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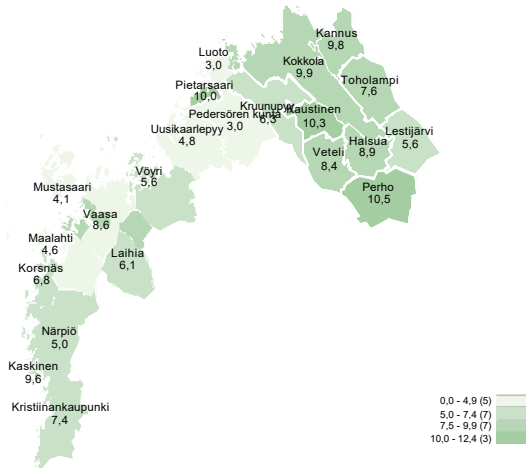
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# THE AREA OF ELY CENTRE FOR OSTROBOTHNIA Employment Bulletin

December 2023

# The unemployment is still increasing in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia

Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce by municipality



A total of 8 621 unemployed jobseekers were registered in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia at the end of December. This is 1 197 more than the previous year. The amount of unemployed was in December 1 258 more than the previous month.

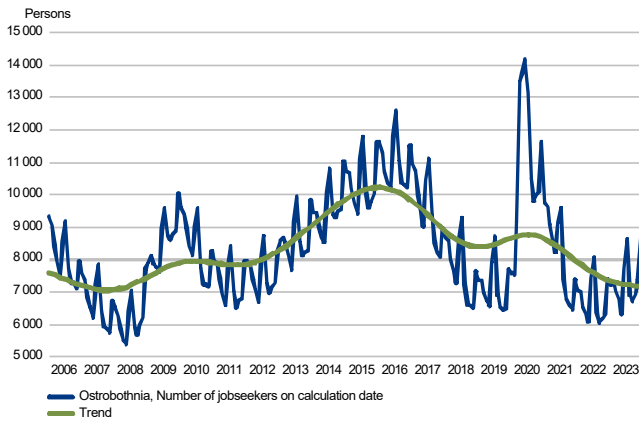
The share of the unemployed jobseekers out of the labour force in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia is the lowest (7,6 %) in the Mainland Finland. In the whole country the respective share out of the labour force is 11,2 %. Compared with November the unemployment rate increased by 1,1 % in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia and by 1,2 % in the rest of the country. The figures are from the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment.

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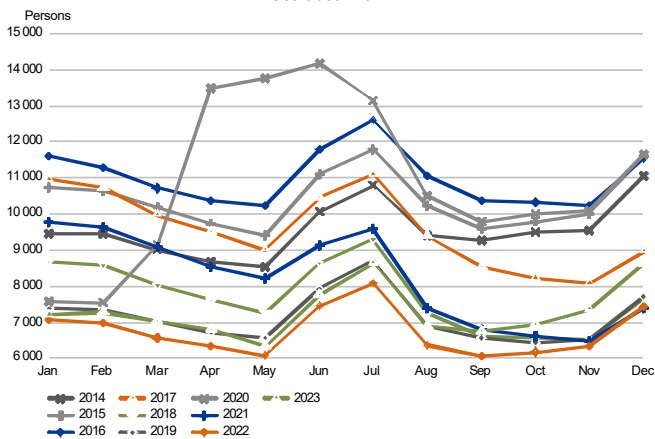
- The amount of unemployed was in the end of December 8 621 and 1 197 more (+ 16,1 %) than the previous year.
- The amount of fulltime laid-off was 1 462 i.e. 429 more (+ 41,5 %) than the previous year.
- Also, the amount of young unemployed people increased compared with the situation the year before. The amount of unemployed people under 25 years was 214 more (+ 23,4 %) than the previous year.
- The amount of long-term unemployed increased by 106 persons (+ 5,6 %) compared with the year before.
- The number of new open vacancies in December was 1 420 less (- 40,5 %) than the previous year.
- The number of people in employment-promoting services decreased compared with the year before. In the end of December the amount of participants in services was in total 3 890.

## Unemployed jobseekers

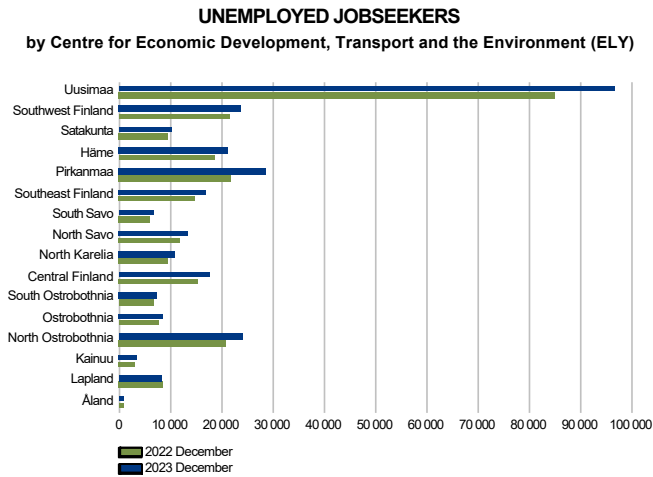
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS MONTHLY AND TREND**  
Ostrobothnia



**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS, MONTH BY MONTH COMPARISON**  
Ostrobothnia



## Unemployed jobseekers by sub-regional unit



## Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant in Employment and Economic Development Office by sub-regional unit

Sub-regional unit	Unemployed jobseekers		Change		Of the Unemployed jobseekers'			Jobs vacant		Change		
	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	fully laid off	percentage of the workforce	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	
Vaasa	3 755	3 319	3 193	562	18	502	7,2	765	692	1 147	-382	-33
Suupohjan rannikkoseutu	468	425	496	-28	-6	115	6,2	70	60	123	-53	-43
Pietarsaari	1 452	1 207	1 140	312	27	316	6,4	648	292	573	75	13
Kaustinen	547	396	481	66	14	193	9,1	80	59	82	-2	-2
Kokkola	2 399	2 016	2 114	285	13	336	9,9	745	398	1 171	-426	-36
Ostrobothnia	8 621	7 363	7 424	1 197	16	1 462	7,6	2 308	1 501	3 096	-788	-25

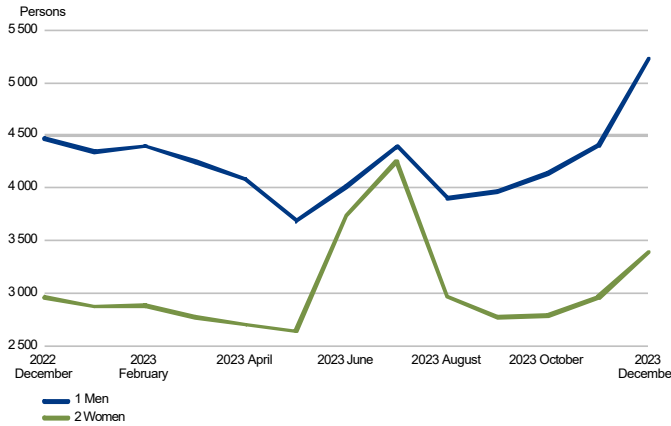
## Unemployed jobseekers by municipality

## Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant in Employment and Economic Development Office by municipality

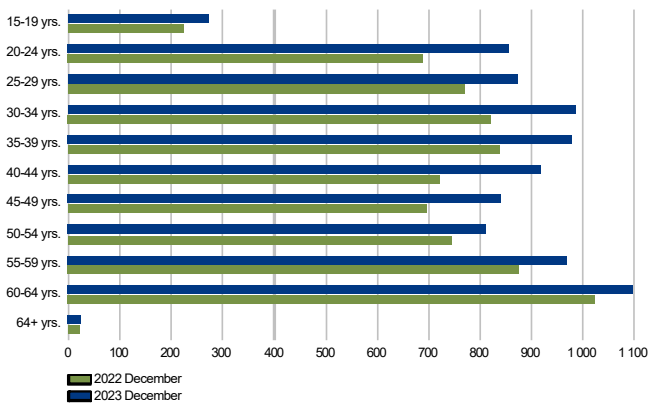
Municipality	Unemployed jobseekers		Change		Of the Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the fully laid off workforce		Jobs vacant		Change		
	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023 Dec 2022	unemployed jobseekers	jobseekers' percentage of the workforce	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023 Dec 2022	
Halsua	38	32	39	-1 -3	12	8,9	0	...	...	...	...
Kannus	235	191	177	58 33	56	9,8	55	15	22	33	150
Kaskinen	49	44	47	2 4	14	9,6	5	...	8	-3	-37
Kaustinen	200	134	168	32 19	81	10,3	32	34	57	-25	-44
Kokkola	2 164	1 825	1 937	227 12	280	9,9	690	383	1 149	-459	-40
Korsnäs	65	58	72	-7 -10	22	6,8	...	...	...	...	...
Kristiinankaupunki	196	193	152	44 29	35	7,4	30	31	37	-7	-19
Kruunupy	185	134	152	33 22	66	6,3	30	30	14	16	114
Laihia	222	196	211	11 5	61	6,1	22	28	31	-9	-29
Lestijärvi	15	15	18	-3 -17	...	5,6	5	...	...	...	...
Luoto	76	61	48	28 58	21	3,0	...	...	...	...	...
Maalahti	119	102	116	3 3	29	4,6	29	23	9	20	222
Mustasaari	387	336	306	81 26	83	4,1	35	31	78	-43	-55
Närpiö	223	188	297	-74 -25	66	5,0	35	26	78	-43	-55
Pedersören kunta	158	126	117	41 35	55	3,0	304	7	312	-8	-3
Perho	103	79	95	8 8	50	10,5	...	6	5	...	...
Pietarsaari	868	739	647	221 34	128	10,0	202	145	233	-31	-13
Toholampi	87	74	69	18 26	...	7,6	13	11	8	5	63
Uusikaarlepyy	165	147	176	-11 -6	46	4,8	108	106	10	98	980
Vaasa	2 803	2 496	2 332	471 20	270	8,6	673	600	1 017	-344	-34
Veteli	104	62	92	12 13	42	8,4	26	6	9	17	189
Vöyri	159	131	156	3 2	37	5,6	5	7	11	-6	-55
Ostrobothnia	8 621	7 363	7 424	1 197 16	1 462	7,6	2 308	1 501	3 096	-788	-25

## Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group

**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY GENDER**  
Ostrobothnia

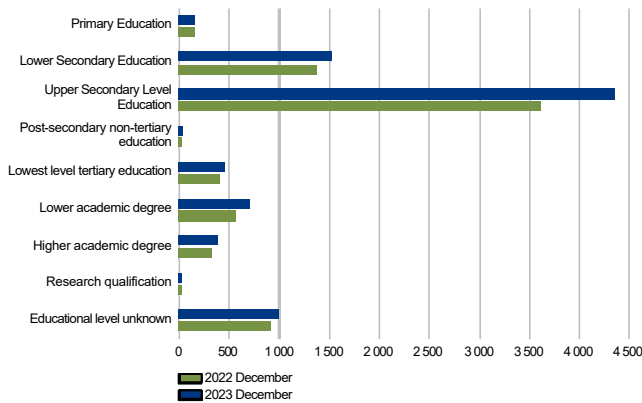


**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY AGE GROUP**  
Ostrobothnia

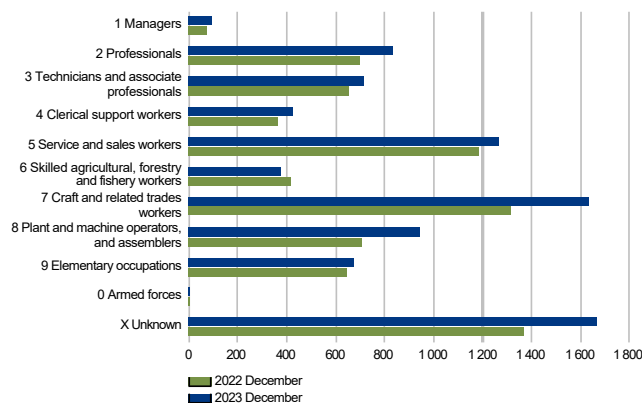


## Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

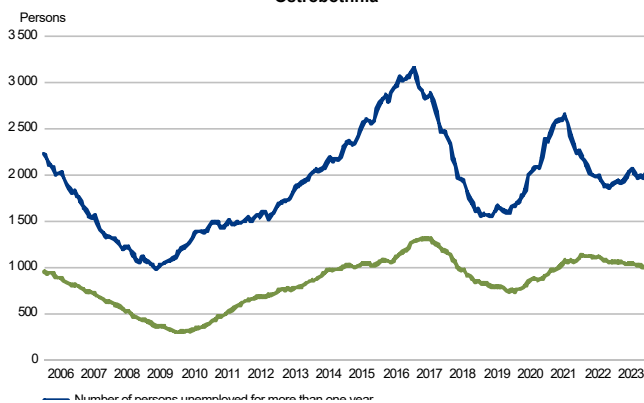
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION**  
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**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP**  
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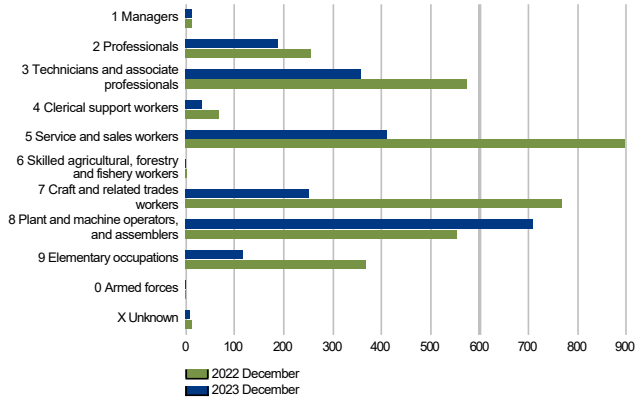


**LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE MONTH**  
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## Jobs vacant

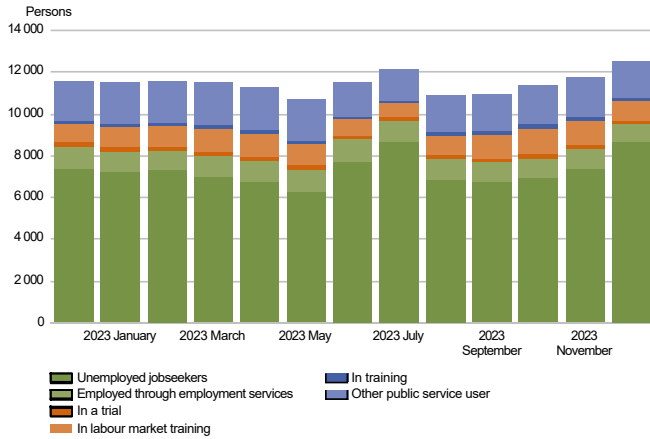
**NEW JOB VACANCIES**  
Ostrobothnia



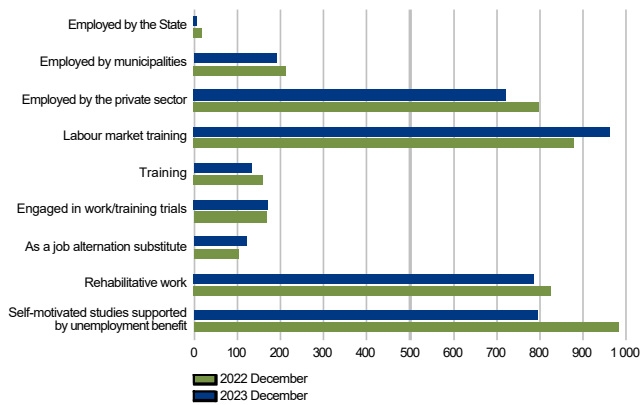


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**BROAD UNEMPLOYMENT**  
Ostrobothnia

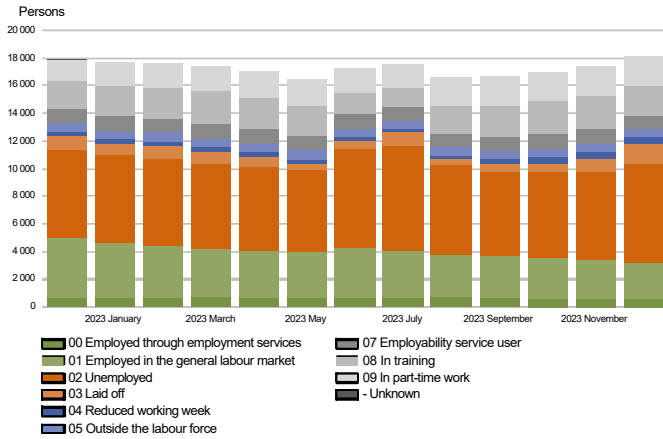


**PEOPLE COVERED BY SERVICES**  
Ostrobothnia



## All jobseekers

**JOBSEEKERS BY GROUP**  
Ostrobothnia



## Summary table

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2023 DECEMBER (I) AND  
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES DURING DECEMBER (II)  
ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Dec-23	Dec-22	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
<b>A. JOBSEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	8 621	7 424	1 197	16,1
of whom fully laid off	1 462	1 033	429	41,5
2. On reduced working week	532	282	250	88,7
3. Those who have work	5 313	6 519	-1 206	-18,5
of which in full-time work	2 649	4 288	-1 639	-38,2
of which in part-time work	2 155	1 544	611	39,6
of whom employed through employment services	509	687	-178	-25,9
4. Persons outside the labour force	3 675	3 664	11	0,3
of whom in services promoting employment	948	986	-38	-3,9
of whom in training	2 159	2 026	133	6,6
<b>1-4 Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>18 141</b>	<b>17 889</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>1,4</b>
<b>B. LABOUR DEMAND</b>				
1. Jobs vacant	2 308	3 096	-788	-25,5
of those notified for over a month	558	446	112	25,1
of those notified for over 2 months	276	211	65	30,8
<b>C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES</b>				
1. Employed by the State	7	17	-10	-58,8
2. Employed by municipalities	191	212	-21	-9,9
3. Employed by the private sector	722	799	-77	-9,6
<b>1-3 Total number of employed people</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>1 028</b>	<b>-108</b>	<b>-10,5</b>
4. Labour market training	961	877	84	9,6
5. Training	134	158	-24	-15,2
6. Engaged in work/training trials	173	169	4	2,4
7. As a job alternation substitute	121	103	18	17,5
8. Rehabilitative work	786	825	-39	-4,7
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	795	983	-188	-19,1
<b>1-9 Total number of people participating in services</b>	<b>3 890</b>	<b>4 143</b>	<b>-253</b>	<b>-6,1</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	3 389	2 955	434	14,7
2. Unemployed men	5 232	4 469	763	17,1
3. Under 25 years old	1 127	913	214	23,4
4. Over 50 years old	2 901	2 667	234	8,8
5. Unemployed over a year	2 014	1 908	106	5,6
6. Foreign unemployed	1 580	1 320	260	19,7
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	3 466	2 880	586	20,3
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	9 245	7 842	1 403	17,9
2. Other jobseekers	9 533	10 627	-1 094	-10,3
<b>1-2 Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>18 778</b>	<b>18 469</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1,7</b>
3. Vacancies during a month	3 534	5 408	-1 874	-34,7
New vacancies during a month	2 083	3 503	-1 420	-40,5
Vacancies filled during a month	206	347	-141	-40,6
of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	29	60	-31	-51,7
Vacancies application period ended or sufficient number of applicants	857	1 805	-948	-52,5
Vacancies cancelled or could not be filled	239	262	-23	-8,8
4. Started spell of unemployment	2 244	1 707	537	31,5
5. Completed spell of unemployment	970	612	358	58,5
6. New jobs found through employment services	43	79	-36	-45,6
7. New entrants to labour market training	57	50	7	14,0

## Foreigners' summary table

FOREIGNERS' EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2023 DECEMBER (I) AND  
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ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Dec-23	Dec-22	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
<b>A. JOBSEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1 580	1 320	260	19,7
of whom fully laid off	153	224	-71	-31,7
2. On reduced working week	76	16	60	375,0
3. Those who have work	842	860	-18	-2,1
of which in full-time work	551	618	-67	-10,8
of which in part-time work	234	173	61	35,3
of whom employed through employment services	57	69	-12	-17,4
4. Persons outside the labour force	1 428	1 224	204	16,7
of whom in services promoting employment	130	127	3	2,4
of whom in training	1 189	1 000	189	18,9
<b>1-4 Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>3 926</b>	<b>3 420</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>14,8</b>
<b>C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES</b>				
1. Employed by the State	0	...	...	...
2. Employed by municipalities	14	15	-1	-6,7
3. Employed by the private sector	56	58	-2	-3,4
<b>1-3 Total number of employed people</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-5,4</b>
4. Labour market training	497	401	96	23,9
5. Training	11	31	-20	-64,5
6. Engaged in work/training trials	57	32	25	78,1
7. As a job alternation substitute	...	...	...	...
8. Rehabilitative work	62	73	-11	-15,1
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	472	538	-66	-12,3
<b>1-9 Total number of people participating in services</b>	<b>1 173</b>	<b>1 153</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,7</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	803	663	140	21,1
2. Unemployed men	777	657	120	18,3
3. Under 25 years old	160	147	13	8,8
4. Over 50 years old	308	264	44	16,7
5. Unemployed over a year	201	140	61	43,6
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	286	327	-41	-12,5
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1 667	1 391	276	19,8
2. Other jobseekers	2 346	2 117	229	10,8
<b>1-2 Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>4 013</b>	<b>3 508</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>14,4</b>
4. Started spell of unemployment	377	317	60	18,9
5. Completed spell of unemployment	106	103	3	2,9
6. New jobs found through employment services	9	13	-4	-30,8
7. New entrants to labour market training	27	11	16	145,5

## Regional table

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS AND JOBS VACANT BY MUNICIPALITY AT THE END OF 2023 DECEMBER  
ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

Municipality	Workforce	Unemployed jobseekers							Disabled and chron. ill	Jobs vacant	
		% of workforce	Total	Men	Women	Under 20 years old	Under 25 years old	Over 50 years old			
Halsua	429	8,9	38	27	...	...	...	15	11	...	0
Kannus	2 404	9,8	235	155	80	6	25	96	65	23	55
Kaskinen	511	9,6	49	31	18	0	...	24	...	6	5
Kaustinen	1 951	10,3	200	131	69	...	26	63	29	31	32
Kokkola	21 832	9,9	2 164	1 356	808	100	373	659	659	281	690
Korsnäs	960	6,8	65	44	21	...	...	19	7	5	...
Kristiinankaupunki	2 632	7,4	196	114	82	...	13	85	39	22	30
Kruunupyy	2 959	6,3	185	110	75	6	23	70	30	14	30
Laihia	3 634	6,1	222	128	94	5	26	99	41	62	22
Lestijärvi	270	5,6	15	11	...	0	...	8	...	...	5
Luoto	2 519	3,0	76	42	34	...	13	27	8	6	...
Maalahti	2 585	4,6	119	78	41	0	12	44	32	11	29
Mustasaari	9 457	4,1	387	233	154	14	44	170	79	38	35
Närpiö	4 449	5,0	223	143	80	...	18	74	19	26	35
Pedersören kunta	5 288	3,0	158	97	61	...	17	72	29	30	304
Perho	985	10,5	103	74	29	7	16	31	17	9	...
Pietarsaari	8 643	10,0	868	481	387	29	109	280	161	83	202
Toholampi	1 151	7,6	87	51	36	...	10	38	20	12	13
Uusikaarlepyy	3 416	4,8	165	94	71	...	23	51	27	10	108
Vaasa	32 771	8,6	2 803	1 653	1 150	75	340	878	667	315	673
Veteli	1 237	8,4	104	70	34	...	12	37	23	15	26
Vöyri	2 835	5,6	159	109	50	...	16	61	41	17	5
Total	112 918	7,6	8 621	5 232	3 389	271	1 127	2 901	2 014	1 025	2 308

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<https://statfin.stat.fi/PxWeb/pxweb/en/StatFin/>

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- **Comparison between the statistics of Statistics Finland and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment:**

<https://media.graphassets.com/ibCSU7MzQ5S7MeTqISid?dl=true>

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