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Voters decided about composition of local councils and elected two senators

The Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) finished processing of results of local council elections and the first round of the elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. Voters decided about composition of 6 377 local councils and elected two senators. Although the processing was demanding, statisticians have not recorded any serious complications.

In local council elections, 216 138 candidates in total sought the support of their voters and distributed among themselves 61 890 mandates. The turnout reached 47.34%; four years ago, 44.46% of voters cast their votes.

236 candidates contested 27 senatorial seats. Already in the first round, *Jiří Drahoš* was elected in *Prague 4* with 52.65% of votes and *Jiří Čunek* in *Vsetín* with 51.59% of votes.

*“In the history of the Senate, only 12 senators have been elected right in the first round until now. Most of them were elected that way during the very first senatorial elections in 1996, it applied to four senators,”* Eva Krumpová, Vice President of the Czech Statistical Office notes.

The closest difference between the candidates before the second round of the senatorial elections is in the *Domažlice* electoral district; it makes only 6 votes.

The average age of elected councillors is 47 years. The oldest one is 87 years old. The youngest ones are eighteen years old and there are 17 of them. A municipality with the highest average age of elected councillors calls *Všepadly* in the *Domažlice* District (67.5 years), while the lowest average age of the council is in the municipality of *Kunemil* in the *Havlíčkův Brod* District (29.9 years). 72% of men and 28% of women will work in local councils. A local council consisting only of women is in the municipality of *Okarec* in the *Třebíč* District and in *Jestřabí v Krkonoších* in the *Semily* District, while no woman in a local council is in 442 municipalities.

The highest turnout was in the municipality of *Radimovice u Tábora*, in which 98.36% of voters came to vote, while the lowest number of voters came to the polling station in the municipality of *Libáň* in the *Jičín* District. The last electoral ward was processed on Sunday morning at 8:27 a.m.

*“Despite the fact that counting and processing of voting results was highly demanding, the Czech Statistical Office has not recorded any substantial issues during the counting. We have to express our thanks to members of commissions of electoral wards and to employees of the CZSO for the work they have done,”* Eva Krumpová, Vice President of the Czech Statistical Office, said.

On Monday morning, the voting results will be negotiated by the State Electoral Committee. After their approval they will be published in the Collection of Laws of the Czech Republic. The second round of the elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR will be held on 12 and 13 October 2018.

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