

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by October 31, 2008**

**By October 31, 2008 job offices registered altogether 311,705 job seekers.** That is by 2,853 less than at the end of September. The number of job seekers decreased by 37,137 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 292,385.

**In the course of October, job offices registered altogether 49,403 newcomers.** That is by 14,484 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 3,434 newly registered job seekers more than in October of the preceding year.

**In October, job offices registration was terminated with 52,256 seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by - 32,995 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,261 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 29 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Pelhřimov (5.9 %), Tachov (5.2 %), Český Krumlov (5.1 %) and Cheb (4.4 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 48 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Frýdek Místek (6.6 %), Plzeň sever (5.5 %) and Plzeň jih (5.2 %).

**At the end of October, job offices registered 171,974 female job seekers,** that is 55.2% of the unemployed in total, and **58,430 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 18.7 % of the unemployed in total.

**By October 31, 2008, 26,504 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 8.5 % (September 2008 – 9.2 %, October 2007 – 7.9 %).

**In October 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 105,283 job seekers,** that is 33.8 % of all job seekers under registration (September 2008 – 33.0 %, October 2007 – 28.4 %).

**By October 31, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.2 %** (September 2008: 5.3 %, October 2007: 5.8 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 39 districts, the highest being in Most (12.0 %), Karviná (11.1 %), Děčín (9.8 %) and Teplice (9.7 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha–západ and Praha–východ (both 1.7 %), Praha (2.1 %) and Mladá Boleslav (2.3 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 6.7 % and unemployment rate - men was 4.1 %.**

**By October 31, 2008, job offices registered altogether 130,124 vacancies.** That is by 9,433 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 13,343 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.4 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (22.7), Jeseník (14.9), Bruntál (10.9) and Hodonín (10.4). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,939 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 21,417 vacancies, that is 1.2 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.4 % in September 2008.**