

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic - March 2004

By March 31, 2004 job centers registered altogether 559,822 job seekers. That is by 10,965 less than at the end of February 2004. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers increased by 31,627 persons.

In the course of March, job centers registered altogether 51,944 newcomers. That is by 1,610 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 4,700 newly registered job seekers more than in March of the preceding year.

In March, job centers registration was terminated with 62,909 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by - 47,856 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job centres excluded 15,053 job seekers due to other reasons (rule breakers, retirement, etc.).

A monthly increase of the unemployed was witnessed by 3 job centers of the Czech Republic - in districts of Praha (1.5 %), Jablonec nad Nisou (0.5 %) and Mladá Boleslav (only 0.03 %).

At the end of March 2004, job centers registered 276,086 female job seekers, that is 49.3 % of the unemployed in total, and **74,275 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 13.3 % of the unemployed in total.

By March 31, 2004, 52,365 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered,** that is by 1,609 less than in the preceding month and by 286 less than in the same period of the preceding year. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 9.4 % (March 2003: 10.0 %).

In March 2004, job centers paid off unemployment benefits to 186,817 job seekers, that is 33.4 % of all job seekers under registration (March 2003 - 34.6 %).

By March 31, 2004, the unemployment rate under registration was 10.7 % (March 2003: 10.0 %, February 2004: 10.9 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Prague-West (3.4 %), Praha-East (4.1 %) and Prague (4.4 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (24.3 %), Karviná (21.3 %), Teplice (19.5 %), Jeseník (19.4 %) and Bruntál and Ostrava (both 19.0 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 11.9 % and unemployment rate - men was 9.6 %.**

By March 31, 2004, job centers registered altogether 42,406 vacancies. That is by 1,511 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 1,128 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 13.2 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (91.7) and Karviná (63.2).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job centers 1,391 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 53.4 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 6,552 vacancies, that is 8.0 seekers per vacancy.

General unemployment rate (ILO), the indicator derived from LFSS results in compliance with international definitions and recommendations, was **8.1 % in the 4th quarter 2003.**

Sequence of regions by unemployment rate - March 2004

Region	unemployment rate (in %) ↓	monthly increase in unemployment (in %) ↓	number of job- seekers per 1 vacancy ↓
Most	24,3	-0,8	57,9
Karviná	21,3	-0,2	63,2
Teplice	19,5	-1,7	45,3
Jeseník	19,4	-0,3	91,7
Ostrava-město	19,0	-0,2	42,7
Bruntál	19,0	-0,6	46,6
Chomutov	18,9	-1,3	52,1
Louny	17,7	-4,6	22,5
Děčín	16,0	-1,4	22,9
Hodonín	15,8	-2,2	22,9
Frýdek-Místek	15,8	-0,2	44,4
Nový Jičín	15,1	-1,9	31,3
Znojmo	15,0	-6,5	21,9
Litoměřice	14,9	-4,9	18,8
Třebíč	14,6	-2,2	26,5
Přerov	14,5	-3,1	27,0
Ústí nad Labem	14,4	-1,3	26,3
Sokolov	13,8	-0,5	18,9
Svitavy	13,4	-6,4	12,6
Šumperk	13,2	-1,7	16,5
Opava	12,8	-2,3	30,0
Kroměříž	12,4	-0,6	21,9
Vsetín	12,3	-1,9	29,2
Kutná Hora	12,1	-3,1	19,4
Olomouc	12,0	-3,0	14,2
Břeclav	11,9	-3,8	18,2
Brno-město	11,2	-0,3	22,5
Karlovy Vary	11,1	-0,2	20,2
Vyškov	11,0	-3,3	37,4
Český Krumlov	10,9	-3,8	6,5
Chrudim	10,7	-3,4	11,2
Prostějov	10,5	-3,1	5,6
Liberec	10,5	-2,0	7,4
Česká Lípa	10,5	-1,8	13,1
Kolín	10,3	-3,0	9,6
Zlín	10,3	-1,2	20,9
Kladno	9,9	-1,7	20,6
Tachov	9,8	-5,1	17,4
Trutnov	9,7	-1,9	17,5
Blansko	9,7	-3,0	11,3

Uherské Hradiště	9,5	-2,3	9,2
Nymburk	9,4	-1,7	3,6
Jičín	9,3	-1,4	9,2
Žďár nad Sázavou	9,3	-1,3	31,1
Cheb	9,1	-4,3	12,6
Mělník	9,0	-1,2	17,6
Příbram	9,0	-5,2	9,2
Brno-venkov	8,8	-1,8	17,4
Ústí nad Orlicí	8,7	-2,6	9,5
Jablonec nad Nisou	8,7	0,5	11,1
Písek	8,6	-9,4	9,2
Klatovy	8,6	-4,9	7,5
Semily	8,3	0,0	14,3
Strakonice	8,2	-3,4	7,1
Náchod	8,1	-2,6	9,7
Jihlava	8,1	-6,3	14,8
Jindřichův Hradec	8,0	-5,7	18,7
Rakovník	8,0	-2,9	12,5
Rokycany	8,0	-4,1	13,9
Havlíčkův Brod	7,8	-4,6	36,6
Plzeň-město	7,6	-2,2	6,3
Prachatice	7,6	-3,4	8,5
Pardubice	7,3	-3,5	12,0
Plzeň-sever	7,2	-2,7	11,7
Rychnov nad Kněžnou	7,0	-1,1	15,3
Tábor	7,0	-1,8	8,6
Hradec Králové	6,9	-3,8	12,7
Domažlice	6,9	-3,4	5,8
Pelhřimov	6,1	-2,2	8,3
Beroun	5,9	-3,4	8,9
Mladá Boleslav	5,5	0,0	7,5
Plzeň-jih	5,4	-5,3	7,0
České Budějovice	5,1	-1,4	9,1
Benešov	5,1	-3,1	5,1
Praha	4,4	1,5	2,9
Praha-východ	4,1	-0,6	2,2
Praha-západ	3,4	-0,6	2,8
Celkem ČR	10,7	-1,9	13,2