

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by March 31, 2006

By March 31, 2006 job offices registered altogether 514 759 job seekers. That is by 13,395 less than at the end of February 2006. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 25,697 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 479,984.

In the course of March, job offices registered altogether 46,822 newcomers. That is by 1,090 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 3,693 newly registered job seekers more than in March of the preceding year.

In March, job offices registration was terminated with 60,217 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 39,162 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 21,055 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 77 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Chrudim (6.6 %), Plzeň-south (6.4 %), Litoměřice (6.1 %) and Znojmo and Hradec Králové (both 5.7 %).

At the end of March 2006, job offices registered 260,538 female job seekers, that is 50.6 % of the unemployed in total, and **76,324 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 14.8 % of the unemployed in total.

By March 31, 2006, 35,887 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.0 % (February 2006 – 7.1 %, March 2005 – 7.5 %).

In March 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 153,550 job seekers, that is 29.8 % of all job seekers under registration (February 2006 – 30.5 %, March 2005 – 28.6 %).

By March 31, 2006, the unemployment rate was 8.8 % (February 2006: 9.1 %, March 2005: 9.4 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.6 %), Praha-západ (2.7 %), Praha (3.1 %) and Mladá Boleslav (3.7 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 30 districts, the highest being in Most (20.8 %), Karviná (18.6 %), Jeseník (18.3. %), Teplice (16.9 %) and Bruntál (15.7 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.2 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.8 %.**

By March 31, 2006, job offices registered altogether 70,473 vacancies. That is by 3,986 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 14,607 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 7.3 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (52.5), Most (34.9), Teplice (27.2) and Bruntál (25.3).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,161 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 35.3 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 9,980 vacancies, that is 3.6 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 8.0 % in February 2005.