

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

**By March 31, 2012 job offices registered altogether 525,180 job seekers.** That is by 16,505 less than at the end of February. The number of job seekers decreased by 22,582 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 508,158.

**In the course of March, job offices registered altogether 38,459 newcomers.** That is by 16,961 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 11,004 newly registered job seekers less than in March of the preceding year.

**In March, job offices registration was terminated with 54,964 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by 39,706 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 15,258 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 75 districts** in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Chrudim (9.2 %), Domažlice (8.9 %), Klatovy and Prachatice (both 7.6 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed was registered in 2 districts** Praha-západ (2.4 %) and Praha-východ (2.2 %).

**At the end of March, job offices registered 254,646 female job seekers,** that is 48.5 % of the unemployed in total, and **62,379 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 11.1 % of the unemployed in total.

**By March 31, 2012, 28,925 school leavers** with all levels of education and **juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment by 5.5 % (February 2012 – 5.8 %, March 2011 – 6.2 %).

**In March 2012, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 126,016 job seekers,** that is 24.0 % of all job seekers under registration (February 2012 – 25.7 %, March 2011 – 29.0 %).

**By March 31, 2012, the unemployment rate was 8.9 %** (February 2012: 9.2 %, March 2011: 9.2 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 44 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (17.2 %), Bruntál (17.0 %), Most (16.0 %), Hodonín (14.9 %), Znojmo (14.8 %) and Děčín (14.7 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (3.6 %), hl. m. Praha (4.0 %), Praha-západ (4.3 %) and Mladá Boleslav (4.8 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 10.0 % and unemployment rate - men was 8.1 %.**

**By March 31, job offices registered altogether 39,906 vacancies.** That is by 3,235 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 5,975 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 13.2 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Třebíč (62.7), Bruntál (43.0), Teplice (41.8), Hodonín (37.8) and Jeseník (32.7). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,668 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 23.4 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 5,383 vacancies, that is 5.4 seekers per vacancy.

**Unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.1 % in February 2012.**