

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

By September 30, 2006 job offices registered altogether 454,182 job seekers. That is by 4,547 less than at the end of August 2006. Compared with the same period of the preceding year, the number of job seekers decreased by 49,214 persons. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 427,331.

In the course of September, job offices registered altogether 65,067 newcomers. That is by 15,938 job seekers more than in the preceding month and by 4,549 newly registered job seekers less than in September of the preceding year.

In September, job offices registration was terminated with 69,614 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 43,111 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 26,503 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 55 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Rychnov nad Kněžnou (6.9 %), Pelhřimov (5.2 %), Hradec Králové (3.7 %), Olomouc (3.2 %) and Nový Jičín (3.1 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 21 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Praha-západ (4.0 %), Benešov (2.9 %), Rakovník (2.7 %) and Brno-venkov (1.3 %).

At the end of September 2006, job offices registered 248,966 female job seekers, that is 54.8 % of the unemployed in total, and **71,146 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 15.7 % of the unemployed in total.

By September 30, 2006, 41,722 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 9.2 % (August 2006 – 7.1 %, September 2005 – 9.4 %).

In September 2006, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 118,595 job seekers, that is 26.1 % of all job seekers under registration (August 2006 – 27.7 %, September 2005 – 25.1 %).

By September 30, 2006, the unemployment rate was 7.8 % (August 2006: 7.9 %, September 2005: 8.8 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.3 %), Praha-západ (2.4 %), Praha (2.9 %), Mladá Boleslav (3.4 %), Pelhřimov (3.8 %) and Benešov (3.9 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech republic was shown in 32 districts, the highest being in Most (20.3 %), Karviná (17.8 %), Teplice (15.7 %) and Ostrava (14.2 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.8 % and unemployment rate - men was 6.3%.**

By September 30, 2006, job offices registered altogether 97,543 vacancies. That is by 3,326 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 41,745 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there has been 4.7 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (29.6), Most (19.5), Bruntál (19.2), Teplice (17.9) and Děčín (16.2).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 3,190 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity, that is 22.3 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 18,187 vacancies, that is 2.3 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 7.1 % in August 2006.