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**146 000 job vacancies on average in Austria in 2021: highest level since the start of the survey**

**Vienna**, 2022-02-04 – According to Statistics Austria's job vacancy survey, enterprises reported an annual average of 146 000 vacancies per quarter in 2021, after the Austrian job market slumped to an average of 102 600 vacancies in 2020.

"The number of vacancies is on a record run. In 2021, the annual average of job vacancies has risen to 146 000, the highest level since the survey began in 2009. Compared to 2020, this is 42% more vacancies, and compared to the pre-Corona year 2019, 14% more vacancies," said Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

In terms of economic sectors, the strongest surge in vacant positions was recorded in the production sector (40 200 job vacancies) with an increase of 50% compared to 2020 and 23% compared to 2019. This was followed by the service sector (85 400 job vacancies) with an increase of 44% compared to 2020 as well as 12% compared to 2019 and the public sector (20 400 job vacancies) with increases of 26% and 6% respectively.

The job vacancy rate rose from 3.0% in 2019 and 2.6% in 2020 to 3.5% in 2021. The share of vacancies with a search duration of less than a month (20.6%) decreased slightly compared to 2020 (24.0%), while the share of permanent postings (21.6%) remained rather stable (2020: 22.0%). In 2019, 26.7% of all vacancies had been permanent postings.

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