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## Slight increase in job vacancies in Q1 2026

### 11.2% more vacancies than in the previous quarter

Vienna, 2026-05-06 – According to Statistics Austria’s job vacancy survey, Austrian enterprises reported an average of 133 100 vacant positions in the first quarter of 2026. This represents an increase of 11.2% compared to the fourth quarter of 2025.

“In the first 3 months of 2026, the number of job vacancies in Austrian enterprises did not fall further compared with the previous quarter for the first time in almost two years. On average, 133 100 jobs were unfilled, 11.2% more than in the last 3 months of 2025. We have often seen in the past that the number of vacancies rises from the fourth quarter to the first quarter of the following year. At the same time, however, the number of job vacancies in the first quarter of 2026 was –13,6% below the level of the same quarter of the previous year”, says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

The job vacancy rate, i.e. the proportion of vacancies in relation to all available jobs, has increased by 0.3 percentage points from 2.8% in the fourth quarter of 2025 to 3.1% in the first quarter of 2026. Compared to the first quarter of 2025 (3.6%), the job vacancy rate has decreased by 0.5 percentage points. 81.4% of all vacancies were advertised as full-time positions.

in the first quarter of 2026, 30 900 vacancies were reported in the manufacturing sector, 80 500 vacancies in the retail and services sector and 21 700 vacancies in the public and social sector. The sharpest increase was thus seen in the retail and services sector (Q4 2025: 70 600 job vacancies).

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

## Job vacancies since 2023 according to the Job Vacancy Survey and the Public Employment Office (AMS)

Quarters	Job vacancies <sup>1</sup> in 1 000	Employees <sup>1,2</sup> in 1 000	Job vacancy rate <sup>3</sup> in %	Job vacancies according to the AMS <sup>4</sup> in 1 000
Q1 2026	133.1	4 147.1	3.1	76.2
Q4 2025	119.6	4 184.8	2.8	79.8
Q3 2025	138.1	4 216.5	3.2	88.3
Q2 2025	147.9	4 184.8	3.4	89.6
Q1 2025	154.1	4 162.9	3.6	86.1
Q4 2024	156.3	4 211.4	3.6	92.9
Q3 2024	167.8	4 216.1	3.8	101.9
Q2 2024	174.7	4 186.8	4.0	102.7
Q1 2024	196.4	4 159.5	4.5	97.6
Q4 2023	181.0	4 188.4	4.1	107.3
Q3 2023	202.3	4 221.7	4.6	120.5
Q2 2023	214.0	4 183.6	4.9	123.8
Q1 2023	228.3	4 144.4	5.2	118.1

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Job Vacancy Survey. – All sources ÖNACE 2008/ÖNACE 2025 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) until Q4 2025 ÖNACE 2008, B-S; as of Q1 2026 ÖNACE 2025, B-T. – 2) Main Association of Austrian Social Security Institutions/Dachverband der Sozialversicherungsträger (moving quarterly average of the end of month levels for employees). – 3) Job vacancy rate (vacancies\*100/(vacancies+employees)). – 4) Public Employment Office (moving quarterly average of the end of month levels for immediately available job vacancies at the Public Employment Office); until Q4 2024 ÖNACE 2008, B-S; as of Q1 2025 ÖNACE 2025, B-T.

**Information on methodology, definitions:** Statistics Austria has been continuously collecting data on the number of job vacancies since the first quarter of 2009 for economic sections B to S (ÖNACE 2008), and since the first quarter of 2026 for economic sections B to T (ÖNACE 2025). Data on job vacancies are collected in all EU member states and serve as an indicator for the economic development.

**ÖNACE** is the Austrian classification of economic activities. Since the first quarter of 2026, ÖNACE 2025 has been applied for the Job Vacancy Survey. The main difference compared to ÖNACE 2008 is the split of the economic sector “Information and Communication” into the sectors “Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities” and “Telecommunications, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities”. In addition, “Repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” is being reclassified to “Other service activities”. There are no significant changes to the population of surveyed enterprises, which means that the job vacancy figures remain comparable.

The sample of the Job Vacancy Survey consists of around 6 500 enterprises for each quarter, stratified by ÖNACE economic sections and corresponding size classes, with larger enterprises remaining in the sample continuously.

The extrapolation is bound to the number of employed persons according to ÖNACE 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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