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Fewer children were born

Population change – 1st half of 2022

The population of the Czech Republic increased by 9.0 thousand to 10.526 million during the first half of the year. Compared to the first half of 2021, fewer inhabitants died this year, and the number of births was also lower. On the contrary, marriages increased significantly year-on-year.

The increase in the number of inhabitants was exclusively due to the positive balance of international migration (18.7 thousand). A total of 33.8 thousand persons immigrated to the Czech Republic from abroad, while 15.2 thousand people were registered as emigrants. These figures do not include persons who have been granted temporary protection in connection with the war in Ukraine. (According to data from the Aliens Information System, at the end of the first half of the year, there were 373 thousand people). The predominance of the number of deaths over live births led to a natural decrease in the population (by 9.7 thousand). Although it was half as much as in the first half of 2021, it was significantly deeper compared to the years 2017–2020 (see Chart 2).

"*During the first half of the year, 50 thousand children were born alive, 10% less year-on-year. The increase in the number of births in 2021 thus seems to have been temporary. As in previous years, almost one half of the children were born to unmarried women*," says Michaela Němečková from the Demographic Statistics Unit of the CZSO.



Compared to the first half of 2021, there were significantly fewer deaths this year (by 17.0 thousand; by 22%), but compared to the average from 2015–2019, their number remained slightly (by 4%) above average, to which the ageing of the population contributes. A total of 21.3 thousand couples entered into their marriage, almost two-fifths more than in the first half of the previous year, but less than in 2018 and 2019. The number of marriages was significantly above average only in February (2.3 thousand), most of them in the first half of the year took place in June (9.4 thousand). A total of 10.4 thousand marriages were divorced, 0.5 thousand less year-on-year.

Notes:

*All data refer to citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners with permanent residence in the Czech Republic, third-country nationals with temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic based on a long-term visa (over 90 days) or a permanent residence permit, nationals of the EU Member States, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and their dependants with notified temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic and foreigners with valid asylum status in the Czech Republic. The data contain also information on events (marriages, births, and deaths) of Czech citizens with the permanent residence in the Czech Republic that occurred abroad and were registered by the special registry office in Brno.*

*All data for 2022 are preliminary.*

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**Annexes:**

Table 1 Population (absolute and relative figures, year-to-year changes)

Chart 1 Population, quarterly data (absolute figures)

Chart 2 Population change, 1st quarter (absolute figures)

Chart 3 Live births, quarterly data (absolute figures)

Chart 4 Deaths, quarterly data (absolute figures)

Chart 5 Marriages, quarterly data (absolute figures)

Chart 6 Divorces, quarterly data (absolute figures)

Table 2 Number of people with granted temporary protection in the Czech Republic in connection with the war in Ukraine (on 1 July 2022)