

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by December 31, 2017**

**By December 31, 2017 job offices registered altogether 280,620 job seekers.** That is by 15,151 more than at the end of November. The number of job seekers decreased by 100,753 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers in age 15 to 64 years (job seekers currently available for work) was 259,929.

**In the course of job offices registered altogether 45,278 newcomers.** That is by 4,502 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 9,414 newly registered job seekers less than in December of the preceding year.

**In December, job offices registration was terminated with 30,127 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by 16,673 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 13,454 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly decrease of unemployed** was registered **by 7 districts** – Praha (1.8 %), Most (1.0 %), Karviná (0.6 %), Ústí nad Labem, Brno město and Teplice (all 0.2 %) and Ostrava (0.01 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed** was registered **by 70 districts** - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Prachatice (29 %), Jindřichův Hradec (28.9 %), Jeseník (24.7 %), Chrudim (23 %), Svitavy (20.9 %), Pelhřimov (20.7 %), Klatovy (17.6 %) and Písek (17.0 %).

**At the end of December, job offices registered 140,880 female job seekers,** that is 50.2 % of the unemployed in total, and **46,009 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 16.4 % of the unemployed in total.

**By December 31, 2017, 11,440 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment by 4.1 % (November 2017 – 4.5 %, December 2016 – 4.58 %).

**In December 2017, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 85,647 job seekers,** that is 30.5 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2017 – 27.9 %, December 2016 – 27.0 %).

**By December 31, 2017, there were 27,404 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy** and there were **49,492 vacancies** delimited for persons with reduced working capacity.

**By December 31, 2017, the share of unemployed was 3.8 %** (November 2017 – 3.5 %, December 2016 – 5.2 %), time series - [http://portal.mpsv.cz/sz/stat/nz/casove\\_rady](http://portal.mpsv.cz/sz/stat/nz/casove_rady).

Share of unemployed equal or higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 36 districts, the highest being in Karviná (8.1 %), Most (7.3 %), Jeseník (7.2 %), Bruntál (7.0 %), Ostrava-město (6.9 %), Znojmo (6.7 %) and Hodonín (6.2 %). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Praha-východ (1.3 %), Rychnov nad Kněžnou (1.4 %), Praha západ (1.8 %), Benešov (2.0 %), Jičín (2.1 %), Mladá Boleslav, Cheb, Plzeň-jih, Plzeň město and Pelhřimov (all 2.2 %).

**Share of unemployed - men was 3.7 % and share of unemployed – women was 3.8 %.**

**By December 31, 2017, job offices registered altogether 216,629 vacancies.** That is by 2,839 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 84,133 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 1.3 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (8.4), Jeseník (6.2), Ústí nad Labem (5.7), Znojmo (5.5), Most (5.0), Hodonín (4.8), Bruntál (4.3), Opava and Děčín (both 3.9). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 13,022 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 3.5 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 55,953 vacancies, that is 0.2 seekers per vacancy.

**Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT – ILO, NSA data) was 2.6 % in October 2017.**