

Job vacancy survey

2013, 4th quarter

Number of open job vacancies 16,600 in the last quarter of 2013

According to the Job Vacancy Survey of Statistics Finland, there were 16,600 open job vacancies in the last quarter of 2013. The reference period of the data for the last quarter was 1 December. The average number of open job vacancies was 29,500 in the whole year 2013.

Job vacancies 2013/IV and 2013

	Year/Quarter		Year	
	2013/IV	2013/IV	2013	2013
	Number	Share, %	Number	Share, %
Job vacancies	16 600		29 500	
Part-time	1 500	9	6 900	23
Fixed term	5 100	31	12 500	43
Hard-to-fill vacancies	7 000	42	12 200	41

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

In all, 10,700, or 65 per cent, of the job vacancies in the last quarter of 2013 were in private enterprises. Most open job vacancies were available in establishments that belong to the industry groups public administration, education, human health and social work activities (5,300), as well as trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities (2,900). Examined by region, most open job vacancies were available in establishments located in the major region of Helsinki-Uusimaa (5,200).

Of the open job vacancies in the last quarter of 2013, nine per cent were part-time and 31 per cent fixed-term. Based on employers' own estimates, 42 per cent of the job vacancies were hard-to-fill. The hard-to-fill nature of open job vacancies was emphasised in human health and social work activities and in manufacturing industries, where establishments sought employees particularly for nursing and production jobs.

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 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 implemented reforms have a considerable effect on the results and they cannot be compared to previously published data. Data based on the new design in the Job Vacancy Survey are published from the first quarter of 2013 onwards. The previously produced time series are no longer updated. Further information can be found in the Methodological description, which is part of the Quality description of the statistical release in Finnish http://www.stat.fi/til/atp/2013/04/atp_2013_04_2014-02-14_laa_001_fi.html.

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Appendix table 1. Job vacancies 2013/IV

	Year/Quarter
	2013/IV
Job vacancies	
Total	16 600
Unoccupied	7 400
Part-time	1 500
Fixed term	5 100
Hard to Fill	7 000

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

	Year/Quarter
	2013/IV
Employees	
Total	16 600
1-4 persons	3 000
5-9 persons	3 100
10-49 persons	6 400
50 or more	4 000

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

	Year/Quarter
	2013/IV
Employer	
Total	16 600
Private enterprise	10 700
Local Government	3 600
Central Government	1 100
Non-Profit Organization	900
Other	300

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

	Year/Quarter
	2013/IV
Major region	
Total (incl. Åland)	16 600
Helsinki-Uusimaa	5 200
Southern Finland	3 200
Western Finland	4 300
Northern and Eastern Finland	3 600

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

Industry (TOL 2008)	Year/Quarter
	2013/IV
Industry (TOL 2008)	
Total	16 600
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing (01–03)	300
B-E Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (05–39)	2 500
F Construction (41–43)	1 100
G-I Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (45–56)	2 900
J Information and communication (58–63)	700
K,L Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (64–68)	400
M,N Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (69–82)	2 100
O-Q Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (84–88)	5 300
R,S Other service activities (90–96)	1 400

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