

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by October 31, 2006

By October 31, 2006 job offices registered altogether 439,788 job seekers. That is by 14,394 less than at the end of September 2006. The number of job seekers decreased by 52,090 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 408,277.

In the course of October, job offices registered altogether 48,836 newcomers. That is by 16,231 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 1,234 newly registered job seekers less than in October of the preceding year.

In October, job offices registration was terminated with 63,230 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 40,422 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 22,808 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 75 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Rychnov nad Kněžnou (10.6 %), Pelhřimov (8.2 %), Mladá Boleslav (7.1 %), Domažlice (6.9 %), and Pardubice (6.7 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 2 job offices** in the Czech Republic - in districts Jablonec nad Nisou (1.5 %), and Český Krumlov (0.7 %).

At the end of October 2006, job offices registered 240,760 female job seekers, that is 54.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **70,590 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 16.1 % of the unemployed in total.

By October 31, 2006, 37,892 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 8.6 % (September 2006 – 9.2 %, October 2005 – 8.8 %).

In October 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 115,207 job seekers, that is 26.2 % of all job seekers under registration (September 2006 – 26.1 %, October 2005 – 25.0 %).

By October 31, 2006, the unemployment rate was 7.4 % (September 2006: 7.8 %, October 2005: 8.5 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.2 %), Praha-západ (2.3 %), Praha (2.8 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.1 %), Pelhřimov (3.3 %) and Benešov (3.8 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (19.7 %), Karviná (17.0), Teplice (15.0 %), Ostrava (13.7 %) and Ústí nad Labem (13.0 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.3 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.0 %.**

By October 31, 2006, job offices registered altogether 101,139 vacancies. That is by 3,596 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 46,006 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 4.3 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (27.0), Most (20.3), Bruntál (18.1), Teplice (17.3) and Děčín (14.2).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,195 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 22.1 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 18,514 vacancies, that is 2.0 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.0 % in September 2006.