

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 28, 2010**

**By February 28, 2010 job offices registered altogether 583,135 job seekers.** That is by 8,909 more than at the end of January. The number of job seekers increased by 154,287 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 568,486.

**In the course of February, job offices registered altogether 57,944 newcomers.** That is by 30,132 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 11,265 newly registered job seekers less than in February of the preceding year.

**In February, job offices registration was terminated with 49,035 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by 31,960 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,075 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 Prachatice (6.0 %), Rakovník (4.3 %), Beroun (4.2 %), Kolín (3.7 %) and Tábor (3.6 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 5 job offices** – Rokycany (1.8 %), Liberec (0.5 %), Tachov (0.3 %), Česká Lípa and Vyškov (0.1 %).

**At the end of February, job offices registered 266,511 female job seekers,** that is 45.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **69,216 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 11.9 % of the unemployed in total.

**By February 28, 2010, 35,484 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.1 % (January 2010 – 6.1 %, February 2009 – 6.1 %).

**In February 2010, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 213,549 job seekers,** that is 36.6 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2010 – 37.3 %, February 2009 – 44.0 %).

**By February 28, 2010, the unemployment rate was 9.9 %** (January 2010: 9.8 %, February 2009: 7.4 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 51 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (19.4 %), Znojmo (17.4 %), Bruntál (17.3 %), Most (17.1 %), Hodonín (17.0 %) and Děčín (16.0 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (3.8 %), Praha (3.9 %), Praha-západ (4.3 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.6 % and unemployment rate - men was 9.5 %.**

**By February 28, 2010, job offices registered altogether 32,120 vacancies.** That is by 563 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 32,761 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 Teplice (69.4), Karviná (67.4), Třebíč (61.0 %), Znojmo (50.8) and Děčín (49.9). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,987 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 34.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 4,337 vacancies, that is 8.2 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 8.5 % in January 2010.**