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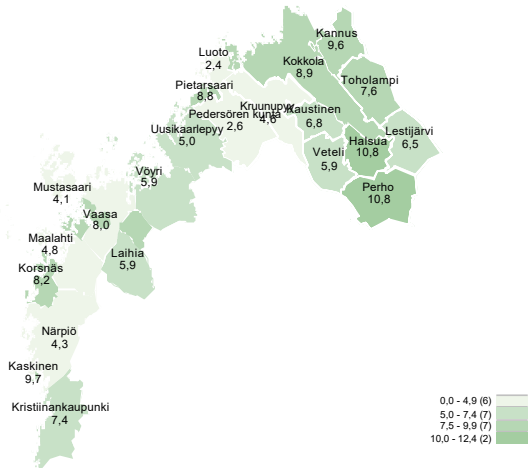
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# THE AREA OF ELY CENTRE FOR OSTROBOTHNIA Employment Bulletin

February 2024

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

Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce by municipality



A total of 8 034 unemployed jobseekers were registered in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia at the end of February. This is 754 more than the previous year. The amount of unemployed was in February 116 less than the previous month.

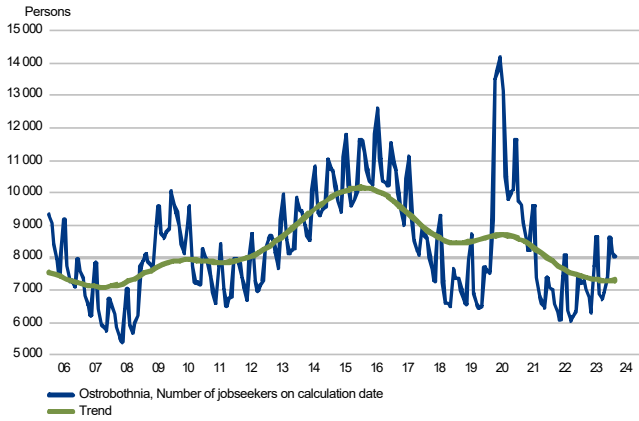
The share of the unemployed jobseekers out of the labour force in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia is the lowest (7,0 %) in the Mainland Finland. In the whole country the respective share out of the labour force is 10,8 %. Compared with January the unemployment rate decreased by 0,1 % in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia and in the rest of the country. The figures are from the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment.

## Trends:

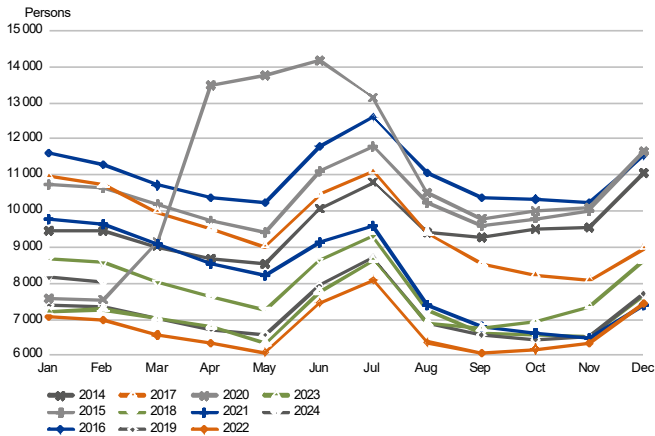
- The amount of unemployed was in the end of February 8 034 and 754 more (+ 10,4 %) than the previous year.
- The amount of fulltime laid-off was 1 182 i.e. 218 more (+ 22,6 %) than the previous year.
- Also, the amount of young unemployed people increased compared with the situation the year before. The amount of unemployed people under 25 years was 117 more (+ 13,3 %) than the previous year.
- The amount of long-term unemployed increased by 140 persons (+ 7,2 %) compared with the year before.
- The number of new open vacancies in February was 955 less (- 30,1 %) than the previous year.
- The number of people in employment-promoting services decreased compared with the year before. In the end of February the amount of participants in services was in total 4 201.

## Unemployed jobseekers

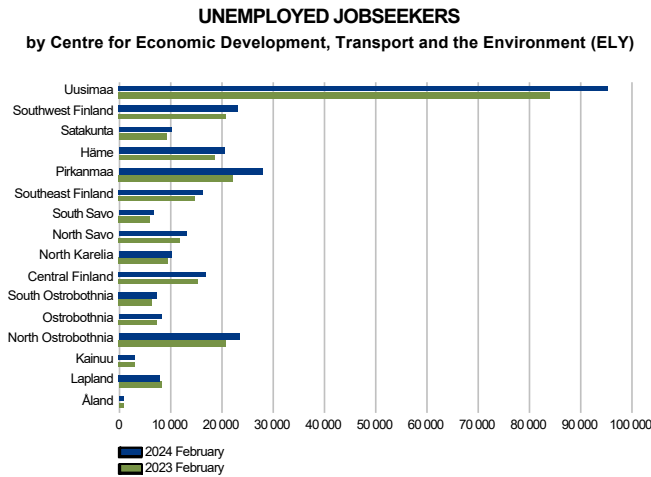
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS MONTHLY AND TREND**  
Ostrobothnia



**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		
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Feb 2023	Feb 2024	fully laid off	percentage of the workforce	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2023	Feb 2024	Feb 2023
Vaasa	3 651	3 604	3 176	475	15	446	6,9	1 988	1 883	4 523	-2 535	-56
Suupohjan rannikkoseutu	430	441	488	-58	-12	94	5,7	165	117	234	-69	-29
Pietarsaari	1 280	1 340	1 083	197	18	242	5,6	1 502	1 500	1 086	416	38
Kaustinen	463	491	474	-11	-2	108	7,7	169	174	122	47	39
Kokkola	2 210	2 274	2 059	151	7	292	9,0	2 375	2 303	3 037	-662	-22
Ostrobothnia	8 034	8 150	7 280	754	10	1 182	7,0	6 199	5 977	9 002	-2 803	-31

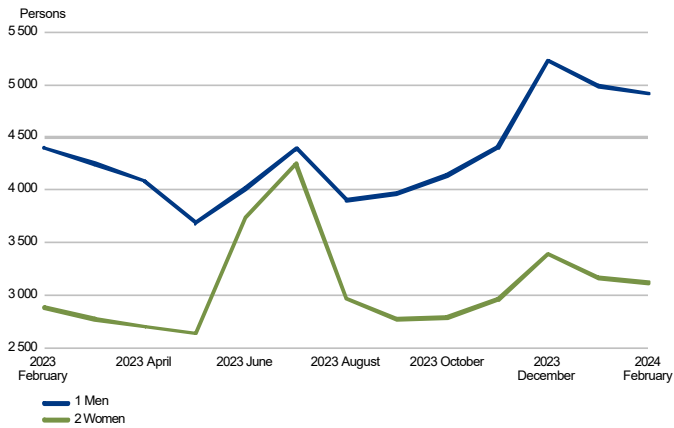
## Unemployed jobseekers by municipality

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

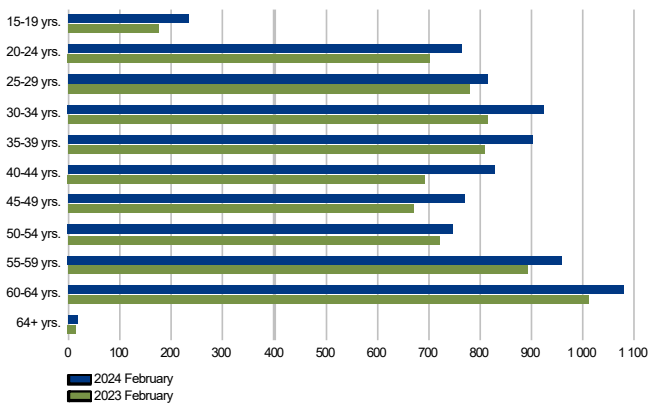
Municipality	Feb	Jan	Feb	Change		Of the Unemployed		Feb	Jan	Feb	Change	
	2024	2024	2023	Feb 2024	Feb 2023	unemployed	jobseekers'	2024	2024	2023	Feb 2024	Feb 2023
	Unemployed jobseekers			%	%	fully	percentage	Jobs vacant			%	
						laid off	of the					
							workforce					
Halsua	46	37	41	5	12	9	10,8	50	47	5	45	900
Kannus	230	233	195	35	18	50	9,6	116	101	207	-91	-44
Kaskinen	47	43	50	-3	-6	...	9,7	20	15	17	3	18
Kaustinen	132	151	133	-1	-1	23	6,8	57	62	51	6	12
Kokkola	1 980	2 041	1 864	116	6	242	8,9	2 259	2 202	2 830	-571	-20
Korsnäs	77	73	76	1	1	27	8,2	...	...	0	...	...
Kristiinankaupunki	192	198	184	8	4	28	7,4	81	39	99	-18	-18
Kruunupyö	135	152	138	-3	-2	28	4,6	30	23	27	3	11
Laihia	213	208	201	12	6	47	5,9	32	120	96	-64	-67
Lestijärvi	17	16	21	-4	-19	...	6,5	...	...	9	...	...
Luoto	62	66	52	10	19	16	2,4	44	14	6	38	633
Maalahti	125	132	118	7	6	31	4,8	35	11	19	16	84
Mustasaari	394	386	303	91	30	101	4,1	157	83	202	-45	-22
Närpiö	191	200	254	-63	-25	59	4,3	64	63	118	-54	-46
Pedersören kunta	139	150	94	45	48	33	2,6	307	344	333	-26	-8
Perho	107	118	109	-2	-2	52	10,8	16	16	11	5	45
Pietarsaari	775	804	661	114	17	121	8,8	1 010	1 000	703	307	44
Toholampi	88	94	73	15	21	8	7,6	8	9	10	-2	-20
Uusikaarlepyy	169	168	138	31	22	44	5,0	111	119	17	94	553
Vaasa	2 674	2 628	2 327	347	15	198	8,0	1 752	1 660	4 189	-2 437	-58
Veteli	73	75	97	-24	-25	14	5,9	36	36	36	0	0
Vöyri	168	177	151	17	11	42	5,9	10	8	17	-7	-41
Ostrobothnia	8 034	8 150	7 280	754	10	1 182	7,0	6 199	5 977	9 002	-2 803	-31

## Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group

**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY GENDER**  
Ostrobothnia

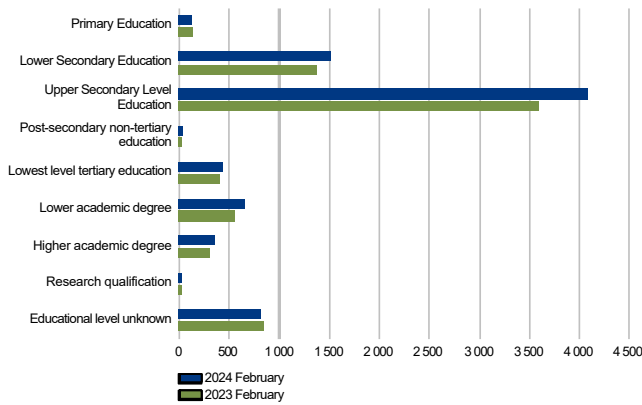


**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY AGE GROUP**  
Ostrobothnia

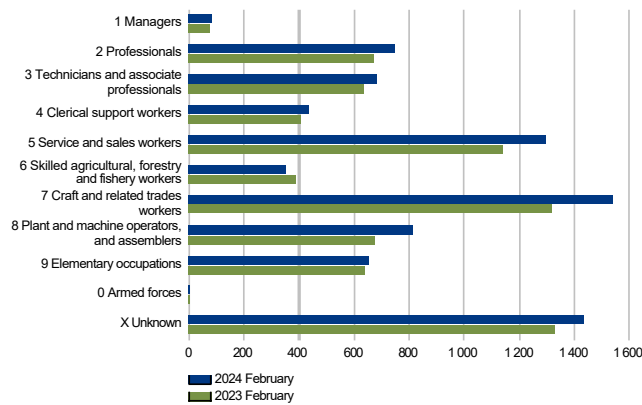


## Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

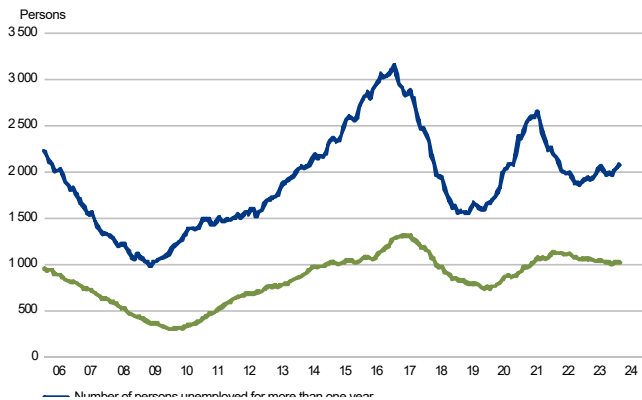
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**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP**  
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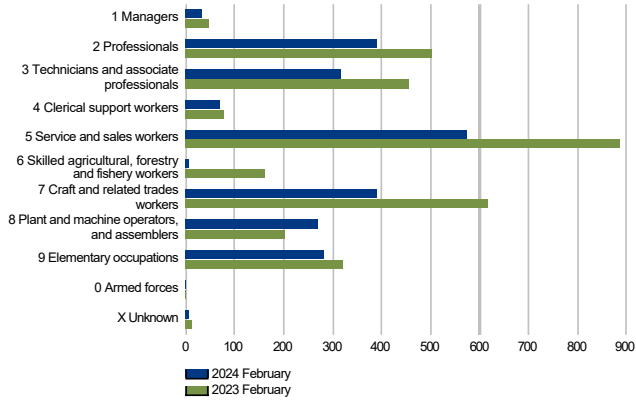


**LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE MONTH**  
Ostrobothnia



## Jobs vacant

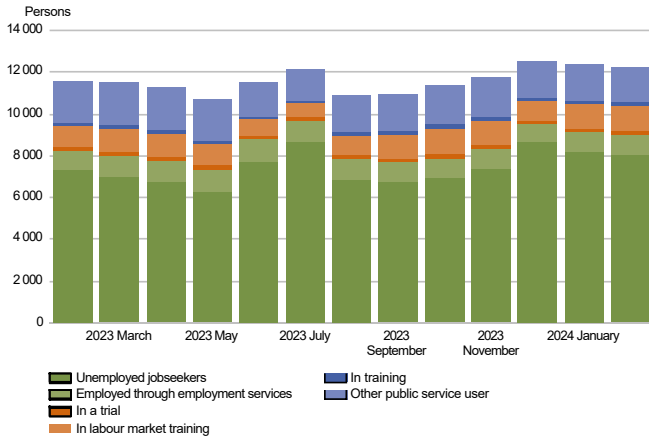
**NEW JOB VACANCIES**  
Ostrobothnia



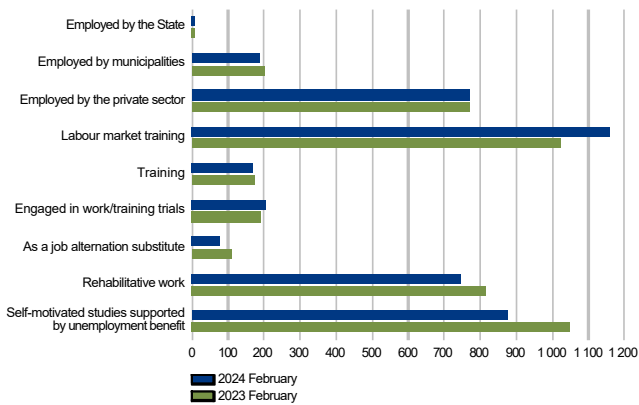


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**BROAD UNEMPLOYMENT**  
Ostrobothnia

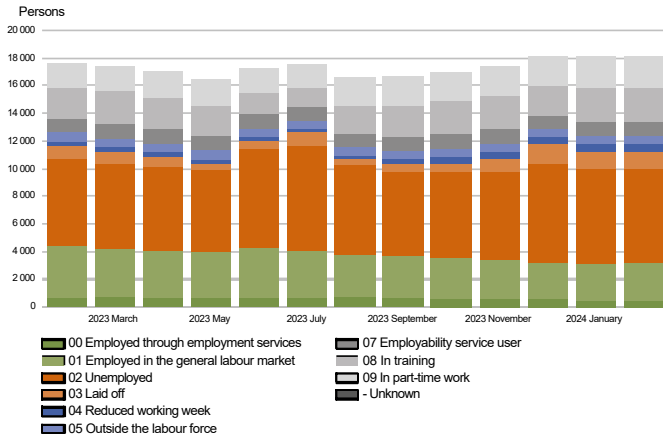


**PEOPLE COVERED BY SERVICES**  
Ostrobothnia



## All jobseekers

**JOBSEEKERS BY GROUP**  
Ostrobothnia



## Summary table

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2024 FEBRUARY (I) AND  
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES DURING FEBRUARY (II)  
ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Feb-24	Feb-23	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
<b>A. JOBSEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	8 034	7 280	754	10,4
of whom fully laid off	1 182	964	218	22,6
2. On reduced working week	608	332	276	83,1
3. Those who have work	5 391	6 119	-728	-11,9
of which in full-time work	2 669	3 725	-1 056	-28,3
of which in part-time work	2 222	1 751	471	26,9
of whom employed through employment services	500	643	-143	-22,2
4. Persons outside the labour force	4 081	3 938	143	3,6
of whom in services promoting employment	985	1 018	-33	-3,2
of whom in training	2 536	2 269	267	11,8
<b>1-4 Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>18 114</b>	<b>17 669</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>2,5</b>
<b>B. LABOUR DEMAND</b>				
1. Jobs vacant	6 199	9 002	-2 803	-31,1
of those notified for over a month	4 482	6 590	-2 108	-32,0
of those notified for over 2 months	1 035	1 298	-263	-20,3
<b>C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES</b>				
1. Employed by the State	7	7	0	0,0
2. Employed by municipalities	188	200	-12	-6,0
3. Employed by the private sector	770	768	2	0,3
<b>1-3 Total number of employed people</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-1,0</b>
4. Labour market training	1 161	1 020	141	13,8
5. Training	170	172	-2	-1,2
6. Engaged in work/training trials	207	192	15	7,8
7. As a job alternation substitute	75	108	-33	-30,6
8. Rehabilitative work	749	815	-66	-8,1
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	874	1 050	-176	-16,8
<b>1-9 Total number of people participating in services</b>	<b>4 201</b>	<b>4 332</b>	<b>-131</b>	<b>-3,0</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	3 116	2 881	235	8,2
2. Unemployed men	4 918	4 399	519	11,8
3. Under 25 years old	996	879	117	13,3
4. Over 50 years old	2 803	2 638	165	6,3
5. Unemployed over a year	2 081	1 941	140	7,2
6. Foreign unemployed	1 343	1 252	91	7,3
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	3 200	2 779	421	15,1
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	8 968	8 187	781	9,5
2. Other jobseekers	9 917	10 305	-388	-3,8
<b>1-2 Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>18 885</b>	<b>18 492</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>2,1</b>
3. Vacancies during a month	8 207	11 743	-3 536	-30,1
New vacancies during a month	2 328	3 283	-955	-29,1
Vacancies filled during a month	257	282	-25	-8,9
of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	36	43	-7	-16,3
Vacancies application period ended or sufficient number of applicants	1 036	2 075	-1 039	-50,1
Vacancies cancelled or could not be filled	951	564	387	68,6
4. Started spell of unemployment	1 212	1 278	-66	-5,2
5. Completed spell of unemployment	1 140	1 113	27	2,4
6. New jobs found through employment services	56	68	-12	-17,6
7. New entrants to labour market training	136	196	-60	-30,6

## Foreigners' summary table

FOREIGNERS' EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2024 FEBRUARY (I) AND  
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ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Feb-24	Feb-23	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
<b>A. JOBSEEKERS</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1 343	1 252	91	7,3
of whom fully laid off	140	199	-59	-29,6
2. On reduced working week	85	40	45	112,5
3. Those who have work	866	840	26	3,1
of which in full-time work	573	577	-4	-0,7
of which in part-time work	242	194	48	24,7
of whom employed through employment services	51	69	-18	-26,1
4. Persons outside the labour force	1 705	1 408	297	21,1
of whom in services promoting employment	154	122	32	26,2
of whom in training	1 436	1 186	250	21,1
<b>1-4 Total of jobseekers</b>	<b>3 999</b>	<b>3 540</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>13,0</b>
<b>C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES</b>				
1. Employed by the State	0	0	0	0,0
2. Employed by municipalities	9	12	-3	-25,0
3. Employed by the private sector	53	60	-7	-11,7
<b>1-3 Total number of employed people</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-13,9</b>
4. Labour market training	607	496	111	22,4
5. Training	31	25	6	24,0
6. Engaged in work/training trials	62	36	26	72,2
7. As a job alternation substitute	...	...	...	...
8. Rehabilitative work	61	70	-9	-12,9
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	541	610	-69	-11,3
<b>1-9 Total number of people participating in services</b>	<b>1 368</b>	<b>1 313</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4,2</b>
<b>D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT</b>				
1. Unemployed women	652	610	42	6,9
2. Unemployed men	691	642	49	7,6
3. Under 25 years old	130	125	5	4,0
4. Over 50 years old	293	258	35	13,6
5. Unemployed over a year	197	141	56	39,7
<b>E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY</b>				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	275	295	-20	-6,8
<b>II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH</b>				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1 512	1 457	55	3,8
2. Other jobseekers	2 590	2 201	389	17,7
<b>1-2 Total number of jobseekers</b>	<b>4 102</b>	<b>3 658</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>12,1</b>
4. Started spell of unemployment	196	250	-54	-21,6
5. Completed spell of unemployment	192	233	-41	-17,6
6. New jobs found through employment services	...	10	...	...
7. New entrants to labour market training	44	64	-20	-31,2

## Regional table

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS AND JOBS VACANT BY MUNICIPALITY AT THE END OF 2024 FEBRUARY  
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	426	10,8	46	33	...	...	6	19	11	9	50
Kannus	2 396	9,6	230	158	72	...	29	92	71	24	116
Kaskinen	487	9,7	47	32	15	0	5	18	6	...	20
Kaustinen	1 954	6,8	132	70	62	5	19	44	27	27	57
Kokkola	22 213	8,9	1 980	1 257	723	78	315	649	678	285	2 259
Korsnäs	942	8,2	77	50	27	0	...	23	8	6	...
Kristiinankaupunki	2 591	7,4	192	114	78	5	17	82	45	22	81
Kruunupyö	2 949	4,6	135	77	58	...	9	54	31	14	30
Laihia	3 599	5,9	213	130	83	...	22	101	44	63	32
Lestijärvi	263	6,5	17	13	...	0	...	8	5	...	...
Luoto	2 570	2,4	62	32	30	...	12	23	11	8	44
Maalahti	2 583	4,8	125	81	44	0	13	38	31	13	35
Mustasaari	9 608	4,1	394	238	156	9	36	166	90	39	157
Närpiö	4 493	4,3	191	127	64	...	13	60	22	24	64
Pedersören kunta	5 337	2,6	139	75	64	7	21	60	28	29	307
Perho	990	10,8	107	76	31	7	17	32	13	13	16
Pietarsaari	8 762	8,8	775	447	328	19	85	286	171	86	1 010
Toholampi	1 156	7,6	88	53	35	...	10	34	20	14	8
Uusikaarlepyy	3 388	5,0	169	103	66	6	27	54	32	15	111
Vaasa	33 344	8,0	2 674	1 601	1 073	71	311	859	683	317	1 752
Veteli	1 245	5,9	73	37	36	...	10	34	18	13	36
Vöyri	2 842	5,9	168	114	54	...	14	67	36	17	10
Total	114 138	7,0	8 034	4 918	3 116	233	996	2 803	2 081	1 047	6 199



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