

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by January 31, 2008

By January 31, 2008 job offices registered altogether 364,544 job seekers. That is by 9,666 more than at the end of December. The number of job seekers decreased by 100,914 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 340,436.

In the course of January, job offices registered altogether 63,154 newcomers. That is by 18,458 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 13,083 newly registered job seekers less than in January of the preceding year.

In January, job offices registration was terminated with 53,488 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 33,929 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,559 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 71 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jeseník (10.5 %), Praha-západ and Český Krumlov both (10.0 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 6 job offices in the Czech Republic** - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Frýdek-Místek (2.0 %), Brno-město (0.8 %) and Most (0.5 %).

At the end of January, job offices registered 192,011 female job seekers, that is 52.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **65,870 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 18.1 % of the unemployed in total.

By January 31, 2008, 21,959 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.0 % (December 2007 – 6.4 %, January 2007 – 6.7 %).

In January 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 123,831 job seekers, that is 34.0 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2007 – 31.8 %, January 2007 – 31.3 %).

By January 31, 2008, the unemployment rate was 6.1 % (December 2007: 6.0 %, January 2007: 7.9 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 35 districts, the highest being in Most (15.3 %), Karviná (13.4 %), Jeseník and Teplice both (12.2 %) and Znojmo (12.1 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (1.8 %), Praha-západ (1.9 %), Praha and Mladá Boleslav (both 2.2 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 7.4 % and unemployment rate - men was 5.2 %.**

By January 31, 2008, job offices registered altogether 145,921 vacancies. That is by 4,855 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 48,025 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.5 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (15.6), Jeseník (12.6), Bruntál (11.4), Teplice (10.4) and Karviná (10.1).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,438 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 14.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 31,087 vacancies, that is 0.7 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.9 % in December 2007.