

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by May 31, 2007

By May 31, 2007 job offices registered altogether 382,599 job seekers. That is by 20,333 less than at the end of April. The number of job seekers decreased by 80,443 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 353,604.

In the course of May, job offices registered altogether 38,185 newcomers. That is by 2 671 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 4,630 newly registered job seekers less than in May of the preceding year.

In May, job offices registration was terminated with 58,518 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 37,285 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 21,233 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by all 77 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Český Krumlov (11.5 %), Jeseník (10.0 %), Benešov (9.2 %) and Pelhřimov (8.8 %).

At the end of May, job offices registered 209,362 female job seekers, that is 54.7 % of the unemployed in total, and **68,581 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 17.9 % of the unemployed in total.

By May 31, 2007, 21,399 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 5.6 % (April 2007 – 6.2 %, May 2006 – 6.2 %).

In May 2007, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 108,485 job seekers, that is 28.4 % of all job seekers under registration (April 2007 – 28.7 %, May 2006 – 27.2 %).

By May 31, 2007, the unemployment rate was 6.4 % (April 2007: 6.8 %, May 2006: 7.9 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-západ (1.6 %), Praha-východ (1.9 %), Praha (2.4 %), Mladá Boleslav (2.5 %) and Pelhřimov (2.7 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 31 districts, the highest being in Most (17.5 %), Karviná (15.2 %), Teplice (13.3 %), Ústí nad Labem (12.0 %), Decín (11.6 %) and Ostrava (11.4 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 8.0 % and unemployment rate - men was 5.2 %.**

By May 31, 2007, job offices registered altogether 119,492 vacancies. That is by 5,597 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 38,590 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 3.2 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Jeseník (27.7), Karviná (17.8), Decín (14.7), Bruntál (12.9) and Most (12.9).

In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 4,141 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 16.6 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 22,353 vacancies, that is 1.0 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 6.1 % in April 2007.