

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. **Data on region** are basically published for the period **2008 – 2010**; yet for selected indicators then also in a longer time series since 1995. This publication cover has been modified within the context of the change of the CZSO visual style.

Following rather essential changes to the content of regional statistical yearbooks carried out the last year, which users accepted with ease, the authors has decided the content and form of regional statistical yearbooks shall be changed in a minimal way. There is a certain modification consisting in omitting of information from ad hoc surveys for indicators, which have lost their reason, and in adding new pieces of information more and more reflecting processes of the economy transformation and harmonization of the Czech statistics with procedures, standards, and classifications used by Eurostat (as application of the new CZ-NACE classification for data breakdown by activity, for instance). Furthermore, a part of the tables has been simplified when more detailed data breakdowns were neglected. If readers are interested in such breakdowns, they can address directly the nearest Department of Information Services of the Czech Statistical Office (http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/regional_statistical_offices).

Besides information on regions, **available data by administrative districts and city sections of Prague** and selected data on towns can be found in as well. The enclosed CD contains, first of all, inter-regional comparisons and also time series trends of selected indicators in 1995–2010 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, Institute for Information on Education, 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>). More detailed data are published in specialized products (Statistical Bulletin, Age structure of population or Population Development of Prague 2001-2010), which are mostly available in the electronic form on the Internet. Many other pieces of information can be found on the website of the CZSO Regional Office of Prague (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 and the information you are missing and would like us to provide in following years (infoservispraha@czso.cz).

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