31 March 2022

The adjusted unemployment rate increased to 2.5% in February

Rates of employment, unemployment, and economic activity – February 2022

**The employment rate**

The proportion of employed persons in the number of all persons aged 15–64 years reached 75.2% in February 2022. It increased by 1.0 percentage point (p.p.) compared to that in February 2021. The male employment rate was 82.3%; the female employment rate was 67.7%. The employment rate of persons aged 15–29 years was 45.0%, in the age group of 30–49 years it was 87.4%, and in the age group of 50–64 years it was 78.6%.

**The general unemployment rate**

The percentage of the unemployed in the labour force, that is in the total number of the employed and the unemployed (that means economically active persons), reached 2.5% in February 2022. It decreased by 0.8 percentage point, year-on-year. The male unemployment rate reached 1.8%; the female unemployment rate reached 3.2%.

*“An increase in the unemployment in February was solely among females. While male unemployment rate is still on its record low in European comparison, as for the other sex, Czechia cannot pride itself on that similarly,”* Dalibor Holý, Director of Labour Market and Equal Opportunities Statistics Department of the Czech Statistical Office, comments on the results.

**The economic activity rate**

The percentage of the economically active in the total number of persons aged 15–64 years reached 77.0%. It increased by 0.4 p. p. compared to that in February 2021. The male economic activity rate (83.8%) exceeded the female economic activity rate by 13.8 p. p.

**International comparability**

All data presented in the News Release are seasonally adjusted. They apply to the age group of 15–64 years. They come from the Labour Force Sample Survey (LFSS) carried out by a network of interviewers of the CZSO in households and are different in terms of methodology from administrative data of the Labour Office of the Czech Republic on registered job applicants (namely the “Share of unemployed persons” indicator).

The LFSS has an internationally comparable methodology, which defines the employed and the unemployed in accordance with recommendations of the International Labour Organization. The CZSO regularly sends data from the LFSS to Eurostat, which prepares monthly press release on unemployment as for Member States of the EU, however, for the age group of 15–74 years. The unemployment rate in that age group (of the aged 15–74 years) was 2.4% in the Czech Republic in February 2022.

Tables 1 and 2 enclosed contain methodologically consistent time series of basic indicators of the labour market and numbers of the employed and unemployed persons, starting in 1993.

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*End of preliminary data processing: 24 March 2022*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Rates of employment, unemployment, and of economic activity (seasonally adjusted)

Table 2 Absolute numbers of the employed and unemployed persons (both seasonally adjusted)

Chart 1 The general unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)