

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 28, 2006

By February 28, 2006 job offices registered altogether 528 154 job seekers. That is by 3,081 less than at the end of January 2006. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 26,892 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 493,114.

In the course of February, job offices registered altogether 45,732 newcomers. That is by 28,536 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 1,823 newly registered job seekers more than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job offices registration was terminated with 48,813 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 31,296 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,517 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 58 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Rokycany (3.8 %), Kolín (3.2 %), Havlíčkův Brod (3.0 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 18 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Přerov and Kroměříž (both 1.0 %), Znojmo and Písek (both 0.9 %).

At the end of February 2006, job offices registered 265,675 female job seekers, that is 50.3 % of the unemployed in total, and **76,522 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 14.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By February 28, 2006, 37,569 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.1 % (January 2006 – 7.2 %, February 2005 – 7.8 %).

In February 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 161,217 job seekers, that is 30.5 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2006 – 30.1 %, February 2005 – 29.3 %).

By February 28, 2006, the unemployment rate was 9.1 % (January 2006: 9.2 %, February 2005: 9.6 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.6 %), Praha-západ (2.7 %), Praha (3.2 %) and Mladá Boleslav (3.7 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (21.2 %), Karviná (18.8 %), Jeseník (18.4. %), Teplice (17.3 %) and Bruntál (16.0 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.4 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.1 %.**

By February 28, 2006, job offices registered altogether 66,487 vacancies. That is by 7,128 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 10,450 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 7.9 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (60.9), Bruntál (36.2), Most (34.0) and Teplice (31.4).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,985 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 38.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 9,551 vacancies, that is 3.9 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.9 % in January 2005.