

I. Basic methodological approaches

Since 2002 the **LFSS questionnaire** has been fully harmonised with Eurostat's survey and corresponds to Council Regulation (EU). Nevertheless, the contents of Eurostat's survey are still developing and, in this context, the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) makes appropriate adjustments to the national LFSS questionnaire. In spite of that, the formal structure of the quarterly publication remains unchanged, which enables the reader good guidance with respect to the publications for previous quarters. Also kept are the continuity and consistence of statistical data in chronological order.

On 1 January 2000, a territorial administrative structure of the Czech Republic dividing the country into **14 Regions** ("higher territorial self-governing units"), became effective under the Constitutional Act No. 347/97 Sb. As a follow-up, to comply with the statistical and analytical needs and the needs of the European Union, eight statistical territorial units (**Areas**) were formed according to the Resolution of the Cabinet of the Czech Republic No. 707/1998. The territorial administrative structure of the Czech Republic, complying with the NUTS classification (La Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques) used in EU countries, can be seen from the maps in the Technical Notes. This quarterly LFSS publication gives an insight into the labour market at all basic levels, i.e. NUTS 1 – Czech Republic, NUTS 2 – statistical Areas and NUTS 3 – Regions.

The LFSS includes all persons usually living in randomly selected apartments, regardless of the type of stay (permanent stay, temporary, long-term or undeclared stay). **For persons aged under 15** only basic data are asked for: relationship to head of the household, age, gender and nationality. **Persons aged 15 and over** are supposed to answer additional questions concerning their status in the labour market. **The survey does not cover persons living in collective accommodation** establishments for a long period of time, which is why data on certain population groups (especially foreign nationals living and working in the Czech Republic) are rather scarce. According to Eurostat, such data can be retrieved from administrative sources or obtained through a special survey taken outside the LFSS.

In Q4 2025, the sample included **23.2 thousand dwellings** on the territory of the whole Czech Republic (i.e. 0.5% of all usually occupied dwellings), in which **47.3 thousand respondents of all age groups** were surveyed, including **41.1 thousand respondents aged 15 and over**. This sample size allows making estimates of labour market indicators for the country and estimates for regions and areas with reliability required by Eurostat.

Number of households and persons aged 15 and over in the sample

Czech Republic	Regions													
	Hl. m. Praha	Středočeský	Jihočeský	Plzeňský	Karlovarský	Ústecký	Liberecký	Královéhradecký	Pardubický	Vysočina	Jihomoravský	Olomoucký	Zlínský	Moravskoslezský
Number of households in the sample														
23215	1990	3020	1702	1559	892	1697	1117	1219	1274	1332	2377	1148	1259	2629
Number of persons aged 15 and over in the sample														
41055	3146	5132	3036	2908	1475	2891	1921	2207	2414	2557	4504	1997	2252	4615

All data from the sample survey **were recalculated** to match the age structure of the population of the Czech Republic according to demographic statistics as of the beginning of the reference quarter, **based on the 2021 Population Census**. **Estimates** of the number of people living outside private households, particularly in hostels and so-called collective households (e.g. retirement homes, social care institutions, or correctional facilities), **are deducted from the results**. These estimates are derived from social security statistics, data on the number of prisoners, and the number of immigrants not living in apartments. This method of recalculation best corresponds to the target group covered by the survey, i.e. the population usually residing in private households.

The LFSS is a continuous survey whose results are assessed and published on a quarterly basis. The results are released three months after end of the reference quarter. In connection with the unification of the national questionnaire and the list of questions obligatory for EU member states, the contents of this publication are being modified. **Since January 2013**, basic employment rate, unemployment rate and economic activity rate are also published on a monthly basis in the News Releases. More information about the methodology is available on the website of the Czech Statistical Office – csu.gov.cz/home:

[https://csu.gov.cz/employment-and-unemployment\(LFS\)](https://csu.gov.cz/employment-and-unemployment(LFS))

From Q1 2011 there are not separately published data **for the civilian sector**. All previously published tables for the civilian sector (table-type 300) are published for the whole national economy, in the same format, while retaining headers and columns.

Some indicators are surveyed **to a limited extent** on a selected household visit (i.e. not repeatedly every quarter). Therefore, they are not part of regular publications. Relevant data are available **only as annual data** and can be requested through the CZSO information service. These are, for example, indicators:

- Persons with disabilities;
- Work in atypical time – in shifts, evening, night, Saturday, Sunday.