

## INTRODUCTION

*We have prepared for our users a publication based on the data published in our regional statistical yearbooks. Each chapter includes tables with comparisons of regions for 2017. Chapter 26 Administrative districts, municipalities comprises selected indicators broken down by administrative district of municipalities with extended powers and with authorized municipal authority and several indicators on individual municipalities. Chapter 27 is enriched with selected indicators broken down by NUTS2 cohesion region and with data for the entire Czech Republic. Several graphs and charts were included in individual chapters. For the content of our regional yearbooks see: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/regional-yearbooks>.*

*In every chapter, there are brief methodological explanatory notes as well as links to data sources used for the preparation of the publication.*

*State statistical surveys are basic sources for the published data. Besides data sources of the Czech Statistical Office, available data from areas administered by respective ministries were also used, especially from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports, Ministry of Health, Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic, and the Ministry of Transport. A vast portion of the data published is kept in the regional databases of KROK (data on regions and districts) and MOS (statistics of towns and municipalities), and in long-term time series. The Public Database is an important information source for users. It is accessible on the CZSO website and enables to view statistical data in pre-defined tables in the breakdown by indicator (subject matter), territory, and time period in ever greater detail. The database allows users to compile also customized tables. For information on the Public Database see:*

*<https://vdb.czso.cz/vdbvo2/faces/en/index.jsf>.*

*The presented publication, of course, cannot contain all pieces of information collected and processed by the state statistics. More detailed data from respective sections of demographic, economic, and social development of the region, districts, municipalities, or micro-regions are published in specialized products (regional statistical yearbooks, regional statistical bulletins, publications on demographic matters, thematically focused analytical materials, etc.), which are available mainly in an electronic form on the Internet. Many other pieces of information can be found on the websites of Regional Offices of the CZSO at <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/home> (by clicking on a selected region on the map), not merely the latest updates of results of statistical surveys, but also information on the CZSO activities.*