

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by January 31, 2009

By January 31, 2009 job offices registered altogether 398,061 job seekers. That is by 45 811 more than at the end of December. The number of job seekers increased by 33,517 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 383,842.

In the course of January, job offices registered altogether 87,876 newcomers. That is by 25,455 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 24,722 newly registered job seekers more than in January of the preceding year.

In January, job offices registration was terminated with 42,065 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 25,492 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 16,573 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by all 77 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Jindřichův Hradec (29.8 %), Náchod (29.3 %), Česká Lípa (28.4 %), Nový Jičín (24.2 %) and Pelhřimov (23.4 %).

At the end of January, job offices registered 198,267 female job seekers, that is 49.8 % of the unemployed in total, and **63,303 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 15.9 % of the unemployed in total.

By January 31, 2009, 25,217 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.3 % (December 2008 – 7.0 %, January 2008 – 6.0 %).

In January 2009, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 164,833 job seekers, that is 41.4 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2008 – 39.3 %, January 2008 – 34.0 %).

By January 31, 2009, the unemployment rate was 6.8 % (December 2008: 6.0 %, January 2008: 6.1 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 45 districts, the highest being in Most (14.1 %), Jeseník (13.6 %), Karviná and Znojmo (both 12.6 %), Bruntál and Děčín (both 12.4 %) and Hodonín (12.3 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.0 %), Praha-západ (2.2 %), Praha (2.3 %) and Mladá Boleslav (3.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 7.9 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.0 %.**

By January 31, 2009, job offices registered altogether 68,494 vacancies. That is by 22,695 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 77,427 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 5.8 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (54.8), Prostějova (37.7), Bruntál and Děčín (25.7), Teplice (23.6) and Karviná (22.7). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,905 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 21.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 10,926 vacancies, that is 2.3 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 4.9 % in December 2008.