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Rates of Employment, Unemployment, and Economic Activity – December 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 December 2015 and increased by 1.1 percentage point (p.p.) compared to that in December 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 46.8%, in the age group 30 – 49 years it attained 86.3%, and in the age group 50 – 64 years it got to 66.9%.

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 4.5% in December 2015 and decreased by 1.4 p.p., year-on-year. The male unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, attained 3.7%; the female unemployment rate was 5.6%.

Eurostat in its press release today publishes methodically same monthly unemployment rate, but for the age group 15-74 years. The age group 65 – 74 years is characterized by a low number of unemployed persons and therefore there was a slightly lower general unemployment rate 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 time series of basic indicators of the labour market, consistent in terms of methodology, back to 1993. Tables in annex contain seasonally adjusted absolute numbers of the employed and unemployed persons, respectively. Seasonal adjustment is processed the entire time series.

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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 2015 and the following prediction of the population development in 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)