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Number of job vacancies fell further in Q3

3.9% fewer vacancies than in the second quarter 2024

Vienna, 2024-11-07 – According to Statistics Austria, there was an average of 167 800 vacancies in Austrian enterprises in the third quarter of 2024. This is around 3.9% fewer vacant jobs than in the previous quarter.

“The negative trend on the Austrian job market continues. Domestic enterprises advertised 167 800 jobs in the third quarter. This is 3.9% fewer than in the previous quarter and 17.1% fewer than in the third quarter of the previous year. Nevertheless, the number of vacancies is still 18.1% higher than before the pandemic: 142 100 vacancies were unfilled in the third quarter of 2019”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

The job vacancy rate, i.e. the proportion of vacancies in relation to all available jobs, was at 3.8% in the third quarter of 2024. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points compared to the previous quarter.

By far the most vacancies in the third quarter of 2024 were again in the trade and service sector (99 700), followed by the manufacturing sector (37 800 vacant positions) and the public and social sector (30 300).

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
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

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Q4 2023	181.0	4 188.4	4.1	107.3
Q1 2024	196.4	4 159.5	4.5	97.6
Q2 2024	174.7	4 186,8	4.0	102.7
Q3 2024	167.8	4 216.1	3.8	101.9

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 (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. The number of job vacancies reported to the AMS in selected economic sections is used additionally as supporting information in the extrapolation procedure.

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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