

## INTRODUCTION

In mid-2015, the Czech Statistical Office presented to statistical data users a new version of the Public Database (<https://vdb.czso.cz/vdbvo2/faces/en/index.jsf>), which, among others, enables much larger utilization of data sources of the CZSO to fulfil needs of statistical data users.

This publication, which has (since its 2015 issue) been compiled in the Public Database web presentation solely from data saved in the Database, provides rather detailed scope of information from various statistics that are available in the Database for regional territorial units. Compared to issues of the publication in previous years, what remains to be the basis of the publication are data on individual regions and data in comparisons of regions.

While entering most of the tables a user can change parameters (above the table on the right) and thus display data for another territorial unit, for different years in a time series, or another view of a relevant indicator (e.g. total x males x females). In many cases, a user can display data in a simple graph or chart.

The publication consists of 3 basic parts as follows:

- Time series for the selected region (NUTS 3)
  - are set for years 2011–2015; however, a user can select the end year for a 5-year time series;
  - lengths of times series, which are available in the Public Database, are not the same in all parts; they depend on the length of the period for which the CZSO has available data that are comparable in terms of methodology.
- Comparisons of regions (NUTS 3)
  - is set for data for 2015 (or as at 31 December 2015), in some statistics (e.g. gross fixed capital formation, emissions) data for 2015 are not available, yet; therefore the table is for 2014;
  - to enable development comparisons, a next row of a table contains data (usually) by 4 years older;
  - a user can select the end period there, too, by which the period by (usually) 4 years older changes as well.
- Comparison of cohesion regions (NUTS2)
  - A user has similar possibilities there like when working with the comparisons of regions. Nevertheless, the data available in the Public Database are of a much narrower scope, for the time being.

In the Public Database web presentation, users can obtain statistical information on individual regions also as follows: in the menu bar [Statistics](#) they can set in the filter (which is on the right above the list of tables) the territorial level of a [Region](#). The Public Database contains many pieces of information also on [Districts](#), [administrative districts of municipalities with extended powers](#) as well as on individual [municipalities](#). By application of the relevant filter users can select tables with data also on other territorial units; the filter allows various combinations.

Users can use also the possibility of various views on selected data on a certain territorial unit starting from the entire Czech Republic down to individual municipalities; it can be done so in the menu bar by clicking at [All about territory](#). The number of profiles will be gradually extended.

Users can compile their own tables according to their requirements by clicking at [Customized selection](#) in the menu bar. Step by step, users select statistical indicators, territory, and time period and then display a table, which they can further modify.

All tables in the Public Database web presentation (both pre-defined as well as customized by a user) can be exported including metadata (in the xls, xml, or pdf formats) and users can further work with them.