

13. TERRITORIAL COMPARISONS

Based on constitutional Act No. 347/97 Coll., on the Establishment of Higher Territorial Self-Governing Units, of 3 December 1997, the Czech Republic was split into 14 regions (NUTS 3) on 1 January 2000. According to this Act, Resolution of the Czech Republic's Government No. 707/1998, Act No. 89/1995 Coll., on the State Statistical Service (Article 19 (1)), and the agreement with the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), the Czech Statistical Office put into use the **Classification of Territorial Statistical Units for Statistics (CZ-NUTS)**.

The classification NUTS (La Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques) constitutes a fundamental systematic tool for the needs of statistics, analyses and provision of statistical information to the European Union. It is used for statistical monitoring and analysis of social and economic conditions in regions, as well as for the preparation, implementation and evaluation of regional policies. Since 1998, the classification has been used in EU legislation at the level NUTS 2, in particular for the tasks tied with drawing resources out of the so-called Structural Funds of the EU.

The classification has six levels (NUTS 0 to 5), which stand for size groups and are characterized by population and area.

NUTS 0	refers to the state of the Czech Republic
NUTS 1	refers to the territory of the Czech Republic
NUTS 2	refers to areas , i.e. to 8 groupings of regions
NUTS 3	refers to regions , i.e. to 14 higher territorial self-governing units
NUTS 4	refers to districts , i.e. to 91 districts, including 15 districts of Prague
NUTS 5	refers to municipalities , i.e. to 6 248 municipalities, usually basic territorial units

Data sources:

Types of land:	Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre
Unemployment:	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the CR
Lengths of roads:	Road databank Ostrava
Means of transport:	Ministry of the Interior of the CR
Education:	Institute for Information on Education
Health:	Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the CR
Social establishments:	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the CR
Social security:	Czech Social Security Administration
Crime, accidents:	Police Headquarters of the CR
Fires:	Ministry of the Interior of the CR - Headquarters of the Fire Rescue Service of the CR

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