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ECONOMIC REASONS: Jobs and Careers

According to a recent [study](#) which was commissioned by the Association of Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers (VDE), up to nine years from now Germany may face a shortage of 100,000 engineers, particularly in the specific area of electrical engineering and IT.

Another [study published in August](#) conducted by research institute Prognos AG similarly found that in addition to other professions in Germany, such as those in the trades and in medicine, a significant number of workers in the engineering industry may be lacking by 2030.

But it's not only employment opportunities in engineering that exist in Deutschland. Employees are also needed in the transportation, logistics and retail sectors. In addition, there's nationwide demand for more employees to work in warehouses and for traffic infrastructure.

As the pie graph above shows, 9.1 percent of job postings in 2017 were in distribution and sales and 8.2 percent were in organizational and project management roles. These were followed by construction and skilled crafts and trade jobs (7.9 percent), jobs dealing with the law, taxes and finance (7.6 percent) and employment in the hospitality and tourism industry (7.4 percent).

Additionally, around six percent of vacancies are in three respective areas: health, medicine and social affairs, secretarial, administration and office management as well as business leadership and management.

The biggest portion of job openings in Germany is not in the primary or secondary sector, but rather, in the tertiary sector, the BA states. Tertiary sector jobs are in services rather than manufacturing (secondary) or mining, agriculture, fishing (primary).

In February 2018, the BA registered some 640,000 job vacancies in the tertiary sector, over half of which were positions in the economic services area (336,000). Around 11,600 vacancies were recorded for positions in education and teaching - which reflects the findings of a recent study.

The current nationwide shortage of some 2,000 positions for school teachers across Germany will [increase dramatically over the next seven years](#), according to a Bertelsmann Foundation study published in January. The foundation calculates that by 2025, a total of 35,000 school teacher positions will need to be filled.