

Job vacancy survey

2017, 1st quarter

More open job vacancies in the first quarter of 2017 than one year earlier

According to the Job Vacancy Survey of Statistics Finland, there were 58,000 open job vacancies in the first quarter of 2017, while the figure was 48,000 one year before. The shares of fixed-term and part-time jobs in open vacancies remained almost unchanged. The reference period of the data is 1 March.

Job vacancies 2016/I – 2017/I

	Year/Quarter			
	2016/I		2017/I	
	Number	Share, %	Number	Share, %
Job vacancies	48 000		58 000	
Part-time	9 700	20	13 000	22
Fixed term	27 800	58	33 200	57
Hard-to-fill vacancies	13 400	28	16 900	29

The sub-groups are not mutually exclusive so their sum does not correspond with the total number of open job vacancies.

In the first quarter of 2017, in all, 45,500 or 78 per cent of the job vacancies were in establishments owned by private enterprises, while one year earlier the corresponding share was 81 per cent. The number of job vacancies grew compared with one year back primarily in establishments with 10 to 49 employees and in the major region of Northern and Eastern Finland. When examined by the industry of the establishment, job vacancies increased most in the industry groups of other services (R, S) and construction (F).

Employers estimated that 29 per cent of the open job vacancies in the first quarter were hard-to-fill, which is nearly the same share as one year before. Construction establishments had most jobs considered hard to fill. The shares of part-time and fixed-term positions in open job vacancies were also close to the level one year ago. Of all open vacancies, 22 per cent were part-time and 57 per cent fixed-term jobs. The share of fixed-term jobs is usually high in the first quarter due to the search for summer employees, for example. There were plenty of fixed-term jobs available in manufacturing and trade establishments, for instance.

Statistics Finland has been collecting data on open job vacancies quarterly since 2002. The inquiry is directed to persons responsible for recruitment in private and public sector establishments. The data provider can respond either using the web questionnaire or through a telephone interview. The data

collection includes approximately 2,500 different establishments in every quarter. The statistics are based on Regulation (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The objective is to produce up-to-date and comparable information about the number and structure of job openings on the labour markets of EU Member States.

More information about open job vacancies is available in the appendix tables of this release and in the database tables of the statistics (only in Finnish). The figures in the tables are rounded, for which reason the sums do not always amount to the totals. The accuracy of figures and standard errors are explained in the [quality description](#) of the statistical release (only in Finnish).

[Latest data on open job vacancies published by the EU](#) can be found on Eurostat's home page <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>.

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Appendix table 1. Job vacancies by the quarters 2016/I - 2017/I

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/I	2017/I	2016/I - 2017/I
Job vacancies			
Total	48 000	58 000	10 000
Unoccupied	19 400	23 300	3 900
Part-time	9 700	13 000	3 300
Fixed term	27 800	33 200	5 400
Hard to Fill	13 400	16 900	3 600

Appendix table 2. Job vacancies by size of the local kind of activity unit 2016/I - 2017/I

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/I	2017/I	2016/I - 2017/I
Employees			
Total	48 000	58 000	10 000
1-4 persons	7 400	8 100	700
5-9 persons	7 600	7 600	0
10-49 persons	11 800	20 800	9 000
50 or more	21 200	21 500	300

Appendix table 3. Job vacancies by employer sector of the local kind of activity unit 2016/I - 2017/I

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/I	2017/I	2016/I - 2017/I
Employer			
Total	48 000	58 000	10 000
Private enterprise	39 000	45 500	6 500
Local Government	4 800	6 300	1 400
Central Government	400	700	400
Non-Profit Organization	1 500	1 500	0
Other	2 200	4 000	1 800

Appendix table 4. Job vacancies by location (major region 2012) of the local kind of activity unit 2016/I - 2017/I

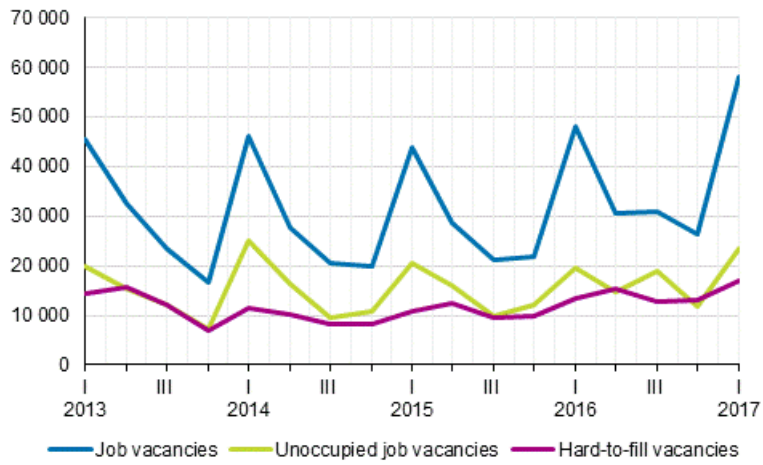
	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/I	2017/I	2016/I - 2017/I
Major region			
Total (incl. Åland)	48 000	58 000	10 000
Helsinki-Uusimaa	14 600	14 500	-200
Southern Finland	8 500	8 800	300
Western Finland	9 600	9 600	0
Northern and Eastern Finland	14 200	24 900	10 700

Appendix table 5. Job vacancies by industry (TOL 2008) of the local kind of activity unit 2016/I - 2017/I

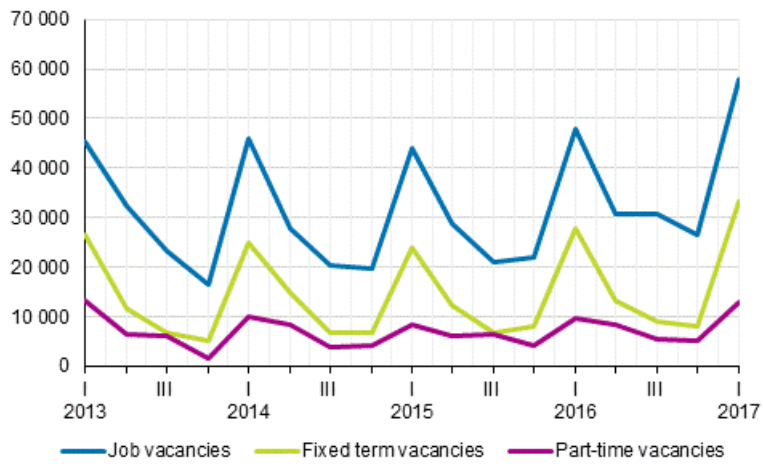
	Year/Quarter		Change
	2016/I	2017/I	2016/I - 2017/I
Industry (TOL 2008)			
Total	48 000	58 000	10 000
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing (01–03)	400	400	0
B-E Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying and other industry (05–39)	12 200	13 600	1 500
F Construction (41–43)	2 400	4 400	1 900
G-I Wholesale and retail trade; Transportation and storage; Accommodation and food service (45–56)	13 600	14 700	1 000
J Information and communication (58–63)	2 900	3 100	200
K,L Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities (64–68)	1 500	1 700	300
M,N Professional, scientific and technical activities; Administrative and support service activities (69–82)	6 500	7 800	1 200
O-Q Public administration; Education, Human health and social work activities (84–88)	5 300	6 800	1 600
R,S Other service activities (90–96)	3 100	5 400	2 300

Appendix figures

Appendix figure 1. Job vacancies by quarter



Appendix figure 2. Job vacancies by quarter by type of employment relationship



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