

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by May 31, 2009

By May 31, 2009 job offices registered altogether 457,561 job seekers. That is by 835 more than at the end of April. The number of job seekers increased by 155,054 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 446,451.

In the course of May, job offices registered altogether 56,687 newcomers. That is by 16,365 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 20,531 newly registered job seekers more than in May of the preceding year.

In May, job offices registration was terminated with 55,852 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by – 37,682 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 18,170 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 38 job offices in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Prah-západ (5.2 %), Praha (3.8 %), Plzeň-město (3.6 %), Olomouc (3.5 %) and Plzeň-jih (3.1 %), **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 39 job offices** in the Czech Republic - relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Jeseník (7.3 %), Český Krumlov (5.4 %), Jindřichův Hradec (5.3 %) and Znojmo (5.0 %).

At the end of May, job offices registered 226,770 female job seekers, that is 49.6 % of the unemployed in total, and **63,701 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 13.9 % of the unemployed in total.

By May 31, 2009, 23,765 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 5.2 % (April 2009 – 5.9 %, May 2008 – 5.5 %).

In May 2009, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 209,068 job seekers, that is 45.7 % of all job seekers under registration (April 2009 – 46.0 %, May 2008 – 31.8 %).

By May 31, 2009, the unemployment rate was 7.9 % (April 2009: 7.9 %, May 2008: 5.0 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 46 districts, the highest being in Most (15.3 %), Karviná (14.2 %), Bruntál (13.7%), Chomutov (13.5 %), Děčín (13.3 %), Česká Lípa (13.2 %) and Šumperk, Jeseník, Hodonín (all 13.0 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha-východ (2.6 %), Praha (2.8 %), Praha-západ (2.9 %). **The unemployment rate - women was 9.1 % and unemployment rate - men was 7.0 %.**

By May 31, 2009, job offices registered altogether 48,254 vacancies. That is by 2,263 vacancies less than in the preceding month and by 103,090 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 9.5 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (55.3), Jeseník (50.8), Teplice (50.4), Karviná (42.0) and Prostějov (40.1). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,436 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 26.1 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 6,469 vacancies, that is 3.7 seekers per vacancy.

Harmonized unemployment rates (EUROSTAT) was 5.7 % in April 2009.