

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The publication presents results of the food and beverages consumption statistics for 2024. In order to improve user-friendliness it includes, among others, also time series beginning with 2015.

Totals, indices and calculations in the commentary are based on non-rounded figures.

The data for food and beverages consumption were obtained using the balance method applied to the following statistical information:

- Animal production statistics 2024
- Final harvest figures 2024
- Production of selected industrial products 2024
- Initial and final stocks in agricultural enterprises
- Initial and final stocks in food processing enterprises
- Import and export of food products based on external trade statistics of the Czech Statistical Office (as at 1 September 2025)
- Self-supply of food products

Further data used for the calculation were obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information, particular food producers' unions and other organizations.

No obligatory classification standards exist for food consumption statistics either on national or international (Eurostat) level. Starting with the publication "Food consumption in 2001" the Czech Statistical Office has changed the order of published food commodities in order to improve the data use. Particular food consumption items were arranged in line with first two divisions of the CZ - COICOP classification (the Czech version of the international COICOP standard; designed to enable international comparisons and used also in the Household Budget Surveys statistics).

Food consumption items cover two main divisions: 01 – Food and non-alcoholic beverages, 02 – Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes. The divisions break further down into groups and subgroups.

The food, beverages and cigarettes consumption data were calculated as average per capita figures; mid-year population (as at 1 July of the given year) is used. The table shows the mid-year population in 2015–2024:

Year	Mid-year population	Year	Mid-year population
2015	10 542 942	2020	10 700 155
2016	10 565 284	2021	10 500 850
2017	10 589 526	2022	10 759 525
2018	10 626 430	2023	10 878 042
2019	10 669 324	2024	10 886 531

Food self-sufficiency, or self-sufficiency of food production, is expressed as domestic production divided by domestic consumption. The figures published for each item are calculated as the per capita production divided by per capita consumption, converted into percentages. Both materials and products enter in the food self-sufficiency calculation. The self-sufficiency in basic commodities published by the Ministry of Agriculture differs in methodology.

### Symbols used in the tables

- . data unavailable or unreliable
- x not applicable
- 0 less than half the final digit shown and greater than real zero