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Number of vacancies up again

In Q1 2024, Austrian enterprises reported 8.5% more vacancies than in Q4 2023

Vienna, 2024-05-08 – According to Statistics Austria, there were 196 400 job vacancies in the first quarter of 2024. This corresponds to an increase of 8.5% compared to the previous quarter.

“More jobs are currently being advertised than at the end of 2023. In the first quarter of 2024, an average of 196 400 jobs were vacant across Austria, 8.5% more than in the previous quarter. This means that for the first time in a year, the number of vacancies has risen again compared to the previous quarter. By far the most job offers were in the service sector,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

Compared to the high figures at the beginning of 2022 and 2023, the number of vacancies is currently significantly lower at 196 400 (–13.1% compared to Q1 2022; –14.0% compared to Q1 2023), but still higher than the pre-pandemic level.

The job vacancy rate, i.e. the proportion of vacancies in relation to all available jobs, was at 4.5% in the first quarter of 2024. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points compared to the previous quarter. In the first quarter of 2023, the vacancy rate was at 5.2%; thus, 0.7 percentage points higher than in the first quarter of 2024.

As in the previous quarters, most vacancies were recorded in the service sector (113 200), followed by the manufacturing sector (46 100) and the public sector (37 100). A significant increase compared to the previous quarter can be seen in the public sector in particular (+19.7%).

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

Job vacancies since 2019 according to the Job Vacancy Survey and the Public Employment Office (AMS) (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 AMS ³ in 1 000
Q1 2019	144.3	3 986.9	3.5	75.3
Q2 2019	141.8	4 027.0	3.4	86.0
Q3 2019	142.1	4 078.2	3.4	88.8
Q4 2019	134.8	4 048.5	3.2	79.9
Q1 2020	130.1	3 949.4	3.2	75.2
Q2 2020	93.6	3 791.4	2.4	61.7
Q3 2020	109.1	3 965.6	2.7	71.5
Q4 2020	113.7	3 933.0	2.8	66.5
Q1 2021	123.6	3 831.2	3.1	66.3
Q2 2021	150.0	3 987.9	3.6	95.1
Q3 2021	179.5	4 091.2	4.2	120.1
Q4 2021	191.7	4 075.0	4.5	115.0
Q1 2022	226.1	4 072.1	5.3	121.2
Q2 2022	231.7	4 130.8	5.3	141.5

Quarters	Job vacancies in 1 000	Employees ¹ in 1 000	Job vacancy rate ² in %	Job vacancies according to the AMS ³ in 1 000
Q3 2022	240.9	4 173.4	5.5	144.7
Q4 2022	222.9	4 156.7	5.1	127.5
Q1 2023	228.3	4 144.4	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
Q4 2023	181.0	4 188.4	4.1	107.3
Q1 2024	196.4	4 159.5	4.5	97.6

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) 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 according to the backcasted time series (vacancies*100/(vacancies+employees)). – 3) 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. 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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