

Unemployment in Spain up by 0.8 pct in August

MADRID, Sept. 4 (Xinhua) -- The total number of unemployed people in Spain rose for the first time in five months in August, reaching more than 4.6 million, the Spanish Ministry of Employment and Social Security said on Tuesday. The figure was about 38,000, or 0.8 percent, higher than that of the previous month, as August saw the end of many temporary summer work contracts. The Minister noted that the monthly increase was the lowest for the same period since 2006. In August 2011, the number of unemployed people in Spain had risen by 51,185 people. Another slightly positive note was that unemployment among people under 25 years old fell by 4,060, a 0.9 percent dip from the previous month.