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Population change – 1st – 3rd quarter of 2013

Average age of mothers at childbirth continues to increase

Population of the Czech Republic decreased by 2.3 thousand down to 10 513.8 thousand during the first three quarters of 2013. The decrease resulted from negative balance of the natural change and net migration. The number of live births decreased by 1.3 thousand compared to the same period in the previous year. The number of marriages (by 2.4 thousand) and abortions (by 0.4 thousand) was also lower. Conversely, the number of emigrants (by 12.3 thousand), divorces (by 1.7 thousand), immigrants (by 0.9 thousand) and deaths (by 0.4 thousand) increased.

According to the preliminary statistical balance the **population** of the Czech Republic stood at 10 513 834, which was by 2.3 thousand down than at the beginning of the year. The population decline was composed of negative net migration from 61% (1.4 thousand persons), the natural change – the difference of live births and deaths – accounted for 39% of total population decrease (0.9 thousand persons).

From January to September 2013 there was a total of 80.7 thousand **live** **births** in the Czech Republic, which decreased by 1.3 thousand compared to the previous year. The number of second births was lower by 4.3% and stood behind the intra-annual decrease in total number of live births during the first three quarters of 2013 in the comparison with the same period in 2012 the most. First born children also decreased (by 0.7%), however the number of third or higher order births was higher (by 2.9%). A total of 36.3 thousand of children were born outside marriage, which meant the share of children born to unmarried women at 44.9% (43.1% it was in January-September 2012). The average age of women at childbirth slightly increased up to 29.9 years (by 0.1 years compared to 2012), and it has been continuously increasing since 1992.

There were 81.6 thousand of **deaths** from January to September in 2013, which was by 0.4 thousand more than in the same period of 2012. Total number of deaths of children aged under one year was 182 and the level of infant mortality rate was at 23 infant deaths per 10 000 live births in the first three quarters of 2013. The values in both cases were lower than the previous year in the same period, while the infant mortality rate in 2012 was historically the lowest so far.

In the 1st – 3rd quarter of 2013 a total of 36.9 thousand of **marriages** were entered into, by 2.4 thousand less compared to the year before. The largest amount of marriages entered into occurred in June (8.2 thousand) and August (7.6 thousand). The lowest number of marriages were in January (0.7 thousand) and February (1.0 thousand). In the first nine months of 2013 compared to the same period a year before, the number of marriages between two single persons (68.3%) declined as well as the amount of re-marriages.

In the first three quarters of 2013 a total of 20.7 thousand marriages were divorced, that was an increase by 1.7 thousand compared to the same period of previous year. The highest number of divorced (3.1 thousand, i.e. 15% of all divorces) marriages was noticed at 4–6 years after marriage. A similar number of marriages (3.3 thousand) were divorced after 25 or more years of duration of marital union.Out of all divorces 56.9% of them were with minors. During this period divorces have affected 17.9 thousand minors.

In the first nine months of 2013, a total of 28.1 thousand **abortions** were registered, by 0.4 thousand less than the previous year during the same period. This was as a consequence of reducing the number of induced abortions (by 444) and also the lower amount of spontaneous abortions (by 55).

In the period of first three quarters in 2013 the **net migration** was negative, and the negative net migration was recorded a second quarter in a row. The amount of emigrants exceeded the number of immigrants by 1.4 thousand persons, however in the same period during the previous year the net migration was determined as positive, when the number of immigrants was higher by 10.1 thousand than the number of emigrants. In the 1st – 3rd quarter of 2013 the amount of immigrants was larger (by 0.9 thousand) compared to the same period of previous year but the number of emigrants was even much higher (by 12.3 thousand). The highest positive migration balance was this year registered with citizens from Slovakia (at 3.4 thousand) and Germany (1.1 thousand) and the most significant excess of emigrants over immigrants was registered with Ukrainians (5.0 thousand) and Czechs (1.6 thousand).

*Notes:*

*All data refer to the resident population of the Czech Republic, irrespective of citizenship. Since 2001, the figures include (in accordance with the Population and Housing Census 2001) foreigners with long-term stay (i.e., the stay based on visa over 90 days, as stipulated by Act No. 326/1999 Coll.) and foreigners with granted asylum status (in compliance with Act No. 325/1999 Coll.). Since 1st May 2004, in accordance with amendment No. 326/1999 Coll., the figures include also citizens of the European Union with temporary stay on the territory of the Czech Republic, and citizens of third-countries with long-term stay. The data also contain information on events (marriages, births and deaths) of permanent residents of the Czech Republic that occurred abroad.*

*Change of abortion definition since 1 April 2012.*

*All data for 2013 are preliminary.*

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 Divorces – Information system of the Ministry of the Justice of the CR

Migration data – Information System of Inhabitants Records (Ministry of the Interior of the CR)

Migration data of foreigners (July 2012 – September 2013) – Alien Information System (Directorate of Alien Police)

Abortions – Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the CR

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**Annexes:**

Tab. 1 Population (absolute and relative figures, year-to-year changes)

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