

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by January 31, 2010

By January 31, 2010 job offices registered altogether 574,226 job seekers. That is by 35,090 more than at the end of December. The number of job seekers increased by 176,165 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 562,409.

In the course of January, job offices registered altogether 88,076 newcomers. That is by 15,726 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 200 newly registered job seekers more than in January of the preceding year.

In January, job offices registration was terminated with 52,986 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 35,160 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,826 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 Jindřichův Hradec (15.8 %), Jeseník (14.2 %), Znojmo (12.3 %), Písek (11.6 %), Chrudim (11.0 %), Pelhřimov (10.7 %) and Plzeň-sever (10.5 %).

At the end of January, job offices registered 264,867 female job seekers, that is 46.1 % of the unemployed in total, and **69,096 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 12.0 % of the unemployed in total.

By January 31, 2010, 35,233 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.1 % (December 2009 – 6.6 %, January 2009 – 6.3 %).

In January 2010, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 214,161 job seekers, that is 37.3 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2009 – 35.1 %, January 2009 – 41.4 %).

By January 31, 2010, the unemployment rate was 9.8 % (December 2009: 9.2 %, January 2009: 6.8 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 48 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (19.2 %), Znojmo (17.2 %), Hodonín (17.1 %), Most (17.0 %), Bruntál (16.8 %) and Děčín (16.0 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (3.4 %) and Praha (3.8 %), Praha-západ (4.3 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.6 % and unemployment rate - men was 9.3 %.**

By January 31, 2010, job offices registered altogether 31,557 vacancies. That is by 630 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 36,937 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 18.2 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (77.3), Znojmo (74.5), Teplice (71.0), Karviná (66.8), Třebíč (66.4 %) and Prostějov (65.0). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,850 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 37.3 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 4,155 vacancies, that is 8.5 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 8.0 % in December 2009.