

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by March 31, 2017**

**By March 31, 2017 job offices registered altogether 356,112 job seekers.** That is by 24,096 less than at the end of February. The number of job seekers decreased by 86,997 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers in age 15 to 64 years (job seekers currently available for work) was 332,098.

**In the course of job offices registered altogether 40,347 newcomers.** That is by 1,601 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 1,013 newly registered job seekers less than in March of the preceding year.

**In March, job offices registration was terminated with 64,443 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by 44,504 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,939 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 77 districts** – Jindřichův Hradec (17.2 %), Strakonice (16.2 %), Pelhřimov and Klatovy (both 15.5 %), Písek (14.9 %), Domažlice (14.6 %), Chrudim (13.9 %), Prachatice (13.5 %) and Jihlava (13.3 %).

**At the end of March, job offices registered 176,976 female job seekers,** that is 49.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **53,473 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 15.0 % of the unemployed in total.

**By March 31, 2017, 14,332 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment by 4.0 % (February 2017 – 4.0 %, March 2016 – 4.5 %).

**In March 2017, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 99,950 job seekers,** that is 28.1 % of all job seekers under registration (February 2017 – 29.8 %, March 2016 – 24.7 %).

**By March 31, 2017, there were 26,819 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy** and there were **46,220 vacancies** delimited for persons with reduced working capacity.

**By March 31, 2017, the share of unemployed was 4.8 %** (February 2017 – 5.1 %, March 2016 – 6.1 %), time series - [http://portal.mpsv.cz/sz/stat/nz/casove\\_rady](http://portal.mpsv.cz/sz/stat/nz/casove_rady).

Share of unemployed equal or higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 36 districts, the highest being in Karviná (9.9 %), Most (9.7 %), Jeseník (8.8 %), Ostrava-město (8.5 %), Ústí nad Labem (8.4 %), Bruntál (8.3 %), Znojmo (8.1 %), Děčín and Chomutov (both 7.6 %). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Rychnov nad Kněžnou (1.6 %), Praha-východ (1.7 %), Mladá Boleslav and Praha-západ (both 2.5 %), Benešov (2.6 %), Plzeň-město and Pelhřimov (both 2.7 %), Jičín and Plzeň-jih (both 2.8 %). **Share of unemployed - men was 4.8 % and share of unemployed – women was 4.8 %.**

**By March 31, 2017, job offices registered altogether 150,917 vacancies.** That is by 7,819 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 33,582 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.4 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (13.9), Jeseník (10.0), Ústí nad Labem (8.9), Sokolov (7.4), Hodonín (7.1), Znojmo (6.5), Chomutov (6.3) and Bruntál (6.0). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 12,137 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is

4.4 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 41,094 vacancies, that is 0.3 seekers per vacancy.

**Unemployment rate** (EUROSTAT – ILO, NSA data) was **3.5 % in February 2017**.