Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by January 31, 2016

By January 31, 2016 job offices registered altogether 467,403 job seekers. That is by 14,285 more than at the end of December 2015. The number of job seekers decreased by 88,788 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers in age 15 to 64 years (job seekers currently available for work) was 450,704.

In the course of January, job offices registered altogether 64,092 newcomers. That is by 5,289 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 6,952 newly registered job seekers less than in January of the preceding year.

In January, job offices registration was terminated with 49,807 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 33,762 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 16,045 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 76 districts – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts offices Písek (15.5 %), Prachatice (11.6 %), Jindřichův Hradec (11.4 %), České Budějovice (8.7 %), Chrudim (8.4 %), Tábor (8.2 %), Znojmo and Český Krumlov (both 8.1 %), Jeseník (7.7 %) and Klatovy (7.3 %). A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 1 district – Rokycany (0.7 %).

At the end of January, job offices registered 229,055 female job seekers, that is 49.0 % of the unemployed in total, and 59,533 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 12.7 % of the unemployed in total.

By January 31, 2016, 21,075 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment by 4.5 % (December 2015 – 4.9 %, January 2015 – 4.7 %).

In January 2015, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 123,734 job seekers, that is 26.5 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2015 - 23.9 %, January 2015 - 23.9 %).

By January 31, 2016, there were 48 578 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy and there were 39 313 vacancies delimited for persons with reduced working capacity.

By January 31, 2016, the share of unemployed was 6.4 % (December 2015 – 6.2 %, January 2015 – 7.7 %, time series - <u>http://portal.mpsv.cz/sz/stat/nz/casove_rady</u>.

Share of unemployed higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 36 districts, the highest being in Bruntál (11.7 %), Most (11.3 %), Karviná (11.1 %), Ústí nad Labem (10.5 %), Ostrava, Jeseník and Znojmo (all 10.2 %) and Chomutov (9.6 %). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Praha-východ (2.7 %), Rychnov nad Kněžnou (3.0 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.6 %), Rokycany (3.8 %), Praha-západ (3.9 %), Benešov (4.0 %), Jičín and Praha (both 4.2 %). **Share of unemployed - women was 6.4 % and share of unemployed - men was 6.5 %.**

By January 31, 2016, job offices registered altogether 107,779 vacancies. That is by 5,234 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 45,522 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 4.3 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (20.1), Chomutov (16.3), Bruntál (14.5), Ústí nad Labem (14.1), Hodonín (12.4), Most (12.3), Znojmo (11.7) and Sokolov (11.4). In this

monitored period, there were registered by job offices 10,355 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 5.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 30,952 vacancies, that is 0.7 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT – ILO, NSA data) was 4.5 % in December 2015).