

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic - May 2004

By May 31, 2004 job centers registered altogether 520,442 job seekers. That is by 14,649 less than at the end of April 2004. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers increased by 23,664 persons.

In the course of May, job centers registered altogether 46,578 newcomers. That is by 330 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 4,071 newly registered job seekers more than in May of the preceding year.

In May, job centers registration was terminated with 61,227 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by - 44,964 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job centres excluded 16,263 job seekers due to other reasons (rule breakers, retirement, etc.).

A monthly decrease of the unemployed was witnessed by 74 job centers of the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts okresů Jeseník (7.7 %), Chrudim (6.4 %), Znojmo and Český Krumlov (both 6,2 %). **A monthly increase of the unemployed was witnessed by 3 job centers of the Czech Republic** - Tachov and Cheb (both 1.9 %) and Domažlice (1.0 %).

At the end of May 2004, job centers registered 266,934 female job seekers, that is 51.3 % of the unemployed in total, and **72,871 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 14.0 % of the unemployed in total.

By May 31, 2004, 42,397 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered,** that is by 6,286 less than in the preceding month and by 5,635 less than in the same period of the preceding year. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 8.1 % (May 2003: 9.7 %).

In May 2004, job centers paid off unemployment benefits to 162,390 job seekers, that is 31.2 % of all job seekers under registration (May 2003 - 32.2 %).

By May 31, 2004, the unemployment rate under registration was 9.9 % (May 2003: 9.4 %, March 2004: 10.2 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Prague-West (3.2 %), Praha-East (4.0 %) and Prague (4.3 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 29 districts, the highest being in Most (24.1 %), Karviná (21.0 %), Teplice (18.5 %) and Ostrava (18.4 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 11.6 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.6 %.**

By May 31, 2004, job centers registered altogether 44,660 vacancies. That is by 2,003 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 2,316 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 11.7 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (75.3), Most (66.5) and Frýdek Místek (51.5).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job centers 1,483 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 49.1 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 7,317 vacancies, that is 5.8 seekers per vacancy.

General unemployment rate (ILO), the indicator derived from LFSS results in compliance with international definitions and recommendations, was **8.7 % in the 1st quarter 2004.**

Sequence of regions by unemployment rate - May 2004

Region	unemployment rate (in %) ↓	monthly increase in unemployment (in %) ↓	number of job- seekers per 1 vacancy ↓
Most	24,1	0,0	66,5
Karviná	21,0	-0,8	75,3
Teplice	18,5	-1,4	35,2
Ostrava-město	18,4	-2,2	38,7
Chomutov	17,8	-2,8	47,7
Bruntál	16,8	-3,8	45,5
Jeseník	15,8	-7,7	23,3
Louny	15,7	-2,9	25,4
Děčín	15,2	-1,6	21,9
Frýdek-Místek	14,7	-3,6	51,5
Hodonín	14,5	-2,4	20,7
Ústí nad Labem	14,0	-1,0	26,0
Nový Jičín	13,7	-4,3	29,3
Přerov	13,3	-3,7	27,4
Sokolov	13,2	-1,3	18,4
Litoměřice	13,2	-3,9	33,9
Třebíč	12,8	-4,6	23,4
Znojmo	12,6	-6,2	17,0
Svitavy	12,3	-1,1	10,8
Šumperk	11,9	-3,4	21,6
Opava	11,6	-4,5	20,5
Kroměříž	11,5	-4,5	20,9
Vsetín	11,4	-3,4	20,5
Břeclav	11,0	-0,9	23,0
Brno-město	10,9	-1,4	17,3
Olomouc	10,8	-4,8	10,1
Karlovy Vary	10,7	-1,9	16,7
Kutná Hora	10,6	-3,9	20,7
Vyškov	9,9	-3,8	23,6
Liberec	9,9	-2,1	6,9
Prostějov	9,7	-2,1	5,3
Česká Lípa	9,7	-4,2	11,0
Kladno	9,6	-2,3	17,4
Tachov	9,5	1,9	12,8
Zlín	9,4	-3,0	17,5
Český Krumlov	9,4	-6,2	6,4
Trutnov	9,3	-3,6	16,0
Kolín	9,2	-3,9	8,3
Cheb	9,1	1,9	11,3
Chrudim	9,1	-6,4	8,9

Nymburk	9,1	-3,1	6,1
Blansko	8,9	-4,9	7,4
Mělník	8,7	-0,2	14,6
Jičín	8,7	-3,1	10,7
Uherské Hradiště	8,4	-3,9	10,4
Jablonec nad Nisou	8,4	-2,3	11,9
Žďár nad Sázavou	8,3	-3,3	26,0
Brno-venkov	8,3	-2,6	15,6
Příbram	8,2	-2,8	7,2
Semily	8,0	-2,6	13,5
Ústí nad Orlicí	7,8	-4,7	7,5
Klatovy	7,8	-4,9	6,6
Strakonice	7,7	-2,5	6,6
Rokycany	7,5	-2,3	14,4
Písek	7,4	-3,5	7,6
Náchod	7,4	-3,2	8,3
Plzeň-město	7,4	-1,6	4,6
Jihlava	7,3	-3,9	25,2
Rakovník	7,2	-3,5	7,2
Havlíčkův Brod	7,2	-2,6	29,4
Jindřichův Hradec	7,1	-2,7	14,9
Pardubice	6,9	-2,0	9,9
Prachatice	6,7	-4,7	6,2
Domažlice	6,6	1,0	5,9
Hradec Králové	6,5	-1,6	7,2
Plzeň-sever	6,5	-3,3	11,1
Tábor	6,4	-5,1	6,4
Rychnov nad Kněžnou	6,3	-5,3	12,2
Beroun	5,9	-1,0	5,8
Mladá Boleslav	5,2	-4,6	7,9
Plzeň-jih	5,1	-0,3	6,6
Pelhřimov	5,1	-4,5	5,4
Benešov	4,8	-1,1	4,0
České Budějovice	4,5	-5,9	7,1
Praha	4,3	-1,9	2,5
Praha-východ	4,0	-1,2	2,4
Praha-západ	3,2	-3,7	2,6
Celkem ČR	9,9	-2,7	11,7