

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by August 31, 2008

By August 31, 2008 job offices registered altogether 312,333 job seekers. That is by 2,275 more than at the end of July. The number of job seekers decreased by 60,426 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 297,819.

In the course of August, job offices registered altogether 41,158 newcomers. That is by 10,947 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 2,761 newly registered job seekers less than in August of the preceding year.

In August, job offices registration was terminated with 38,883 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by - 23,377 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 15,506 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 58 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Plzeň-jih (13.1 %), Písek (6.4 %), Tachov (6.0 %), Vyškov (5.9 %) and Plzeň-sever (5.4 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 18 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Trutnov (3.0 %), Rakovník (o 2.7 %), Most and Ústí nad Labem (both 2.4 %).

At the end of August, job offices registered 177,463 female job seekers, that is 56.8 % of the unemployed in total, and **59,907 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 19.2 % of the unemployed in total.

By August 31, 2008, 19,718 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.3 % (July 2008 – 5.5 %, August 2007 – 6.2 %).

In August 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 108,065 job seekers, that is 34.6 % of all job seekers under registration (July 2008 – 34.4 %, August 2007 – 29.9 %).

By August 31, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.3 % (July 2008: 5.3 %, August 2007: 6.4 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 36 districts, the highest being in Most (12.3 %), Karviná (11.7 %) and Teplice (10.1 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (1.7 %), Praha-západ (1.8 %), Praha and Mladá Boleslav (both 2.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 7.0 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.0 %.**

By August 31, 2008, job offices registered altogether 150,907 vacancies. That is by 667 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 17,500 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.1 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (13.5), Jeseník (11.1), Most (8.6), Hodonín (9.1) and Bruntál (8.8). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,677 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 12.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 28,306 vacancies, that is 0.7 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.1 % in July 2008.