Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by January 31, 2018

By January 31, 2018 job offices registered altogether 289,228 job seekers. That is by 8,608 more than at the end of December 2017. The number of job seekers decreased by 100,188 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers in age 15 to 64 years (job seekers currently available for work) was 268,245.

In the course of job offices registered altogether 55,623 newcomers. That is by 10,345 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 5,694 newly registered job seekers less than in January of the preceding year.

In January, job offices registration was terminated with 47,015 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 29,837 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,178 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 4 districts – Plzeň-město (1.0 %), Ústí nad Labem 0.4 %), Praha and Praha-západ (both 0.3 %). A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 72 districts - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jindřichův Hradec (16.1 %), Strakonice (14.5 %), Český Krumlov (12.5 %), Klatovy (11.4 %), Domažlice (11.3 %), Písek (10.7 %), Znojmo a Prachatice (both 10.0 %).

At the end of January, job offices registered 140,722 female job seekers, that is 48.7 % of the unemployed in total, and 46,240 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 16.0 % of the unemployed in total.

By January 31, 2018, 10,878 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment by 3.8% (December 2017 – 4.1%, January 2017 – 4.1%).

In January 2018, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 97,681 job seekers, that is 33.8 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2017 – 30.5 %, January 2017 – 29.9 %).

By January 31, 2018, there were 26,078 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy.

By January 31, 2018, the share of unemployed was 3.9 % (December 2017 – 3.8 %, January 2017 – 5.3 %), time series - <u>http://portal.mpsv.cz/sz/stat/nz/casove_rady</u>.

Share of unemployed equal or higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 36 districts, the highest being in Karviná (8.1%), Jeseník (7.7%), Znojmo (7.3%), Most (7.3%), Bruntál (7.1%), Ostrava-město (6.9%), Hodonín (6.4%) and Chomutov (6.1%). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Praha-východ and Rychnov nad Kněžnou (both 1.4%), Praha západ (1.8%), Benešov (2.1%), Mladá Boleslav, Jičín, Plzeň-město and Pelhřimov (all 2.2%).

Share of unemployed - men was 4.0 % and share of unemployed – women was 3.8 %.

By January 31, 2018, job offices registered altogether 230,728 vacancies. That is by 14,099 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 95,192 vacancies more than in the

same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 1.3 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (8.0), Jeseník and Ústí nad Labem (both 6.1), Znojmo (5.8), Most (4.9), Hodonín (4.8), Děčín (4.4), Hodonín (4.2) and Bruntál (4.0). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 13,877 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 3.3 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 59,316 vacancies, that is 0.2 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT - ILO, NSA data) was 2.3 % in December 2018.