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**Stories of Being Unemployed 2018**

Dataset guide



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# To the reader

This dataset guide is part of the dataset FSD3393 archived at the FSD (Finnish Social Science Data Archive). The guide begins with information on data content, structure and collection. There is also a list of publications wholly or in part based on the data, according to publication information received by the FSD. The data guide may contain attached files, for instance, interview questions or themes, participation invitation, transcription guidelines, or stimulation material used in the study. In case of textual data, there is also a data example, demonstrating, for instance, the level of transcription.

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# Chapter 1

## Study description

### 1.1 Titles

**Titles and data version:** Stories of Being Unemployed 2018

**Titles and data version in Finnish:** Työttömän tarina -kirjoituskilpailu 2018

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### 1.2 Subject description

#### **Authoring entity**

Näre, Lena (University of Helsinki)  
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#### **Copyright statement for the data**

In accordance with the agreement between FSD and the depositor.

#### **Depositor**

Hupaniittu, Outi (Finnish Literature Society. Archive)

#### **Date of deposit**

13.11.2019

### **Keywords**

employment services; everyday life; labour policy; poverty; social security; social skills; social status; unemployment

### **Topic Classification**

**Fields of Science Classification:** Social sciences

**CESSDA Classification:** Equality, inequality and social exclusion; General health and well-being; Income, property and investment/saving; Unemployment

### **Series description**

The data belong to the series:

Individual datasets

Individual datasets that do not belong to any series.

### **Abstract**

The dataset consists of 165 texts on experiences of being unemployed in Finland. The texts are written in varying styles and lengths. Data collection was conducted in collaboration by the Finnish Literature Society and Lena Näre.

The invitation to write directed the participants to write about their own experiences of unemployment or how they had experienced the unemployment of someone close to them. Main themes in many of the texts included the reasons behind unemployment, such as sickness, temporary layoffs, and job contract terminations. The texts described everyday life during unemployment and how becoming employed again had affected the participants' quality of life. Employment services were also discussed in the writings. The Finnish activation model for unemployment security was still in effect during data collection (repealed at the beginning of 2020), so the writers were able to discuss their experiences relating to the model.

Background information included the participant's name or pseudonym, occupation, year of birth, area of residence and gender. The data were organised into an easy to use HTML version at FSD.

The dataset is only available in Finnish.

## **1.3 Structure and collection of the data**

**Country:** Finland

**Geographic coverage:** Finland

**Analysis or observation unit type:** Individual



**Universe:** People living in Finland who had experienced unemployment

**Collection date:** 1.5.2018 – 31.10.2018

**Data collector(s):** Finnish Literature Society. Archive

**Mode of data collection:** Self-administered writings and/or diaries: Web-based, Self-administered writings and/or diaries: E-mail

**Type of research instrument:** Data collection guidelines: Self-administered writings guide

**Time method of the data collection:** Cross-section

**Sampling procedure:** Non-probability: Availability

Writing guidelines were posted as an open invitation on the Finnish Literature Society website. Furthermore, a writing invitation was sent to regular SKS contributors. The text could be delivered using an online form on the SKS website, by e-mail, or by letter.

**Data Files:** 165 texts in ODT format. Additionally, the data were organised into an easy to use HTML version and a CSV version.

## 1.4 Use of data

### Data appraisal

205 texts were received, of which 165 were archived at FSD. The archived data do not contain the texts of writers who did not give consent for archiving. Additionally, two texts were removed by FSD because they had already been published online. Any photos that were delivered with the data were not archived due to copyright reasons. The complete data are stored at the archive of the Finnish Literature Society (SKS).

To prevent identification of individuals, mentions of writers' names and other direct identifiers were removed. The names of persons mentioned in the texts were either removed or replaced with a pseudonym if they occurred more than once. If necessary, indirect identifiers, such as municipality names, were also removed from the data. Changes made at FSD were marked with [square brackets].

### Related publications

Luukinen, Johanna (2022). Työttömyyden stigma: työttömyyttä kokeneiden kertomana. Kandidaatintutkielma. Yhteiskuntatutkimus. Tampere: Tampereen yliopisto.

Updated list of publications in the study description at

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### Location of the data collection

Finnish Social Science Data Archive

### **Special Permissions**

The data may contain identifiers that have not been anonymised (e.g. person names, information on place of residence, names of work places and such). When publishing quotations from the data, users need to consider very carefully in each specific case what information needs to be removed or altered according to research ethical guidelines.

### **Restrictions**

The dataset is (B) available for research, teaching and study.