

## Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by January 31, 2012

**By January 31, 2012 job offices registered altogether 534,089 job seekers.** That is by 25,638 more than at the end of December. The number of job seekers decreased by 37,774 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 517,723.

**In the course of January, job offices registered altogether 75,711 newcomers.** That is by 5,463 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 8,187 newly registered job seekers more than in January of the preceding year.

**In January, job offices registration was terminated with 50,073 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by 32,196 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,877 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by all 77 districts** in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Prachatice (12.7 %), Písek (11.7 %), Český Krumlov (11.4 %), Znojmo (10.9 %), Jindřichův Hradec (10.5 %), Rychnov nad Kněžnou (10.3 %) and Kutná Hora (10.0 %).

**At the end of January, job offices registered 256,372 female job seekers,** that is 48.0 % of the unemployed in total, and **62,958 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 11.8 % of the unemployed in total.

**In January 2012, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 117,567 job seekers,** that is 22.0 % of all job seekers under registration (December 2011 – 25.6 %, January 2011 – 33.6 %).

**By January 31, 2012, the unemployment rate was 9.1 %** (December 2011: 8.6 %, January 2011: 9.7 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 46 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (17.8 %), Bruntál (17.4 %), Most (15.9 %), Znojmo (15.8 %) and Hodonín (15.4 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (3.4 %), hl. m. Praha (4.0 %), Praha-západ (4.1 %) and Mladá Boleslav (5.0 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.1 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.3 %.**

**By January 31, job offices registered altogether 34,471 vacancies.** That is by 1,313 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 3,078 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 15.5 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Třebíč (60.1), Jeseník (58.7), Děčín (46.5), Břeclav (43.2), Prostějov (40.8) and Bruntál (40.2). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,434 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 25.9 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 5,053 vacancies.

**Unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 6.8 % in December 2011.**