

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

By September 30, 2008 job offices registered altogether 314,558 job seekers. That is by 2,225 more than at the end of August. The number of job seekers decreased by 50,420 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 297,336.

In the course of September, job offices registered altogether 63,887 newcomers. That is by 22,729 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 7,112 newly registered job seekers more than in September of the preceding year.

In September, job offices registration was terminated with 61,662 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by - 22,779 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 23,424 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 55 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Rychnov nad Kněžnou (8.6 %), Jindřichův Hradec (8.1 %), Český Krumlov (6.1 %), Vyškov (5.4 %) and Plzeň-sever (5.0 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 22 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Frýdek Místek (2.8 %), Žďár nad Sázavou (2.2 %), Náchod (1.8 %), Trutnov and Plzeň město (both 1.6 %).

At the end of September, job offices registered 175,287 female job seekers, that is 55.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **58,759 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 18.7 % of the unemployed in total.

By September 30, 2008, 28,885 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 9.2 % (August 2008 – 6.3 %, September 2007 – 8.6 %).

In September 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 103,785 job seekers, that is 33.0 % of all job seekers under registration (August 2008 – 34.6 %, September 2007 – 28.2 %).

By September 30, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.3 % (August 2008: 5.3 %, September 2007: 6.2 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 37 districts, the highest being in Most (12.2 %), Karviná (11.4 %) and Teplice (10.1 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ and Praha-západ (both 1.8 %), Praha (2.1 %) and Mladá Boleslav (2.3 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 6.9 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.1 %.**

By September 30, 2008, job offices registered altogether 139,557 vacancies. That is by 11,350 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 2,128 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.3 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (16.2), Jeseník (11.3), Bruntál (9.7) and Hodonín (8.9). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,585 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 12.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 24,482 vacancies, that is 1.2 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.3 % in August 2008.