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Voters selected new councillors and elected three senators

The Czech Statistical Office has finished processing results of the elections to local councils and of the first round of the elections to one third of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. Voters decided about composition of 6 383 local councils (councils of municipalities and city sections or city districts). They also elected three senators.

In total, 195 214 candidates fought to win 61 796 seats in local councils. The turnout reached 46.07%; in the 2018 local council elections, 47.34% of voters cast their votes.

In the elections to the Senate, 178 candidates – 135 men and 43 women – were running for 27 seats. The following have already been elected in the first round: Mr *Petr Fiala* in the town of *Ústí nad Orlicí* winning 65.66% of votes, Mr *Ladislav Václavec* in the town of *Bruntál* winning 58.85% of votes, and Mr *Jiří Růžička* in Prague 6 with 50.28% of votes. In the history of the Senate, 16 senators have been elected right in the first round so far. *“An oddity of these elections to the Senate is that in the electoral district in the town of* Ústí nad Orlicí*, only two candidates were running. It was for the very first time in the history of the elections,”* Eva Krumpová, First Vice President of the Czech Statistical Office, reminds. The smallest gap between the candidates before the second round of the elections to the Senate is in the *Most* electoral district and it is only 64 votes.

The average age of the elected councillors is 47.60 years; the oldest councillor is 88 years old. Furthermore, 11 councillors in the whole country are eighteen years old. The absolutely youngest council was elected in the municipality of *Křídlůvky*\* in the *Znojmo* District (the average age of 24.2 years), whereas the municipality with the highest average age of elected councillors is *Všepadly* in the *Domažlice* District (71.5 years). 71% of men and 29% of women will sit in the newly elected local councils. A female-only council exists in four municipalities, which are as follows: *Počepice* in the *Příbram* District, *Biřkov* in the *Klatovy* District, *Jestřabí v Krkonoších* in the *Semily* District, and *Okarec* in the *Třebíč* District. Purely male councils are in 423 municipalities.

The highest turnout was in the municipality of *Kyje* in the *Jičín* District, in which 98.28% of voters came to vote. The lowest turnout of all, 17.68%, was in the municipality of *Sklené* in the *Svitavy* District.

*“Counting and processing of local council election results is objectively the most demanding and requires an extreme effort from members of electoral ward commissions as well as employees of the Czech Statistical Office. Therefore, I would like to thank all who participated in successful progress of the elections,”* Eva Krumpová concludes.

The last electoral ward was processed on Sunday morning at 6:08 a.m.

On Monday morning, the voting results will be negotiated by the State Electoral Committee. After their approval, they will be published in the Collection of Laws of the Czech Republic. The second round of the elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic will be held on 30 September and 1 October 2022.

*\* In the first version of the Press Release, the municipality of* Honbice *was wrongly stated as a municipality with the youngest elected council.*

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