

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by December 31, 2007

By December 31, 2007 job offices registered altogether 354,878 job seekers. That is by 13,440 more than at the end of November. The number of job seekers decreased by 93,667 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 331,696.

In the course of December, job offices registered altogether 44,696 newcomers. That is by 1,046 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 6,832 newly registered job seekers less than in December of the preceding year.

In December, job offices registration was terminated with 31,256 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 17,658 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 13,598 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 73 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Písek (18.8 %), Pelhřimov (14.7 %), Jindřichův Hradec (14.6 %) and Jeseník (12.5 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 4 job offices in the Czech Republic** - in districts Jablonec nad Nisou (1.1 %), Ostrava (1.0 %), Ústí nad Labem (0.4 %) and Most (0.1 %).

At the end of December, job offices registered 191,150 female job seekers, that is 53.9 % of the unemployed in total, and **65,216 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 18.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By December 31, 2007, 22,680 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.4 % (November 2007 – 6.9 %, December 2006 – 7.1 %).

In December 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 122,675 job seekers, that is 31.8 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2007 – 29.9 %, December 2006 – 29.0 %).

By December 31, 2007, the unemployment rate was 6.0 % (November 2007: 5.6 %, December 2006: 7.7 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 34 districts, the highest being in Most (15.5 %), Karviná (13.4 %), Teplice (11.7 %), Znojmo (11.5 %), Ústí n/L (11.3 %), and Jeseník (11.1 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha–západ (1.6 %), Praha–východ (1.8 %), Mladá Boleslav a Praha (both 2.2 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 7.4 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.9 %.**

By December 31, 2007, job offices registered altogether 141,066 vacancies. That is by 214 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 47,641 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.5 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (16.1), Jeseník (13.5), Bruntál (13.2) and Karviná (12.8).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,568 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 14.3 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 29,336 vacancies, that is 0.8 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.7 % in November 2007.