

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by May 31, 2006

By May 31, 2006 job offices registered altogether 463,042 job seekers. That is by 23,121 less than at the end of April 2006. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 31,534 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 431,725.

In the course of May, job offices registered altogether 42,815 newcomers. That is by 968 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 2,173 newly registered job seekers less than in May of the preceding year.

In May, job offices registration was terminated with 65,936 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 43,974 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 21,962 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 Jindřichův Hradec (13.8 %), Písek (13.0 %), Jeseník (11.7 %) and Pelhřimov (11.0 %).

At the end of May 2006, job offices registered 245,833 female job seekers, that is 53.1 % of the unemployed in total, and **73,985 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 16.0 % of the unemployed in total.

By May 31, 2006, 28,928 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.2 % (April 2006 – 6.8 %, May 2005 – 6.6 %).

In May 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 126,102 job seekers, that is 27.2 % of all job seekers under registration (April 2006 – 28.1 %, May 2005 – 26.4 %).

By May 31, 2006, the unemployment rate was 7.9 % (April 2006: 8.3 %, May 2005: 8.6 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.3 %), Praha-západ (2.4 %), Praha (2.9 %) and Mladá Boleslav (3.4 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 30 districts, the highest being in Most (20.5 %), Karviná (18.1 %), Teplice (16.2 %), Ostrava and Chomutov 14.3 %), Jeseník and Děčín (14.1 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.6 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.6 %.**

By May 31, 2006, job offices registered altogether 80,902 vacancies. That is by 6,754 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 23,730 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 5.7 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (38.2), Most (27.5), Bruntál (24.1) and Teplice (20.2).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,309 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 32.0 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 12,819 vacancies, that is 2.3 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.5 % in April 2005.