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NORTH OSTROBOTHNIA

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Map of Finland showing the number of lakes per 100 km² by region. The map is color-coded according to a legend on the right, ranging from 5.0 to 19.9 lakes per 100 km². The highest density is found in the southern regions, particularly in the area around Helsinki and the Gulf of Finland.

Region	Lakes per 100 km²
Kuusamo	12.1
Taivassalo	14.0
Pudasjärvi	15.8
Il	12.6
Oulu	13.4
Hailu	10.5
Kempele	8.2
Lumijoki	7.9
Tyrvä	9.2
Säikö	9.5
Rovaniemi	12.4
Pyhäjoki	10.9
Metsä	8.1
Kälviä	8.6
Uusikaupunki	9.1
Haapavesi	9.5
Närvi	7.9
Sievi	9.4
Haapajärvi	10.3
Raisjärvi	6.8
Kärämäki	9.3
Sikalatva	9.4
Vätsä	13.6
Uusikaupunki	13.1
Pyhäntä	7.8
Pyhäjärvi	12.5

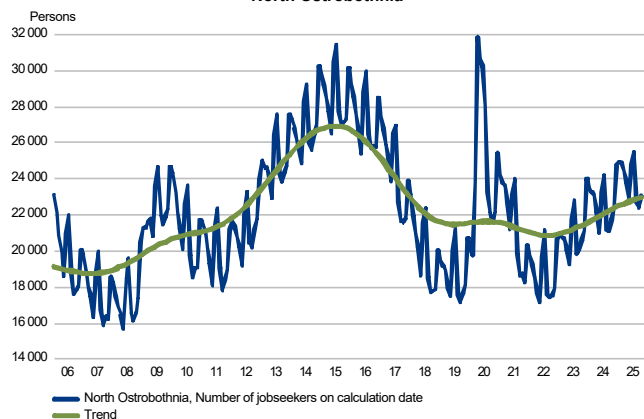
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Unemployed jobseekers

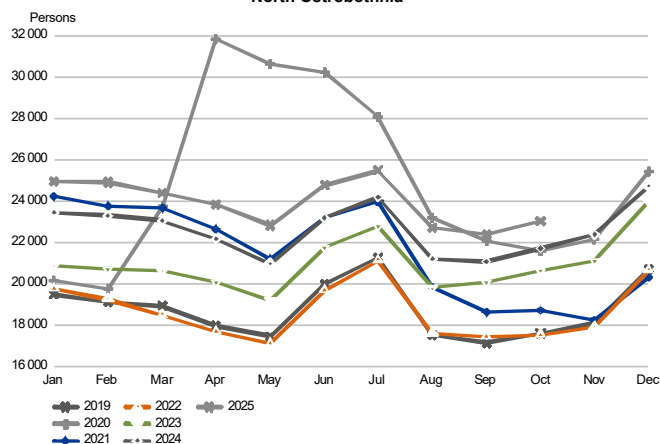
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS MONTHLY AND TREND

North Ostrobothnia

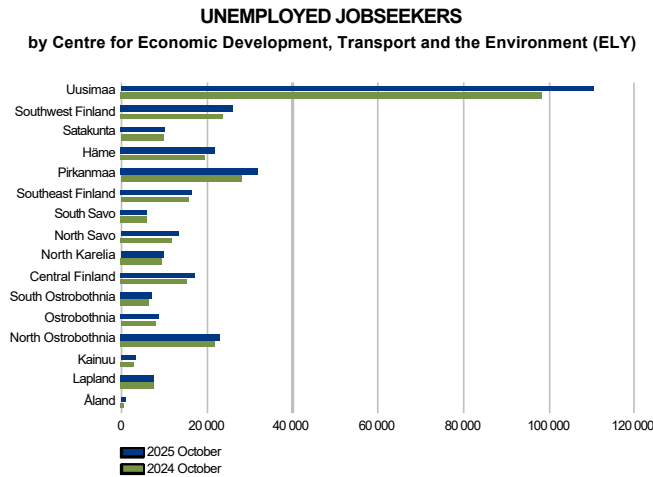


UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS, MONTH BY MONTH COMPARISON

North Ostrobothnia



Unemployed jobseekers by sub-regional unit



Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant by sub-regional unit

Sub-regional unit	Change				Of the Unemployed				Change			
	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct 2025		unemployed	jobseekers'	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct 2025	
	2025	2025	2024	Oct 2024		jobseekers	percentage	2025	2025	2024	Oct 2024	
						fully laid off	of the workforce					
Sub-regional unit	Unemployed jobseekers			%		%		Jobs vacant			%	
Oulu	16 129	15 821	15 020	1109	7	813	12,5	973	965	1 224	-251	-21
Oulunkaari	1 235	1 197	1 309	-74	-6	134	13,7	58	66	82	-24	-29
Raahe	1 552	1 533	1 449	103	7	94	11,8	102	75	129	-27	-21
Haapavesi-Siikalatva	469	465	459	10	2	47	8,7	67	50	47	20	43
Nivala-Haapajärvi	1 019	978	999	20	2	113	9,3	49	73	48	1	2
Ylivieska	1 664	1 590	1 564	100	6	183	8,9	176	205	353	-177	-50
Koillismaa	1 002	828	935	67	7	105	12,5	175	309	185	-10	-5
North Ostrobothnia	23 070	22 412	21 735	1 335	6	1 489	11,8	1 600	1 743	2 068	-468	-23



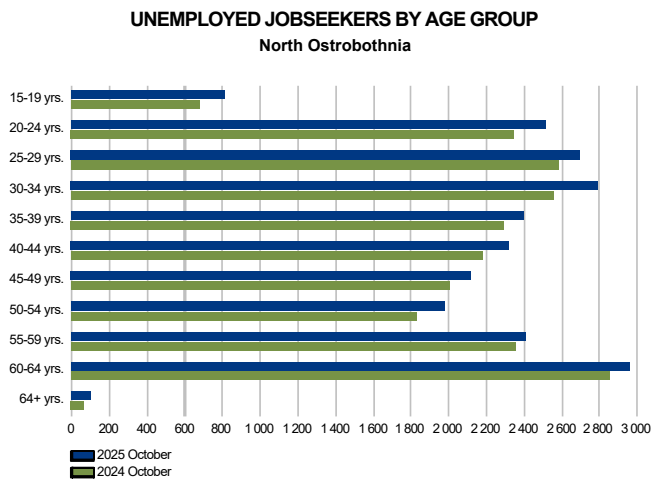
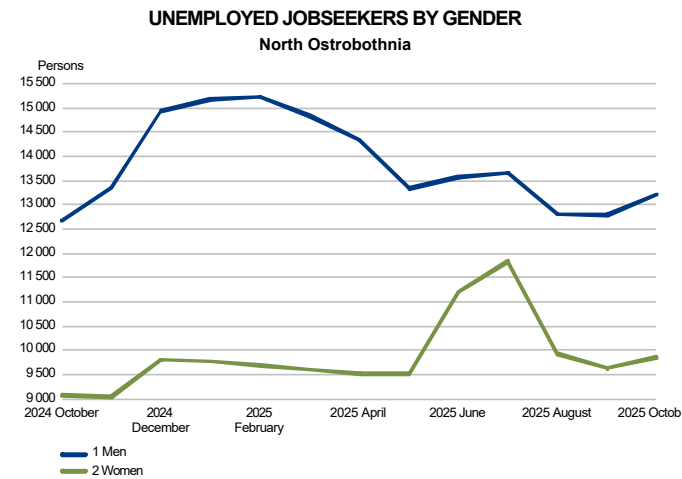
Unemployed jobseekers by municipality

Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant by municipality

Municipality	Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2024	Change		Of the Unemployed		Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2024	Change	
				Oct 2025	Oct 2024	unemployed jobseekers fully laid off	jobseekers' percentage of the workforce				Oct 2025	Oct 2024
	Unemployed jobseekers				%		%	Jobs vacant				%
Alavieska	89	81	86	3	3	5	8,6	...	0	8	...	...
Haapajärvi	288	259	287	1	0	51	10,3	...	8	9	...	...
Haapavesi	226	228	237	-11	-5	19	8,3	7	10	14	-7	-50
Hailuoto	38	38	33	5	15	...	10,5	0	...	6	-6	-100
Ii	530	520	579	-49	-8	59	12,6	13	11	21	-8	-38
Kalajoki	432	399	419	13	3	84	8,1	29	17	38	-9	-24
Kempele	778	759	781	-3	0	46	8,2	24	29	60	-36	-60
Kuusamo	794	634	709	85	12	77	12,1	159	303	174	-15	-9
Kärsämäki	90	86	93	-3	-3	...	9,3	...	7	...	...	...
Liminka	276	259	281	-5	-2	20	6,0	17	19	18	-1	-6
Lumijoki	68	63	63	5	8	8	7,8	...	...	0	...	...
Merijärvi	30	27	26	4	15	...	7,5	...	...	...	...	...
Muhos	352	346	340	12	4	30	9,2	20	13	24	-4	-17
Nivala	347	335	339	8	2	38	7,9	33	49	27	6	22
Oulainen	261	247	252	9	4	13	9,1	15	22	40	-25	-62
Oulu	14 385	14 137	13 303	1 082	8	685	13,4	907	896	1 113	-206	-19
Pudasjärvi	440	423	461	-21	-5	61	15,8	37	45	35	2	6
Pyhäjoki	134	131	122	12	10	9	10,9	5	6	5	0	0
Pyhäjärvi	223	225	221	2	1	15	12,5	5	6	7	-2	-29
Pyhäntä	52	52	51	1	2	12	7,8	52	28	23	29	126
Raahe	1 232	1 220	1 147	85	7	73	12,4	93	65	110	-17	-15
Reisjärvi	71	73	59	12	20	5	6,8	5	...	...	...	...
Sievi	185	186	175	10	6	18	9,4	11	7	125	-114	-91
Siikajoki	186	182	180	6	3	12	9,5	...	...	14	...	...
Siikalatva	191	185	171	20	12	16	9,4	8	12	10	-2	-20
Taivalkoski	208	194	226	-18	-8	28	14,0	16	6	11	5	45
Tyrnävä	232	219	219	13	6	22	8,3	...	...	...	...	...
Utajärvi	131	124	122	9	7	6	13,1	6	6	5	1	20
Vaala	134	130	147	-13	-9	8	13,6	21
Ylivieska	667	650	606	61	10	62	9,5	117	158	138	-21	-15
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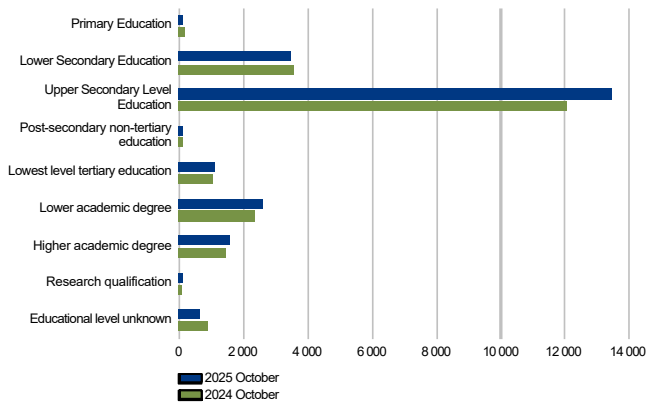


Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group

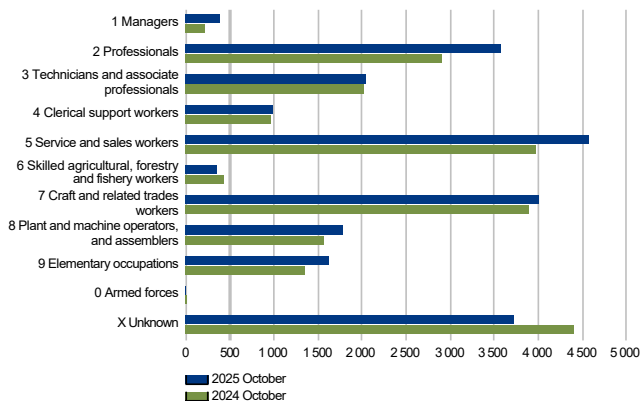


Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

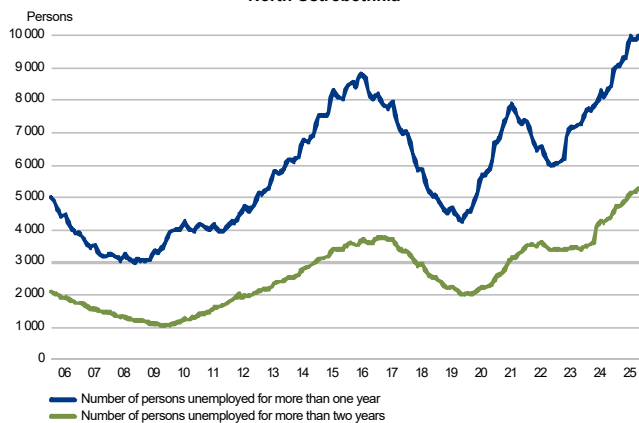
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
North Ostrobothnia



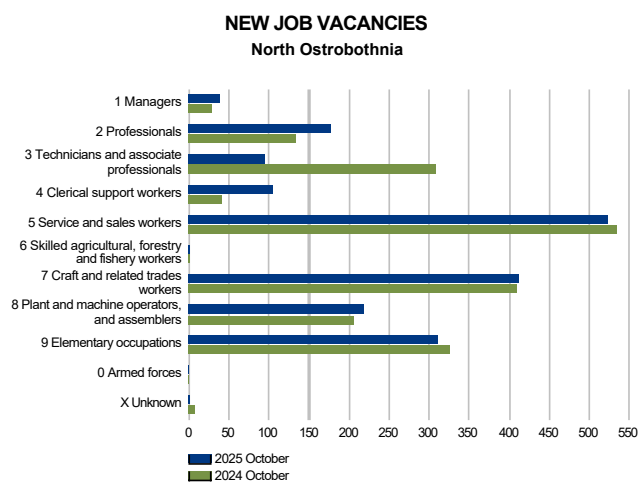
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North Ostrobothnia



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

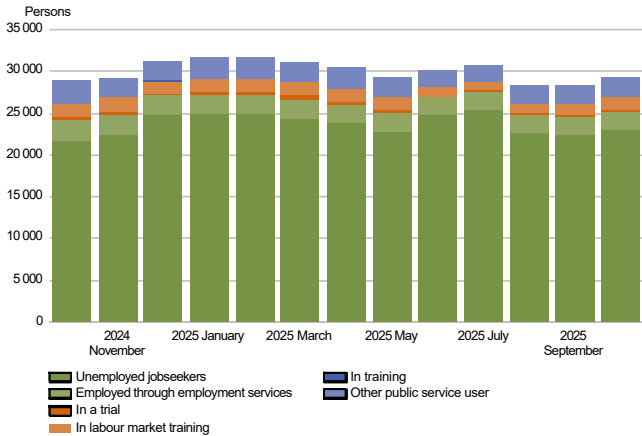


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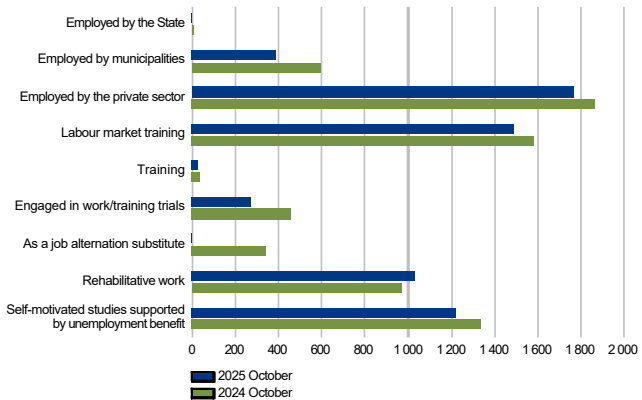


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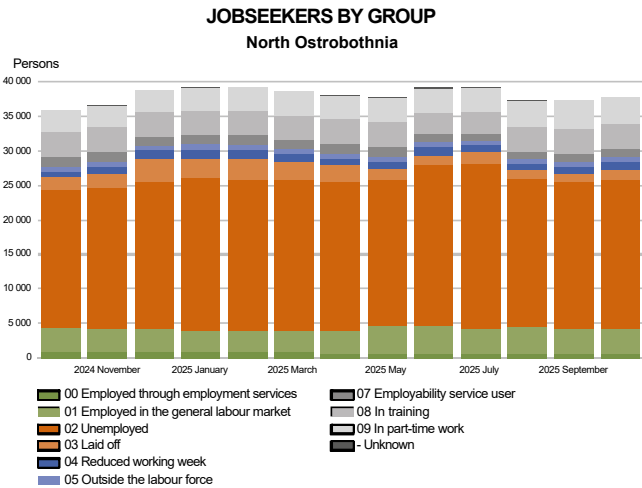
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North Ostrobothnia



All jobseekers



Summary table

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2025 OCTOBER (I) AND
DURING OCTOBER (II)
ELY CENTRE: NORTH OSTROBOTHNIA

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Oct-25	Oct-24	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	23 070	21 735	1 335	6,1
of whom fully laid off	1 489	1 762	-273	-15,5
2. On reduced working week	1 076	726	350	48,2
3. Those who have work	8 020	7 651	369	4,8
of which in full-time work	3 450	3 481	-31	-0,9
of which in part-time work	3 871	3 182	689	21,7
of whom employed through employment services	699	988	-289	-29,3
4. Persons outside the labour force	5 594	5 701	-107	-1,9
of whom in services promoting employment	1 323	1 423	-100	-7,0
of whom in training	3 574	3 548	26	0,7
1-4 Total of jobseekers	37 760	35 813	1 947	5,4
B. LABOUR DEMAND				
1. Jobs vacant	1 600	2 068	-468	-22,6
of those notified for over a month	511	1 003	-492	-49,1
of those notified for over 2 months	284	448	-164	-36,6
C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	0	5	-5	-100,0
2. Employed by municipalities	388	595	-207	-34,8
3. Employed by the private sector	1 767	1 868	-101	-5,4
1-3 Total number of employed people	2 155	2 468	-313	-12,7
4. Labour market training	1 486	1 583	-97	-6,1
5. Training	27	33	-6	-18,2
6. Engaged in work/training trials	275	458	-183	-40,0
7. As a job alternation substitute	0	340	-340	-100,0
8. Rehabilitative work	1 034	967	67	6,9
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	1 219	1 338	-119	-8,9
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	6 196	7 187	-991	-13,8
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	9 848	9 067	781	8,6
2. Unemployed men	13 216	12 667	549	4,3
3. Under 25 years old	3 319	3 022	297	9,8
4. Over 50 years old	7 442	7 101	341	4,8
5. Unemployed over a year	9 968	8 375	1 593	19,0
6. Foreign unemployed	1 410	1 266	144	11,4
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	7 690	8 562	-872	-10,2
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	24 988	23 707	1 281	5,4
2. Other jobseekers	14 454	13 733	721	5,3
1-2 Total number of jobseekers	39 442	37 440	2 002	5,3
3. Vacancies during a month	3 274	4 042	-768	-19,0
New vacancies during a month	1 880	1 994	-114	-5,7
Vacancies application period ended or sufficient number of applicants	2 117	568	1 549	272,7
4. Started spell of unemployment	3 173	3 298	-125	-3,8
5. Completed spell of unemployment	2 161	2 024	137	6,8
6. New jobs found through employment services	115	142	-27	-19,0
7. New entrants to labour market training	214	292	-78	-26,7



Foreigners' summary table

FOREIGNERS' EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2025 OCTOBER (I) AND
DURING OCTOBER (II)
ELY CENTRE: NORTH OSTROBOTHNIA

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Oct-25	Oct-24	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1 410	1 266	144	11,4
of whom fully laid off	72	76	-4	-5,3
2. On reduced working week	115	22	93	422,7
3. Those who have work	586	519	67	12,9
of which in full-time work	293	274	19	6,9
of which in part-time work	258	200	58	29,0
of whom employed through employment services	35	45	-10	-22,2
4. Persons outside the labour force	1 491	1 472	19	1,3
of whom in services promoting employment	53	78	-25	-32,1
of whom in training	1 340	1 311	29	2,2
1-4 Total of jobseekers	3 602	3 279	323	9,9
C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	0	0	0	0,0
2. Employed by municipalities	15	21	-6	-28,6
3. Employed by the private sector	90	96	-6	-6,2
1-3 Total number of employed people	105	117	-12	-10,3
4. Labour market training	691	597	94	15,7
5. Training	0	...	...	...
6. Engaged in work/training trials	30	61	-31	-50,8
7. As a job alternation substitute	0	...	...	...
8. Rehabilitative work	12	12	0	0,0
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	427	447	-20	-4,5
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	1 265	1 239	26	2,1
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	753	665	88	13,2
2. Unemployed men	651	600	51	8,5
3. Under 25 years old	109	111	-2	-1,8
4. Over 50 years old	304	278	26	9,4
5. Unemployed over a year	402	293	109	37,2
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	206	231	-25	-10,8
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1 519	1 408	111	7,9
2. Other jobseekers	2 166	1 960	206	10,5
1-2 Total number of jobseekers	3 685	3 368	317	9,4
4. Started spell of unemployment	230	197	33	16,8
5. Completed spell of unemployment	121	144	-23	-16,0
6. New jobs found through employment services	5	9	-4	-44,4
7. New entrants to labour market training	49	53	-4	-7,5



Regional table

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS AND JOBS VACANT BY MUNICIPALITY AT THE END OF 2025 OCTOBER

ELY CENTRE: NORTH 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	Unemployed over a year		
Alavieska	1 036	8,6	89	45	44	...	14	32	43	10	...
Haapajärvi	2 787	10,3	288	175	113	6	28	121	106	48	...
Haapavesi	2 710	8,3	226	126	100	5	20	77	94	37	7
Hailuoto	361	10,5	38	21	17	0	...	21	21	7	0
Ii	4 211	12,6	530	324	206	12	53	230	230	110	13
Kalajoki	5 343	8,1	432	261	171	15	46	195	153	49	29
Kempele	9 438	8,2	778	419	359	35	117	268	338	85	24
Kuusamo	6 543	12,1	794	434	360	28	78	329	254	120	159
Kärsämäki	972	9,3	90	59	31	...	5	51	52	18	...
Liminka	4 636	6,0	276	154	122	17	52	86	74	30	17
Lumijoki	875	7,8	68	32	36	...	9	29	8	...	...
Merijärvi	402	7,5	30	17	13	...	...	9	11	...	...
Muhos	3 843	9,2	352	205	147	8	52	120	112	45	20
Nivala	4 415	7,9	347	186	161	12	38	99	144	50	33
Oulainen	2 854	9,1	261	147	114	11	37	104	83	38	15
Oulu	107 587	13,4	14 385	8 251	6 130	515	2 217	4 020	6 645	1 655	907
Pudasjärvi	2 791	15,8	440	276	164	10	28	246	217	96	37
Pyhäjoki	1 229	10,9	134	76	58	5	20	44	51	16	5
Pyhäjärvi	1 783	12,5	223	128	95	...	19	107	87	49	5
Pyhäntä	664	7,8	52	35	17	...	11	16	14	8	52
Raahe	9 974	12,4	1 232	659	572	63	236	427	475	230	93
Reisjärvi	1 046	6,8	71	39	32	...	6	40	26	14	5
Sievi	1 967	9,4	185	102	83	5	20	76	74	27	11
Siikajoki	1 968	9,5	186	107	79	6	20	71	75	33	...
Siikalatva	2 041	9,4	191	114	77	...	11	96	70	44	8
Taivalkoski	1 482	14,0	208	140	68	...	12	107	65	33	16
Tyrnävä	2 801	8,3	232	124	107	12	27	81	76	18	...
Utajärvi	998	13,1	131	87	44	...	14	67	56	20	6
Vaala	985	13,6	134	95	39	...	12	68	51	26	...
Ylivieska	7 054	9,5	667	378	289	26	112	205	263	77	117
Total	194 796	11,8	23 070	13 216	9 848	812	3 319	7 442	9 968	3 003	1 600



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