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**Austrian labour market during the corona crisis: number of people in employment has recovered significantly in the third quarter of 2020, unemployment remains high**

**Vienna**, 2020-12-09 – The number of persons in employment (according to the international definition) in the third quarter of 2020 was 4 360 300, 31 100 or 0.7% below the figure for the third quarter of 2019. Compared to this year's second quarter, which was heavily affected by the Corona pandemic, the number of persons in employment has recovered significantly with an increase of 146 200 or 3.5%. As the final results of the Labour Force Survey of Statistics Austria further show, the unemployment rate according to the EU definition remained almost unchanged in the third quarter of 2020 compared to the previous quarter at 5.7%, but was still 1.3 percentage points above the previous year's level.

Compared to the same quarter of 2019, the number of job vacancies decreased by about one fifth (-28 500) and amounted to 99 900 in the third quarter of 2020.

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