

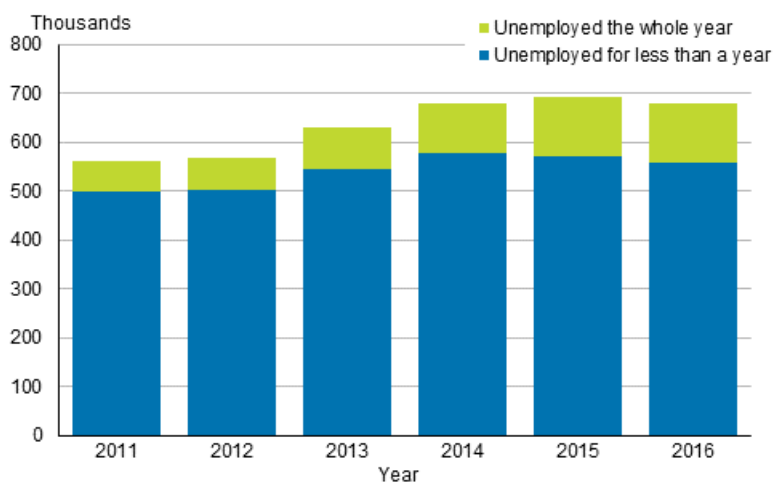
# Employment 2016

## Background information on unemployed persons

### Unemployment made a downturn but the number of persons who had been unemployed the whole year continued growing in 2016

According to Statistics Finland’s employment statistics there were 356,000 unemployed persons at the end 2016 of whom around one-third had been unemployed the whole year. The number of persons who had been unemployed for at least one day during the year was 681,000. The number of unemployed at the end of the year and that of persons who had been unemployed during the year decreased from 2015. Simultaneously, the number of persons who had been unemployed the whole year increased by close on 2,000. The data on unemployment in the employment statistics are based on the data of the Register of Job Seekers of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment.

#### Number of unemployed throughout the year by the duration of unemployment in 2011 to 2016



### Number of persons who had been unemployed the whole year doubled from 2011

In the employment statistics, unemployment can be described either as the number of unemployed persons at the end of the year or as the number of unemployment days accumulated over the year per person. The

number of days is calculated based on the duration of unemployed job seekers' job seeking periods. The number of the unemployed was 356,000 at the end of the year but the number of persons who had been unemployed job seekers for at least one day during the year was 681,000.

The number of persons who had been unemployed the whole year has grown continuously since 2012. The number doubled from 2011 to 2016 and rose to 122,000 (Appendix table 1). The share of persons who had been unemployed for a year of all persons that had experienced unemployment during the year rose to 18 per cent. However, the growth in the number and share of persons who had been unemployed the whole year slowed down in 2016. The total number of persons who had experienced unemployment during the year made a downturn.

## Persons who had been unemployed the whole year older than other unemployed persons

Persons who had been unemployed the whole year were older than other unemployed persons. In the group where unemployment had lasted for under a year the average age was 38 years in 2016 while in the group where unemployment had lasted continuously for the whole year the average age was 48. The share of persons aged 60 or over was 26 per cent of persons who had been unemployed the whole year and only six per cent among those who had been unemployed for under a year.

The majority of all unemployed persons were men: 52 per cent among those who had been unemployed for under a year and slightly more among those who had been unemployed the whole year, 58 per cent.

## Unemployment was prolonged in Uusimaa

The share of those having been unemployed the whole year among all who had experienced unemployment was highest in Uusimaa, 21 per cent, and lowest in Åland, six per cent (Appendix table 2). For the whole country the share was 18 per cent.

When examining the share of all those who had experienced unemployment during the year among the population aged 18 to 64, the share of those who had experienced unemployment was the third lowest among the regions in Uusimaa (17%). In other words, the share of the population having experienced unemployment was lower than average in Uusimaa but among these persons a relatively large share had experienced prolonged unemployment that lasted throughout the year.

In the whole country, 21 per cent of the working age population had been unemployed at some time during the year. In 2016, the share of persons having experienced unemployment was highest in North Karelia, where one-quarter of the working-age population had been unemployed during the year. The share was lowest in Åland, only eight per cent.

## Unemployment is often preceded by unemployment

Ninety-six per cent of those who had been unemployed for the whole year 2016 had also been unemployed at the end of 2015 and nearly one-half had also been unemployed for the whole year 2015. Of those who had experienced unemployment for less than a year, 43 per cent had been unemployed at the end of the previous year, around one-third had been employed and slightly over ten per cent students.

**Main type of activity in 2015 of persons who had been unemployed during 2016 by the duration of unemployment, %**

Main type of activity 2015	Persons who had been unemployed for less than a year in 2016, %	Persons who had been unemployed for the whole year in 2016, %
Employed	33.4	2.2
Unemployed	43.3	95.7
Student, pupil	11.4	0.3
Other	11.9	1.8
Total, %	100.0	100.0
Total, number	558,766	122,097

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**Appendix table 1. Persons who had been unemployed during the year by the duration of unemployment in 2006 to 2016**

Year	Persons who had been unemployed during the year, number	Persons who had been unemployed for the whole year, number	Share of persons who had been unemployed for the whole year of the unemployed, %
2006	555,483	60,543	10.9
2007	515,256	49,379	9.6
2008	505,960	41,945	8.3
2009	610,582	51,428	8.4
2010	602,205	61,912	10.3
2011	560,507	61,138	10.9
2012	569,094	67,334	11.8
2013	629,962	85,981	13.6
2014	680,350	100,780	14.8
2015	692,223	120,128	17.4
2016	680,863	122,097	17.9

**Appendix table 2. Working-age population, persons who had been unemployed during the year and their share of working-age population and the share of persons who had been unemployed for the whole year among the unemployed by region in 2016**

Region	Population aged 18 to 64, number	Persons who had been unemployed during the year, number <sup>1)</sup>	Persons who had been unemployed for the whole year, number	Persons who had been unemployed during the year among the population aged 18 to 64, %	Share of persons who had been unemployed for the whole year of the unemployed, %
Central Finland	162,129	39,365	7,912	24.3	20.1
Central Ostrobothnia	38,465	7,288	927	18.9	12.7
Etelä-Savo	82,762	19,157	2,919	23.1	15.2
Kainuu	42,548	10,561	1,336	24.8	12.7
Kanta-Häme	99,811	19,626	3,108	19.7	15.8
Kymenlaakso	101,186	24,608	4,632	24.3	18.8
Lapland	105,101	26,687	3,897	25.4	14.6
North Karelia	95,624	24,793	4,218	25.9	17.0
North Ostrobothnia	238,863	55,425	8,284	23.2	14.9
Ostrobothnia	104,044	17,864	2,306	17.2	12.9
Pirkanmaa	305,509	68,527	14,330	22.4	20.9
Pohjois-Savo	145,032	30,477	5,061	21.0	16.6
Päijät-Häme	115,465	27,548	5,684	23.9	20.6
Satakunta	125,296	30,073	4,254	24.0	14.1
South Karelia	75,243	17,900	2,972	23.8	16.6
South Ostrobothnia	107,432	20,862	1,993	19.4	9.6
Uusimaa	1,036,679	179,738	37,983	17.3	21.1
Varsinais-Suomi	282,918	58,968	10,198	20.8	17.3
Åland	17,310	1,396	83	8.1	5.9
Whole country	3,281,417	680,863	122,097	20.7	17.9

1) The number of all unemployed persons aged 15 to 64 has been proportioned to the number of working-age persons (aged 18 to 64) because there was relatively few unemployed persons aged under 18 during the year, 1,105 persons, which is 0.2 per cent of all persons who had been unemployed during the year.

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