

FOREWORD

The Statistical Yearbook of Prague is a key publication of the Regional Office of the Czech Statistical Office in the Capital City of Prague. It brings a summary statistical overview about the Region and its individual territorial units. Thanks to its scope, it can depict statistical data on demographic, social, and economic development of the Region in more detail and in a summary way. Furthermore, it also includes selected data on the environment. Already the 24th volume of this edition is issued this year. One of the main advantages of all previous editions, as well as this year's one, is not only the uniformity of content in all Regions, but also the fact that the structure of the chapters of the publication is basically unchanged and always follows the relevant edition of the Statistical Yearbook of the Czech Republic, also prepared by the Czech Statistical Office.

In this edition, we have already omitted the chapter on the 2021 Population and Housing Census; however, selected data on cadastral territories in Prague from the Census 2021 is available in the chapter "Capital City of Prague". In contrast, we have expanded the content of some chapters. For example, in the chapter on Population, the reader will find results of the projection of the population of the Region until the year 2080; in the chapter on Agriculture, selected data from the last year's Integrated Farm Survey are included. Furthermore, the chapter on Elections contains results of the June elections to the European Parliament as well as the September elections to regional councils and to one third of the Senate. Data on the Region are published essentially for the period from 2021 to 2023; in selected indicators, they are in a longer time series from 2000 onwards. The publication is available in electronic form on the Internet; however, a printed version can also be purchased.

In terms of territory, besides information on the Region, available data by administrative districts are also published here; in the chapter called "Capital City of Prague" data by Prague city sections and cadastral territories are published. Besides the data on different spatial units of Czech Republic, the reader will find the data on capital cities of neighbouring states in the chapter "Territorial comparisons". In this chapter information about Prague, Bratislava, Warszawa, Budapest and Wien is published. Well-arranged comparisons of Regions in the electronic form of the Yearbook are available on the website or directly in a separate publication called "Comparison of Regions in the Czech Republic" that will be published on 17 January 2025. It is necessary to underline that all data published therein (including cartograms) correspond to the territorial structure valid just in the relevant year.

Methodological notes on individual chapters are provided together, as a summary, after the data section. References and links to data sources used for preparation of the Yearbook, explanation of abbreviations used in the Yearbook and of symbols used on the geographical map of the Region are also added to them.

State statistical surveys are the basic source for the published data. Besides data sources of the Czech Statistical Office, available data from ministries and other institutions (listed in detail in an overview of "Data sources – links to ministries and other institutions" as well as in relevant tables, charts, and cartograms) were used. A large part of published data is regularly entered into regional databases of the CZSO or it is provided in long-term time series, including data in the open text format. The Public database (in Czech abbreviated as VDB) and a new application for statistical data dissemination – DataStat – are also important sources of this information. A new feature is also the display of data in maps in the Statistical Geoportal. Links to these applications can be found on the website of the CZSO at <https://csu.gov.cz/>.

The regional statistical yearbook is not intended to encompass all pieces of information collected and processed by the State Statistical Service. More detailed data on development of the Region, administrative districts and city sections are also available in other products of the Regional Office (e.g. Statistical Bulletin, publications on demographic matters, thematically focused analyses, etc.), which are available in electronic form on the Internet. Many other pieces of useful information can be found namely on the website of the Regional Office of the Czech Statistical Office in the Capital City of Prague (www.csu.gov.cz/praha) not only the latest data, but also interesting facts about the Region, graphical outputs, information for respondents of statistical surveys, information about activities of the Regional Office itself, and much more. In the half of November 2024, another regional analysis was published, this time with the topic of seniors called "Seniors in Prague – selected chapters – 2023" (Czech only; in Czech it reads: "Senioři v Praze – vybrané kapitoly – 2023").

Our long-term experience and users' interest in information in regional breakdown make us believe that our regional statistical yearbook will continue to be an important and sought-after source of information for both professional and lay public. The same as in the previous years, we welcome your potential suggestions and comments as to the Yearbook's content – they can be a valuable contribution to the preparation of regional publications in 2025.

We express our thanks to all authors and colleagues for the effort and time they devoted to the preparation of the content as well as technical matters of the Yearbook.