

Abstract

Author of the bachelor thesis deals with strategies of long-term unemployed graduates of secondary vocational school¹ in Prague. These strategies are also affected by their perception of social status of the unemployed and reaction of their social networks which is the reason why the social status and social networks are part of this thesis. The research is based on literature about the unemployed and their strategies in the areas: searching for a job, finance and free time. Author is especially inspired by Dutch sociologists Engbersen, Schuyt and Timmer and their book Culture of unemployment. Ten semi-structured interviews were performed within the qualitative research. One of the results is that the graduates are affected by unemployment in relation to social status which they recognize. At the moments when family does not provide much needed support, these graduates find understanding among friends. Strategies of unemployed graduates are in some aspects similar to strategies of other groups of unemployed people. These graduates are financially dependent on their social networks, because they have no claim to social support. Social networks also seem to be the most effective way when searching for income. According to the statements, the time structure of unemployed graduates is not disturbed.

¹ Target group: „graduates from a vocational school with the school leaving examination may either perform a certain profession or continue with studies at university or college“[Kábelová, 2010].