Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 28, 2017

By February 28, 2017 job offices registered altogether 380,208 job seekers. That is by 9,208 less than at the end of January. The number of job seekers decreased by 81,046 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 356,821.

In the course of job offices registered altogether 38,746 newcomers. That is by 22,571 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 4,345 newly registered job seekers less than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job offices registration was terminated with 47,954 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 31,720 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 16,234 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 73 districts – Domažlice (7.3 %), Havlíčkův Brod (5.6 %), Pelhřimov and Chrudim (both 5.1 %), Klatovy (4.8 %), Plzeň-město (4.5 %), Strakonice and Mladá Boleslav (both 4.4 %). A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 2 districts - Jeseník (0.3 %) and Ústí nad Labem (0.2 %). The number of unemployed in districts Děčín and Znojmo remained the same as in the previous month.

At the end of February, job offices registered 185,390 female job seekers, that is 48.8% of the unemployed in total, and 54,710 persons with reduced working capacity, that is 14.4% of the unemployed in total.

By February 28, 2017, 15,352 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment by 4.0 % (January 2017 – 4.1 %, February 2016 – 4.5 %).

In February 2017, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 113,332 job seekers, that is 29.8% of all job seekers under registration (January 2017-29.9%, February 2016-26.1%).

By February 28, 2017, there were 25,379 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy and there were 45,782 vacancies delimited for persons with reduced working capacity.

By February 28, 2017, the share of unemployed was 5.1 % (January 2017 – 5.3 %, February 2016 – 6.3 %), time series - http://portal.mpsv.cz/sz/stat/nz/casove_rady.

Share of unemployed equal or higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 36 districts, the highest being in Karviná (10.2 %), Most (9.9 %), Jeseník (9.5 %), Bruntál (9.1 %), Znojmo (9.0 %), Ostrava-město (8.7 %), Ústí nad Labem (8.6 %) and Děčín (8.1 %). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Praha-východ and Rychnov nad Kněžnou (both 1.8 %), Praha-západ and Mladá Boleslav (both 2.7 %), Benešov and Plzeň-město (both 2.8 %) and Jičín (3.1 %). Share of unemployed - men was 5.2 % and share of unemployed - women was 5.1 %

By February 28, 2017, job offices registered altogether 143,098 vacancies. That is by 7,562 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 28,272 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 2.7 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (15.1), Jeseník (13.6), Ústí nad Labem (9.7), Znojmo (9.0), Sokolov (8.1), Hodonín (7.5), Bruntál (7.0) and Chomutov (6.2). In this monitored

period, there were registered by job offices 11,578 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 4.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 38,966 vacancies, that is 0.4 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT – ILO, NSA data) was 3.5 %in January 2017.