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Number of live births slightly decreased year-on-year

Population change – 1st–3rd quarter of 2019

**The population of the Czech Republic increased by 31.4 thousand to 10.68 million persons during the first three quarters of 2019. Most increase was due to international migration. Both the number of live births and deaths slightly decreased year-on-year. The number of marriages also went down in comparison with the first three quarters of the previous year.**

According to the preliminary statistical balance the **population** of the Czech Republic increased by 31.4 thousand to 10.68 million persons in the period from 1 January to 30 September. Ninety-five per cent of the increase was caused by international migration, as the number of immigrants exceeded the number of emigrants by 29.9 thousand. Another 1.5 thousand inhabitants was added by natural change.

According to the preliminary data, a total of 85.2 thousand **children** were **born alive** during
the first three quarters of 2019, by 2.0 thousand fewer than in the same period of the previous year. There were fewer children in all groups by women´s marital status year-on-year. In comparison with the first three quarters of the previous year, the number of children born outside marriage was lower by 3%, and the number of children born to married women was lower by 2%. The share of live births outside marriage reached 48.2%. Almost half of children, 40.6 thousand, were the first born, 32.4 thousand were the second born and the number of children born in the third or higher order were 12.2 thousand. More than one third of children were born to women aged from 28 to 32 years; the most children were born to women aged 30.

According to the preliminary data, there were 83.7 thousand **deaths** in January-September period, by 1.5 thousand fewer than in the same period of 2018. The highest number of deceased people was registered in January (10.4 thousand), whereas the number of deceased people was lowest in September (8.6 thousand). There were more men than women among deceased people by 1.8 thousand (42.8 versus 41.0 thousand). A total of 212 children died during their first year of life, or 25 children of 10,000 live births. The average age at death was 72.8 years for men and 79.7 years for women.

According to the preliminary data, a total of 47.1 thousand **marriages** were entered into during the first nine months of the year, by 1 650 fewer than in the same period of 2018. The most of wedding ceremonies, 10.8 thousand, took place in June, similarly as in the previous year. However, the predominance of June over other months was higher this year. In August, the month on the second place, the number of newly married couples was almost two thousand lower than in June (9.0 thousand), while in the previous year, the difference between the two strongest months was 79 only. Three-quarters of grooms and brides got married for the first time. The average age of groom was higher by three years than the average age of bride (36.4 versus 33.5 years).The most brides were aged 25–29 years, while 30–34 age group slightly prevailed among the grooms.

According to the preliminary data, the Czech courts issued 17.6 thousand decisions about **divorces** by the end of September 2019, the same number as in this period the previous year. A total of 60% divorces terminated marriages with minors and 40% without minors. Almost one-quarter of divorced people were aged 40–44 years; another one-fifth of divorced men were aged 45–49 years and one-fifth of divorced women aged 35–39 years. One-fifth of divorces ended the marriages with duration from 5 to 9 years; almost the same proportion of divorces (19%) fell on marriages with 10–14 and up to 5 years of duration.

Due to **international migration**, the population of the Czech Republic increased by 29.9 thousand persons during the first three quarters of 2019. The international migration flows of both immigrants and emigrants increased year-on-year; the net migration rose by 2.2 thousand in the year-on-year comparison. A total of 49.2 thousand people immigrated to the Czech Republic from abroad and 19.3 thousand people emigrated from the Czech Republic. Foreign migration was continued to dominate by nationals of Ukraine, who prevailed among both immigrants and emigrants, and they also reached the highest positive net migration (13.1 thousand). The second highest was the net migration of Slovak nationals (3.2 thousand). Then the migration balance of Romanian nationals (1.5 thousand) and Russian nationals (1.4 thousand) followed. The migration balance of Czechs was negative (-1.3 thousand).

Notes:

*All data refer to the Czech Republic nationals and foreigners with permanent residence, the third-country nationals with visa for stay over 90 days or long-term residence permit, the EU nationals with temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic, and foreigners with asylum granted. The data contain also information on events (marriages, births, and deaths) of Czech nationals with the permanent residence in the Czech Republic that occurred abroad.*

*All data for 2019 are preliminary.*

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**Annexes:**

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