

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by April 30, 2006

By April 30, 2006 job offices registered altogether 486,163 job seekers. That is by 28,596 less than at the end of March 2006. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 26,394 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 454,493.

In the course of April, job offices registered altogether 43,783 newcomers. That is by 3,039 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 3,628 newly registered job seekers less than in April of the preceding year.

In April, job offices registration was terminated with 72,379 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 51,952 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 20,427 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 77 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Pelhřimov (14.5 %), Jindřichův Hradec (13.3 %), Znojmo (11.9 %) and Chrudim (11.7 %).

At the end of April 2006, job offices registered 252,352 female job seekers, that is 51.9 % of the unemployed in total, and **74,996 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 15.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By April 30, 2006, 33,047 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.8 % (March 2006 – 7.0 %, April 2005 – 7.3 %).

In April 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 136,670 job seekers, that is 28.1 % of all job seekers under registration (March 2006 – 29.8 %, April 2005 – 27.2 %).

By April 30, 2006, the unemployment rate was 8.3 % (March 2006: 8.8 %, April 2005: 8.9 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.4 %), Praha-západ (2.5 %), Praha (3.0 %) and Mladá Boleslav (3.5 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 30 districts, the highest being in Most (20.8 %), Karviná (18.3 %), Teplice (16.4 %), Jeseník (16.0 %) and Chomutov, Děčín and Ostrava (14.8 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.8 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.1 %.**

By April 30, 2006, job offices registered altogether 74,148 vacancies. That is by 3,675 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 18,284 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 6.6 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (45.1), Most (29.3), Bruntál (24.7) and Teplice (23.1).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,098 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 35.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 10,795 vacancies, that is 3.1 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.9 % in March 2005.