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Statistical Yearbook – 2023 released

**The Czech Statistical Office released the** [***Statistical Yearbook of the Czech Republic – 2023***](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/statistical-yearbook-of-the-czech-republic-2023). **Since the establishment of an independent Czech Republic, it is already the 31st volume of an uninterrupted edition. On more than 900 pages, it presents in one place detailed data on the economy, demography, and social sphere in the last year.**

*“The publication brings the most essential information from all important areas of life of our society in the year 2022, which was strongly influenced by the geopolitical situation and the related rise in energy and raw material prices and an overall increase in consumer prices. It offers in a condensed form essential, good quality, and trustworthy data to all those who need them for their decision-making,”* Marek Rojíček, President of the Czech Statistical Office, says.

At the beginning of the eventful year of 2022, the Czech Republic had 10.517 million inhabitants and during the year their number increased by 310.8 thousand to 10.828 million. All the increase was thanks to a positive net migration of 329.7 thousand persons. It was mainly caused by immigration of persons from Ukraine with temporary protection granted, whereas the balance of natural change was negative. The number of live births was by 18.9 thousand lower in 2022 than the number of deaths.

The gross domestic product of Czechia increased by 2.4%. The gross value added increase was mainly contributed to by services, whereas as for industry, difficulties of various kinds persisted, notably interrupted supplies of production components and rising energy and raw material prices. Expenditure on fixed capital formation and external demand were the main drivers of growth in 2022, whereas household expenditure decreased. Similarly as in other Member States of the European Union, also the Czech economy was affected by a significant rise in consumer prices. The average annual inflation rate reached 15.1%, which was the second highest figure since 1993. The development of consumer prices in 2022 was mainly influenced by the rise in prices of housing, food and non-alcoholic beverages, and transportation. High inflation, despite a considerable increase in nominal wages, resulted in an 8.5% decrease in real wages of employees. The labour market situation remained favourable; the general unemployment rate reached 2.4% in 2022 and thus it was still the lowest in the EU.

As every year, the Statistical Yearbook also brings something new. It newly contains a comparison of population trends by economic activity status of the population, information on employed persons by economic activity (industry) or status in employment, and various characteristics of the housing and dwelling stock as well as household statistics. Further information on adult education and tables on information and communication technologies usage in the business enterprise sector have been added. In statistics of international trade in goods, a retrospective revision has been carried out, with data being recalculated from 2020 onwards using an updated method based on a higher level of detail.

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