

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

By December 31, 2006 job offices registered altogether 448,545 job seekers. That is by 15,972 more than at the end of November 2006. The number of job seekers decreased by 61,871 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 421,286.

In the course of December, job offices registered altogether 51,528 newcomers. That is by 3,752 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 4,999 newly registered job seekers less than in December of the preceding year.

In December, job offices registration was terminated with 35,556 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 20,402 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 15,154 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 5 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Praha-západ (3.0 %), Plzeň-město and Praha-východ (both 0.7 %), Praha (0.6 %) and Ostrava (0.4 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 72 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Litoměřice (11.5. %), Jeseník (11.2 %), Jindřichův Hradec (10.4 %), Pelhřimov (10.3 %) and Písek and Chrudim (both 10.2 %).

At the end of December 2006, job offices registered 238,713 female job seekers, that is 53.2 % of the unemployed in total, and **71,318 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 15.9 % of the unemployed in total.

By December 31, 2006, 31,955 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 7.1 % (November 2006 – 7.7 %, December 2005 – 7.6 %).

In December 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 129,882 job seekers, that is 29.0 % of all job seekers under registration (November 2006 – 27.2 %, December 2005 – 27.8 %).

By December 31, 2006, the unemployment rate was 7.7 % (November 2006: 7.3 %, December 2005: 8.9 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ and Praha-východ (both 2.1 %), Praha (2.7 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.1 %), Pelhřimov (3.7 %) and Benešov (3.9 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 32 districts, the highest being in Most (19.5 %), Karviná (16.9), Teplice (15.7 %), Jeseník (14.7 %) and Znojmo (13.6 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.3 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.4 %.**

By December 31, 2006, job offices registered altogether 93,425 vacancies. That is by 5,541 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 41,261 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 4.8 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (34.2), Bruntál (20.6), Teplice (19.1), Most (18.7) and Jeseník (17.7).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,170 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 22.5 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 17,477 vacancies, that is 1.8 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 6.7 % in November 2006.