

A new study on low-skilled people in Czechia

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A new study on low-skilled people in Czechia is available. It has been carried out by the Institute for Democracy & Economic Analysis, a think tank operating under the Centre for Economic Research and Graduate Education - Economics Institute.

Thanks to strong upper secondary education, Czechia has always been a country with low and decreasing share of people with lower qualification levels. However, the study concludes that this is changing as the number of drop-outs from formal education at upper secondary level increases. The study sees the introduction of unified final upper secondary education exam (“maturita”) as a possible cause of this development.

Low skilled people face difficult situation within the Czechia labour market, as for most jobs require skills of at least an upper secondary level. In the [European Skills Index](#), where Cedefop measures performance of EU countries’ skills systems, [Czechia on average performs the best](#). The country has also the [lowest unemployment rate in the EU](#) and enjoys strong economic and job growth. But for low skilled people, the benefits of such developments are often out of reach.

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