

## PREFACE

The Population and Housing Census carried out on 26 March 2011 was realized on the whole territory of the Czech Republic in compliance with Act No. 296/2009 Coll., concerning the Population and Housing Census in 2011. The data were surveyed in accordance of the state at the decisive moment, i.e. at the midnight from Friday March 25 to Saturday March 26, 2011. The Census was organized, managed and co-ordinated by the Czech Statistical Office, which was responsible for the preparation and the respective realization of the Census as well as for processing of the results. During the preparation and the realization of the Census the Czech Statistical Office closely cooperated with Central Administrative Authorities (Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre), with municipal authorities and particularly with contractual partners, because the major part of the census activities was newly performed contractually. In enumeration districts the Census was carried out by enumerators.

The Population and Housing Census in 2011 in the Czech Republic followed the Recommendations of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) for the 2010 Censuses of population and housing with respect to content and methodology. The Census complied with requirements of Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on population and housing censuses No. 763/2008 of 9 July 2008, concerning the Population and Housing Census in 2011, which obliged the European Union member states to realize the Census within the reference year 2011 and provide the Census data in the given scope, methodological specification, time and required form.

The Census content (data surveyed) was defined by Act No. 296/2009 Coll.. All persons were bound to provide data required by the Census in the scope and the way set by this Act. The traditional self-census method was used, i.e. inhabitants filled in the census forms on their own. The data for minor person or person legally incapable were provided by their legal representative or their custodian or other person entrusted with custody. The data on a building were provided by its owner or administrator. The data on a dwelling were provided by its user, in case of a vacant dwelling by owner or administrator of the building or the dwelling. In the set cases (vacant building or dwelling, obliged person was absented over a long period, and the like) the enumerator filled the data on building or dwelling to the census form in the scope of informations, which was possible to find out during the distribution of forms.

The Census related to any natural person having permanent residence or permission for temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic at the decisive moment, any other natural person being found in the territory of the Czech Republic at the decisive moment, whatever house, even vacant and whatever dwelling, even vacant.

Besides data obtained from the Census forms filled by inhabitants (traditional census) were for the first time used administrative sources of data – Register of Enumeration Districts and Buildings and Central Population Register. The use of register records for pre-filling of the Census forms, processing and potential completion of the data was defined by Act No. 296/2009 Coll..

All data from The Population and Housing Census in 2011 were processed by the territorial and administrative structure of the country valid in the Czech Republic on 26 March 2011.

The definitive Census results including all the published electronic publications are available on the web pages [www.scitani.cz](http://www.scitani.cz). At the time when the results are published, we are starting to analyse the data.

The aim of this publication is to submit the analysis of the Census results in the region, considering differences in development of its subregions. Analogic publications containing unified analytical texts and tabelations are published for all regions of the Czech Republic.