

## INTRODUCTION

*This is already the twenty third publication in the series of “Foreigners in the Czech Republic” published by the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO). The first one was issued in December 2001.*

*The publication concentrates, in a complete manner, update data on foreigners who have chosen the Czech Republic to be the place of their permanent or long-term residence, who have found their jobs here, or have been conducting their business activities here, and those who came to the Czech Republic to escape political persecution or severe economic conditions in their native countries. The focal point of this publication lies in statistical data for the year 2022, which are often supplemented with time series of data for the previous years. Since there is not enough space in the printed version of the publication, data for all years available are not included in tables containing time series. In such case, readers can find the whole time series at the CZSO website:*

**[https://www.czso.cz/csu/cizinci/1-ciz\\_pocet\\_cizincu](https://www.czso.cz/csu/cizinci/1-ciz_pocet_cizincu)**

*As in the previous years, this year’s issue of the publication is also backed up by legislation: this year it is the Decision of the Government of the Czech Republic No 1051 of 14 December 2022. Similarly to the publications issued before, the information presented in this book was obtained from information systems administered by the Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports, Ministry of Health, and the Czech Statistical Office, and coordinated by the Editorial Board composed of representatives of all the aforementioned institutions. It is the Ministry of the Interior, which initiated the publishing of this book and which has been repeatedly undertaking the role of the coordinator (since 2008) for implementation of the concept of integration of foreigners in the territory of the Czech Republic.*

*Because of repeated editions of the publication, its layout has become stable to a considerable extent. In accord with requirements made to the Czech Statistical Office, recent publications have more emphasised the subdivision of foreigners into groups by their citizenship, which means into foreigners coming from the EU Member States and those from the so-called third countries. In relation to that, it has to be noted that in data since the year 2020 the group of EU Member States no longer includes the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which left the European Union as at 31 January 2020. Further, it also has to be reminded that presented statistical data can be influenced, in some cases, by the COVID-19 pandemic and by following adoption of some measures (since March 2020, substantial limitations were gradually placed on the air and other public transport, a lot of countries all over the world forbade entry to their territories to other persons than their citizens and applied restrictions in the area of freedom of movement. Some of the restrictions also continued in 2021). Last but not least, the statistics for 2022 also reflect the war conflict in Ukraine.*

*Since 2015, Chapter 1 – Demographic aspects of the life of foreigners has been including again a table providing information on third-country nationals with temporary residence permit by purpose of the stay (Table 1-9). In this year’s edition, the tables concerning demographic events of foreigners in the Czech Republic have been modified. A new table providing an overview of all demographic events of foreigners in the Czech Republic in time series since 1995 is included under the number 1-10. The individual demographic events of foreigners are presented in renumbered and re-arranged tables: Table 1-11 (births), Table 1-12 (marriages), Table 1-13 (divorces), and Table 1-14 (deaths, abortions). In each of the tables, data on the total population of the Czech Republic and on Czech citizens have been added for comparison. Chapter 2 – International protection and asylum facilities – newly includes two tables (as of 2022), namely Table 2-12 and Table 2-13 concerning persons enjoying asylum status and subsidiary protection status, respectively, in the breakdown by citizenship, age, and sex of those persons. Compared to previous years, substantial changes were made to Chapter 3 – Economic activity of foreigners, especially in the part related to foreigners in the position of employees. Several tables were added to that part starting in 2019. The tables apply to the total employment of foreigners and the development of the number of foreigners registered by labour offices broken down by cohesion region, Region, and District (Table 3-1 and Table 3-3), to the number of foreigners registered by labour offices according to the Statistical Classification of*

*Economic Activities in the European Community (NACE) broken down by selected citizenship (Table 3-9) and further broken down by selected citizenship and sex (Table 3-10) and also to the number of foreigners registered by labour offices according to the ISCO-08 broken down by selected citizenship and sex (Table 3-12). Some changes have also been made in Chapter 5 – Crime of foreigners. Due to a low number (in ones of persons) of persons convicted pursuant to Sections of the Act No 140/1961 Sb (the old Criminal Code), Table 5-2a was deleted from the publication in 2019. Therefore, Table 5-2 now only includes persons convicted according to Sections of the Act No 40/2009 Sb (the new Criminal Code). In relation to legislative changes (effective from 1 October 2017, the Act No 58/2017 Sb changed the Act No 40/2009 Sb, the Criminal Code, and other related acts), Table 5-6b currently only distinguishes between 2 prison categories (instead of the previous 4), namely prisons with security and prisons with increased security. Other changes were made in 2019 also in Chapter 6 – Health care for foreigners. The first place of the Chapter now belongs to a table on development of utilization of health care by foreigners (outside the public health insurance) in hospitals of the CR (Table 6-1) and, again, after a several-year-long pause, there is again included a table showing numbers of foreigners treated in hospitals in the CR (Table 6-4). Starting this year, Table 7-5 has been newly included in Chapter 7 – Illegal entry and stay of persons in the territory of the CR, concerning illegal transit migration across the territory of the Czech Republic by selected citizenship of foreigners. In relation to that, the remaining two tables in this chapter have been renumbered to 7-6 for the table providing information on foreigners expelled from the Czech Republic and 7-7 for the table on expelled foreigners by selected citizenship.*

*Respective information systems keep records on foreigners that are not always comparable. It is not intentional in order to make the orientation in the information on foreigners more complicated - it is rather caused by the fact that the respective information sources are adjusted to the needs of the relevant ministry, which they were established at, and the process of harmonisation of data sources to reach their mutual comparability is not easy in any case. In order to help readers understand which foreigners respective tables provide information on, we made a summary table – see the next page (numbers of tables relate to this year's issue of the publication).*

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