

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic - February 2004

By February 29, 2004 job centers registered altogether 570,787 job seekers. That is by 1,313 more than at the end of January 2004. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers increased by 32,688 persons.

In the course of February, job centers registered altogether 50,334 newcomers. That is by 28,568 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 3,543 newly registered job seekers more than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job centers registration was terminated with 49,021 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by - 36,441 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job centres excluded 12,580 job seekers due to other reasons (rule breakers, retirement, etc.).

A monthly increase of the unemployed was witnessed by 45 job centers of the Czech Republic, relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts of Jindřichův Hradec (5.3 %), Cheb (3.2 %) and Prague-west (3.1 %).

At the end of February 2004, job centers registered 279,897 female job seekers, that is 49.0 % of the unemployed in total, and **74,144 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 13.0 % of the unemployed in total.

By February 29, 2004, 53,974 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered,** that is by 604 less than in the preceding month and by 260 less than in the same period of the preceding year. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 9.5 % (February 2003: 10.1 %).

In February 2004, job centers paid off unemployment benefits to 204,828 job seekers, that is 35.9 % of all job seekers under registration (February 2003 - 37.6 %).

By February 29, 2004, the unemployment rate under registration was 10.9 % (February 2003: 10.2 %, January 2004: 10.8 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Prague-West (3.4 %), Praha-East (4.2 %) and Prague (4.3 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (24.5 %), Karviná (21.3%), Teplice (19.9 %), Jeseník (19.5 %), Chomutov (19.2 %), Bruntál and Ostrava (both 19.1 %). The unemployment rate - women was 12.1 % and unemployment rate - men was 9.9 %.

By February 29, 2004, job centers registered altogether 43,917 vacancies. That is by 2,264 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 3,756 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 13.0 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (82.6) and Karviná (71.7).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job centers 1,392 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 53.3 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 6,701 vacancies, that is 8.1 seekers per vacancy.

Sequence of regions by unemployment rate - February 2004

Region	unemployment rate (in %) ↓	monthly increase in unemployment (in %) ↓	number of job- seekers per 1 vacancy ↓
Most	24,5	0,2	46,6
Karviná	21,3	0,9	71,7
Teplice	19,9	-0,7	46,4
Jeseník	19,5	0,9	82,6
Chomutov	19,2	-0,2	43,8
Ostrava-město	19,1	0,2	46,1
Bruntál	19,1	0,0	52,0
Louny	18,6	-2,8	20,9
Děčín	16,2	0,0	10,4
Hodonín	16,2	-0,3	22,6
Znojmo	16,0	-0,7	19,6
Frýdek-Místek	15,9	1,4	47,1
Litoměřice	15,7	-2,1	14,4
Nový Jičín	15,3	-0,1	35,2
Přerov	14,9	0,5	34,8
Třebíč	14,9	-1,0	32,1
Ústí nad Labem	14,6	-0,5	23,3
Svitavy	14,4	-0,3	12,7
Sokolov	13,9	0,9	18,4
Šumperk	13,4	1,0	19,7
Opava	13,1	0,2	32,6
Vsetín	12,6	0,3	34,1
Kutná Hora	12,5	1,6	22,5
Kroměříž	12,5	0,2	27,4
Olomouc	12,4	-0,9	13,8
Břeclav	12,3	-0,2	15,3
Vyškov	11,3	1,2	38,6
Brno-město	11,3	0,4	22,7
Český Krumlov	11,3	-1,6	7,4
Karlovy Vary	11,1	1,3	17,9
Chrudim	11,1	0,2	12,1
Prostějov	10,8	-1,4	6,0
Liberec	10,8	0,6	8,1
Česká Lípa	10,7	1,7	13,5
Kolín	10,6	0,1	10,0
Tachov	10,4	-3,0	18,6
Zlín	10,4	0,1	26,5

Kladno	10,1	0,1	20,9
Blansko	10,0	-0,1	10,3
Trutnov	9,9	0,4	12,9
Uherské Hradiště	9,7	-0,1	15,1
Cheb	9,6	3,2	12,5
Nymburk	9,6	0,0	4,4
Příbram	9,5	-0,3	8,5
Písek	9,5	-1,7	12,2
Žďár nad Sázavou	9,4	-0,3	35,5
Jičín	9,4	-0,2	11,5
Mělník	9,1	0,2	17,4
Brno-venkov	9,0	0,4	19,4
Ústí nad Orlicí	9,0	-0,1	7,1
Klatovy	9,0	0,4	7,5
Jablonec nad Nisou	8,7	2,1	14,9
Jihlava	8,6	0,7	7,2
Jindřichův Hradec	8,5	5,3	19,5
Strakonice	8,4	0,9	7,3
Semily	8,3	0,4	14,5
Rokycany	8,3	-2,7	16,5
Náchod	8,3	0,6	10,4
Havlíčkův Brod	8,2	-1,0	23,4
Rakovník	8,2	-1,7	10,2
Prachatice	7,8	0,9	8,6
Plzeň-město	7,8	-2,0	6,7
Pardubice	7,6	-0,1	12,6
Plzeň-sever	7,4	0,7	10,8
Hradec Králové	7,2	-0,5	11,9
Domažlice	7,2	0,6	8,1
Rychnov nad Kněžnou	7,1	-0,4	14,1
Tábor	7,1	0,5	9,4
Pelhřimov	6,2	0,9	8,4
Beroun	6,1	1,1	8,6
Plzeň-jih	5,8	-0,6	7,6
Mladá Boleslav	5,5	1,3	5,1
Benešov	5,3	1,6	6,6
České Budějovice	5,2	-0,8	11,7
Praha	4,3	2,6	2,6
Praha-východ	4,2	2,6	2,3
Praha-západ	3,4	3,1	3,0
Celkem ČR	10,9	0,2	13,0