

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by March 31, 2008

By March 31, 2008 job offices registered altogether 336,297 job seekers. That is by 18,736 less than at the end of February. The number of job seekers decreased by 94,177 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 312,009.

In the course of March, job offices registered altogether 38,031 newcomers. That is by 1,971 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 2,431 newly registered job seekers less than in March of the preceding year.

In March, job offices registration was terminated with 56,767 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 38,612 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 18,155 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 Jindřichův Hradec (14.5 %), Jeseník (10.1 %), Pelhřimov (9.9 %) and Chrudim (9.5 %).

At the end of March, job offices registered 180,027 female job seekers, that is 53.5 % of the unemployed in total, and **62,072 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 19.1 % of the unemployed in total.

By March 31, 2008, 20,492 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.1 % (February 2008 – 6.1 %, March 2007 – 6.4 %).

In March 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 109,783 job seekers, that is 32.6 % of all job seekers under registration (February 2008 – 34.1 %, March 2007 – 30.5 %).

By March 31, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.6 % (February 2008: 5.9 %, March 2007: 7.3 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (14.0 %), Karviná (12.7 %), Teplice (11.4 %), Ústí nad Labem (10.8 %), Znojmo and Jeseník both (10.6 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha–východ (1.6 %), Praha–západ (1.8 %), Praha and Mladá Boleslav (both 2.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 6.9 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.6 %.**

By March 31, 2008, job offices registered altogether 151,311 vacancies. That is by 983 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 43,602 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.2 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (13.3), Děčín (13.0), Bruntál (10.9), Karviná (10.8) and Teplice (9.9).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,457 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 14.4 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 29,174 vacancies, that is 0.7 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.8 % in February 2008.