

Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 29, 2024

By February 29, 2024 job offices registered altogether 296,107 job seekers. That is by 561 more than at the end of January. The number of job seekers increased by 13,599 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 272,376.

In the course of job offices registered altogether 35,365 newcomers. That is by 17,610 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 1,243 newly registered job seekers more than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job offices registration was terminated with 34,804 seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 25,570 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 9,234 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 38 districts – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Benešov (3.9 %), Prostějov (3.9 %), Tachov (3.8 %), Plzeň-město (3.5 %), Pelhřimov (3.4 %), Přerov (3.1 %), Plzeň-jih (3.1 %), Prachatice (2.5 %). **A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 34 districts** – relatively the greatest increase was monitored in districts Havlíčkův Brod (4.2 %), Písek (2.8 %), Rakovník (2.4 %), Příbram (2.2 %), Beroun (2.1 %), Náchod (2.0 %), Český Krumlov (1.9 %), Svitavy (1.8 %).

By February 29, 2024, 14,286 school leavers with all levels of education **and juveniles were registered.** Thus they share in the total unemployment by 4.8 % (January – 4.9 %, February 2023 – 4.4 %).

At the end of February, job offices registered 153,888 female job seekers, that is 52.0 % of the unemployed in total, and **38,098 persons with reduced working capacity,** that is 12.9 % of the unemployed in total.

In February 2024, job offices paid off unemployment benefits 99,824 job seekers, that is 33.7 % of all job seekers under registration (January – 33.9 %, February 2023 – 32.4 %).

By February 2024, there were 7 113 jobseekers supported through financial benefits of active employment policy.

By February 29, 2024, the share of unemployed was 4.0 % (January – 4.0 %, February 2023 – 3.9 %), time series - <https://www.mpsv.cz/web/cz/casove-rady-mn-a-pno>. Share of unemployed equal or higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 32 districts, the highest being in Karviná (8.2 %), Bruntál (7.9 %), Most (7.6 %), Chomutov (7.0 %), Jeseník (6.5 %), Znojmo (6.4 %), Louny (6.2 %), Děčín (6.2 %). The lowest share of unemployed was in districts Praha-východ (1.5 %), Praha-západ (1.6 %), Rychnov nad Kněžnou (2.2 %), Pelhřimov (2.2 %), Benešov (2.2 %), Plzeň-jih (2.3 %), Jičín (2.4 %), Zlín (2.5 %).

Share of unemployed - men was 3.8 % and share of unemployed - women was 4.2 %.

By February 29, 2024, job offices registered altogether 268,579 vacancies. That is by 1,796 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 14,518 vacancies less than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 1.1 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Karviná (11.0), Bruntál (8.0), Jeseník (5.6),

Hodonín (5.3), Děčín (5.2), Blansko (4.4), Opava (4.4), Most (4.3). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 10,311 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 3.7 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 48,096 vacancies, that is 0.3 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT – ILO, NSA data) was 3.2 % in January 2024.