

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by March 31, 2007**

**By March 31, 2007 job offices registered altogether 430,474 job seekers.** That is by 24,563 less than at the end of February. The number of job seekers decreased by 84,285 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 399,618.

**In the course of March, job offices registered altogether 40,462 newcomers.** That is by 258 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 6,360 newly registered job seekers less than in March of the preceding year.

**In March, job offices registration was terminated with 64,725 seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by – 44,216 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 20,509 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 Prachatice (13.0 %), Písek (12.9 %), Jindřichův Hradec (11.2 %) and Cheb (10.0 %).

**At the end of March, job offices registered 226,562 female job seekers,** that is 52.6 % of the unemployed in total, and **71,327 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 16.6 % of the unemployed in total.

**By March 31, 2007, 29,614 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.4 % (February 2007 – 6.5 %, March 2006 – 7.0 %).

**In March 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 129,584 job seekers,** that is 30.1 % of all job seekers under registration (February 2007 – 31.5 %, March 2006 – 29.8 %).

**By March 31, 2007, the unemployment rate was 7.3 %** (February 2007: 7.7 %, March 2006: 8.8 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ (1.8 %), Praha-východ (2.1 %), Praha (2.6 %), Mladá Boleslav (2.9 %) and Pelhřimov (3.6 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 32 districts, the highest being in Most (18.3 %), Karviná (16.2 %), Teplice (14.6 %), Jeseník (14.3 %), Znojmo (13.7 %) and Ústí nad Labem (13.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 8.7 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.2 %.**

**By March 31, 2007, job offices registered altogether 107,709 vacancies.** That is by 2,832 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 37,236 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 4.0 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (24.2), Most (16.9), Jeseník (16.3), Děčín (16.0) and Bruntál (14.1).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,834 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 18.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 19,074 vacancies, that is 1.4 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 6.9 % in February 2007.**