

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by March 31, 2009**

**By March 31, 2009 job offices registered altogether 448,912 job seekers.** That is by 20,064 more than at the end of February. The number of job seekers increased by 112,615 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 437,020.

**In the course of March, job offices registered altogether 70,429 newcomers.** That is by 1,220 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 32,398 newly registered job seekers more than in March of the preceding year.

**In March, job offices registration was terminated with 50,365 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by – 32,512 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,853 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 Rychnov nad Kněžnou (13.2 %), Praha-východ (13.0 %), Šumperk (10.5 %), Plzeň-jih (10.3 %), Plzeň-město (9.7 %) and Blánsko (9.5 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 4 job offices** in the Czech Republic – Písek (3.9 %), Český Krumlov (1.5 %), Louny (1.3 %) and Jeseník (0.1 %).

**At the end of March, job offices registered 216,988 female job seekers,** that is 48.3 % of the unemployed in total, and **64,373 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 14.3 % of the unemployed in total.

**By March 31, 2009, 27,026 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.0 % (February 2009 – 6.1 %, March 2008 – 6.1 %).

**In March 2009, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 203,142 job seekers,** that is 45.3 % of all job seekers under registration (February 2009 – 44.0 %, March 2008 – 32.6 %).

**By March 31, 2009, the unemployment rate was 7.7 %** (February 2009: 7.4 %, March 2008: 5.6 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 45 districts, the highest being in Most (14.9 %), Jeseník (14.6 %), Bruntál (14.1 %), Karviná (13.7 %), Znojmo (13.5 %), Hodonín (13.4 %) and Děčín (13.2 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.5 %), Praha (2.6 %), Praha-západ (2.7 %), Mladá Boleslav and Benešov (both 4.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 8.7 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.0 %.**

**By March 31, 2009, job offices registered altogether 55,412 vacancies.** That is by 9,469 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 95,899 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 8.1 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (58.6), Teplice (45.9), Karviná (42.6), Děčín (37.6), Bruntál (35.5) and Prostějov (34.7). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,484 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 25.9 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 7,040 vacancies, that is 3.8 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 5.1 % in February 2009.**