

INTRODUCTION

This is the tenth publication in the series of "Foreigners in the Czech Republic" published by the Czech Statistical Office. The first one was issued in December 2001.

The publication concentrates, in a complete manner, data on foreigners who have chosen the Czech Republic to be their domicile or habitual residence, i.e. locality of a long-term residence, have found jobs, or have been conducting business activities here, and those, who came to the Czech Republic to escape political persecution or severe economic conditions in their native countries. Data for the year 2009, as frequently supplemented with time series of data for the previous years, make this publication focal point. Since there is not enough space in the hard copy version of this publication, data for all years, which it is available for, is not included in tables containing time series. In such case readers can find the whole time series at the CZSO website:

<http://www.czso.cz/csu/edicniplan.nsf/p/1414-10>

This publication issuing is based, the same way as in the previous years, on a Decision of the Government of the Czech Republic (this year it is the Decision of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 224 of 22 March 2010).

Similarly to the publications issued before, the information presented in this book was gained from the information systems administered by the Ministry of the Interior of the CR, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the CR, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the CR, Ministry of Justice of the CR, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the CR, Ministry of Health of the CR, and the Czech Statistical Office, and coordinated by the editorial board composed of representatives of the aforementioned institutions. It is the Ministry of the Interior of the CR, which initiated the publishing of this book and which in 2008 undertook again the role of the coordinator for implementation of the concept of integration of foreigners on the territory of the CR (on the basis of the Decision of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 979 of 23 July 2008).

Because of repeated editions of the publication its layout has become substantially stable. Compared to the previous year more emphasis was put on the subdivision of foreigners into the EU and non-EU groups of nationals. Then some new tables on foreigners in prison were added into the Chapter 5.

Respective information systems store records on foreigners, which cannot be mutually compared in every case. It is not a wilful act making the orientation in the information on foreigners more complex yet this 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 harmonization of data sources to obtain their mutual comparability is in no case an easy one. In order to make clearer, which foreigners respective tables provide information on, please, consult summary table on the next page (numbers of tables relate to this year's issue of the publication).

Dear readers, if you feel an urge to make any comments on the contents and form of the publication presented, just now it is the right time to inform us, the publication editors, about, so that we can take them into account while preparing the next issue of the publication.

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