

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by May 31, 2008**

**By May 31, 2008 job offices registered altogether 302,507 job seekers.** That is by 13,611 less than at the end of April. The number of job seekers decreased by 80,092 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 281,126.

**In the course of May, job offices registered altogether 36,156 newcomers.** That is by 6,359 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 2,029 newly registered job seekers less than in May of the preceding year.

**In May, job offices registration was terminated with 49,767 seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by -31,352 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 18,415 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 77 job offices in the Czech Republic** - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Český Krumlov (11.9 %), Prachatice (10.6 %), Písek (10.5 %) and Jindřichův Hradec (9.9 %).

**At the end of May, job offices registered 167,458 female job seekers,** that is 55.4 % of the unemployed in total, and **61,084 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 20.2 % of the unemployed in total.

**By May 31, 2008, 16,753 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 5.5 % (April 2008 – 6.1 %, May 2007 – 5.6 %).

**In May 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 96,113 job seekers,** that is 31.8 % of all job seekers under registration (April 2008 – 32.0 %, May 2007 – 28.4 %).

**By May 31, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.0 %** (April 2008: 5.2 %, May 2007: 6.4 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 34 districts, the highest being in Most (12.5 %), Karviná (12.0 %), Teplice (10.6 %), Ústí nad Labem (10.2 %) and Děčín (9.7 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (1.5 %), Praha-západ (1.6 %), Mladá Boleslav and Praha (2.0 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 6.4 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.0 %.**

**By May 31, 2008, job offices registered altogether 151,344 vacancies.** That is by 923 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 31,852 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.0 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (12.9), Jeseník (11.6), Most (11.2) and Karviná (9.3).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,461 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 13.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 29,403 vacancies, that is 0.6 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.3 % in April 2008.**