Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 28, 2015

By February 28, 2015 job offices registered altogether 548,117 job seekers. That is by 8,074 less than at the end of January 2015. The number of job seekers decreased by 77,273 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers in age 15 to 64 years (job seekers currently available for work) was 530,526.

In the course of February, job offices registered altogether 42,790 newcomers. That is by 28,254 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 5,080 newly registered job seekers less than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job offices registration was terminated with 50,864 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 34,600 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 16,264 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 76 districts – relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts offices Rychnov nad Kněžnou (5.6 %), Jičín (4.9 %), Plzeň-sever (4.6 %), Klatovy (4.3 %) and Plzeň-jih (3.7 %). A monthly increase of unemployed was registered only by districts Jeseník (0.2 %),

At the end of February, job offices registered 265,402 female job seekers, that is 48.4 % of the unemployed in total, and 62,255 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 11.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By February 28, 2015, 26,141 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment by 4.8% (January 2015 - 4.7%, February 2014 - 6.2%).

In February 2015, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 129,137 job seekers, that is 23.6 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2015 - 23.9 %, February 2014 - 24.4 %).

By February 28, 2015 there were 85,205 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy.

By February 28, 2015, the share of unemployed was 7.5 % (January 2015 – 7.7 %, February 2014 – 8.6%, time series - <u>http://portal.mpsv.cz/sz/stat/nz/casove_rady</u>

+). Share of unemployed higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 37 districts, the highest being in Bruntál (13.4 %), Most (12.7 %), Ústí nad Labem (12.4 %), Karviná (12.1 %), Jeseník (11.9 %), Znojmo (11.4 %), Ostrava and Chomutov (both 11.2 %). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Praha-východ (3.3 %), Mladá Boleslav (4.3 %), Rychnov nad Kněžnou and Praha-západ (both 4.4 %), Benešov (4.5%) and Rokycany (4.6 %). **Share of unemployed - women was 7.4 % and share of unemployed - men was 7.7 %.**

By February 28, 2015, job offices registered altogether 68,971 vacancies. That is by 6,714 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 30,670 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 7.9 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Bruntál (38.8), Jeseník (32.4), Karviná (30.8), Chomutov (25.9), Sokolov (25.3) and Ústí nad Labem (24.1). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 6,391 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 9.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 16,492 vacancies, that is 1.6 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT - ILO) was 5.9 % in January 2015.