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214 000 job vacancies in Q2 2023

Number of job vacancies remains at a high level despite decline

Vienna, 2023-08-04 – In the second quarter of 2023, Austria’s enterprises reported 214 000 vacancies, according to preliminary data of the Job Vacancy Survey by Statistics Austria. Compared to the previous quarter, the number of vacant positions declined slightly.

“In the period April to June 2023, 214 000 jobs were unfilled in Austrian enterprises. Although the number of vacancies is 6.3% lower than in the previous quarter, it remains at a high level. The vacancy rate, i.e. the share of vacancies in all available jobs, which stood at 4.9% in the second quarter, also continues to point to bottlenecks in labour supply despite the slight decline. By far the most vacancies in the second quarter were again in the service sector,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistic Austria.

In the second quarter of 2023, job vacancies fell by around 6.3% to 214 000 compared to the first quarter, when 228 300 jobs were vacant (see table). Of these, 127 900 were in the service sector, 48 800 in the manufacturing sector and 37 300 in the public sector. In the same period, 123 800 vacancies were reported to the Public Employment Service (AMS). These jobs are reported to the AMS for the purpose of personnel recruitment.

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

Job vacancies of Q1 and Q2 2019 to 2023 according to the Job Vacancy Survey and the Public Employment Office (AMS) (ÖNACE 2008, B–S)

Quarters	Job vacancies old time series ¹ in 1 000	Job vacancies new time series ² in 1 000	Employees ³ in 1 000	Job vacancy rate ⁴ in %	Job vacancies according to the AMS ⁵ in 1 000
Q1 2019	127,5	145,4	3 986,9	3,5	75,3
Q2 2019	128,7	142,0	4 027,0	3,4	86,0
Q1 2020	118,5	130,9	3 949,4	3,2	75,2
Q2 2020	84,6	93,7	3 791,4	2,4	61,7
Q1 2021	111,9	124,4	3 841,6	3,1	66,3
Q2 2021	138,6	150,2	3 972,3	3,6	95,1
Q1 2022	202,7	227,7	4 071,0	5,3	121,2
Q2 2022	206,3	232,0	4 133,2	5,3	141,5
Q1 2023		228,3	4 144,2	5,2	118,1
Q2 2023		214,0	4 183,6	4,9	123,8

S: STATISTIK 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) Numbers according to the old time series (up to 2023). – 2) Backcasted time series due to the improved questionnaire with regard to apprenticeships and paid internships as well as the extrapolation method, these numbers should be considered preliminary. – 3) Main Association of Austrian Social Security Institutions/Dachverband der Sozialversicherungsträger (moving quarterly average of the end of month levels for employees). – 4) Job vacancy rate according to the backcasted time series (vacancies*100/(vacancies+employees)). – 5) Public Employment Office (moving quarterly average of the end of month levels for immediately available job vacancies at the Public Employment Office).

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, stratified by ÖNACE 2008 economic sections and corresponding size classes, with larger enterprises remaining in the sample continuously.

The extrapolation of the Job Vacancy Survey is bound to the number of employed persons according to ÖNACE 2008 economic sections and size classes. Due to the linking of the AMS data with the population of the Job Vacancy Survey in 2023, the number of job vacancies reported to the AMS in selected combinations of economic sections and size classes is used additionally as supporting information in the extrapolation procedure from 2014 onwards.

In addition, the questionnaire has been adapted from the first quarter of 2023 to better cover apprenticeships and paid internships.

The changes made in 2023 – the extrapolation procedure linked to the vacancies reported to the AMS and an adjustment of the questionnaire to better capture apprenticeships and internships – were cast back up to 2014. Only preliminary figures are published up to the fourth quarter of 2023. Comparisons over time are limited.

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.

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