

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by April 30, 2007

By April 30, 2007 job offices registered altogether 402,932 job seekers. That is by 27,542 less than at the end of March. The number of job seekers decreased by 83,231 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 372,764.

In the course of April, job offices registered altogether 40,856 newcomers. That is by 394 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 2,927 newly registered job seekers less than in April of the preceding year.

In April, job offices registration was terminated with 68,398 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 48,094 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 20,304 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by all 77 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Pelhřimov (16.8 %) Písek (15.4 %), Prachatice (14.1 %) and Náchod (13.4 %).

At the end of April, job offices registered 217,223 female job seekers, that is 53.9 % of the unemployed in total, and **69,787 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 17.3 % of the unemployed in total.

By April 30, 2007, 25,080 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.2 % (March 2007 – 6.4 %, April 2006 – 6.8 %).

In April 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 115,471 job seekers, that is 28.7 % of all job seekers under registration (March 2007 – 30.1 %, April 2006 – 28.1 %).

By April 30, 2007, the unemployment rate was 6.8 % (March 2007: 7.3 %, April 2006: 8.3 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ (1.7 %), Praha-východ (2.1 %), Praha (2.5 %), Mladá Boleslav (2.8 %) and Pelhřimov (2.9 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 32 districts, the highest being in Most (17.9 %), Karviná (15.6 %), Teplice (13.8 %), Ústí nad Labem (12.7 %), Jeseník (12.5 %) and Děčín (12.2 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 8.3 % and unemployment rate - men was 5.6 %.**

By April 30, 2007, job offices registered altogether 113,895 vacancies. That is by 6,186 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 39,747 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 3.5 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (46.6), Karviná (20.0), Děčín (15.7), Most (15.2), Bruntál (13.5) and Teplice (12.9.).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,964 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 17.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 21,455 vacancies, that is 1.2 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 6.5 % in March 2007.