

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by December 31, 2008

By December 31, 2008 job offices registered altogether 352,250 job seekers. That is by 31,951 more than at the end of November. The number of job seekers decreased by 2,628 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 335,025.

In the course of December, job offices registered altogether 62,421 newcomers. That is by 12,646 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 17,725 newly registered job seekers more than in December of the preceding year.

In December, job offices registration was terminated with 30,470 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 15,996 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 14,474 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by all 77 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Tachov and Písek (both 26.7 %), Jindřichův Hradec (25.7 %), Jeseník (20.1 %), Chrudim (19.4 %) and Jihlava (17.7 %).

At the end of December, job offices registered 183,639 female job seekers, that is 523.1 % of the unemployed in total, and **61,136 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 17.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By December 31, 2008, 24,634 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.0 % (November 2008 – 7.6 %, December 2007 – 6.4 %).

In December 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 138,506 job seekers, that is 39.3 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2008 – 35.8 %, December 2007 – 31.8 %).

By December 31, 2008, the unemployment rate was 6.0 % (November 2008: 5.3 %, December 2007: 6.0 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 42 districts, the highest being in Most (13.1 %), Jeseník and Karviná (both 11.5 %), Bruntál (11.1 %), Hodonín (10.9 %), Znojmo and Děčín (both 10.8 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (1.8 %), Praha-západ (1.9 %), Praha (2.1 %) and Mladá Boleslav (2.7 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 7.2 % and unemployment rate - men was 5.0 %.**

By December 31, 2008, job offices registered altogether 91,189 vacancies. That is by 20,118 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 49,877 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 3.9 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (27.0), Děčín (25.2), Bruntál (19.7), Teplice (17.2) and Hodonín (15.0). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,290 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 18.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 14,311 vacancies, that is 1.7 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.4 % in October 2008.