

## INTRODUCTION

*This is the thirteenth 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, update data on foreigners who have chosen the Czech Republic to be the place of their permanent or long-term residence, who have found their jobs here, or have been conducting their business activities here, and those who came to the Czech Republic to escape political persecution or severe economic conditions in their native countries. The focal point of this publication lies in statistical data for the year 2012, which are often supplemented with time series of data for the previous years. Since there is not enough space in the hard copy version of the publication, data for all years available for, are 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/1414-13>**

*This publication issuing is based, the same 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. 43 of 16 January 2013). Similarly to the publications issued before, the information presented in this book was gained from 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 all the aforementioned institutions. It is the Ministry of the Interior of the CR, which initiated the publishing of this book and which since 2008 has undertaken repeatedly the role of the coordinator for implementation of the concept of integration of foreigners on the territory of the CR.*

*Because of repeated editions of the publication its layout has become substantially stable. In accord with requirements made to the CZSO, recent publications have more emphasised the subdivision of foreigners into groups by their citizenship, which means into foreigners coming from the EU Member States and those from the so-called third countries. Chapter 3 Economic activity of foreigners has a different structure this year, due to unavailability of data in breakdowns used in previous years from the information system of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the CR. Data for 2012 are related only to foreigners with trade licences; total employment applies to 2011 and it is supplemented by time series. Newly inserted tables 3-9 and 3-10 provide basic information on salaries and wages of foreigners.*

*Respective information systems store records on foreigners, which are not always comparable. It is not intentional in order to make the orientation in the information on foreigners more complicated - it 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 not easy in any case. In order to make it 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 have some comments on the contents and form of the publication, now it is the right time to inform us about it so that we can take them into account while preparing the next issue of the publication.*

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