

Czech economy: basic indicators

Indicator	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Average for given quarters
External trade CZK bn 1)						
Exports total	2004	376,6	460,1	425,3	460,7	430,7
	2005	434,0	476,3	460,1	503,5	468,5
	2006	509,8				509,8
Germany	2004	141,1	168,5	152,3	161,2	155,8
	2005	156,5	161,3	151,8	157,4	156,8
	2006	165,3				165,3
Imports total	2004	374,9	469,0	433,5	471,7	437,3
	2005	409,8	462,6	460,2	501,8	458,6
	2006	484,3				484,3
Germany	2004	121,0	154,9	135,6	142,9	138,6
	2005	128,6	143,2	135,7	142,5	137,5
	2006	142,8				142,8
Unemployment						
Unemployed job applicants at end of quarter thous.persons	2004	559,8	517,5	530,2	541,7	537,4
	2005	540,5	489,7	503,4	510,4	514,3
	2006	514,8				524,0
Women at end of quarter thous.persons	2004	276,1	268,4	279,2	276,3	275,3
	2005	271,2	260,4	272,2	265,6	269,0
	2006	260,5				265,8
Unemployed job applicants eligible for unemployment benefit at end of quarter thous.persons	2004	186,8	164,0	181,0	143,2	169,1
	2005	154,7	129,0	126,6	141,8	138,7
	2006	153,5				156,3
Job vacancies at end of quarter thous.persons	2004	42,4	45,4	47,1	51,2	45,6
	2005	55,9	57,0	55,8	52,2	55,7
	2006	70,5				62,4
Job vacancy rate in % 2)	2004	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,2
	2005	1,4	1,4	1,34)	1,2	1,3
	2006	1,5				1,5
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
	2006	8,8				9,0

1) Data for 2004 are final referring to 26 August 2005 closing date; data for 2005 and 2006 are updated

referring to 30 May 2006 closing date. 2) Share of job vacancies in total number of filled jobs and job vacancies.

3) From 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 job applicants; denominator contains the 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 job applicants (all moving annual averages). 4) Change in methodology since Q3 2005 (according to former methodology, Q3 2005 = 1.4%).