Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by August 31, 2017

By August 31, 2017 job offices registered altogether 296,826 job seekers. That is by 6,248 less than at the end of July. The number of job seekers decreased by 91,648 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 274,825.

In the course of job offices registered altogether 36,088 newcomers. That is by 5,681 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 6,386 newly registered job seekers less than in August of the preceding year.

In August, job offices registration was terminated with 42,336 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 25,462 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 16,874 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered **by 11 districts** – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jindřichův Hradec (2.8 %), Benešov (2.0 %), Pelhřimov (1.7 %), Kolín (1.6 %) and Strakonice (1.2 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed** was registered **by 66 districts** – relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Jeseník (7.3 %), Písek (5.9 %), Rychnov nad Kněžnou (5.6 %), Rakovník (5.5 %), Děčín and Chomutov (both 4.1 %), Prachatice (3.9 %) and Cheb (3.7 %).

At the end of August, job offices registered 162,468 female job seekers, that is 54.7 % of the unemployed in total, and 48,625 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 16.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By August 31, 2017, 12,107 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment by 4.1 % (July 2017 - 3.8 %, August 2016 - 4.4 %).

In August 2017, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 82,612 job seekers, that is 27.8 % of all job seekers under registration (July 2017 – 27.2 %, August 2016 – 24.2 %).

By August 31, 2017, there were 32,898 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy and there were 47,884 vacancies delimited for persons with reduced working capacity.

By August 31, 2017, the share of unemployed was 4.0 % (July 2017 – 4.1 %, August 2016 – 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 32 districts, the highest being in Karviná (9.3 %), Most (8.7 %), Ostrava-město (7.6 %), Ústí nad Labem (7.2 %), Bruntál (6.6 %), Chomutov (6.4 %), Hodonín (5.9 %), Děčín and Brno město (both 5.8 %). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Rychnov nad Kněžnou (1.3 %), Praha-východ (1.5 %), Jindřichův Hradec (1.9 %), Písek (2.0 %), Benešov, Pelhřimov and Jičín (all 2.1 %), Praha západ, Cheb and Plzeň jih (all 2.2 %).

Share of unemployed - men was 3.5 % and share of unemployed – women was 4.4 %.

By August 31, 2017, job offices registered altogether 199,273 vacancies. That is by 11,207 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 60,005 vacancies more than in the

same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 1.5 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (8.9), Ústí nad Labem (6.8), Most (4.8), Bruntál (4.4), Hodonín (4.1), Kladno (3.9), Sokolov (3.8), Jeseník and Děčín (both 3.7). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 13,684 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 3.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 55,316 vacancies, that is 0.2 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT – ILO, NSA data) was 2.9 % in July 2017.