

Introduction

Some 90 years have passed since the establishment of Czechoslovakia and out of its five original lands that created a “united and indivisible nation,” only three have been preserved, in a modified form, until now. The separation of Slovakia is still in fresh memory, but earlier changes descended into history long time ago. At first, there was a merger of Moravia and Silesia (1928) and later on, in 1939, Carpathian Ruthenia left the joint state under the influence of international events. The region saw a number of transfers from one state to another during World War Two and later. However, Czechs’ have retained a romantic picture of Carpathian Ruthenia in their historical memory. The population of present-day “Zarkapattia Oblast” has kept a positive recollection of the rule of Czechoslovakia when the land experienced an unparalleled growth in all social spheres.

After the historical territorial changes, the land is integrated into Ukraine under the name Zarkapattia Oblast at present. Differences in names have been caused by the geographical approach to the Carpathians. For Ukraine, the land is behind, but for former Czechoslovakia before the mountains.

The publication contains selected statistical data summarized in the tables that were modified in order to give a clear picture and to ease the work with them. Besides, the publication includes a comparative chapter that shows some general data for other lands of the former Czechoslovakia as well as the whole country. The printed form of the publication includes considerably abridged, but vital demographic statistics. Much more comprehensive information will be published in an electronic form and published on the webpage of the Czech Statistical Office next year.

The publication does not intend to serve as an analysis of the demographic development of Carpathian Ruthenia. It seeks to provide the information on what demographic data are available and it is ready to give them to those interested in them. We believe that the interesting data from our demographic history will serve for further many-sided use.