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# Fewer job vacancies in Q3 2023

## Number of job vacancies down to 202 300

Vienna, 2023-11-07 – According to preliminary results of the Job Vacancy Survey by Statistics Austria, 202 300 jobs were vacant in the third quarter of 2023. Compared to the previous quarter, the number of vacant positions declined by 5.5%, but remains at a high level.

“In the period from July to September 2023, 202 300 jobs in Austrian enterprises were vacant. This is around 5.5% less than in the previous quarter. The number of job vacancies has thus declined for the second time in a row compared to the previous quarter, but remains at a high level. The shortage of labour is also reflected in the job vacancy rate: at 4.6%, the share of vacancies in all available jobs in the third quarter was only slightly below the level of the second quarter at 4.9%,” explains Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Of the total 202 300 vacancies, 120 100 were in the service sector, 46 200 in the manufacturing sector and 36 000 in the public sector. In the same period, 120 500 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, Q2 and Q3 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 <sup>1</sup> in 1 000	Job vacancies new time series <sup>2</sup> in 1 000	Employees <sup>3</sup> in 1 000	Job vacancy rate <sup>4</sup> in %	Job vacancies according to the AMS <sup>5</sup> 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
Q3 2019	127,4	141,7	4 078,2	3,4	88,8
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
Q3 2020	99,4	108,8	3 965,6	2,7	71,5
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
Q3 2021	162,4	179,0	4 062,2	4,2	120,1
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
Q3 2022	218,1	240,1	4 175,6	5,4	144,7
Q1 2023		228,3	4 144,2	5,2	118,1
Q2 2023		214,0	4 183,6	4,9	123,8
Q3 2023		202,3	4 221,7	4,6	120,5

S: 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) 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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