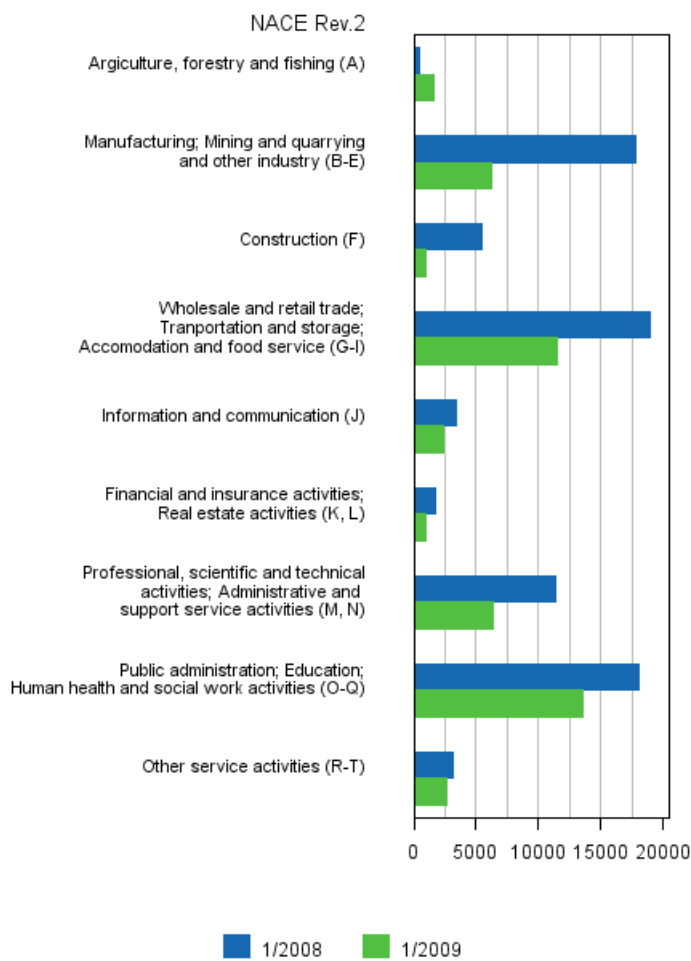




## 5 Job vacancies by province



## 6 Job vacancies by industry



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