

Job vacancy survey

2020, 2nd quarter

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

The number of open job vacancies was 35,400 in the second quarter of 2020, while the figure was 50,900 one year before. Open job vacancies decreased particularly in the major region of Helsinki-Uusimaa. These data derive from Statistics Finland's statistics on open job vacancies and describe the situation on the first day of June.

Job vacancies 2019/II – 2020/II

	Year/Quarter			
	2019/II		2020/II	
	Number	Share, %	Number	Share, %
Job vacancies	50 900		35 400	
Part-time	6 600	13	5 800	16
Fixed term	16 900	33	14 100	40
Hard-to-fill vacancies	30 400	60	15 400	44

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

In the second quarter of 2020, in all, 24,700 or 70 per cent of the job vacancies were in establishments owned by private enterprises, while one year earlier the figure was 37,700, or 74 per cent of all open job vacancies. Job vacancies decreased compared to the corresponding period of the previous year in [establishments](#) of all sizes. Examined by the industry of the establishment, the number of job vacancies decreased most (-6,600) in the industry group of trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities (G to I). Open job vacancies decreased particularly in the major region of Helsinki-Uusimaa (-8,300).

In the second quarter of the year, 40 per cent of all open job vacancies were fixed-term positions, while one year earlier the corresponding share was 33 per cent. Sixteen per cent of all open job vacancies were part-time positions. Employers estimated that 44 per cent of the open job vacancies were hard-to-fill, while the corresponding share one year earlier was 60 per cent. Compared to the previous year, recruitment difficulties experienced by employers decreased particularly in trade (G) and manufacturing (C) establishments. For example, establishments in human health and social work activities (Q) still 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 or public sector establishments. The survey is answered with either a web questionnaire or 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 2019/II - 2020/II

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2019/II	2020/II	2019/II - 2020/II
Job vacancies			
Total	50 900	35 400	-15 400
Unoccupied	29 300	20 100	-9 200
Part-time	6 600	5 800	-800
Fixed term	16 900	14 100	-2 700
Hard to Fill	30 400	15 400	-15 000

Appendix table 2. Job vacancies by size of the establishment 2019/II - 2020/II

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2019/II	2020/II	2019/II - 2020/II
Employees			
Total	50 900	35 400	-15 400
1 to 4 persons	13 800	8 700	-5 000
5 to 9 persons	9 500	5 400	-4 200
10 to 49 persons	14 600	12 200	-2 400
50 or more	12 900	9 100	-3 800

Appendix table 3. Job vacancies by employer sector of the establishment 2019/II - 2020/II

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2019/II	2020/II	2019/II - 2020/II
Employer			
Total	50 900	35 400	-15 400
Private enterprise	37 700	24 700	-13 000
Local Government	8 500	7 400	-1 100
Central Government	1 600	700	-1 000
Non-Profit Organization	1 800	1 800	100
Other	1 300	800	-500

Appendix table 4. Job vacancies by major region 2019/II - 2020/II

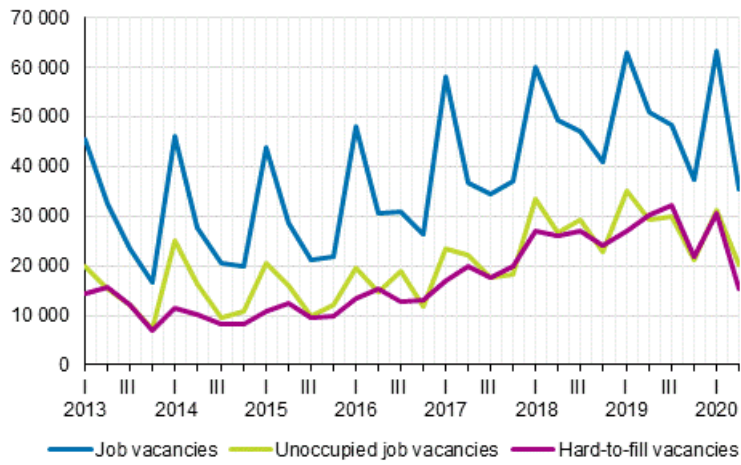
	Year/Quarter		Change
	2019/II	2020/II	2019/II - 2020/II
Major region			
Total (incl. Åland)	50 900	35 400	-15 400
Helsinki-Uusimaa	21 100	12 800	-8 300
Southern Finland	7 000	7 000	0
Western Finland	12 000	8 800	-3 100
Northern and Eastern Finland	10 600	6 800	-3 800

Appendix table 5. Job vacancies by industry (TOL 2008) of the establishment 2019/II - 2020/II

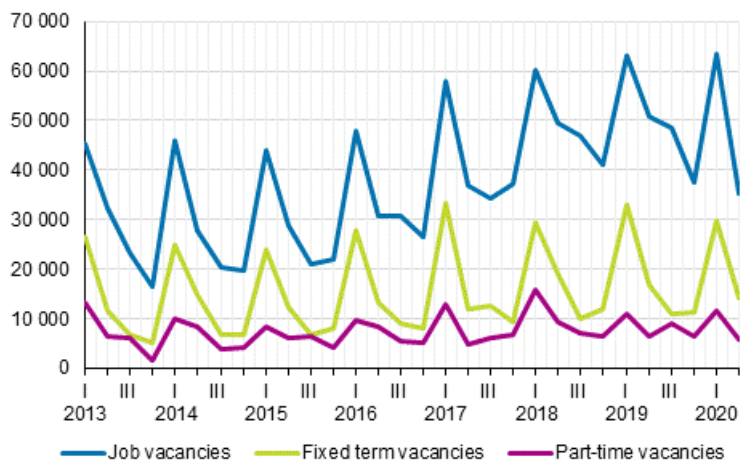
	Year/Quarter		Change
	2019/II	2020/II	2019/II - 2020/II
Industry (TOL 2008)			
Total	50 900	35 400	-15 400
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing (01–03)	1 400	200	-1 200
B-E Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (05–39)	6 800	4 300	-2 500
F Construction (41–43)	4 800	3 400	-1 400
G-I Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (45–56)	12 700	6 100	-6 600
J Information and communication (58–63)	3 900	2 600	-1 300
K,L Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (64–68)	1 400	1 200	-200
M,N Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (69–82)	6 700	5 900	-800
O-Q Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (84–88)	12 000	10 700	-1 400
R,S Other service activities (90–96)	1 100	1 000	-100

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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