

THE AREA OF ELY CENTRE FOR OSTROBOTHNIA

Employment Bulletin September 2025

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



A total of 8 507 unemployed jobseekers were registered in the area of ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia at the end of September. This is 941 more than the previous year. In September the amount of unemployed people was 32 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 (7,4 %) in the Mainland Finland. In the whole country the respective share out of the labour force is 11,4 %. Compared with August the unemployment rate increased by 0,1 percentage points in ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia and decreased by 0,1 percentage points in the rest of the country. The figures are from the Employment Service Statistics of the KEHA Centre.

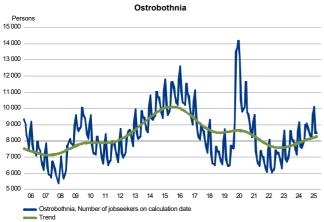
Trends:

- The amount of unemployed was at the end of September 8 507 and 941 more (+ 12,4 %) than the previous year.
- The amount of fulltime laid-off was 662 i.e. 152 more (+ 29,8 %) 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 84 more (+ 8,8 %) than the previous year.
- The amount of long-term unemployed increased by 668 persons (+ 29,6 %) compared with the year before.
- The number of new open vacancies in September was 951 less (- 41,2 %) than the previous year.
- The number of people in employment-promoting services decreased compared with the year before. At the end of September the amount of participants in services was in total 3 133.

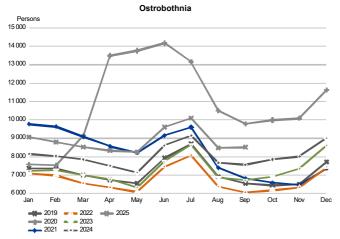


Unemployed jobseekers

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS MONTHLY AND TREND



UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS, MONTH BY MONTH COMPARISON

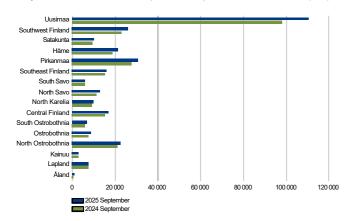




Unemployed jobseekers by sub-regional unit

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS

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Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant by sub-regional unit

				Change		Of the U	Jnemployed				Change	
	Sep	Aug	Sep	Sep 2	.025 ι	unemployed	jobseekers'	Sep	Aug	Sep	Sep	2025
	2025	2025	2024	Sep 2	024	jobseekers	percentage	2025	2025	2024	Sep	2024
						fully	of the					
						laid off	workforce					
Sub-regional unit	Unem	ployed jol	oseekers		%		%		Job	s vacant	t %	
Vaasa	4 114	4 146	3 600	514	14	245	7,6	324	352	376	-52	-14
Suupohjan rannikkoseutu	362	337	325	37	11	63	4,8	19	19	52	-33	-63
Pietarsaari	1434	1382	1 310	124	9	242	6,1	111	85	102	9	9
Kaustinen	429	438	380	49	13	33	7,2	35	25	92	-57	-62
Kokkola	2 168	2 172	1 951	217	11	79	8,8	148	170	298	-150	-50
Ostrobothnia	8 507	8 475	7 566	941	12	662	7,4	637	651	920	-283	-31



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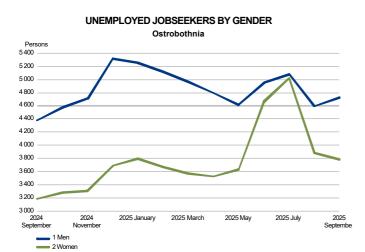
Unemployed jobseekers by municipality

Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant by municipality

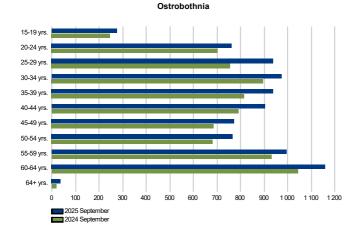
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	Sep	Aug	Sep	Sep	2025	unemployed	jobseekers'	Sep	Aug	Sep	Sep	o 2025
	2025	2025	2024	Sep	2024	jobseekers	percentage	2025	2025	2024	Sep	2024
						fully	of the					
						laid off	workforce					
Municipality	Unem	ployed jol	oseekers		%		%		Job	s vacant		%
Halsua	33	38	34	-1	-3		8,0	-	-	0	-	-
Kannus	178	179	157	21	13	12	7,6	6	9	28	-22	-79
Kaskinen	60	54	51	9	18	22	13,1	0	0	13	-13	-100
Kaustinen	119	123	122	-3	-2	9	6,3	16	8	69	-53	-77
Kokkola	1990	1993	1794	196	11	67	8,9	142	161	270	-128	-47
Korsnäs	45	46	49	-4	-8		4,8	13		11	2	18
Kristiinankaupunki	144	139	146	-2	-1	18	5,6	13	11	21	-8	-38
Kruunupyy	140	141	129	11	9	11	4,7	16				-
Laihia	214	217	210	4	2	13	6,0	11		13	-2	-15
Lestijärvi	15	11	11	4	36		5,8	0	0	0	0	0
Luoto	58	71	63	-5	-8		2,2	7	5	7	0	0
Maalahti	76	79	88	-12	-14	7	3,0	6			_	-
Mustasaari	371	380	357	14	4	32	3,8	18	19	21	-3	-14
Närpiö	158	144	128	30	23	23	3,5	6	8	18	-12	-67
Pedersören kunta	180	178	134	46	34	33	3,4	5		14	-9	-64
Perho	89	95	69	20	29	10	9,2	_		8		
Pietarsaari	793	838	811	-18	-2	73	8,8	73	69	76	-3	-4
Toholampi	95	93	76	19	25		8,3	7	9	0	7	0
Uusikaarlepyy	263	154	173	90	52	121	7,7	10	6	_		
Vaasa	3 121	3 246	2 740	381	14	65	9,1	269	321	323	-54	-17
Veteli	78	78	68	10	15	6	6,2	10		15	-5	-33
Vöyri	287	178	156	131	84	124	10,1	7		6	1	17
Ostrobothnia	8 507	8 475	7 566	941	12	662	7,4	637	651	920	-283	-31



Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group



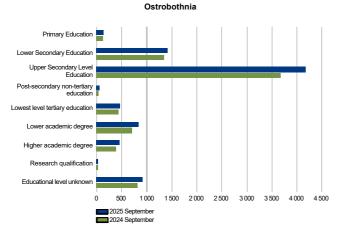
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY AGE GROUP



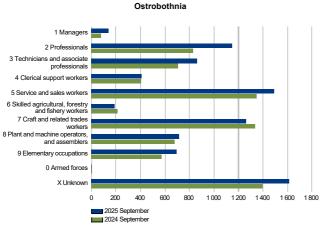


Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

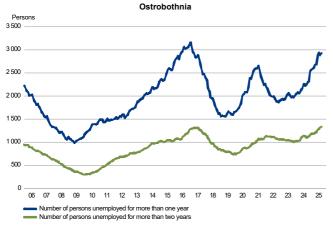
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION



UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP



LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE MONTH



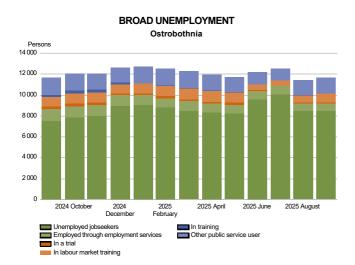


Jobs vacant

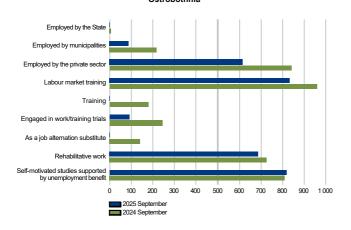
NEW JOB VACANCIES Ostrobothnia 1 Managers 2 Professionals 3 Technicians and associate professionals 4 Clerical support workers 5 Service and sales workers 7 Craft and related trades 8 Plant and machine operators, and assemblers 9 Elementary occupations 0 Armed forces X Unknown 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240 260 280



Services



PEOPLE COVERED BY SERVICES Ostrobothnia





All jobseekers

04 Reduced working week
05 Outside the labour force

JOBSEEKERS BY GROUP Ostrobothnia Persons 20 000 18 000 10 000 10 000 2024 October 2024 December 2025 February 2025 April 2025 June 2025 August 20 00 Employed through employment services 10 1 Employed in the general labour market 20 2 Unemployed in 30 Laid off 20 30 Laid off 20 1 Limbour Market 20 2 Unemployed in 1 Limbour Market 20 2 Unemployed in 1 Limbour Market 20 30 Laid off 20 30 Laid off



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Summary table

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2025 SEPTEMBER (I) AND DURING SEPTEMBER (II)

ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

			CHANGE	CHANGE
I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Sep-25	Sep-24	NUMBER	%
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	8 507	7 566	941	12,4
of whom fully laid off	662	510	152	29,8
2. On reduced working week	312	381	-69	-18,1
3. Those who have work	4 980	5 462	-482	-8,8
of which in full-time work	2 464	2764	-300	-10,9
of which in part-time work	2300	2 181	119	5,5
of whom employed through employment services	216	517	-301	-58,2
4. Persons outside the labour force	3 688	3 841	-153	-4,0
of whom in services promoting employment	845	990	-145	-14,6
of whom in training	2 353	2 358	-5	-0,2
1-4 Total of jobseekers	17 487	17 250	237	1,4
B. LABOUR DEMAND				
1. Jobs vacant	637	920	-283	-30,8
of those notified for over a month	167	321	-154	-48,0
of those notified for over 2 months	109	183	-74	-40,4
C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	0	7	-7	-100,0
2. Employed by municipalities	87	218	-131	-60,1
3. Employed by the private sector	615	839	-224	-26,7
1-3 Total number of employed people	702	1064	-362	-34,0
4. Labour market training	833	959	-126	-13,1
5. Training	0	179	-179	-100,0
6. Engaged in work/training trials	90	245	-155	-63,3
7. As a job alternation substitute	0	142	-142	-100,0
8. Rehabilitative work	689	727	-38	-5,2
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	819	808	11	1,4
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	3 133	4 124	-991	-24,0
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	3 781	3 184	597	18,8
2. Unemployed men	4 724	4 382	342	7,8
3. Under 25 years old	1035	951	84	8,8
4. Over 50 years old	2 952	2 674	278	10,4
5. Unemployed over a year	2 926	2 258	668	29,6
6. Foreign unemployed	1724	1 519	205	13,5
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	2 590	2 535	55	2,2
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
	9 447	8 948	499	E 4
Unemployed jobseekers Other jobseekers	8 813	9 469	-656	5,6 -6,9
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1-2 Total number of jobseekers	18 260	18 417 2 306	-157 -951	-0,9 -41,2
3. Vacancies during a month	1355			
New vacancies during a month	829	1065	-236	-22,2
Vacancies application period ended or sufficient number of applicants	791	547	244	44,6
4. Started spell of unemployment	1832	1534	298	19,4
5. Completed spell of unemployment	1330	1598	-268	-16,8
6. New jobs found through employment services	18	84	-66	-78,6
7. New entrants to labour market training	175	216	-41	-19,0



Foreigners' summary table

FOREIGNERS' EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2025 SEPTEMBER (I) AND DURING SEPTEMBER (II)

ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

			CHANGE	CHANGE
I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Sep-25	Sep-24	NUMBER	%
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1724	1 519	205	13,5
of whom fully laid off	87	67	20	29,9
2. On reduced working week	25	42	-17	-40,5
3. Those who have work	828	962	-134	-13,9
of which in full-time work	493	624	-131	-21,0
of which in part-time work	314	282	32	11,3
of whom employed through employment services	21	56	-35	-62,5
4. Persons outside the labour force	1594	1648	-54	-3,3
of whom in services promoting employment	95	164	-69	-42,1
of whom in training	1389	1371	18	1,3
1-4 Total of jobseekers	4 171	4 171	0	0,0
C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	0			
2. Employed by municipalities		10		
3. Employed by the private sector	35	55	-20	-36,4
1-3 Total number of employed people	37	66	-29	-43,9
4. Labour market training	503	514	-11	-2,1
5. Training	0	40	-40	-100,0
6. Engaged in work/training trials	27	78	-51	-65,4
7. As a job alternation substitute	0	6	-6	-100,0
8. Rehabilitative work	41	51	-10	-19,6
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	537	504	33	6,5
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	1145	1259	-114	-9,1
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	908	764	144	18,8
2. Unemployed men	814	755	59	7,8
3. Under 25 years old	162	158	4	2,5
4. Over 50 years old	366	320	46	14,4
5. Unemployed over a year	396	257	139	54,1
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	203	219	-16	-7,3
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	1906	1801	105	5,8
2. Other jobseekers	2 384	2 520	-136	-5,4
1-2 Total number of jobseekers	4 290	4 321	-31	-0,7
4. Started spell of unemployment	256	256	0	0,0
5. Completed spell of unemployment	220	319	-99	-31,0
6. New jobs found through employment services	0	8	-8	-100,0
7. New entrants to labour market training	71	79	-8	-10,1



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Regional table

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS AND JOBS VACANT BY MUNICIPALITY AT THE END OF 2025 SEPTEMBER ELY CENTRE: OSTROBOTHNIA

										Disabled	Jobs
		% of	Total	Men	Women U	nder 20 I	Jnder 25	Over 50 U	Jnemployed	and	vacant
	wo	orkforce			У	ears old	years old	years old	over a year	chron. ill	
Halsua	410	8,0	33	21	12	0		11	15	6	
Kannus	2 328	7,6	178	97	81	5	21	72	65	19	6
Kaskinen	458	13,1	60	39	21			23	16	6	0
Kaustinen	1896	6,3	119	66	53	9	19	47	41	25	16
Kokkola	22 378	8,9	1990	1 115	874	76	306	629	731	273	142
Korsnäs	930	4,8	45	22	23	0	5	17	16	7	13
Kristiinankaupunki	2 575	5,6	144	80	64	0	8	61	51	18	13
Kruunupyy	2 984	4,7	140	83	57	6	14	58	56	14	16
Laihia	3 545	6,0	214	101	113	6	25	112	81	64	11
Lestijärvi	257	5,8	15	10	5	0		8	5	5	0
Luoto	2 632	2,2	58	30	28	5	13	20	25	9	7
Maalahti	2 552	3,0	76	44	32		5	27	23	10	6
Mustasaari	9 734	3,8	371	196	175	14	47	148	127	50	18
Närpiö	4 491	3,5	158	86	72	5	17	58	34	22	6
Pedersören kunta	5 373	3,4	180	88	92	7	22	71	62	28	5
Perho	963	9,2	89	48	41	7	17	27	26	11	
Pietarsaari	8 984	8,8	793	439	354	27	107	272	257	74	73
Toholampi	1146	8,3	95	59	36	0	8	36	39	19	7
Uusikaarlepyy	3 411	7,7	263	160	103	10	25	94	46	21	10
Vaasa	34 181	9,1	3 121	1739	1 381	83	341	1008	1 113	373	269
Veteli	1264	6,2	78	35	43	_	8	34	25	13	10
Vöyri	2 853	10,1	287	166	121	6	21	119	72	21	7
Total	115 345	7,4	8 507	4 724	3 781	274	1035	2 952	2 926	1088	637



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Information about the website

On this website you will find the latest statistics from ELY Centre for Ostrobothnia's monthly Employment Bulletin. You can access a .pdf version of the current and previous months' Employment Bulletin by following the link on the right.

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