

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by December 31, 2009**

**By December 31, 2009 job offices registered altogether 539,136 job seekers.** That is by 30,227 more than at the end of November. The number of job seekers increased by 186,886 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 527,728.

**In the course of December, job offices registered altogether 73,350 newcomers.** That is by 7,714 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 9,929 newly registered job seekers more than in December of the preceding year.

**In December, job offices registration was terminated with 42,123 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by 22,313 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 19,810 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 77 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jeseník (21.1 %), Písek (18.5 %), Znojmo (14.0 %), Břeclav (13.5 %), Jindřichův Hradec (13.2 %), Prachatice and Chrudim (both 12.6 %).

**At the end of December, job offices registered 258,112 female job seekers,** that is 47.9 % of the unemployed in total, and **67,738 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 12.6 % of the unemployed in total.

**By December 31, 2009, 35,612 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.6 % (November 2009 – 7.1 %, December 2008 – 7.0 %).

**In December 2009, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 189,497 job seekers,** that is 35.1 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2009 – 35.3 %, December 2008 – 39.3 %).

**By December 31, 2009, the unemployment rate was 9.2 %** (November 2009: 8.6 %, December 2008: 6.0 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 50 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (16.9 %), Most (16.4 %), Hodonín (15.9 %), Bruntál and Znojmo (both 15.4 %) and Děčín (15.0 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (3.4 %), Praha (3.7 %) and Praha-západ (4.0 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.3 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.4 %.**

**By December 31, 2009, job offices registered altogether 30,927 vacancies.** That is by 1,997 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 60,262 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 17.4 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Prostějov (87.9) Jihlava (75.6), Teplice (74.0), Děčín (71.9), and Znojmo (65.4). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 1,771 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 38.2 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 4,011 vacancies, that is 8.9 seekers per vacancy.

**Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.6 % in November 2009.**