

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by August 31, 2009**

**By August 31, 2009 job offices registered altogether 493,751 job seekers.** That is by 8,432 more than at the end of July. The number of job seekers increased by 181,418 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 483,409.

**In the course of August, job offices registered altogether 58,402 newcomers.** That is by 11,820 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 17,244 newly registered job seekers more than in August of the preceding year.

**In August, job offices registration was terminated with 49,970 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by 31,936 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 18,034 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 63 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Praha-západ (7.1 %), Benešov (5.9 %), Tachov (5.3 %) and Praha (5.0 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 14 job offices** in the Czech Republic - - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Česká Lípa (3.2 %), Cheb (2.0 %) and Jeseník (1.4 %).

**At the end of August, job offices registered 251,833 female job seekers,** that is 51.0 % of the unemployed in total, and **65,412 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 13.2 % of the unemployed in total.

**By August 31, 2009, 26,124 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 5.3 % (July 2009 – 4.4 %, August 2008 – 6.3 %).

**In August 2009, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 193,496 job seekers,** that is 39.2 % of all job seekers under registration (July 2009 – 41.2 %, August 2008 – 34.6 %).

**By August 31, 2009, the unemployment rate was 8.5 %** (July 2009: 8.4 %, August 2008: 5.3 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 45 districts, the highest being in Most (16.5 %), Karviná (14.6 %), Šumperk (14.3 %), Bruntál (13.9 %), Hodonín and Děčín (13.8 %) and Chomutov (13.5 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.9 %), Praha (3.4 %) and Praha-západ (3.6 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.1 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.3 %.**

**By August 31, 2009, job offices registered altogether 41,297 vacancies.** That is by 466 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 109,610 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 12.0 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (56.4), Bruntál (49.2), Děčín (47.0) and Teplice (42.6). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,368 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 27.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 5,654 vacancies, that is 4.6 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 6.3 % in July 2009.**