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Significant decline in labour leasing during corona virus pandemic

Vienna, 2022-03-01 – According to Statistics Austria's labour leasing survey, around 167 400 employees were leased to third parties in the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (survey year 2021). A total of 373 900 assignments was recorded with an average duration of approximately 88 days. More than half of the assignments (55%) lasted less than one month.

"Labour leasing has the function of a buffer, with which workers can be flexibly deployed depending on the order situation. The effects of the Corona pandemic have led to a significant decline in labour leasing: While there were 523 500 assignments from July 2018 to June 2019, there were only 373 900 in the comparable period from July 2020 to June 2021. This corresponds to a decline of 29%. The largest decrease was recorded in the tourism and leisure industry," says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

The tourism and leisure industry was particularly affected: The yearly average of leased employees decreased from 2 300 in the survey year 2019 to 980 in the survey year 2021 (-57%).

Approximately 5 900 people were leased out to Austrian companies from EEA countries in the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. Since the survey year 2019, the number of assignments dropped steadily from 16 500 to 14 600 (2020) and 9 000 (2021). This represents a decrease of 45% since the survey year 2019.

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