

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by November 30, 2008

By November 30, 2008 job offices registered altogether 320,299 job seekers. That is by 8,594 more than at the end of October. The number of job seekers decreased by 21,139 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 300,237.

In the course of November, job offices registered altogether 49,775 newcomers. That is by 372 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 6,125 newly registered job seekers more than in November of the preceding year.

In November, job offices registration was terminated with 41,181 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by - 25,303 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 15,878 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 67 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Havlíčkův Brod (18.3 %), Znojmo (10.8 %), Nymburk (10.1 %) and Jindřichův Hradec (9.4 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 9 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Benešov (1.7 %), Brno-město and Brno-venkov (both 1.0 %).

At the end of November, job offices registered 173,474 female job seekers, that is 54.2% of the unemployed in total, and **58,984 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 18.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By November 30, 2008, 24,421 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.6 % (October 2008 – 8.5 %, November 2007 – 6.9 %).

In November 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 114,634 job seekers, that is 35.8 % of all job seekers under registration (October 2008 – 33.8 %, November 2007 – 29.9 %).

By November 30, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.3 % (October 2008: 5.2 %, November 2007: 5.6 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 41 districts, the highest being in Most (12.1 %), Karviná (11.0 %), Děčín (10.0 %) and Bruntál (9.9 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ and Praha-východ (both 1.7 %), Praha (2.0 %) and Mladá Boleslav (2.5 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 6.7 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.3 %.**

By November 30, 2008, job offices registered altogether 111,307 vacancies. That is by 18,817 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 29,973 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.9 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (25.4), Jeseník (17.9), Bruntál (13.0) and Hodonín (12.8). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,754 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 15.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 17,657 vacancies, that is 1.4 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.4 % in October 2008.