

Czech economy: basic indicators

Indicator	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Average for given Qs
External trade CZK bn 1)						
Exports total	2003	333,2	340,2	332,5	365,0	342,7
	2004	376,6	460,1	425,3	460,7	430,7
	2005	437,7	477,2	459,5	500,7	468,8
Germany	2003	121,9	127,0	122,9	135,4	126,8
	2004	141,1	168,5	152,3	161,2	155,8
	2005	157,0	160,6	151,3	157,2	156,5
Imports total	2003	337,7	353,5	350,7	398,8	360,2
	2004	374,9	469,0	433,5	471,7	437,3
	2005	411,5	462,7	460,3	500,3	458,7
Germany	2003	110,1	115,4	116,8	127,0	117,3
	2004	121,0	154,9	135,6	142,9	138,6
	2005	129,1	142,8	135,6	141,8	137,3
Unemployment						
Unemployed job applicants at end of quarter thous.persons	2003	528,2	501,0	529,4	542,4	521,6
	2004	559,8	517,5	530,2	541,7	537,4
	2005	540,5	489,7	503,4	510,4	514,3
Women at end of quarter thous.persons	2003	257,9	255,3	274,9	272,5	263,7
	2004	276,1	268,4	279,2	276,3	275,3
	2005	271,2	260,4	272,2	265,6	269,0
Unemployed job applicants receiving unemployment benefit at end of quarter thous.persons	2003	182,8	165,6	191,5	189,5	182,7
	2004	186,8	164,0	181,0	143,2	169,1
	2005	154,7	129,0	126,6	141,8	138,7
Vacancies at end of quarter thous.persons	2003	41,3	43,0	45,2	40,2	42,5
	2004	42,4	45,4	47,1	51,2	45,6
	2005	55,9	57,0	55,8	52,2	55,7
Vacancy rate in % 2)	2003	1,0	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1
	2004	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,2
	2005	1,4	1,4	1,34)	1,2	1,3
Registered unemployment rate according to current methodology of MLSA in % 3) at end of quarter	2004	.	.	9,1	9,5	.
	2005	9,4	8,6	8,8	8,9	9,0

1) Data for 2003 are final by CZSO; data for 2004 are final referring to 26 Aug 2005 closing date; data for 2005 are updated referring to 28 Feb 2006 closing date. 2) Share of vacancies in total number of filled jobs and vacancies.

3) On 1 July 2004, MLSA made a change in methodology of calculating unemployment rates - some groups of persons are included differently (numerator contains number of available unemployed; denominator contains labour force, i.e. sum of number of employed persons from LFSS and number of working foreigners registered by labour office or having valid permit for work or business licence plus number of available unemployed (all moving annual averages). 4) Change in methodology since Q3 2005 (according to former methodology, Q3 2005 = 1.4%).