## Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by December 31, 2010

By December 31, 2010 job offices registered altogether 561,551 job seekers. That is by 54,911 more than at the end of **November**. The number of job seekers decreased by 22,415 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 546,484.

In the course of December, job offices registered altogether 96,521 newcomers. That is by 29,950 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 24,171 newly registered job seekers more than in December of the preceding year.

In December, job offices registration was terminated with 41,610 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 23,432 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 18,178 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 77 job offices in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jindřichův Hradec (25.5 %), Chrudim (25.0 %), Písek (23.5 %), Pelhřimov (22.3 %), Havlíčkův Brod (21.3 %), Strakonice (20.6 %), Břeclav (20.5 %) and Znojmo (20.1 %).

At the end of December, job offices registered 268,200 female job seekers, that is 47.8 % of the unemployed in total, and 69,499 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 12.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By December 31, 2010, 35,357 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.3% (November 2010 - 7.1%, December 2009 - 6.6%).

In December 2010, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 178,962 job seekers, that is 31.9 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2010 - 27.9 %, December 2009 - 35.1 %).

By December 31, 2010, the unemployment rate was 9.6 % (November 2010: 8.6 %, December 2009: 9.2 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 49 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (19.7 %), Bruntál (17.9 %), Most (16.5 %), Hodonín (16.3 %) and Děčín (15.7 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha and Praha – západ (both 4.1 %), Praha-východ (4.2 %) Mladá Boleslav (5.0 %). The unemployment rate - women was 10.7 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.8 %.

By December 31, 2010, job offices registered altogether 30,803 vacancies. That is by 1,534 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 124 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 18.2 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Prostějov (72.8), Jeseník (63.4), Břeclav (61.7), Děčín (59.6). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,934 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 35.9 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 4,719 vacancies, that is 7.5 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.1 % in November 2010.