



Central Bureau of Statistics

Tel: 54 22355 – fax 54 23022

W.G.Buncamperroad 33

E-mail: info@cbs.an

www.cbs.an

PRESS RELEASE

Willemstad, 13 August 2007

Results of the 2006 Job Vacancy Survey Sint Maarten:

Job Vacancies in Construction Escalate

Labor market statistics comprise information about the supply as well as the demand of labor. The bi-annual Labor Force Survey provides information about the supply of labor. The aim of the recently conducted Job Vacancy Survey is to measure the latest developments on the demand side of labor market and to give a clear picture of these developments.

In November 2006, the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) conducted the Job Vacancy Survey in Curacao, Bonaire en Sint Maarten. This survey was previously conducted in June 1998. The figures presented reflect *snapshot situations* and therefore no conclusions can be drawn on developments that took place *between* these two moments in time.

Following are the main results of the survey:

1. The results of the Job Vacancy Survey in Sint Maarten show that compared to June 1998, the total number of vacancies have doubled. Most of the surge in vacancies can be attributed to demand in Construction. The job vacancy rate went up from 2.1 in 1998 to 4.1 in 2006.
2. The demand for labour is directed mainly towards persons with a low level of education, meaning an education not higher than MAVO/LBO/VSBO. These vacancies make up 65 percent of all vacancies.
3. There is a shift on the labour market from a demand for persons with a broad educational level in 1998 towards a demand for persons with a specific type of profession

in 2006. The demand for persons with a technical profession is the highest (35 percent of all vacancies).

4. Within a year after the survey, there are almost 400 new vacancies expected, of which 13 percent will be open for trainees.

5. Approximately 65 percent of all enterprises is little or not aware of the renewals in the local educational system or of the project “Social Formation”.

////////////////////////////////////

The complete report is available at our office or you can download it from our website: www.cbs.an/publications