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Number of immigrants from abroad remains high

Population change – 1st quarter of 2023

****The population of the Czech Republic increased by 23.1 thousand to 10.85 million during the first quarter of the year. A positive balance of**** international ****migration (31.3 thousand), which continued to be dominated by citizens of Ukraine,**** especially those with temporary protection granted stood behind ****the increase. Due to natural change, the population of the Czech Republic decreased (by 8.2 thousand). The number of live births, deaths and marriages decreased year-on-year.****

According to the population balance of the CZSO, the **population** of the Czech Republic was 10.85 million as at 31 March, including those with temporary protection granted in connection with the war in Ukraine. "*During the first quarter of this year, a total of 41.3 thousand people immigrated to the Czech Republic from abroad. Compared to the first quarter of 2022, when a migration wave of almost 150,000 people arrived from Ukraine, the number was only a quarter, but the number of immigrants remained high than in previous years*", says Michaela Němečková from the Demographic Statistics Unit. Three quarters of the immigrants were citizens of Ukraine, while the second most numerous Slovaks accounted for only 4% of the immigrants. The number of emigrants abroad was recorded at 10.0 thousand.

The year-on-year decline in the birth rate, which began in early 2022, continued this year. In the period from January to March, a total of 22.0 thousand babies **were born alive**, by 2.7 thousand (or 11%) fewer year-on-year. In terms of birth order, the number of first-born children decreased relatively the least (by 8%), while the number of children in the third or higher order decreased the most (by 18%). The share of live births outside marriage reached 49.2%.



The number of **deaths** was 30.3 thousand, by 1.9 thousand lower than in the first quarter of 2021, but comparable to the same period in 2020 or 2019. In calendar months, the highest number of deaths occurred in January (11.4 thousand). There were 3.5 thousand couples entered into **marriage** in the period from January to March, by 1.0 thousand less than a year earlier. However, last year's total for the first quarter was boosted by attractive dates in February (e.g. 22 February 2022).

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. Since 2022, the population has included persons granted temporary protection in the Czech Republic with usual residence 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 2023 are preliminary.*

*Data on divorces for 1st quarter of 2023 are not included due to incomplete data received from the Ministry of Justice of the CR.*

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**Annexes:**

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Chart 1 Population, quarterly data (numbers)

Chart 2 Population change, 1st quarter (numbers)

Chart 3 Live births, quarterly data (numbers)

Chart 4 Deaths, quarterly data (numbers)

Chart 5 Marriages, quarterly data (numbers)