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Rates of Employment, Unemployment, and Economic Activity – January 2015

The **employment rate** (the share of the employed persons in the age group 15 – 64 years, as percentage), seasonally adjusted, reached 70.7% in January 2015 and increased by 2.3 percentage point (p.p.) compared to that in January 2014. The male employment rate was 78.5%; the female employment rate was 62.6%, both seasonally adjusted. The employment rate of persons aged 15 – 29 years, seasonally adjusted, was 49.8%, in the age group 30 – 49 years it attained 84.9%, and in the age group 50 – 64 years it got to 65.2%.

The **general unemployment rate** of the aged 15 – 64 years (the share of the unemployed in the labour force, that is in the total number of the employed and the unemployed, as percentage), seasonally adjusted, reached 5.9% in January 2015 and decreased by 0.8 p.p., year-on-year. The male unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, attained 5.1%; the female employment rate was 7.0%.

Today, Eurostat is to publish the monthly unemployment rate, consistent in terms of methodology applied, within its news release, yet for the age group 15 – 74 years. Because the age group 65 – 74 years is characterized by a low number of unemployed persons, after the rounding there was the same general unemployment rate value reached also in the group 15-74 years of age. Data for the Czech Republic are based on monthly data from the Labour Force Sample Survey (LFSS).

The News Release includes consistent time series of basic indicators of the labour market back to 1993. Tables in annex contain seasonally adjusted absolute numbers of the employed and unemployed persons, respectively, yet the transition to a new system of weights may affect continuity from December to January.

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Data source: CZSO, Labour Force Sample Survey conducted in selected dwelling households; collective accommodation establishments are not included in the survey. The LFSS results have been grossed up to the total population of the Czech Republic using data of the population statistics as at 1 January 2014 and the prediction of the population development in 2014 and in the first month of 2015.

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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)