## Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by December 31, 2015

**By December 31, 2015 job offices registered altogether 453,118 job seekers.** That is by 31 754 more than at the end of November 2015. The number of job seekers decreased by 88,796 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 436,547.

In the course of December, job offices registered altogether 58,803 newcomers. That is by 4,789 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 4,981 newly registered job seekers less than in December of the preceding year.

In December, job offices registration was terminated with 37,049 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 22,098 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 14,951 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly increase of unemployed** was registered **by 75 districts** – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts offices Jindřichův Hradec (22.0 %), Prachatice (21.0 %), Chrudim (18.0 %), Svitavy (15.1 %), Pelhřimov (13.8 %), Klatovy and Břeclav (13.5 %), Havlíčkův Brod (13.1 %) and Jeseník (13.0 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed** was registered **by 2 districts** – Most (1.0 %) and Ústí nad Labem (0.2 %).

At the end of December, job offices registered 227,949 female job seekers, that is 50.3 % of the unemployed in total, and 58,584 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 12.9 % of the unemployed in total.

By December 31, 2015, 22,023 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment by 4.9 % (November 2015 – 5.3 %, December 2014 – 5.1 %).

In December 2015, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 108,287 job seekers, that is 23.9 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2015 - 21.3 %, December 2014 - 21.4 %).

By December 31, 2015, there were 36 854 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy and there were 38 763 vacancies delimited for persons with reduced working capacity.

**By December 31, 2015, the share of unemployed was 6.2 %** (November 2015 – 5.9 %, December 2014 – 7.5 %, 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 35 districts, the highest being in Bruntál (11.6 %), Most (11.1 %), Karviná (11.0 %), Ústí nad Labem (10.4 %), Ostrava (10.1 %), Jeseník (9.5 %), Znojmo and Chomutov (9.4%). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Praha-východ (2.6 %), Rychnov nad Kněžnou (2.9 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.5 %), Praha-západ (3.7 %), Benešov (3.8 %), Rokycany (3.9 %), České Budějovice (4.0 %), Jičín, Plzeň-jih and Pelhřimov (all 4.1 %). Share of unemployed - women was 6.4 % and share of unemployed - men was 6.1 %.

By December 31, 2015, job offices registered altogether 102,545 vacancies. That is by 2,504 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 43,806 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 4.4 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Bruntál (18.4), Karviná (17.1), Ústí nad Labem

(16.0), Chomutov (14.0), Hodonín (12.3), Jeseník (11.9) and Sokolov (10.6). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 9,642 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 6.1 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 29,684 vacancies, that is 0.7 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT – ILO, NSA data) was 4.5 % in November 2015).