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**102 600 job vacancies on average in Austria in 2020, 20% fewer than in 2019**

**Vienna**, 2021-02-12 – The coronavirus pandemic had a considerable impact on vacant positions in Austria: According to Statistics Austria, enterprises reported an annual average of 102 600 job vacancies in 2020, which represents a decrease of 20% compared to the previous year. In 2019, there was an annual average of 128 200 job vacancies (+7% compared to 2018). This is the first time there was a statistically significant decline since the beginning of the time series in 2009.

In terms of economic sectors, the strongest decrease in vacant positions was recorded in the service sector with -21.9%, followed by the production sector (-17.7%) and the public sector (-16.0%). The job vacancy rate has declined from 3.0% to 2.6%. The search duration shortened slightly in comparison to the previous years: Approximately half of the vacancies (52.1%) were advertised for less than three months (2019: 47.2%); about one-fifth (22.0%) were permanent postings (2019: 26.7%).

For more detailed information please refer to the [German version](#).