

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

By January 31, 2007 job offices registered altogether 465,458 job seekers. That is by 16,913 more than at the end of December 2006. The number of job seekers decreased by 65,777 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 434,940.

In the course of January, job offices registered altogether 76,237 newcomers. That is by 24,709 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 1,969 newly registered job seekers more than in January of the preceding year.

In January, job offices registration was terminated with 59,324 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 36,079 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 23,245 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 70 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Praha-východ (21.9 %), Brno-venkov (15.7. %), Cheb (13.8 %), Jeseník (11.7 %), Pelhřimov (11.3 %) and Písek (10.8 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 7 job offices in the Czech Republic** - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Plzeň-jih (10.1 %), Frýdek Místek (1.3 %), Brno-město (0.5 %) and Břeclav (0.4 %).

At the end of January 2007, job offices registered 242,891 female job seekers, that is 52.2 % of the unemployed in total, and **72,756 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 15.6 % of the unemployed in total.

By January 31, 2007, 30,959 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.7 % (December 2006 – 7.1 %, January 2006 – 7.2 %).

In January 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 145,546 job seekers, that is 31.3 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2006 – 29.0 %, January 2006 – 30.1 %).

By January 31, 2007, the unemployment rate was 7.9 % (December 2006: 7.7 %, January 2006: 9.2 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ (2.0 %), Praha-východ (2.3 %), Praha (2.7 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.1 %) and Pelhřimov (4.0 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 34 districts, the highest being in Most (20.0 %), Karviná (17.0 %), Jeseník (16.0 %), Teplice (15.6 %) and Znojmo (14.9 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.4 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.8 %.**

By January 31, 2007, job offices registered altogether 97,896 vacancies. That is by 4,471 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 38,537 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 4.8 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (31.1), Bruntál (19.6), Jeseník (19.2), Most (18.7) and Teplice (16.1).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,332 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 21.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 18,069 vacancies, that is 1.7 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 6.9 % in December 2006.