## Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by May 31, 2011

By May 31, 2011 job offices registered altogether 489,956 job seekers. That is by 23,886 less than at the end of April. The number of job seekers decreased by 24,823 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 467,774.

In the course of May, job offices registered altogether 44,627 newcomers. That is by 2,052 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 3,434 newly registered job seekers less than in May of the preceding year.

In May, job offices registration was terminated with 68,513 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 47,166 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 21,347 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 77 job offices in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Pelhřimov (13.9 %), Prachatice (11.5 %), Písek (11.2 %), Klatovy (10.4 %), Jeseník (10.3 %) and Český Krumlov (10.0 %).

At the end of May, job offices registered 244,160 female job seekers, that is 49.8% of the unemployed in total, and 67,096 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 13.7% of the unemployed in total.

By May 31, 2011, 27,456 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 5.6% (April 2011 – 6.2%, May 2010 - 5.5%).

In May 2011, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 114,379 job seekers, that is 23.3 % of all job seekers under registration (April 2011 - 26.2 %, May 2010 - 30.4 %).

By May 31, 2011, the unemployment rate was 8.2 % (April: 8.6 %, May 2010: 8.7 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 43 districts, the highest being in Most (16.0 %), Bruntál (15.0 %), Jeseník (14.6 %), Děčín (13.8 %) and Karviná (13.5 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Prahavýchod (3.6 %), Praha-západ (3.8 %), Praha (3.9 %) and Mladá Boleslav (4.7 %). The unemployment rate - women was 9.5 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.2 %.

By May 31, 2011, job offices registered altogether 37,649 vacancies. That is by 1,596 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 4,544 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 13.0 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Prostějov (48.2), Děčín (42.4), Třebíč (36.8), Jeseník (35.8) and Rakovník (35.4). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,345 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 28.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 5,825 vacancies, that is 4.7 seekers per vacancy.

**Unemployment rates** (EUROSTAT) was **6.8 % in April**.