Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by January 31, 2011

By January 31, 2011 job offices registered altogether 571,863 job seekers. That is by 10,312 more than at the end of **December**. The number of job seekers decreased by 2,363 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 555,133.

In the course of January, job offices registered altogether 67,524 newcomers. That is by 28,997 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 20,552 newly registered job seekers less than in January of the preceding year.

In January, job offices registration was terminated with 57,212 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 38,498 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 18,714 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 70 job offices in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jindřichův Hradec (6.7 %), Benešov, Znojmo and Cheb (6.4 %) and Tábor (6.3 %). A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 7 job offices in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Trutnov (0.9 %), Nový Jičín (0.8 %) and Brnoměsto (0.7 %).

At the end of January, job offices registered 266,154 female job seekers, that is 46.5 % of the unemployed in total, and 70,398 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 12.3 % of the unemployed in total.

By January 31, 2011, 34,325 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.0% (December 2010 - 6.3%, January 2010 - 6.1%).

In January 2011, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 191,988 job seekers, that is 33.6 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2010 - 31.9 %, January 2010 - 37.3 %).

By January 31, 2011, the unemployment rate was 9.7 % (December 2010: 9.6 %, January 2010: 9.8 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 48 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (21.0 %), Bruntál (18.5 %), Most (17.0 %), Hodonín (16.5 %) and Děčín (16.0 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha, Praha – západ and Praha-východ (4.1 %) and Mladá Boleslav (5.2 %). The unemployment rate - women was 10.5 % and unemployment rate - men was 9.1 %.

By January 31, 2011, job offices registered altogether 31,393 vacancies. That is by 590 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 164 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 18.2 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (62.1), Jeseník (56.1), Třebíč (53.9) and Teplice (52.8). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,906 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 36.9 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 5,136 vacancies, that is 6.7 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was **7.8** % in **December 2010**.