

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 29, 2012

By February 29, 2012 job offices registered altogether 541,685 job seekers. That is by 7,596 more than at the end of January. The number of job seekers decreased by 25,211 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 525,119.

In the course of February, job offices registered altogether 54,521 newcomers. That is by 21,4190 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 7,365 newly registered job seekers more than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job offices registration was terminated with 46,925 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 30,783 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 16,142 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 65 districts in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Ústí nad Labem (4.5 %), Benešov (4.2 %), Praha-západ and Prachatice (both 3.2 %) and Kutná Hora (3.1 %).

At the end of February, job offices registered 258,425 female job seekers, that is 47.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **65,185 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 12.0 % of the unemployed in total.

By February 29, 2012, 31,296 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment by 5.8 % (January 2012 – 5.9 %, February 2011 – 6.1 %).

In February 2012, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 139,176 job seekers, that is 25.7 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2012 – 22.0 %, February 2011 – 32.2 %).

By February 29, 2012, the unemployment rate was 9.2 % (January 2012: 9.1 %, February 2011: 9.6 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 47 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (17.9 %), Bruntál (17.8 %), Most (16.3 %), Znojmo (15.9 %), Hodonín (15.5 %) and Děčín (15.1 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (3.5 %), hl. m. Praha (4.1 %), Praha-západ (4.2 %) and Mladá Boleslav (5.0 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.2 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.5 %.**

By February 29, job offices registered altogether 36,671 vacancies. That is by 2,200 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 4,507 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 14.8 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Třebíč (70.4), Jeseník (50.8), Bruntál (44.8), Prostějov (44.1) and Teplice (42.9). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,430 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 26.8 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 5,174 vacancies, that is 6.0 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.2 % in January 2012.