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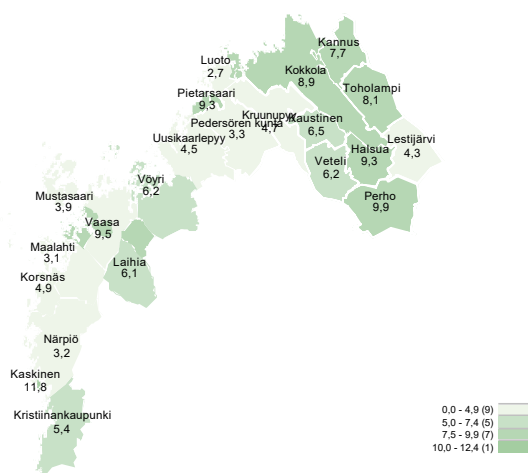
THE AREA OF ELY CENTRE FOR OSTROBOTHNIA

Employment Bulletin

August 2025

The unemployment is increasing and the number of open vacancies decreasing in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia

Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce by municipality



A total of 8 475 unemployed jobseekers were registered in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia at the end of August. This is 798 more than the previous year. In August the amount of unemployed people was 1 627 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 (7,3 %) in the Mainland Finland. In the whole country the respective share out of the labour force is 11,5 %. Compared with July the unemployment rate increased by 1,5 percentage points in ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia and by 0,7 percentage points in the rest of the country. The figures are from the Employment Service Statistics of the KEHA Centre.

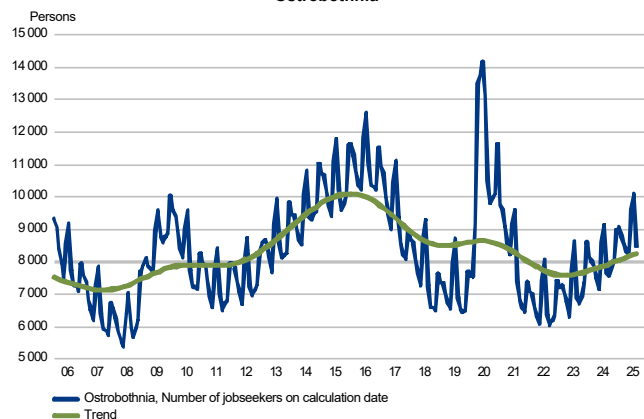
Trends:

- The amount of unemployed was at the end of August 8 475 and 798 more (+ 10,4 %) than the previous year.
- The amount of fulltime laid-off was 341 i.e. 108 less (- 24,1 %) 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 120 more (+ 12,2 %) than the previous year.
- The amount of long-term unemployed increased by 662 persons (+ 29,7 %) compared with the year before.
- The number of new open vacancies in August was 790 less (- 52,5 %) than the previous year.
- The number of people in employment-promoting services decreased compared with the year before. At the end of August the amount of participants in services was in total 2 961.

Unemployed jobseekers

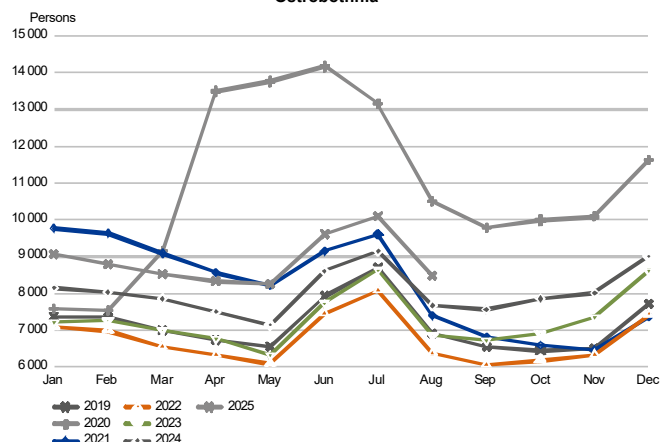
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS MONTHLY AND TREND

Ostrobothnia

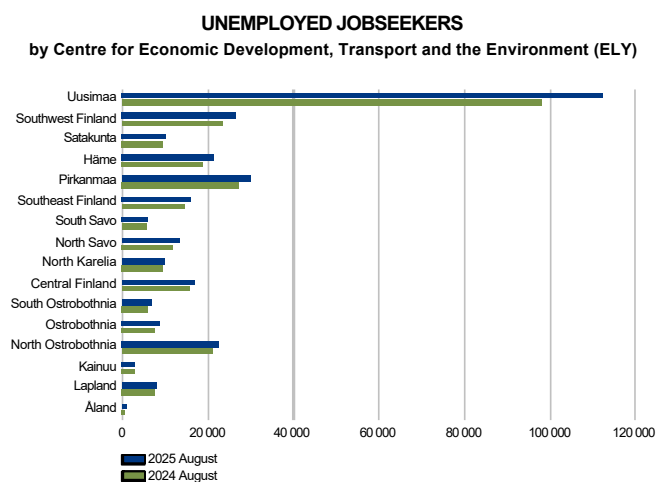


UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS, MONTH BY MONTH COMPARISON

Ostrobothnia



Unemployed jobseekers by sub-regional unit



Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant by sub-regional unit

	Change				Of the Unemployed			Change				
	Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug 2025	unemployed	jobseekers'	Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug 2025		
	2025	2025	2024	Aug 2024	jobseekers	percentage	2025	2025	2024	Aug 2024		
					fully	of the						
					laid off	workforce						
Sub-regional unit	Unemployed jobseekers					%	%	Jobs vacant				
Vaasa	4 146	4 708	3 612	534	15	111	7,7	352	302	560	-208	-37
Suupohjan rannikkoseutu	337	433	354	-17	-5	33	4,5	19	13	83	-64	-77
Pietarsaari	1 382	1 844	1 347	35	3	70	5,9	85	68	148	-63	-43
Kaustinen	438	504	385	53	14	43	7,4	25	15	106	-81	-76
Kokkola	2 172	2 613	1 979	193	10	84	8,8	170	151	446	-276	-62
Ostrobothnia	8 475	10 102	7 677	798	10	341	7,3	651	549	1 343	-692	-52



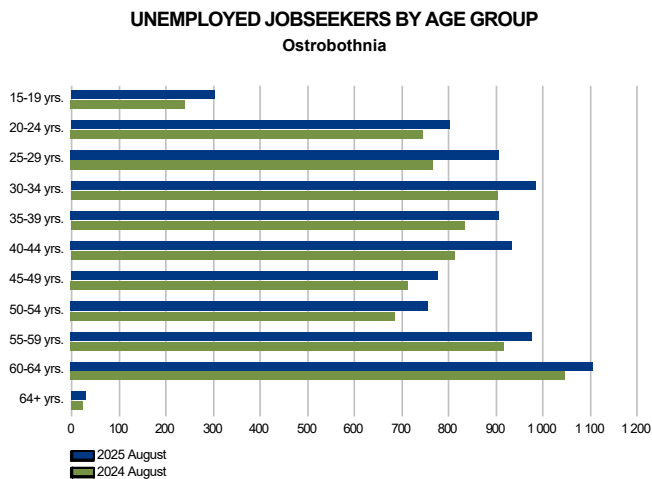
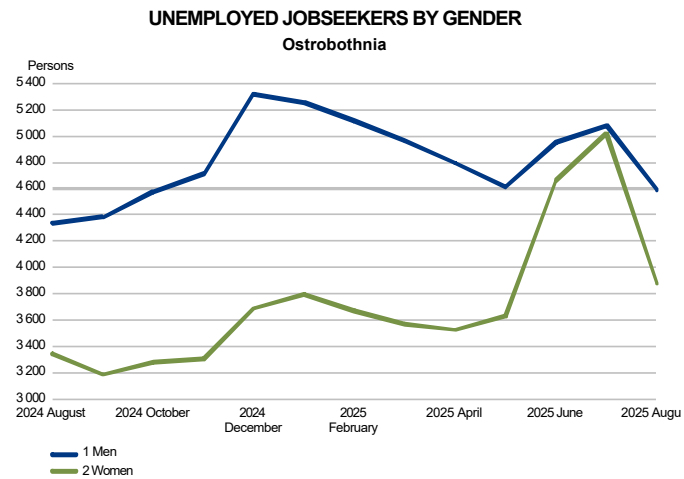
Unemployed jobseekers by municipality

Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant by municipality

Municipality	Change				Of the Unemployed			Change						
	Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug 2025 unemployed		jobseekers'	Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug 2025				
	2025	2025	2024	Aug 2024	jobseekers	percentage	2025	2025	2024	Aug 2024	Aug 2024			
					fully	of the								
					laid off	workforce								
	Unemployed jobseekers				%		%		Jobs vacant				%	
Halsua	38	44	39	-1	-3	...	9,3	...	0	0	...	...		
Kannus	179	209	165	14	8	9	7,7	9	12	40	-31	-77		
Kaskinen	54	65	57	-3	-5	11	11,8	0	0	17	-17	-100		
Kaustinen	123	138	117	6	5	11	6,5	8	...	85	-77	-91		
Kokkola	1 993	2 404	1 814	179	10	75	8,9	161	139	406	-245	-60		
Korsnäs	46	56	52	-6	-12	...	4,9	...	...	0	...	...		
Kristiinankaupunki	139	171	156	-17	-11	10	5,4	11	7	45	-34	-76		
Kruunupyy	141	191	133	8	6	8	4,7	...	5	...	...	...		
Laihia	217	255	190	27	14	13	6,1	...	...	45	...	...		
Lestijärvi	11	18	10	1	10	...	4,3	0	0	0	0	0		
Luoto	71	104	59	12	20	9	2,7	5	5	7	-2	-29		
Maalahti	79	102	95	-16	-17	8	3,1	...	...	7	...	...		
Mustasaari	380	500	380	0	0	16	3,9	19	22	27	-8	-30		
Närpiö	144	197	141	3	2	12	3,2	8	6	21	-13	-62		
Pedersören kunta	178	321	142	36	25	15	3,3	...	...	12	...	...		
Perho	95	96	67	28	42	20	9,9	...	...	5	...	...		
Pietarsaari	838	1 010	830	8	1	33	9,3	69	53	123	-54	-44		
Toholampi	93	116	82	11	13	...	8,1	9	8	5	4	80		
Uusikaarlepyy	154	218	183	-29	-16	5	4,5	6	...	...	...	...		
Vaasa	3 246	3 596	2 745	501	18	64	9,5	321	272	471	-150	-32		
Veteli	78	92	70	8	11	5	6,2	...	...	11	...	...		
Vöyri	178	199	150	28	19	7	6,2	...	...	10	...	...		
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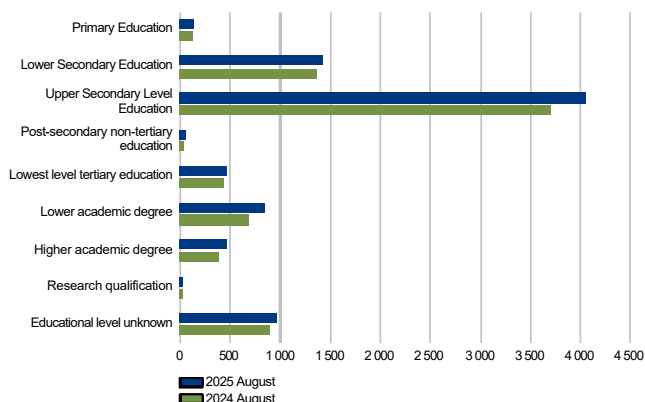
Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group



Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

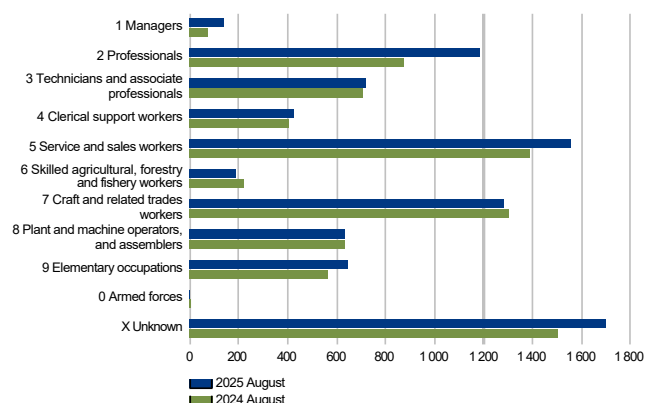
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION

Ostrobothnia



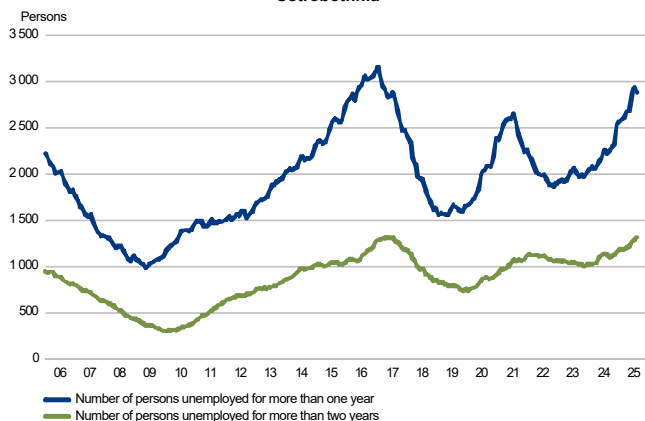
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP

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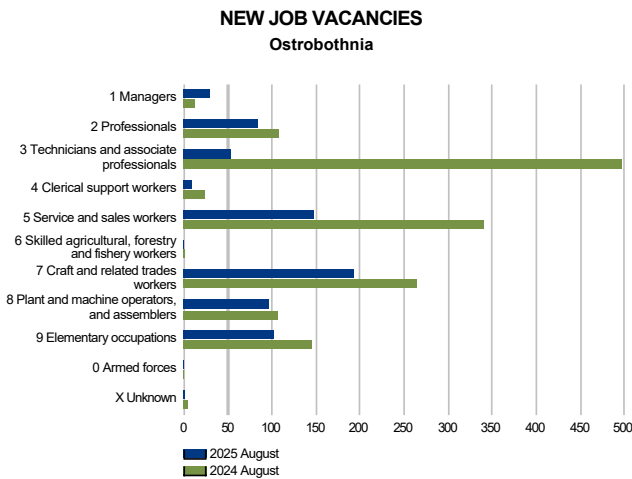


LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE MONTH

Ostrobothnia

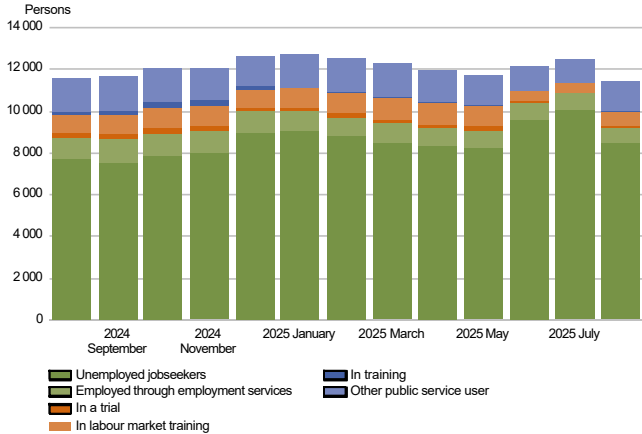


Jobs vacant

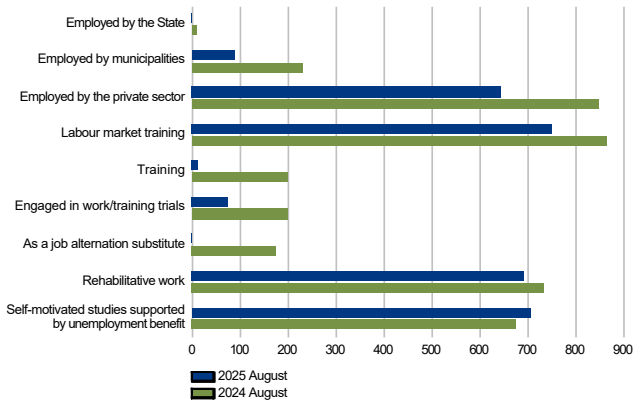


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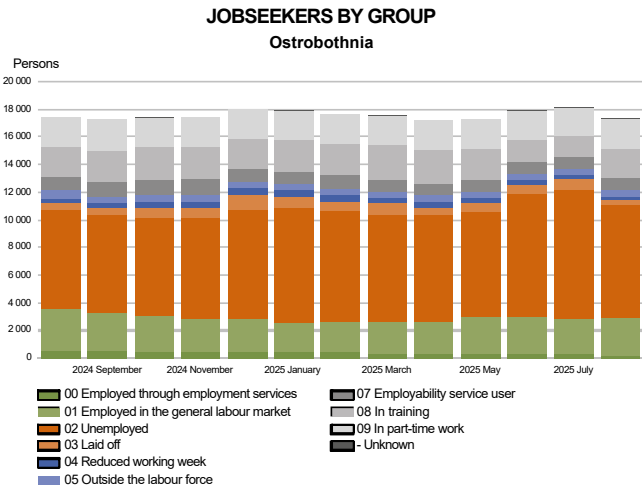
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Ostrobothnia



All jobseekers



Summary table

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

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Aug-25	Aug-24	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	8 475	7 677	798	10,4
of whom fully laid off	341	449	-108	-24,1
2. On reduced working week	261	408	-147	-36,0
3. Those who have work	5 170	5 748	-578	-10,1
of which in full-time work	2 700	2 993	-293	-9,8
of which in part-time work	2 227	2 205	22	1,0
of whom employed through employment services	243	550	-307	-55,8
4. Persons outside the labour force	3 424	3 594	-170	-4,7
of whom in services promoting employment	789	953	-164	-17,2
of whom in training	2 131	2 126	5	0,2
1-4 Total of jobseekers	17 330	17 427	-97	-0,6
B. LABOUR DEMAND				
1. Jobs vacant	651	1 343	-692	-51,5
of those notified for over a month	168	289	-121	-41,9
of those notified for over 2 months	133	178	-45	-25,3
C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	0	9	-9	-100,0
2. Employed by municipalities	89	231	-142	-61,5
3. Employed by the private sector	642	846	-204	-24,1
1-3 Total number of employed people	731	1 086	-355	-32,7
4. Labour market training	748	862	-114	-13,2
5. Training	12	199	-187	-94,0
6. Engaged in work/training trials	76	198	-122	-61,6
7. As a job alternation substitute	0	175	-175	-100,0
8. Rehabilitative work	690	731	-41	-5,6
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	704	675	29	4,3
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	2 961	3 926	-965	-24,6
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	3 880	3 339	541	16,2
2. Unemployed men	4 592	4 338	254	5,9
3. Under 25 years old	1 104	984	120	12,2
4. Over 50 years old	2 868	2 668	200	7,5
5. Unemployed over a year	2 889	2 227	662	29,7
6. Foreign unemployed	1 825	1 584	241	15,2
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	2 327	2 475	-148	-6,0
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	10 938	10 006	932	9,3
2. Other jobseekers	7 947	8 915	-968	-10,9
1-2 Total number of jobseekers	18 885	18 921	-36	-0,2
3. Vacancies during a month	1 192	2 344	-1 152	-49,1
New vacancies during a month	715	1 505	-790	-52,5
Vacancies application period ended or sufficient number of applicants	666	209	457	218,7
4. Started spell of unemployment	1 216	1 336	-120	-9,0
5. Completed spell of unemployment	2 681	2 416	265	11,0
6. New jobs found through employment services	21	88	-67	-76,1
7. New entrants to labour market training	303	193	110	57,0



Foreigners' summary table

FOREIGNERS' EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2025 AUGUST (I) AND

DURING AUGUST (II)

ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Aug-25	Aug-24	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1825	1584	241	15,2
of whom fully laid off	57	62	-5	-8,1
2. On reduced working week	24	59	-35	-59,3
3. Those who have work	861	1038	-177	-17,1
of which in full-time work	524	689	-165	-23,9
of which in part-time work	313	290	23	7,9
of whom employed through employment services	24	59	-35	-59,3
4. Persons outside the labour force	1458	1500	-42	-2,8
of whom in services promoting employment	87	155	-68	-43,9
of whom in training	1251	1219	32	2,6
1-4 Total of jobseekers	4 168	4 181	-13	-0,3
C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	0	...	...	...
2. Employed by municipalities	...	12	...	...
3. Employed by the private sector	40	50	-10	-20,0
1-3 Total number of employed people	42	63	-21	-33,3
4. Labour market training	465	473	-8	-1,7
5. Training	6	42	-36	-85,7
6. Engaged in work/training trials	24	72	-48	-66,7
7. As a job alternation substitute	0	9	-9	-100,0
8. Rehabilitative work	40	53	-13	-24,5
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	446	420	26	6,2
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	1023	1132	-109	-9,6
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	986	825	161	19,5
2. Unemployed men	836	759	77	10,1
3. Under 25 years old	178	162	16	9,9
4. Over 50 years old	384	331	53	16,0
5. Unemployed over a year	388	264	124	47,0
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	194	218	-24	-11,0
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	2 458	2 174	284	13,1
2. Other jobseekers	1863	2 149	-286	-13,3
1-2 Total number of jobseekers	4 321	4 323	-2	0,0
4. Started spell of unemployment	284	331	-47	-14,2
5. Completed spell of unemployment	671	589	82	13,9
6. New jobs found through employment services	...	7	...	...
7. New entrants to labour market training	214	106	108	101,9



Regional table

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

ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

Municipality	Workforce		Unemployed jobseekers						Disabled		Jobs vacant
		% of workforce	Total	Men	Women	Under 20 years old	Under 25 years old	Over 50 years old	Unemployed over a year	and chron. ill	
Halsua	410	9,3	38	25	...	0	...	12	15	5	...
Kannus	2 328	7,7	179	103	76	7	23	73	61	22	9
Kaskinen	458	11,8	54	32	22	...	...	23	14	6	0
Kaustinen	1 896	6,5	123	64	59	6	18	49	43	25	8
Kokkola	22 378	8,9	1 993	1 115	877	82	310	616	733	270	161
Korsnäs	930	4,9	46	23	23	0	5	18	16	6	...
Kristiinankaupunki	2 575	5,4	139	76	63	0	8	59	46	18	11
Kruunupyy	2 984	4,7	141	78	63	6	16	58	51	14	...
Laihia	3 545	6,1	217	106	111	7	31	105	78	68	...
Lestijärvi	257	4,3	11	8	...	0	...	7	5	5	0
Luoto	2 632	2,7	71	38	33	...	15	26	22	10	5
Maalahti	2 552	3,1	79	45	34	...	6	30	23	10	...
Mustasaari	9 734	3,9	380	190	190	19	51	151	127	54	19
Närpiö	4 491	3,2	144	73	71	...	11	53	35	21	8
Pedersören kunta	5 373	3,3	178	79	99	9	25	70	59	29	...
Perho	963	9,9	95	52	43	5	14	30	24	12	...
Pietarsaari	8 984	9,3	838	430	407	29	115	286	252	78	69
Toholampi	1 146	8,1	93	57	36	0	6	36	43	18	9
Uusikaarlepyy	3 411	4,5	154	83	71	12	21	53	49	18	6
Vaasa	34 181	9,5	3 246	1 791	1 454	97	396	1 010	1 095	389	321
Veteli	1 264	6,2	78	34	44	...	9	34	25	12	...
Vöyri	2 853	6,2	178	90	88	7	17	69	73	20	...
Total	115 345	7,3	8 475	4 592	3 880	302	1 104	2 868	2 889	1 110	651



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