

## **Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 28, 2018**

**By February 28, 2018 job offices registered altogether 280,899 job seekers.** That is by 8,329 less than at the end of February 2017. The number of job seekers decreased by 99,309 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 257,884.

**In the course of job offices registered altogether 33,078 newcomers.** That is by 22,545 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 5,668 newly registered job seekers less than in February of the preceding year.

**In February, job offices registration was terminated with 41,407 job seekers.** New jobs have been taken up by 27,054 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 14,353 job seekers due to other reasons.

**A monthly decrease of unemployed** was registered **by 75 districts** – relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Benešov (6.6 %), Vyškov (6.1 %), Klatovy and Prostějov (both 5.5 %), Chrudim and Plzeň-jih (both 5.4 %), Kutná Hora (5.2 %), Pelhřimov, Trutnov and Olomouc (all 5.1 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed** was registered **by 2 districts** - Litoměřice (2.9 %) and Teplice (0.7 %).

**At the end of February, job offices registered 136,605 female job seekers,** that is 48.6 % of the unemployed in total, and **45,524 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 16.2 % of the unemployed in total.

**By February 28, 2018, 10,488 school leavers** with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment by 3.7 % (January 2018 – 3.8 %, February 2017 – 4.0 %).

**In February 2018, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 93,970 job seekers,** that is 33.5 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2018 – 33.8 %, February 2017 – 29.8 %).

**By February 28, 2018, there were 25,372 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy.**

**By February 28, 2018, the share of unemployed was 3.7 %** (January 2018 – 3.9 %, February 2017 – 5.1 %), 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 (7.8 %), Jeseník (7.4 %), Most and Znojmo (both 7.1 %), Bruntál (6.8 %), Ostrava-město (6.6 %), Hodonín (6.2 %) and Chomutov (5.9 %). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts of Praha-východ (1.3 %), Rychnov nad Kněžnou (1.4 %), Praha západ (1.8 %), Benešov (1.9 %), Pelhřimov, Plzeň-město, Jičín and Mladá Boleslav (all 2.1 %).

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

**By February 28, 2018, job offices registered altogether 239,254 vacancies.** That is by 8,526 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 95,156 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 1.2 job seekers for one

vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (7.7), Jeseník (5.7), Ústí nad Labem (5.6), Znojmo (5.4), Most (4.7), Děčín (4.1), Hodonín (3.9) and Bruntál (3.6). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 13,880 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 3.3 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 60,899 vacancies, that is 0.2 seekers per vacancy.

**Unemployment rate** (EUROSTAT – ILO, NSA data) was **2.6 % in January 2018**.