

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by July 31, 2008**

**By July 31, 2008 job offices registered altogether 310,058 job seekers.** That is by 12,178 more than at the end of June. The number of job seekers decreased by 66,550 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 274,674.

**In the course of July, job offices registered altogether 52,105 newcomers.** That is by 12,410 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 3,180 newly registered job seekers more than in July of the preceding year.

**In July, job offices registration was terminated with 39,927 seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by - 20,637 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,290 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 (13.5 %), Pelhřimov (12.3 %), Praha-východ (10.5 %) and Jihlava (10.3 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 3 job offices** in the Czech Republic - in districts Teplice (0.8 %), Karviná (0.7 %) and Jindřichův Hradec (0.5 %).

**At the end of July, job offices registered 176,845 female job seekers,** that is 56.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **60,276 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 29.4 % of the unemployed in total.

**By July 31, 2008, 17,151 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 5.5 % (June 2008 – 5.1 %, July 2007 – 5.3 %).

**In July 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 106,665 job seekers,** that is 34.4 % of all job seekers under registration (June 2008 – 32.5 %, July 2007 – 29.7 %).

**By July 31, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.3 %** (June 2008: 5.0 %, July 2007: 6.4 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 37 districts, the highest being in Most (12.7 %), Karviná (11.8 %), Teplice (10.3 %) and Ústí nad Labem (9.9 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (1.6 %), Praha-západ (1.7 %), Praha and Mladá Boleslav (2.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 6.9 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.0 %.**

**By July 31, 2008, job offices registered altogether 150,240 vacancies.** That is by 1,641 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 26,289 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 Jeseník (13.4), Děčín (12.7), Most (8.6) and Karviná (8.5). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,567 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 27,106 vacancies, that is 0.6 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.1 % in June 2008.**