

FOREWORD

The Statistical Yearbook of Prague is the main publication of the Regional Office of the Czech Statistical Office. 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. **Data on region** are basically published for the period **2009 – 2011**; yet for selected indicators then also in a longer time series since 2000.

This year, regional yearbooks have been altered only slightly as for their contents and formal side. The main change is that selected data from the Population and Housing Census, which was carried out in the end of March 2011 have been included. The Census results are published mainly on our web pages. A publication with basic data in a detailed breakdown by territory will be issued in the end of 2012, an analysis of Census results in the region will be issued in the end of September 2013. The regional yearbook provides to our readers again the chapter on Elections with the elections results to one third of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR.

Other changes consisting only in omitting of information from ad hoc surveys, indicators, which have lost their reason, and in adding new pieces of information more and more reflecting processes of the economy transformation, harmonization of the Czech statistics with procedures, standards, and classifications used by Eurostat and wider use of administrative data sources. Published tables do not contain more detailed data. If readers are interested in such breakdowns, they can address directly the nearest Information Services Unit of the Czech Statistical Office.

Besides information on regions, **available data by administrative districts and city sections of Prague are published**. This year, we included comparison of Prague with four Czech biggest cities and comparison with Bratislava, Wien, Budapest and Warsaw. The enclosed CD contains, first of all, inter-regional comparisons and also time series trends of selected indicators in 2000 – 2011 in the entire Czech Republic. Methodological notes on individual chapters are summarised after the publication data section. References and links to data sources, which were used in the preparation of the regional statistical yearbooks, are cited in the methodology notes.

The basic source for the data published is state statistical surveys. 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 of the CR, Ministry of Finance of the CR, Ministry of the Interior of the CR, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the CR, Ministry of Health of the CR, Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic, and the Ministry of Transport of the CR.

A vast portion of the data published is maintaining in the regional databases of KROK (data on regions and districts) and MOS (statistics of towns and municipalities). **The Public Database (VDB)** has been gradually filled-in as well. It is accessible on the CZSO website (<http://vdb.czso.cz/vdbvo/en/uvod.jsp>) and enables to view statistical data in the pre-defined tables from the standpoint of their subject matter and territorial breakdowns in ever greater detail. More detailed data are published in specialized products (Statistical Bulletin, Age structure of Prague population or Migration in Prague 2001-2011), which are mostly available in the electronic form on the Internet. Many other pieces of information can be found on the websites (www.praha.czso.cz).

Long-term experience with the users' interest in information in regional breakdown, which has been significantly growing recently, make us believe that the regional statistical yearbooks will continue to be a sought source of information for the 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.

Like in the previous years, we will welcome your potential suggestions and comments on the yearbook's content (please, send these suggestions to infoservispraha@czso.cz).

We express our thanks to all authors and colleagues for the effort and time they devoted to the preparation of this publication.