

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic - December 2004

By December 31, 2004 job centers registered altogether 541,675 job seekers. That is by 23,949 less than at the end of November 2004. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 745 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 509,510.

In the course of December, job centers registered altogether 62,272 newcomers. That is by 7,936 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 4,818 newly registered job seekers more than in December of the preceding year.

In December, job centers registration was terminated with 38,323 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by - 23,437 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job centres excluded 14,779 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of the unemployed was witnessed by 5 job centers of the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Mladá Boleslav (0.9 %), Prague-East and Praha (0.7 %), Plzeň-město (0.6 %) and Prague-West (0.1 %). **A monthly increase of the unemployed was witnessed by 72 job center** of the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jeseník (15.1 %), Znojmo (14.9 %), Písek (13.5 %), Tábor (12.4 %) and Pelhřimov (12.3 %).

At the end of December 2004, job centers registered 276,254 female job seekers, that is 51.0 % of the unemployed in total, and **74,672 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 13.8 % of the unemployed in total.

By December 31, 2004, 47,260 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered,** that is by 667 less than in the preceding month and by 6,957 less than in the same period of the preceding year. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 8.7 % (December 2003: 10.0 %, November 2004: 9.3 %).

In December 2004, job centers paid off unemployment benefits to 143,236 job seekers, that is 26.4 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2004 - 23.9 %, December 2003 - 34.9 %).

By December 31, 2004, the unemployment rate under registration (counted from available job seekers) was 9.5 %. The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Prague-West (2.9 %), Praha-East (3.5 %), Prague (3.6 %) and České Budějovice (4.1 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 33 districts, the highest being in Most (22.7 %), Karviná (19.6 %), Jeseník (18.3 %), Bruntál (17.5 %), Ostrava and Teplice (16.6 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.9 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.3 %.** The unemployment rate under registration according to the previous methodology (from the total number of registered job seekers) was **10.3 %** (November 2004: 9.9 %, December 2003: 10.3 %).

By December 31, 2004, job centers registered altogether 51,203 vacancies. That is by 887 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 11,015 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 10.6 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (120.9), Jihlava (82.8), Bruntál (56.4), Most (53.1) and Frýdek Místek (52.2).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job centers 1,704 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 43.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 6,027 vacancies, that is 7.8 seekers per vacancy.

General unemployment rate (ILO), the indicator derived from LFSS results in compliance with international definitions and recommendations, was **8.2 % in the 3rd quarter 2004.**

Sequence of regions by unemployment rate - December 2004

Region	unemployment rate (in %) ↓	monthly increase in unemployment (in %) ↓	number of job- seekers per 1 vacancy ↓
Most	22,7	0,4	53,1
Karviná	19,6	1,7	120,9
Jeseník	18,3	15,1	24,3
Bruntál	17,5	3,6	56,4
Ostrava-město	16,6	1,7	31,8
Teplice	16,6	2,4	29,9
Chomutov	16,5	3,1	18,1
Louny	15,1	10,9	35,2
Děčín	14,9	2,6	23,9
Hodonín	14,7	8,6	30,8
Znojmo	14,6	14,9	18,0
Frýdek-Místek	14,3	3,5	52,2
Třebíč	13,8	7,4	23,4
Sokolov	13,2	3,3	20,9
Litoměřice	13,0	11,2	48,0
Přerov	12,7	6,8	24,3
Šumperk	12,6	6,7	28,0
Nový Jičín	12,6	4,2	16,1
Svitavy	12,4	11,1	14,0
Ústí nad Labem	12,0	0,3	11,2
Kroměříž	11,9	4,9	18,1
Břeclav	11,3	8,1	24,4
Opava	11,3	8,5	30,7
Vsetín	10,9	5,3	22,7
Vyškov	10,4	7,7	26,6
Karlovy Vary	10,3	2,8	16,3
Olomouc	10,3	5,7	17,7
Český Krumlov	10,2	6,4	10,8
Kutná Hora	10,2	8,3	19,8
Prostějov	9,9	6,4	5,9
Brno-město	9,8	0,5	19,0
Chrudim	9,6	11,4	10,0
Jičín	9,6	7,0	13,5
Kolín	9,1	7,7	10,2
Nymburk	9,0	5,7	4,8
Tachov	9,0	8,6	9,0
Žďár nad Sázavou	8,9	5,8	26,0
Kladno	8,9	1,8	15,6
Česká Lípa	8,9	3,2	11,6
Cheb	8,8	5,9	10,9
Liberec	8,7	3,0	5,7

Blansko	8,7	5,7	14,0
Příbram	8,6	7,9	8,0
Trutnov	8,6	1,6	10,2
Klatovy	8,5	7,2	6,9
Zlín	8,4	3,6	17,0
Písek	8,3	13,5	10,0
Ústí nad Orlicí	8,2	9,9	17,5
Mělník	8,2	3,3	10,6
Uherské Hradiště	8,0	6,0	14,5
Náchod	7,6	6,2	10,2
Jindřichův Hradec	7,5	11,7	20,4
Jihlava	7,5	6,5	82,8
Strakonice	7,5	8,4	7,4
Semily	7,4	2,8	10,6
Rakovník	7,3	9,5	12,8
Brno-venkov	7,2	3,2	10,8
Rokycany	7,1	4,1	14,2
Prachatice	7,1	10,8	7,8
Jablonec nad Nisou	7,1	0,4	10,0
Havlíčkův Brod	7,0	5,8	24,0
Pardubice	6,9	8,1	9,2
Rychnov nad Kněžnou	6,7	7,7	18,1
Hradec Králové	6,7	5,0	9,1
Domažlice	6,5	3,9	7,3
Plzeň-město	6,2	-0,6	2,4
Plzeň-sever	5,9	5,9	8,7
Tábor	5,9	12,4	4,8
Pelhřimov	5,6	12,3	4,5
Beroun	5,6	2,8	3,9
Plzeň-jih	4,9	3,5	5,8
Benešov	4,7	4,1	4,9
Mladá Boleslav	4,4	-0,9	3,8
České Budějovice	4,1	4,9	4,1
Praha	3,6	-0,7	1,8
Praha-východ	3,5	-0,7	3,0
Praha-západ	2,9	-0,1	2,5
Celkem ČR	9,5	4,6	10,6