

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by January 31, 2006

By January 31, 2006 job offices registered altogether 531 235 job seekers. That is by 20,819 more than at the end of December 2005. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 30,427 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 498,630.

In the course of January, job offices registered altogether 74,368 newcomers. That is by 17,741 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 1,364 newly registered job seekers less than in January of the preceding year.

In January, job offices registration was terminated with 53,449 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 35,664 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,785 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 77 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Písek (11.3 %), Pelhřimov (11.1 %), Tábor (10.5 %), Jeseník (10.2 %) and Tachov (10.1. %).

At the end of January 2006, job offices registered 268,750 female job seekers, that is 50.6 % of the unemployed in total, and **76,526 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 14.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By January 31, 2006, 38,545 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.6 % (December 2006 – 8.1 %, January 2005 – 8.7 %).

In January 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 159,899 job seekers, that is 30.1 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2005 – 27.8 %, January 2005 – 29.2 %).

By January 31, 2006, the unemployment rate was 9.2 % (December 2005: 8.9 %, January 2005: 9.8 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.6 %), Praha-západ (2.7 %), Praha (3.3 %) and Mladá Boleslav (3.8 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (21.3 %), Karviná (18.9 %), Jeseník (18.6. %), Teplice (17.3 %) and Bruntál (16.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.6 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.1 %.**

By January 31, 2006, job offices registered altogether 59,359 vacancies. That is by 7,195 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 5,179 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 8.9 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (68.4), Most (59.0), Bruntál (40.8).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,982 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 8,557 vacancies, that is 4.4 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.8 % in December 2005.