INTRODUCTION

We have prepared for our users a publication based on the data published in our regional statistical yearbooks. Each chapter includes tables with comparisons of Regions for 2023. Chapter 26 Administrative districts, municipalities comprises selected indicators broken down by administrative district of municipalities with extended powers and with authorised municipal authority and several indicators on individual municipalities. Chapter 27 is enriched with selected data broken down by NUTS2 cohesion region and with data for the whole Czech Republic. Several charts and cartograms were included in individual chapters. For the content of our regional yearbooks see: <u>Catalogue of products</u>.

In every chapter, there are brief methodological explanatory notes as well as links to data sources used for the preparation of the publication. State statistical surveys are basic sources for the published data. Besides data sources of the Czech Statistical Office, available data from areas administered by respective ministries were also used, especially from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports, Ministry of Health, Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic, and the Ministry of Transport. A vast portion of the data published is kept in the regional databases of KROK (data on Regions and Districts) and MOS (statistics of towns and municipalities) and in long-term time series. The <u>Public database</u> and also a new application for statistical data dissemination – <u>DataStat</u> are an important information source for users. Display of data in maps in <u>Statistical geoportal</u> is also a novelty.

The presented product (publication), of course, cannot contain all pieces of information collected and processed by the state statistics. More detailed data from respective sections of demographic, economic, and social development of the Region, Districts, municipalities, or micro-regions are published in specialised products (regional statistical yearbooks, regional statistical bulletins, publications on demographic matters, thematically focused analytical materials, etc.), which are mainly available in an electronic form on the Internet. Many other pieces of information can be found on the websites of Regional Offices of the CZSO (at <u>csu.gov.cz</u> by clicking on <u>Regional offices</u> in the upper bar), not merely the latest updates of results of statistical surveys, but also information on the CZSO activities.