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The first round of the election of the President saw record election turnout

In the historically third direct election of the President of the Czech Republic, 68.24% of voters voted. Two candidates with the highest numbers of votes will advance to the second round run-off: Petr Pavel and Andrej Babiš. Voters were choosing from eight candidates in total.

From the two advancing candidates, Petr Pavel won 35.40% of votes, the second Andrej Babiš got 34.99% of votes. From the candidates who do not advance, Danuše Nerudová received 13.92% of votes, Pavel Fischer 6.75% of votes, Jaroslav Bašta 4.45%, Marek Hilšer 2.56%, Karel Diviš 1.35%, and Tomáš Zima 0.55%.

*“A record number of voters decided who will advance to the second round. 68.24% of voters used their right to vote, the most in the history of the direct election of the President of the Czech Republic. What is also a historical record is the lowest difference between the first advancing candidate and the second one advancing to the second round of the election; it was 22 843 votes,”* Marek Rojíček, the President of the Czech Statistical Office, notes.

Petr Pavel won the highest share of votes in the municipality of *Černouček* in the *Litoměřice* area, namely 81.61%. Andrej Babiš had the highest support in the municipality of *Milhostov* in the *Cheb* area, namely 84.67%. There was also the highest difference between the two advancing candidates, which amounted to 79.84 percentage points.

*“The biggest interest of voters was recorded in the municipality of* Přeckov *in the* Třebíč *area and in the municipality of* Kaničky *in the* Domažlice *area, where 100% of eligible voters came to vote. On the other hand, the lowest number of voters came to the polling station in the municipality of* Zběšičky *in the* Písek *area, namely 31.91%,”* Eva Krumpová, First Vice President of the Czech Statistical Office, says.

The last electoral ward was processed on Saturday 14 January at 7:12 p.m. On Monday morning, the results of voting will be negotiated by the State Electoral Committee. After their approval, they will be published in the Collection of Laws of the Czech Republic.

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