

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 28, 2007**

**By February 28, 2007 job offices registered altogether 454,737 job seekers.** That is by 10,721 less than at the end of January. The number of job seekers decreased by 73,417 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 422,944.

**In the course of February, job offices registered altogether 40,720 newcomers.** That is by 35,517 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 5,012 newly registered job seekers less than in February of the preceding year.

**In February, job offices registration was terminated with 51,441 seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by – 33,928 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,513 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by all 77 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Rychnov nad Kněžnou (8.0 %), Náchod (6.4 %), Chrudim (5.5 %), Prachatice (5.2 %) and Klatovy (5.1 %).**

**At the end of February, job offices registered 236,762 female job seekers,** that is 52.1 % of the unemployed in total, and **72,303 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 15.9 % of the unemployed in total.

**By February 28, 2007, 29,728 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.5 % (January 2007 – 6.7 %, February 2006 – 7.1 %).

**In February 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 143,071 job seekers,** that is 31.5 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2007 – 31.3 %, February 2006 – 30.5 %).

**By February 28, 2007, the unemployment rate was 7.7 %** (January 2007: 7.9 %, February 2006: 9.1 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ (1.9 %), Praha-východ (2.2 %), Praha (2.6 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.0 %) and Pelhřimov (3.9 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 32 districts, the highest being in Most (19.2 %), Karviná (16.7 %), Jeseník (15.8 %), Teplice (15.1 %) and Znojmo (14.8 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.1 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.6 %.**

**By February 28, 2007, job offices registered altogether 104,877 vacancies.** That is by 6,981 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 38,390 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 4.3 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (24.3), Most (18.2), Jeseník (18.0), Bruntál (16.3) and Teplice (16.0).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,682 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 19.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 19,135 vacancies, that is 1.6 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.1 % in January 2006.**