

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by March 31, 2010

By March 31, 2010 job offices registered altogether 572,824 job seekers. That is by 10,311 less than at the end of February. The number of job seekers increased by 123,912 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 556,304.

In the course of March, job offices registered altogether 56,725 newcomers. That is by 1,219 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 13,704 newly registered job seekers less than in March of the preceding year.

In March, job offices registration was terminated with 67,036 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 46,851 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 20,185 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 66 job offices in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Písek (8.7 %), Znojmo (5.7 %), Havlíčkův Brod (5.0 %) and Jindřichův Hradec (4.9 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 11 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Praha (1.9 %), Mladá Boleslav (1.8 %) and Praha-západ (1.5 %).

At the end of March, job offices registered 264,112 female job seekers, that is 46.1 % of the unemployed in total, and **68,556 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 12.0 % of the unemployed in total.

By March 31, 2010, 34,892 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.1 % (February 2010 – 6.1 %, March 2009 – 6.0 %).

In March 2010, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 199,384 job seekers, that is 34.8 % of all job seekers under registration (February 2010 – 36.6 %, March 2009 – 45.3 %).

By March 31, 2010, the unemployment rate was 9.7 % (February 2010: 9.9 %, March 2009: 7.7 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 51 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (18.8 %), Bruntál (16.9 %), Most (16.8 %), Hodonín and Znojmo (16.3 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (3.8 %), Praha (4.0 %), Praha-západ (4.4 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.4 % and unemployment rate - men was 9.2 %.**

By March 31, 2010, job offices registered altogether 33,137 vacancies. That is by 1,017 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 22,275 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 17.3 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (77.5), Teplice (75.1), Karviná (65.5), Třebíč (57.5) and Jihlava (44.1). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,214 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 31.0 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 4,208 vacancies, that is 8.3 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 8.2 % in February 2010.