

*This Demographic Yearbook of the Regions of the Czech Republic provides a comprehensive overview of the demographic development in the regions of the Czech Republic. Examined regions were established on 1 January 2000, and four of them changed their borders on 1 January 2005 as a result of administrative shifts in the regional belonging of municipalities. The Yearbook gives all the figures for the period since 1991, converted to comply with the new definitions of the territories. This is the first publication to show converted demographic figures for the regions, including long time series.*

*The Yearbook was compiled by the CZSO Population Development Statistics Department's unit based in the town of Olomouc. The methodological part was consulted with the Demographic Statistics Section of the Department, which also participated in English translation.*

*The Yearbook is also available on CD-ROM and its data will be published on the CZSO's website [www.czso.cz](http://www.czso.cz). During next years, the data will be upgraded and also disseminated in electronic form.*

*I believe that the Yearbook will find a wide use and that the data will help the users in making decisions and pursuing activities in various spheres of social, economic and other development of the territorial units in our country. The Yearbook can also become useful for international comparisons of the regions. We will be thankful for any comments, which could help us improve the quality of the database and the publications to come.*

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