13 June 2022

February 22 was extremely attractive for marriages

Population change – 1st quarter of 2022

****According to preliminary data, the population of the Czech Republic increased by 3.2 thousand during the first quarter and reached 10.52 million.**** The whole increase was ensured by the positive balance of international migration (10.8 thousand), while natural change was negative (–7.6 thousand). The number of marriages increased year on year, while the number of births and deaths was lower than in the first quarter of 2021.

The **population** of the Czech Republic consisted of almost 10.52 million (on 31 March). This figure does not include persons who have been granted temporary protection in connection with the war in Ukraine. (According to data from the Alien Information System, there were 250 thousand of them at the end of the first quarter). From the perspective of regular migration statistics, a total of 19.2 thousand people immigrated to the Czech Republic from abroad, while 8.3 thousand people were registered as emigrants.

The number of live **births** during the first quarter reached 24.2 thousand and was lower than the number of deaths, which amounted to 31.9 thousand. Compared to the first quarter of 2021, there were significantly fewer **deaths** this year (by 15.0 thousand, or by 32%), but compared to the average from 2015–2019, their number remained slightly (by 3.5%) above average. Most of deaths currently occur in the strong post-war year of birth 1946.



From January to March this year, 4.2 thousand couples entered into **marriage**, 1.3 thousand more than a year earlier, and the most since 2009. "*During the first quarter, February dates were most attractive for engaged couples. A total of 2,211 marriages were registered in February and nearly 1,100, half of them, on a single day – on Tuesday 22 February 2022. Usually, up to 20 weddings take place on Tuesday in February. The last daily count of more than 1,000 marriages in the period of 1st quarter of the year was recorded 20 years ago, on 2 February 2002, but then it was Saturday*," says Michaela Němečková from the Demographic Statistics Unit.

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More detailed information on the population development can be found in [the supplementary information to the NR Population change](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/167649996/aoby061322_komentar.pdf).

Notes:

*All data refer to citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners with permanent residence in the Czech Republic, third-country nationals with temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic based on a long-term visa (over 90 days) or a permanent residence permit, nationals of the EU Member States, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and their dependants with notified temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic and foreigners with valid asylum status in the Czech Republic. The data contain also information on events (marriages, births, and deaths) of Czech citizens with the permanent residence in the Czech Republic that occurred abroad and were registered by the special registry office in Brno.*

*All data for 2022 are preliminary.*

*Data on divorces for the 1st quarter of 2022 are not included due to transition to a revised report on divorce.*

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

Migration data – Information System of Inhabitants Records (Ministry of the Interior of the CR) and Alien Information System (Directorate of Alien Police)

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**Annexes:**

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

Chart 1 Population, quarterly data (numbers)

Chart 2 Population change, 1st quarter (numbers)

Chart 3 Live births, quarterly data (numbers)

Chart 4 Deaths, quarterly data (numbers)

Chart 5 Marriages, quarterly data (numbers)

Tab. 2 Number of people with granted temporary protection in connection with the war in Ukraine (on 1 April 2022)