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New record in job vacancies again

218 100 positions were unfilled in the third quarter of 2022

Vienna, 2022-11-04 – In the third quarter of 2022, Austria’s enterprises reported 218 100 vacant positions. This is a new high in vacancies.

“In the third quarter of 2022, 218 100 jobs in Austria were unfilled. This means that the number of advertised vacancies has once again risen to the highest level since the survey began in 2009. The job vacancy survey of Statistics Austria shows around 50 % more unfilled jobs than are reported to the Austrian Public Employment Service (AMS). The vacancy rate, the share of vacancies in all available jobs, also gives a clear indication of the worsening shortage of skilled workers and labour. This was 5.0 % in the third quarter of 2022 and thus around 40 % above the pre-pandemic level of the third quarter of 2019,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Strong growth compared to pre-crisis level of 2019

While 128 300 vacancies were recorded in the third quarter of 2019 prior to the corona virus pandemic, the number of vacancies rose to 218 100 in the third quarter of 2022 (see table). This represents an increase of 70 %. Compared to the previous year (Q3 2021), the number of job vacancies increased by 34 %.

130 900 job vacancies in the service sector

Of the total of 218 100 job vacancies, 130 900 positions were unfilled in the services sector (ÖNACE 2008 G-N), 56 000 in the manufacturing sector (ÖNACE 2008 B-F) and 31 200 in the public sector (ÖNACE O-S). In the services sector alone, more vacancies were recorded than before the corona virus pandemic across all three sectors (Q3 2019: 128 300 vacancies).

For detailed results and further information please refer to [website](#).

Job vacancies Q3 2019 to 2022 according to the Job Vacancy Survey and the Public Employment Service (ÖNACE 2008, B-S)

Quarters	Job vacancies in 1 000	Employees ¹⁾ in 1 000	Job vacancy rate ²⁾ in %	Job vacancies according to the Public Employment Office ³⁾ in 1 000
3 rd quarter 2019	128,3	4 163,3	3,0	88,8
3 rd quarter 2020	99,9	3 965,6	2,5	71,5
3 rd quarter 2021	162,4	4 062,2	3,8	120,1
3 rd quarter 2022	218,1	4 175,6	5,0	144,7

Q: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Job Vacancy Survey.

All sources ÖNACE 2008 without: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Activities of households as employers, undifferentiated goods- and service-producing activities of households for own use, Activities by extraterritorial organisations and bodies. – 1) Main Association of Austrian Social Security Institutions/Dachverband der Sozialversicherungsträger (moving quarterly average of the end of month levels for employees). – 2) Job vacancy rate (vacancies*100/(vacancies+employees)). – 3) Public Employment Office (moving quarterly average of the end of month levels for immediately available job vacancies at the Austrian Public Employment Service (AMS)).

Information on methodology, definitions: Statistics Austria has been continuously collecting data on the number of job vacancies for economic sections B to S (ÖNACE 2008) since the first quarter of 2009. Data on job vacancies are collected in all EU member states and serve as an indicator for the economic development. The sample consists of around 6 000 enterprises for each quarter.

A **job vacancy** is defined as a paid post that is newly created, unoccupied, or about to become vacant for which the employer is taking active steps to find a suitable applicant outside the enterprise concerned.

The **job vacancy rate** measures the proportion of job vacancies in all available (occupied and vacant) positions.

The **Austrian Public Employment Service (AMS)** supports companies in their search for personnel and publishes figures on the vacancies that companies report to the AMS for placement.

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