

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by August 31, 2007

By August 31, 2007 job offices registered altogether 372,759 job seekers. That is by 3,849 less than at the end of July. The number of job seekers decreased by 85,970 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 351,230.

In the course of August, job offices registered altogether 43,919 newcomers. That is by 5,006 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 5,210 newly registered job seekers less than in August of the preceding year.

In August, job offices registration was terminated with 47,768 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 28,108 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,660 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 27 offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Plzeň-jih (4.4 %), Jičín (3.1 %) and Klatovy (3.0 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 50 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Rokycany (5.0 %), Chomutov (4.7 %) and Náchod (4.3 %).

At the end of August, job offices registered 211,145 female job seekers, that is 56.6 % of the unemployed in total, and **66,862 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 17.9 % of the unemployed in total.

By August 31, 2007, 23,128 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.2 % (July 2007 – 5.3 %, August 2006 – 7.1 %).

In August 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 111,624 job seekers, that is 29.9 % of all job seekers under registration (July 2007 – 29.7 %, August 2006 – 27.7 %).

By August 31, 2007, the unemployment rate was 6.4 % (July 2007: 6.4 %, August 2006: 7.9 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 32 districts, the highest being in Most (17.0 %), Karviná (14.7 %), Teplice (12.2 %), Ústí nad Labem (12.1 %) and Děčín (11.3 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ (1.8 %), Praha-východ (2.0 %), Praha (2.5 %) and Mladá Boleslav (2.6 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 8.3 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.9 %.**

By August 31, 2007, job offices registered altogether 133,407 vacancies. That is by 9,456 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 39,190 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.8 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (14.6), Jeseník (13.8), Karviná (13.0) and Bruntál (11.4).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 5,104 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 13.1 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 29,925 vacancies, that is 0.8 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 5.5 % in July 2007.