## Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by November 30, 2007

By November 30, 2007 job offices registered altogether 341,438 job seekers. That is by 7,404 less than at the end of October. The number of job seekers decreased by 91,135 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 312,558.

In the course of November, job offices registered altogether 43,650 newcomers. That is by 2,319 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 4,126 newly registered job seekers less than in November of the preceding year.

In November, job offices registration was terminated with 51,054 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by -31,569 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,485 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 63 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Mladá Boleslav (10.1 %), Beroun (7.8 %), Rokycany (5.3 %), Praha – západ and Plzeň – jih (both 5.1 %). A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 14 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Český Krumlov (11.6 %), Jeseník (6.3 %), Znojmo and Prachatice (both 4.7 %).

At the end of November, job offices registered 188,192 female job seekers, that is 55.1 % of the unemployed in total, and 64,306 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 18.8 % of the unemployed in total.

By November 30, 2007, 23,659 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.9 % (October 2007 - 7.9 %, November 2006 - 7.7 %).

In November 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 102,155 job seekers, that is 29.9 % of all job seekers under registration (October 2007 - 28.4 %, November 2006 - 27.2 %).

By November 30, 2007, the unemployment rate was 5.6 % (October 2007: 5.8 %, November 2006: 7.3 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 36 districts, the highest being in Most (15.1 %), Karviná (13.1 %), Ústí n/L (11.2 %), Teplice (11.1 %), and Děčín (10.5 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ (1.6 %), Praha-východ (1.8 %), Mladá Boleslav a Praha (both 2.1 %). The unemployment rate - women was 7.1 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.5 %.

By November 30, 2007, job offices registered altogether 141,280 vacancies. That is by 2,187 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 42,313 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.4 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (14.6), Bruntál (12.7), Jeseník (12.4) and Karviná (11.9).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,650 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 13.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 30,160 vacancies, that is 0.8 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.8 % in October 2007.