

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

By July 31, 2007 job offices registered altogether 376,608 job seekers. That is by 5,817 more than at the end of June. The number of job seekers decreased by 81,662 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 354,785.

In the course of July, job offices registered altogether 48,925 newcomers. That is by 10,774 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 2,815 newly registered job seekers less than in July of the preceding year.

In July, job offices registration was terminated with 43,108 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 24,465 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 18,643 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 62 offices – Pelhřimov (10.6 %), Chrudim and Domažlice (both 7.5 %) and Blansko (7.0%). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 14 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Jeseník (4.0 %), Jindřichův Hradec (3.2 %), Teplice (2.8 %) and Most (2.0 %).

At the end of July, job offices registered 212,000 female job seekers, that is 56.3 % of the unemployed in total, and **67,514 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 17.9 % of the unemployed in total.

By July 31, 2007, 20,068 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 5.3 % (June 2007 – 5.0 %, July 2006 – 6.0 %).

In July 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 111,681 job seekers, that is 29.7 % of all job seekers under registration (June 2007 – 28.7 %, July 2006 – 27.8 %).

By July 31, 2007, the unemployment rate was 6.4 % (June 2007: 6.3 %, July 2006: 7.9 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ (1.7 %), Praha-východ (2.0 %), Praha and Mladá Boleslav (both 2.5 %) and Pelhřimov (3.0 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 32 districts, the highest being in Most (17.4 %), Karviná (14.9 %), Teplice (12.7 %), Ústí nad Labem (12.3 %), Děčín (11.4 %) and Ostrava (11.2 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 8.3 % and unemployment rate - men was 5.0 %.**

By July 31, 2007, job offices registered altogether 123,951 vacancies. That is by 682 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 35,734 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 3.0 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (23.0), Děčín (14.3), Karviná (14.1), Bruntál (12.5) and Teplice (10.8).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,059 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 16.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 25,342 vacancies, that is 0.8 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 5.4 % in June 2007.