

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by April 30, 2008

By April 30, 2008 job offices registered altogether 316,118 job seekers. That is by 20,179 less than at the end of March. The number of job seekers decreased by 86,814 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 292,465.

In the course of April, job offices registered altogether 42,515 newcomers. That is by 4,484 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 1,659 newly registered job seekers more than in April of the preceding year.

In April, job offices registration was terminated with 62,694 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 42,596 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 20,098 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 76 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Jindřichův Hradec (15.4 %), Písek (14.3 %), Znojmo (12.7 %) and Jeseník (12.6 %).

At the end of April, job offices registered 173,049 female job seekers, that is 54.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **62,312 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 19.7 % of the unemployed in total.

By April 30, 2008, 19,144 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.1 % (March 2008 – 6.1 %, April 2007 – 6.2 %).

In April 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 101,040 job seekers, that is 32.0 % of all job seekers under registration (March 2008 – 32.6 %, April 2007 – 28.7 %).

By April 30, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.2 % (March 2008: 5.6 %, April 2007: 6.8 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 35 districts, the highest being in Most (12.9 %), Karviná (12.3 %), Teplice (11.0 %), Ústí nad Labem (10.4 %) and Děčín (10.0 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (1.5 %), Praha-západ (1.7 %), Praha (2.0 %) and Mladá Boleslav (2.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 6.6 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.2 %.**

By April 30, 2008, job offices registered altogether 152,267 vacancies. That is by 956 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 38,372 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.1 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (14.3), Jeseník (11.0), Karviná (9.6), Teplice (9.5), Bruntál and Most (10.9),

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,706 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 13.2 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 28,987 vacancies, that is 0.7 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.6 % in March 2008.