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Population change – 1st half of 2016

Minimal year-on-year changes except for big drop in deaths

The population of the Czech Republic increased by 11.0 thousand to 10 564.9 thousand during the first half of 2016. Both the balance of international migration (10.1 thousand) and natural change (1.0 thousand) were positive. In the year-on-year comparison the number of deaths (54.1 thousand) significantly decreased, on the contrary the number of immigrants (19.7 thousand) increased. The number of other demographic events changed only very slightly in the year-on-year comparison.

According to the preliminary statistical balance the **population** of the Czech Republic increased by 11.0 thousand to 10 564.9 thousand from 1 January to 30 June 2016. The population growth was mainly driven by net migration which amounted to 10.1 thousand. The nature change added 954 inhabitants.

The number of **live births** in the first half of 2016 was by 0.1 thousand higher than a year before. There were a total of 55.1 thousand live births, from which 26.9 thousand (48.8%) were born outside marriage. In the y-o-y comparison the number of children live born to married women (28.2 thousand) was lower again. A total of 26.8 thousand were children of the first order, 20.3 thousand were children of the second-order, and 7.9 thousand of them were born in the third or higher order. The most children were born to women aged 31 and 30; in the case of first born the most women were at the age of 30 and 29.

According to the preliminary data there were 54.1 thousand **deaths** in the first half of 2016, by 3.7 thousand fewer than in the same period of 2015. But the number of deceased people in the first half of 2015 was the highest since 1998. Nearly 45% of deceased (24.2 thousand) in the first half of 2016 were older than 80, and just under 12% died before the age of 60. A total of 157 children died during their first year of life. The infant mortality rate was 2.9‰, slightly higher than it was in the whole year 2015.

A total of 19.2 thousand **marriages** were entered into in the first six months of 2016, alike in the same period of the previous year. In two thirds of marriages (12.6 thousand) the engaged couples were two single persons. In total as well as in the group of the first marriages, the most grooms were aged 30 and brides 27. Almost one third of weddings (6.2 thousand) took place on June’s Saturdays.

The Czech courts issued 13.5 thousand decisions about **divorces** in the first half of 2016, by 0.1 thousand more than in the same period of 2015. The divorced marriage lasted 14.7 years on average. The most frequent were divorces after 8 years of duration, and divorces of marriages entered into in 2007. Divorces with minor (8.0 thousand and 59.1%) outnumbered divorces without minors. Almost 12.4 thousand children were affected by parents’ divorce. A fifth of divorcing persons was divorcing repeatedly.

According to the preliminary data on the first half of 2016, there were 19.7 thousand people immigrated to the Czech Republic from abroad and 9.7 thousand people emigrated from the Czech Republic. The **net migration** was 10.1 thousand; it was by 2.6 thousand higher than in the first half of 2015. There were more males (55%) than females in both directions of migration. The Czech Republic had the highest net migration with citizens of Slovakia (2.9 thousand), Ukraine (1.1 thousand) and Romania (0.7 thousand). The citizens of Slovakia were most frequent in the immigration flow (3.6 thousand) and in the emigration flow they were the citizens of the Czech Republic (1.9 thousand) and Ukraine (1.6 thousand).

Notes:

*All data refer to the resident population of the Czech Republic, irrespective of citizenship. Since 2001, the figures include (in accordance with the Population and Housing Census 2001) foreigners with long-term stay (i.e., the stay based on visa over 90 days, as stipulated by Act No. 326/1999 Coll.) and foreigners with granted asylum status (in compliance with Act No. 325/1999 Coll.). Since 1st May 2004, in accordance with amendment No. 326/1999 Coll., the figures include also citizens of the European Union with temporary stay on the territory of the Czech Republic, and Third countries citizens with long-term residence permit. The data also contain information on events (marriages, births and deaths) of the Czech citizens with the permanent residence in the Czech Republic that occurred abroad.*

*All data for 2016 are preliminary.*

Data on abortions in the first half of 2016 are not included due to incomplete data set provided by the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the CR.

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**Annexes:**

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

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