Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by October 31, 2009

By October 31, 2009 job offices registered altogether 498,760 job seekers. That is by 2,052 less than at the end of September. The number of job seekers increased by 187,055 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 484,276.

In the course of October, job offices registered altogether 59,563 newcomers. That is by 21,262 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 10,160 newly registered job seekers more than in October of the preceding year.

In October, job offices registration was terminated with 61,615 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 39,492 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 22,123 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 29 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Znojmo (7.6 %), Tábor (4.3 %), Jindřichův Hradec (4.2 %) and Praha-východ (3.3 %). A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 48 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Pelhřimov (5.9 %), Rokycany (5.2 %), Havlíčkův Brod (4.4 %) and Jičín (3.7 %).

At the end of October, job offices registered 251,011 female job seekers, that is 50.3 % of the unemployed in total, and 65,108 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 13.1 % of the unemployed in total.

By October 31, 2009, 37,955 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.6% (September 2009 - 7.6%, October 2008 - 8.5%).

In October 2009, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 174,214 job seekers, that is 34.9 % of all job seekers under registration (September 2009 - 35.5 %, October 2008 - 33.8 %).

By October 31, 2009, the unemployment rate was 8.5 % (September 2009: 8.6 %, October 2008: 5.2 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 47 districts, the highest being in Most (16.1 %), Karviná (14.1 %), Bruntál (14.0 %), Děčín (13.9 %), Hodonín (13.7 %) and Šumperk (13.6 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (3.3 %), Praha (3.4 %) and Praha-západ (3.8 %). The unemployment rate - women was 9.9 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.4 %.

By October 31, 2009, job offices registered altogether 35,803 vacancies. That is by 3,041 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 94,321 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 13.9 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jihlava (73.1), Děčín (72.5), Prostějov (53.5), Teplice (52.0) Přerov (44.0) and Třebíč (42.6). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,937 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 33.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 4,564 vacancies, that is 8.3 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 6.9 % in September 2009.