

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic - August 2004

By August 31, 2004 job centers registered altogether 536,012 job seekers. That is by 3,884 more than at the end of July 2004. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers increased by 11,032 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 499,570.

In the course of August, job centers registered altogether 53,085 newcomers. That is by 7,841 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 40,32 newly registered job seekers more than in August of the preceding year.

In August, job centers registration was terminated with 49,201 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by - 34,339 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job centres excluded 14,862 job seekers due to other reasons (rule breakers, retirement, etc.).

A monthly increase of the unemployed was witnessed by 58 job centers of the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts České Budějovice (5.0 %), Praha-západ (4.3 %), Rokycany (3.5 %), Pelhřimov (3.4 %) and Mladá Boleslav (3.3 %). **A monthly decrease of the unemployed was witnessed by 18 job center** of the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Jeseník (2.7 %, Kolín (1.4 %), Louny and Liberec (both 1.1 %).

At the end of August 2004, job centers registered 284,160 female job seekers, that is 53.0 % of the unemployed in total, and **73,587 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 13.7 % of the unemployed in total.

By August 31, 2004, 51,457 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered,** that is by 6,767 more than in the preceding month and by 6,368 less than in the same period of the preceding year. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 9.6 % (August 2003: 11.0 %, July 2004: 8.4 %).

In August 2004, job centers paid off unemployment benefits to 174,452 job seekers, that is 32.5 % of all job seekers under registration (August 2003 - 34.3 %).

By August 31, 2004, the unemployment rate under registration (counted from available job seekers) was 9.3 %. The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Prague-West (2.8 %), Praha-East (3.6 %) and Prague (3.8 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (23.6 %), Karviná (19.7 %), Teplice (17.1 %), Ostrava (17.0 %) and Chomutov (16.7 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 11.3 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.7 %.** The unemployment rate under registration according to the previous methodology (from the total number of registered job seekers) was **10.2 %** (August 2003: 10.0 %, July 2004: 10.1 %).

By August 31, 2004, job centers registered altogether 48,543 vacancies. That is by 2,806 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 3,001 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 11.0 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (100.6), Frýdek Místek (45.2), Most (44.8) and Chomutov (41.3).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job centers 1,683 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 43.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 9,043 vacancies, that is 5.7 seekers per vacancy.

General unemployment rate (ILO), the indicator derived from LFSS results in compliance with international definitions and recommendations, was **8.2 % in the 2st quarter 2004.**

Sequence of regions by unemployment rate - August 2004

Region	unemployment rate (in %) ↓	monthly increase in unemployment (in %) ↓	number of job- seekers per 1 vacancy ↓
Most	23,6	0,0	44,8
Karviná	19,7	0,4	100,6
Teplice	17,1	0,1	35,2
Ostrava-město	17,0	0,5	33,2
Chomutov	16,7	0,1	41,3
Bruntál	16,0	1,4	32,2
Louny	14,3	-1,1	26,3
Frýdek-Místek	14,0	-0,6	45,2
Děčín	14,0	1,0	22,3
Jeseník	13,9	-2,7	19,9
Hodonín	13,8	0,8	21,9
Sokolov	13,2	1,9	17,3
Přerov	12,9	-0,8	23,2
Ústí nad Labem	12,8	-0,8	18,0
Nový Jičín	12,7	-0,1	24,6
Třebíč	12,4	0,1	18,4
Litoměřice	12,1	-0,5	9,0
Svitavy	12,0	0,6	9,6
Znojmo	12,0	2,7	17,8
Šumperk	11,5	0,8	18,4
Kroměříž	11,2	0,3	24,2
Opava	10,8	0,0	21,8
Vsetín	10,5	0,5	19,9
Břeclav	10,3	1,6	21,1
Brno-město	10,1	0,9	16,2
Olomouc	10,0	-0,8	9,3
Karlovy Vary	10,0	1,6	18,1
Vyškov	9,8	1,7	20,5
Kutná Hora	9,8	-0,5	16,1
Prostějov	9,5	0,7	5,3
Česká Lípa	9,4	0,7	8,1
Kladno	9,1	0,9	12,9
Zlín	8,9	0,9	19,8
Tachov	8,8	-0,7	11,7
Jičín	8,7	1,9	12,3
Liberec	8,7	-1,1	6,0
Kolín	8,5	-1,4	6,5
Trutnov	8,5	0,1	13,1
Chrudim	8,5	1,8	8,9
Český Krumlov	8,4	1,9	6,2

Nymburk	8,4	-0,2	6,2
Blansko	8,3	-0,3	11,9
Mělník	8,3	1,1	9,3
Žďár nad Sázavou	8,3	2,4	24,3
Cheb	8,3	0,4	12,4
Příbram	8,2	2,2	9,8
Uherské Hradiště	8,2	1,2	15,4
Semily	7,6	1,0	15,9
Brno-venkov	7,5	2,2	14,4
Jablonec nad Nisou	7,5	0,5	11,0
Klatovy	7,5	1,8	6,2
Ústí nad Orlicí	7,4	-0,2	10,1
Rokycany	7,3	3,5	13,3
Písek	7,2	0,9	6,6
Jihlava	7,2	-0,3	14,3
Strakonice	7,1	1,0	6,7
Náchod	7,1	2,0	6,5
Plzeň-město	7,0	1,3	4,0
Havlíčkův Brod	6,9	2,8	16,3
Rakovník	6,8	0,2	7,3
Pardubice	6,8	2,1	8,9
Hradec Králové	6,6	2,1	8,5
Jindřichův Hradec	6,5	0,6	13,8
Domažlice	6,5	1,3	7,0
Rychnov nad Kněžnou	6,1	3,1	9,4
Prachatice	5,8	1,5	6,9
Plzeň-sever	5,7	-0,9	9,6
Tábor	5,7	0,8	4,4
Beroun	5,5	0,3	4,1
Pelhřimov	5,4	3,4	5,3
Plzeň-jih	4,9	1,8	6,2
Mladá Boleslav	4,8	3,3	6,7
Benešov	4,4	2,0	4,9
České Budějovice	4,3	5,0	7,0
Praha	3,8	2,0	2,6
Praha-východ	3,6	3,1	2,8
Praha-západ	2,8	4,3	2,6
Celkem ČR	9,3	0,7	11,0