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Voters decided about the new composition of the Senate

The Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) has finished processing of results of the elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. Therefore, after the second round of the elections, names of all the 27 new female and male senators are known. Voters sent 18 men and 9 women to the benches of the Senate.

In the second round of the senatorial elections, voters came to polling stations in 24 senatorial districts. Senators were elected already in the first round in the *Ústí nad Orlicí* electoral district, in the *Bruntál* electoral district, and in the *Praha 6* electoral district.

In the first round, 42.65% of voters came to the senatorial elections, whereas in the second round it was 19.44%. Two years ago, 36.74% of voters showed their interest in the senatorial elections in the first round and four years ago, it was 42.26% of voters; in the second round, it was 16.74% and 16.49% of voters, respectively. The highest turnout was recorded in the municipality of *Čejkovice* in the *Kutná Hora* District, in which 75.86% of voters came to vote. On the other hand, the lowest interest was shown by voters in the municipality of *Ves Touškov* in the *Plzeň-jih* District, where the turnout was 3.91%.

*“The smallest number of votes necessary to win a seat in the Senate,* *5 924, was in the* Karlovy Vary *electoral district. With the smallest difference between the numbers of votes the senatorial elections ended up in the* Kroměříž *electoral district, in which the difference between the winner and the loser was 233 votes,”* Eva Krumpová, First Vice President of the Czech Statistical Office, notes.

The average age of newly elected male and female senators is 59.04 years. Two oldest ones are 74 years old; the youngest one is 41 years old.

In the senatorial elections, 178 candidates were running for 27 seats; 135 men and 43 women. The average age of the candidates to the Senate was 56.6 years. There were 3 candidates who were 40 years old, i.e. the youngest possible, whereas the oldest candidate was 79 years old. The oldest candidate in the second round of the elections was 74 years old; two youngest candidates were 41 years old. Voters were selecting from 31 men and 17 women in the second round in total.

The last electoral ward was processed on Saturday at 4:15 p.m.

On Monday morning, the State Electoral Committee will negotiate the voting results. After their approval, they will be published in the Collection of Laws of the Czech Republic.

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