# THE DEVELOPMENT OF RUSSIAN LABOUR MARKET UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF TERRITORIAL LABOUR ALLOCATION: THE MAIN TRENDS

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The article is devoted to the research of labor market development under the influence of territorial distribution of labor.

The Russian labor market develops under the influence of a significant amount of factors, one of which is the territorial distribution of labor. The dynamics and structure of the processes of territorial distribution of labor have changed in the recent years: they've developed new forms and trends.

However, in modern conditions the developed territorial accommodation of labor serves more like a parameter of the existing disproportions in the social and economic progress of the regions and the variations of branch and territorial structures of regional manufacture.

It is necessary to note, that for the Russian regions, and regional labor markets significant distinctions on parameters of unemployment, intensity, a level of wages are characteristic, that grows out processes of redistribution of labor on territory of the country, and shapes new tendencies in regional distribution of manpower.

So, the lowest parameters of unemployment for the period from 2000 to 2008 are noted in the Central federal district. For the specified interval it decreased from 7,8 % to 3,6 %. Such essential dynamics of decrease in the given parameter up to a similar level is not observed in other districts. In Northwest FD the decrease in the rate of unemployment ranges from 9,6 % to 5,2 %.

However, the greatest parameters of the rate of unemployment, and the least dynamics in its decrease for the given period were shown in the Siberian and Far East federal districts: from 12,8 % to 8,3 % and from 12,6 % to 7,9 %, respective.

As a whole for this period the parameter of unemployment decreased from 10,6 % to 6,3 %. Thus, it is possible to say that the level of intensity on labor market in the last two specified districts is the meaningful factor for the definition of the dynamics of variation of parameters of manpower. The progress in the regional and national labor market in Russia in the recent years has been characterized by a number of controversial tendencies both in the structure, contents and dynamics.

The progress of regional labor markets of eastern and northern regions of Russia in the 1990s was carried out at the significant decrease of able-bodied population and the outflow of manpower into other, more socially and economically safe regions (Central, Northwestern). In the long term it leads to the fact that the given regions have to involve anew the population of an active working age for the restoration of the economy of the given regions, plus the given regions are rich in natural minerals, and their further development requires the availability of the qualified labor.

Another, not less important tendency in the progress of labor market of Russia under the influence of inter-regional redistribution of labor is the significant displacement of the quantitative component of manpower on regional labor markets of the Central federal district, and in St.-Petersburg and Leningrad region, as well as the Samara, Belgorod, Kaliningrad regions, the Republic of Tatarstan, and Krasnodar territory. The reasons for the given tendency are as lower parameters of unemployment in the given cities that "draws" labor from mono-cities, and rather ample opportunities of employment in the given areas.

The given tendencies can be seen from the following statistical data.

For the background of meaningful mutual influence of the parameters of labor market and the parameters of territorial distribution of labor we have carried out the correlation analysis on the rate of unemployment and migration in the federal districts of Russia for the period from 1995 to 2007.

It is necessary to note, that such new tendency as the virtuality of territorial labor migra-

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#### Table 1

| in the regions of Russia  |  |   |                            |  |
|---------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|--|
|                           | Number of economically active<br>population, thousand people | Rate of employment of the population, % | Rate<br>of unemployment, % |  |
| Central federal district  |  |   |                            |  |
| 2000                      | 19530,8  | 60,7                                    | 7,8                        |  |
| 2005                      | 19808,1  | 63,8                                    | 4,3                        |  |
| 2008                      | 20215,0  | 65,9                                    | 3,6                        |  |
| Northwestern federal of   | Jistrict   |   |                            |  |
| 2000                      | 7394,6   | 60,0                                    | 9,6                        |  |
| 2005                      | 7514,6   | 64,8                                    | 5,5                        |  |
| 2008                      | 7688,0   | 67,5                                    | 5,2                        |  |
| Southern federal distric  | t  | •                                       |                            |  |
| 2000                      | 9993,1   | 52,7                                    | 15,4                       |  |
| 2005                      | 10295,5  | 55,1                                    | 11,6                       |  |
| 2008                      | 11345,0  | 58,2                                    | 10,2                       |  |
| Povolzhye district        |  | •                                       |                            |  |
| 2000                      | 15785,4  | 59,5                                    | 9,8                        |  |
| 2005                      | 15740,9  | 60,9                                    | 7,3                        |  |
| 2008                      | 15967,0  | 62,8                                    | 6,3                        |  |
| The Ural federal district | ť  |   |                            |  |
| 2000                      | 6359,6   | 59,9                                    | 10,1                       |  |
| 2005                      | 6497,5   | 62,8                                    | 6,7                        |  |
| 2008                      | 6705,0   | 65,5                                    | 5,5                        |  |
| The Siberian federal dis  | strict   |   |                            |  |
| 2000                      | 10078,2  | 56,7                                    | 12,8                       |  |
| 2005                      | 10086,0  | 59,1                                    | 9,4                        |  |
| 2008                      | 10249,0  | 61,1                                    | 8,3                        |  |
| Far Eastern federal dis   | trict  |   |                            |  |
| 2000                      | 3628,2   | 59,6                                    | 12,6                       |  |
| 2005                      | 3489,1   | 61,2                                    | 7,9                        |  |
| 2008                      | 3588,0   | 63,5                                    | 7,9                        |  |

#### Number of economically active population, parameters of employment and unemployment in the regions of Russia

Table 2

## Correlation of the federal districts of the Russian Federations

| Federal district              | The value of the factor of correlation between<br>the rate of unemployment and migration |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Central federal district      | 0,908  |  |
| Northwestern federal district | -0,735   |  |
| Southern federal district     | 0,049  |  |
| Povolzhye district            | 0,521  |  |
| The Ural federal district     | -0,069   |  |
| The Siberian federal district | -0,649   |  |
| Far Eastern federal district  | -0,649   |  |

tion in the recent years gains in strength, but so far it has not got a enough strong effect on the Russian labor market for the reasons of economic and socially-psychological character.

As a result it is possible to come to the conclusion, that today the territorial distribution of labor in modern Russia acts as a more and more meaningful factor of progress both in the regional labor markets, and the national labor market as a whole.

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<sup>5</sup>http://migrant.ferghana.ru/newslaw/analyze.

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