

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by December 31, 2005

By December 31, 2005 job offices registered altogether 510 416 job seekers. That is by 19,637 more than at the end of November 2005. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 31,259 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 481,071.

In the course of December, job offices registered altogether 56,527 newcomers. That is by 5,273 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 5,745 newly registered job seekers less than in December of the preceding year.

In December, job offices registration was terminated with 36,890 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 21,512 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 15,378 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 72 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jindřichův Hradec (14.3 %), Pelhřimov (12.0 %), Znojmo (11.5 %), Klatovy (10.6 %) and Písek (10.5 %). **A monthly decrease of the unemployed was witnessed by 5 job centers of the Czech Republic** - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Praha východ (3.3 %), Semily (1.0 %), Praha (0.8 %) and Jablonec nad Nisou (0.3 %).

At the end of December 2005, job offices registered 265,631 female job seekers, that is 52.0 % of the unemployed in total, and **75,316 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 14.8 % of the unemployed in total.

By December 31, 2005, 38,545 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.6 % (November 2005 – 8.1 %, December 2004 – 8.7 %).

In December 2005, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 141,753 job seekers, that is 27.8 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2005 – 25.9 %, December 2004 – 26.4 %).

By December 31, 2005, the unemployment rate was 8.9 % (November 2005: 8.4 %, December 2004: 9.5 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.5 %), Praha-západ (2.6 %), Praha (3.2 %) and Mladá Boleslav (3.8 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 30 districts, the highest being in Most (21.2 %), Karviná (18.6 %), Jeseník (16.9. %), Teplice (16.8 %) and Bruntál (15.9 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.5 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.6 %.**

By December 31, 2005, job offices registered altogether 52,164 vacancies. That is by 842 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 961 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 9.8 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (78.1), Most (51.7), Bruntál (51.6).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,802 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 41.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 7,853 vacancies, that is 4.9 seekers per vacancy.

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