

INTRODUCTION

The Statistical Yearbook of Prague is the main publication of the regional department of the Czech Statistical Office for the region of Prague. It has been being published since 1995 onwards. In the year 2000 it became the part of contents-unified set of regional yearbooks which follow the nationwide Statistical Yearbook of the Czech Republic released by the headquarters of the Czech Statistical Office. **Data** on regions are generally published for the **period of 2007 – 2009**, for selected indicators in a longer time series beginning with the year 1993.

This year, more substantial changes in the content and form of regional yearbooks are made. The content of regional yearbooks is split into two parts. **The printed publication** comprises of data on the region and its territorial units, including depiction of the regional development in form of time series. Tables of the regional comparison for individual sections are shifted to an **enclosed CD** which is an integral part of the printed book. Another important change is increased number of chapter so that each of them contains statistics only for the particular field. The former content of individual tables remained unchanged as we understand that readers are used to a certain way of data presentation that has been practised so far. There are only minor changes in order to describe the transforming economy and to comply with EUROSTAT procedures, standards and classifications (e.g. a new CZ-NACE classification for data by economic activity). Furthermore, some of the tables are simplified by omitting too detailed breakdowns. In case that you are interested in any additional data, please contact directly our regional departments

(http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/regional_information_services).

Apart from information on the whole region, there are also **data available for administrative districts and city sections of Prague and a brief comparison of large towns of CR is included.** Methodological notes for individual chapters are put together and located at the end of the book. There you can also find links to the data sources used in the yearbook.

The primary source for the published data are state statistical surveys. Apart from surveys of the Czech Statistical Office the data come from following institutions: Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (and its contributory organization of Institute for Information on Education), Ministry of Health (Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic), and Ministry of Transport.

A major part of published data is from regional databases KROK (data on regions, districts) and MOS (data on towns and municipalities). Some of the data included in the yearbook come from **the Public Database (<http://vdb.czso.cz/vdbvo/en/uvod.jsp>) which is accessible for the public usage** at the CzSO website. The database is being continually filled-in and it provides the more and more detailed view on statistical data through pre-defined tables.

There are other publications that are focused on regional data, as Statistical Bulletin (up-to-date quarterly statistics), publications of demographic character, thematically oriented analytical publications et cetera. A lot of information can be also found on regional websites of the CzSO (www.praha.czso.cz for the Capital).

Long-term experience with the interest of regional information users persuades us that the regional statistical yearbook will continue to be a sought-after source of information for both the professionals and the general public. We try to provide as much information for the region and its territorial units as possible. This proves to be difficult as the region of Prague has quite specific territorial breakdown that differs from that of the other regions. This time again we welcome your suggestions and comments regarding the content of the yearbook or the information you are missing and would like us to provide in following years (infoservispraha@czso.cz).

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