

## **Preface**

*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 2000, converted to comply with the new definitions of the territories. The publication is a follow-up to earlier ones. The formal structure of the Yearbook was changed in further to other regional publications. Data are newly sorted at first by the regional unit and then by the demographic event in contrary to previous publications, where the main criterion was the demographic event.*

*This is the first publication to show converted demographic figures for the regions, including long time series. Data will be published on the CZSO's website <http://www.czso.cz/>.*

*We 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.*