

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 29, 2008

By February 29, 2008 job offices registered altogether 355,033 job seekers. That is by 9,511 less than at the end of January. The number of job seekers decreased by 99,704 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 330,641.

In the course of February, job offices registered altogether 40,002 newcomers. That is by 23,152 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 718 newly registered job seekers less than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job offices registration was terminated with 49,513 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 31,735 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,778 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 Domažlice (5.8 %), Břeclav (5.6 %) and Náchod (5.0 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 2 job offices in the Czech Republic** - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Praha-západ (1.0 %) and Prachatice (0.8 %).

At the end of February, job offices registered 187,568 female job seekers, that is 52.8 % of the unemployed in total, and **65,258 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 18.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By February 29, 2008, 21,566 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.1 % (January 2008 – 6.0 %, February 2007 – 6.5 %).

In February 2008, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 120,050 job seekers, that is 34.1 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2008 – 34.0 %, February 2007 – 31.5 %).

By February 29, 2008, the unemployment rate was 5.9 % (January 2008: 6.1 %, February 2007: 7.7 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 35 districts, the highest being in Most (14.9 %), Karviná (13.1 %), Znojmo and Jeseník both (11.9 %) and Teplice (11.8 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (1.7 %), Praha-západ (1.9 %), Praha and Mladá Boleslav (both 2.2 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 7.2 % and unemployment rate - men was 5.0 %.**

By February 29, 2008, job offices registered altogether 150,328 vacancies. That is by 4,407 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 45,451 vacancies more 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 Jeseník (14.2), Děčín (13.7), Bruntál (11.6), Teplice (10.8) and Karviná (10.5).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,526 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 14.4 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 30,523 vacancies, that is 0.7 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 5.0 % in January 2008.