

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by April 30, 2009**

**By April 30, 2009 job offices registered altogether 456,726 job seekers.** That is by 7,814 more than at the end of March. The number of job seekers increased by 140,608 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 445,024.

**In the course of April, job offices registered altogether 73,052 newcomers.** That is by 2,623 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 30,537 newly registered job seekers more than in April of the preceding year.

**In April, job offices registration was terminated with 65,238 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by – 45,668 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,570 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 55 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Plzeň-jih (8.5 %), Chomutov (7.8 %), Rokycany (7.1 %) and Karlovy Vary (6.7 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 22 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Znojmo (10.3 %), Jindřichův Hradec (8.3 %), Jeseník (6.5 %) and Klatovy (5.2 %).

**At the end of April, job offices registered 223,764 female job seekers,** that is 49.0 % of the unemployed in total, and **63,769 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 14.0 % of the unemployed in total.

**By April 30, 2009, 26,748 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 5.9 % (March 2009 – 6.0 %, April 2008 – 6.1 %).

**In April 2009, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 210,021 job seekers,** that is 46.0 % of all job seekers under registration (March 2009 – 45.3 %, April 2008 – 32.0 %).

**By April 30, 2009, the unemployment rate was 7.9 %** (March 2009: 7.7 %, April 2008: 5.2 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 46 districts, the highest being in Most (15.6 %), Jeseník (14.1 %), Bruntál (14.0 %), Karviná (13.8 %), Děčín (13.5 %), Hodonín and Chomutov (13.3 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.6 %), Praha (2.7 %), Praha-západ (2.8 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.0 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.0 %.**

**By April 30, 2009, job offices registered altogether 50,517 vacancies.** That is by 4,895 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 101,750 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 9.0 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (50.9), Teplice (47.8), Děčín and Karviná (41.6), Bruntál (35.6) and Prostějov (30.8). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,468 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 25.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 6,490 vacancies, that is 4.1 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 5.5 % in March 2009.**