

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by August 31, 2006

By August 31, 2006 job offices registered altogether 458,729 job seekers. That is by 459 more than at the end of July 2006. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 46,525 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 434,928.

In the course of August, job offices registered altogether 41,129 newcomers. That is by 2,611 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 4,783 newly registered job seekers less than in August of the preceding year.

In August, job offices registration was terminated with 48,670 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 28,942 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,728 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 42 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Praha-východ (3.4 %), Havlíčkův Brod (3.2 %), Rokycany (2.6 %) and Plzeň-jih (2.5 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 33 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Louny (2.5 %), Česká Lípa (2.3 %), Mělník (2.2 %) and Karlovy Vary (2.1 %).

At the end of August 2006, job offices registered 253,682 female job seekers, that is 55.3 % of the unemployed in total, and **72,319 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 15.8 % of the unemployed in total.

By August 31, 2006, 32,531 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.1 % (July 2006 – 6.0 %, August 2005 – 9.6 %).

In August 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 126,854 job seekers, that is 27.7 % of all job seekers under registration (July 2006 – 27.8 %, August 2005 – 32.5 %).

By August 31, 2006, the unemployment rate was 7.9 % (July 2006: 7.9 %, August 2005: 8.9 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.3 %), Praha-západ (2.3 %), Praha (3.0 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.4 %), Benešov (3.8 %) and Pelhřimov (4.1 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (20.8 %), Karviná (18.0 %), Teplice (15.7 %) and Ostrava (14.6 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.1 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.3%.**

By August 31, 2006, job offices registered altogether 94,217 vacancies. That is by 6,000 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 34,921 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 4.9 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (28.2), Most (18.5), Bruntál (18.3), Děčín (16.4) and Teplice (15.3).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,984 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 24.5 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 17,515 vacancies, that is 1.9 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.1 % in July 2006.