METHODOLOGY

In 2005 The Czech statistical office (CZSO) realized the second annual survey on ICT usage in the Czech public administration sector. The pilot survey was carried out in 2003.

1.1. SURVEY ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES USAGE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Aim of the survey: The survey was focused on wide range of indicators on the infrastructure of

information technologies and the degree of their usage in the Czech public

administration sector.

Reference period: 31.12.2004

Survey period: January - April 2005

Target population: All state administration offices, all regional offices and all municipalities

Sample: All state administration offices, all regional offices and all municipalities

Collection methodology: mail survey

Structure of the questionnaire:

The questionnaire for State administration offices, regional offices and municipalities with 500 and more citizens had 5 parts:

- 1. access to information and communication technologies
- 2. usage of information and communication technologies for needs of organization
- access of citizens to information and communication technologies (Public Internet Access Points)
- 4. web sites, information and services available on web sites
- 5. usage of the internet for public procurement

There were only basic questions used in the questionnaire for municipalities with less than 500 citizens.

Table: Target population

Type of institution		Target population	Number of filled and returned questionnaires	Response rate* (in %)
State administration offices		375	373	99,5
Regional offices		13	13	100
Municipalities	Municipality with 500 citizens and more	2628	2567	97,7
	Municipality with less than 500 citizens	3673	3328	90,6

^{*}response rate = (number of filled and returned questionnaires / sample population) *100 Note: target population = sample population

1.2. USED TERMINOLOGY

1.2.1. Survey on information and communication technologies usage in public administration

Availability and sophistication of on-line services:

Information - on-line information about public services

One-way interaction – downloading of forms

Two-way interaction - processing of forms

Transaction - full case handling

Broadband – ADSL, Cable TV, wireless and other types of access with speed connection 256 kbps and more

Central ordering of goods - ordering by e-mail and on-line - from one place for whole organization

Information kiosk – computer at a public place (e.g. town hall), where citizens can find information about public administration, culture, health, education, public transport etc.

Internet – world wide computer network

LAN - Local Area Network

Personal computer – all types of personal computers (desktop computer, portable computer, handheld computer)

www.centrální-adresa.cz - official site of public auctions and other offers

1.2.2. Usage of public administration web site by citizens and enterprises

Internet user – person who used the internet in the last 3 months

Extra small enterprise - 5 – 9 employed persons

Small enterprise - 10 – 49 employed persons

Medium enterprise - 50 - 249 employed persons

Large enterprise – 250 and more employed persons