

Job vacancy survey

2017, 3rd quarter

More open job vacancies in the third quarter than one year earlier

According to the Job Vacancy Survey of Statistics Finland, there were 34,300 open job vacancies in the third quarter of 2017, which is 12 per cent more than one year earlier (30,800). The number of open job vacancies increased particularly in manufacturing establishments. The reference period of the data is 1 September.

Job vacancies 2016/III – 2017/III

	Year/Quarter			
	2016/III		2017/III	
	Number	Share, %	Number	Share, %
Job vacancies	30 800		34 300	
Part-time	5 500	18	6 200	18
Fixed term	9 200	30	12 500	36
Hard-to-fill vacancies	12 700	41	17 600	51

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

In the third quarter of 2017, in all, 29,100 or 85 per cent of the job vacancies were in establishments owned by private enterprises. One year earlier, the corresponding share was 82 per cent. Compared with the quarter one year earlier, the number of open job vacancies grew in establishments with at least ten employees. The number of open job vacancies increased particularly in the major regions of Northern and Eastern Finland, and Western Finland. Examined by the industry of the establishment, open job vacancies increased most in the industry group of manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry (+1,900).

In the third quarter, 36 per cent of open job vacancies were for fixed-term jobs, while in the corresponding period of the year before the share was 30 per cent. The share of part-time jobs in all open job vacancies was 18 per cent, or the same as one year earlier. Employers estimated that 51 per cent of the open job vacancies were hard-to-fill, while one year earlier, such posts made up 41 per cent of open vacancies. For example, establishments in manufacturing and construction had plenty of jobs considered hard to fill.

Statistics Finland has been collecting data on open job vacancies quarterly since 2002. The inquiry is directed to persons responsible for recruitment in private and 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.

More information about open job vacancies is available in the appendix tables of this release and in the database tables of the statistics. The figures in the tables are rounded, for which reason the sums do not always amount to the totals. The accuracy of figures and standard errors are explained in the [quality description](#) of the statistical release (only in Finnish).

[Latest data on open job vacancies published by the EU](#) can be found on Eurostat's home page <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>.

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Appendix table 1. Job vacancies by the quarters 2016/III - 2017/III

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/III	2017/III	2016/III - 2017/III
Job vacancies			
Total	30 800	34 300	3 600
Unoccupied	19 000	17 800	-1 300
Part-time	5 500	6 200	700
Fixed term	9 200	12 500	3 300
Hard to Fill	12 700	17 600	4 900

Appendix table 2. Job vacancies by size of the establishment 2016/III - 2017/III

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/III	2017/III	2016/III - 2017/III
Employees			
Total	30 800	34 300	3 600
1 to 4 persons	8 200	8 600	400
5 to 9 persons	5 100	4 300	-900
10 to 49 persons	9 400	11 800	2 300
50 or more	8 000	9 700	1 700

Appendix table 3. Job vacancies by employer sector of the establishment 2016/III - 2017/III

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/III	2017/III	2016/III - 2017/III
Employer			
Total	30 800	34 300	3 600
Private enterprise	25 200	29 100	3 900
Local Government	2 500	2 500	0
Central Government	400	1 200	700
Non-Profit Organization	1 800	800	-900
Other	800	700	-100

Appendix table 4. Job vacancies by location (major region 2012) of the establishment 2016/III - 2017/III

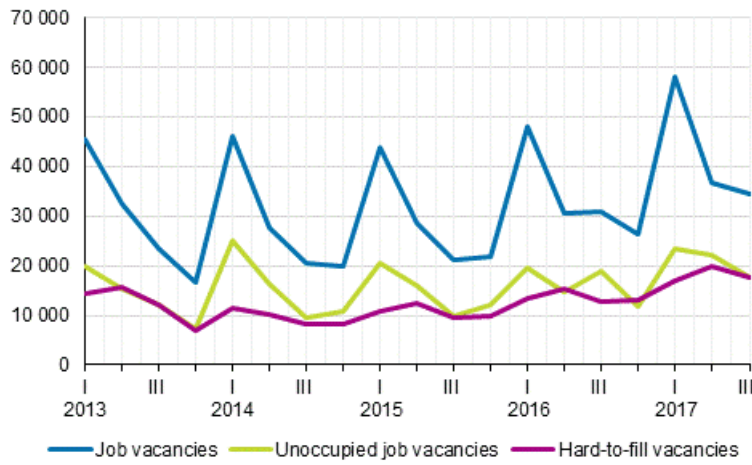
	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/III	2017/III	2016/III - 2017/III
Major region			
Total (incl. Åland)	30 800	34 300	3 600
Helsinki-Uusimaa	13 300	12 900	-400
Southern Finland	5 700	5 600	-100
Western Finland	6 200	8 000	1 900
Northern and Eastern Finland	5 600	7 800	2 200

Appendix table 5. Job vacancies by industry (TOL 2008) of the establishment 2016/III - 2017/III

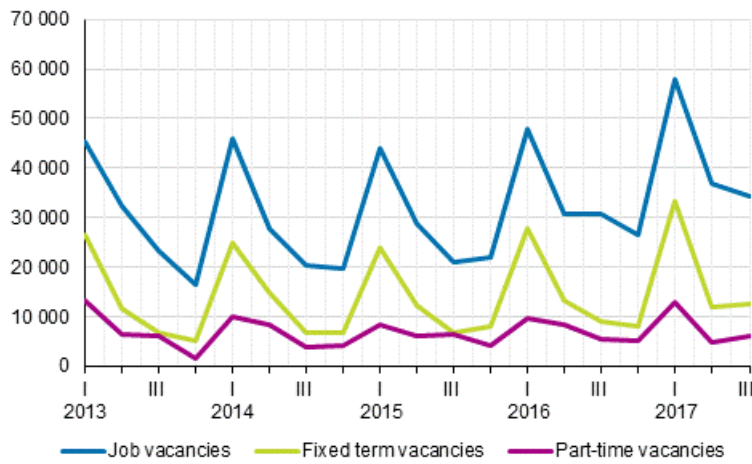
	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/III	2017/III	2016/III - 2017/III
Industry (TOL 2008)			
Total	30 800	34 300	3 600
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing (01–03)	300	300	0
B-E Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (05–39)	3 900	5 800	1 900
F Construction (41–43)	2 200	3 500	1 300
G-I Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (45–56)	6 800	7 200	400
J Information and communication (58–63)	2 200	2 900	800
K,L Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (64–68)	1 700	1 400	-300
M,N Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (69–82)	7 700	8 200	500
O-Q Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (84–88)	4 300	4 100	-300
R,S Other service activities (90–96)	1 600	900	-700

Appendix figures

Appendix figure 1. Job vacancies by quarter



Appendix figure 2. Job vacancies by quarter by type of employment relationship



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