

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 28, 2009

By February 28, 2009 job offices registered altogether 428,848 job seekers. That is by 30 787 more than at the end of December. The number of job seekers increased by 73,815 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 416,621.

In the course of February, job offices registered altogether 69,209 newcomers. That is by 18,667 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 29,207 newly registered job seekers more than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job offices registration was terminated with 38,422 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 23,066 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 15,356 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 Havlíčkův Brod (20.4 %), Mladá Boleslav (17.4 %), Olomouc (16.8 %), Nový Jičín (14.4 %), Rokycany (13.9 %) and Benešov (13.4 %).

At the end of February, job offices registered 208,845 female job seekers, that is 48.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **64,046 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 14.9 % of the unemployed in total.

By February 28, 2009, 26,351 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.1 % (January 2009 – 6.3 %, February 2008 – 6.1 %).

In February 2009, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 188,659 job seekers, that is 44.0 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2009 – 41.4 %, February 2008 – 34.1 %).

By February 28, 2009, the unemployment rate was 7.4 % (January 2009: 6.8 %, February 2008: 5.9 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 46 districts, the highest being in Most (14.7 %), Jeseník (14.5 %), Bruntál (13.6 %), Znojmo (13.4 %), Karviná (13.3 %) and Hodonín (13.1 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.2 %), Praha a Praha-západ (2.4 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.7 %) and Benešov (3.9 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 8.4 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.6 %.**

By February 28, 2009, job offices registered altogether 64,881 vacancies. That is by 3,613 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 85,447 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 6.6 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (59.8), Bruntál (36.9), Děčín (36.7), Prostějov (35.1) a Karviná (33.0). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,648 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 24.2 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 9,198 vacancies, that is 2.9 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 5.4 % in January 2009.