

1. Summary

The results of the 2011 Population and Housing Census conducted in Karlovarský region, presented in this analytical publication, imply a number of fundamental findings introduced in this opening summary.

- There are 132 municipalities in Karlovarský region, consisting of 518 parts of municipalities. Number of municipalities has decreased by 40 since 1970. Population density of the region is 89.2 inhabitants per sq. km.
- Urban population adds up to 82.9. % of the region's population, population density in the biggest three towns reaches 585.3 inhabitants per sq. km.
- The progress of migration is represented by transfer of people among large towns and their suburbs, whereas the region's population has been decreasing.
- On the Census day 303 609 permanent residents lived in the region and 295 595 inhabitants declared the region to be their place of usual residence.
- Most municipalities of the region, and the Czech Republic as well, fall into the 200 to 499 inhabitants municipality size group.
- Within the Czech Republic Karlovarský region ranks first in the share of people living in other housing units that are not part of dwelling stock (emergency shelters, mobile homes, recreational houses or cottages etc.).
- The region's population has been aging markedly. However, the share of people in productive age is the second highest in the Czech Republic (behind The Capital of Prague).
- There are more people in the post-productive age than there are children under 15 years the region.
- The woman population is predominant in the region, mostly due to the higher share of women in post-productive age.
- During the last two decades a significant growth of never married and divorced people has been observed, on the other hand share of married persons has decreased.
- Comparing the regions nationwide, the share of never married persons is second only to The Capital of Prague while the share of divorced people is actually the highest in the Czech Republic. On the contrary, the share of married men or women is the lowest in the Czech Republic.
- Karlovarský region ranks second behind The Capital of Prague in the number of resident foreigners. Over 4/5 of these foreign citizens are in productive age.
- Karlovarský region has the second lowest rate of people with religious belief in the Czech Republic, 12.8 % of its population.
- The region shows the highest share of population with lower secondary or primary education while it ranks last in the share of population with upper secondary and tertiary education.
- Economic activity of the region's population has been decreasing, while the share of non-working pensioners is on increase. In spite of that the ratio of working pensioners is the highest of all regions in the Czech Republic, with the exception of The Capital of Prague.
- On the Census day 12.0 % of all economically active people were unemployed.
- The highest economical activity in the region is shown by persons with lower secondary, incl. vocational education.
- Karlovarský region ranks second (behind Ustecký region) in the share of unemployed persons seeking their first work.
- Most people employed in Karlovarský region are engaged in the industry (24.8 %).
- Karlovarský region ranks first nationwide in the share of people employed in accommodation and food service activities and human health and social work activities.
- With regard to main groups of occupation, the region has the highest share of sales and services workers in the Czech Republic.
- There are 1 976 residents of the region commuting to work abroad, the second highest rate in the Czech Republic (behind The Capital of Prague).
- Karlovarský region ranks first among all regions in the Czech Republic in the share of people commuting to work aged 15 – 24 years and, at the same time, last in the share of people commuting to work aged 25 – 29 years.
- Karlovarský region shows the highest share of people commuting to work employed in human health and social work activities in the Czech Republic.

- Across the region, number of housekeeping households has been growing, mostly due to growth of number of one-person households. Most one-person households are concentrated in the district capitals. Karlovarský region has the highest share of one-person households in the age group of 40 – 64 years in the Czech Republic.
- Women constituted 53.6 % of one-person households in the region.
- In Karlovarský region 45.7 % of one-person households are constituted by not economically active persons.
- The housing stock of the region has grown by 11.7 % in the last 40 years. Nevertheless, compared to the other regions of the Czech Republic, it is the second oldest one only to Ustecký region.
- The share of occupied buildings owned by the the local or central authority has been decreasing over the years. However, compared to the other regions of the Czech Republic, Karlovarský region shows the second highest share of these buildings (behind The Capital of Prague).
- Throughout the years of monitoring, the share of occupied buildings with co-operatively owned dwellings has been growing considerably. In a region-to-region comparison Karlovarský region has the highest proportion of this type of dwellings.
- The dwelling stock has been increasing steadily (throughout the years monitored). Since 1980 it has grown by 22 623 dwellings, i.e. by 20.1 %, mostly due to construction of family houses. Also, dwellings in family houses grow bigger.
- Of all the Czech Republic regions, Karlovarský region has the second highest share of occupied dwellings in apartment buildings while it has the second lowest share of dwellings in family houses.
- Karlovarský region is the only region in the Czech Republic, where the rate of occupied dwellings in family houses is lower than 50 % in all its districts.
- There are 15 688 unoccupied dwellings in the region, of which 10.5 % are reserved for seasonal or recreational use.
- During the last 20 years a change of dwelling tenure status has occurred, i.e. transition from rental to private ownership.
- In region-to-region comparison, Karlovarský region ranks first in the rate of co-operatively owned dwellings (40.5 %), this figure is 18.4 % higher than the national average.
- Considering tenure status of occupied dwellings, Karlovarský region has the highest rate of dwellings in private ownership (35 %). This figure is 14.9 % higher than the national average.
- Technical facilities of dwellings in the region have been improving.
- In the region 88.8 % of dwellings have a public sewage disposal, the second highest rate in the Czech Republic behind The Capital of Prague (95.6 %).
- In the region 99.1 % of dwellings have their own flush toilet, the second highest rate in the Czech Republic behind The Capital of Prague (99.5 %).
- With regard to type of heating, central heating is the most common mode in all buildings. Gas heating is employed in 41.4 % of family houses.
- Karlovarský region has the highest rate of lower quality dwellings of all the Czech Republic regions.
- Karlovarský region is second to The Capital of Prague (0.79 persons) in number of persons per one room sized 8 square metres or more (0.77 persons).
- Karlovarský region has the second highest useful floor space per person, both in family houses (38.0 sq. m) and in apartment buildings (30.5 sq. m). Only The Capital of Prague shows higher values of these characteristics.
- The most frequent size of a dwelling in the region is between 40.0 sq. m and 49.9 sq. m, in a region-to-region comparison, dwellings in Karlovarský region are of the third lowest size.
- On average, 2.4 persons fall per one occupied dwelling of Karlovarský region.
- About a half of households in the region is equipped by a personal computer. Although most of these households are connected to the internet. Compared nationwide, this rate is the lowest in the Czech Republic.