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Population change – 1st – 3rd quarter 2014

The number of live births exceeded the number of deaths

**The population of the Czech Republic increased by 16.1 thousand to 10,528.5 thousand in the first three quarters of this year. The population growth was caused by positive balance of net migration (11.0 thousand) as well as the number of live births exceeded the number of deaths (by 5.1 thousand). In the year-on-year comparison the number of marriages, live births and immigrants increased, on the other hand the number of deaths, emigrants, abortions and divorces decreased.**

According to the preliminary statistical balance the **population** of the Czech Republic increased by 16.1 thousand to 10,528.5 thousand from 1 January to 30 September 2014. Almost one third of the total increase was constituted by predominance live births over deaths; the balance of net migration increased the number of inhabitants of the Czech Republic by 11.0 thousand. Both components of the balance were negative in the previous year.

During the first three quarters in 2014, there were a total of 82.7 thousand **live births** according to the preliminary data; it was by 1.5 thousand more than in the same period in the previous year. In relative values children born in the third or higher order increased the most markedly (by 3%) in the year-on-year comparison, but in absolute values the first born children constituted the greatest number (by 705). Children born to unmarried mothers constituted the entire year-on-year growth (+2.2 thousand), the other women gave birth less. The share of children born outside marriage increased to 46.5%, whereas in the first three quarters in 2013 it was 44.9%.

Up to the end of September, according to the preliminary data, 77.7 thousand inhabitants of the Czech Republic died. It was the number by 5.0 thousand lower than in the previous year. This decrease was caused mainly by the lower number of **deaths** in the first two months of the year. The number of deaths of women decreased more significantly. Forty four out of the one hundred deceased persons lived to the age of 80 or more. The number of deaths of children aged less than one year was 203 (2.5 out of 1,000 live births).

The number of **marriages** was by 1.2 thousand higher than a year before during the January – September period, in the total 39.1 thousand couples entered into marriages. The most significant increase was in January and February; the highest number of marriages entering into was traditionally in June (8.4 thousand). The most common age for grooms was 30 and for brides 28.

The number of **divorces** decreased in the year-on-year comparison during the first nine months by 269 to 19.8 thousand. The highest number of divorced marriages was noticed at 6 years after marriage, on average the marriages lasted 14.7 years. According to the data of the Ministry of the Justice of the Czech Republic 17.2 thousand minors were living in divorced families. A total of 11.3 thousand divorces represented families with minors; the other 8.5 thousand divorces (43%) terminated marriage without minors.

According to the data of the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the CR a total of 27.8 thousand **abortions** were registered in the first three quarters of 2014; it was by 552 fewer than a year before. A total of 10.3 thousand abortions (37%) belonged to the group of spontaneous abortions; 16.6 thousand (60%) abortions were induced. Women with ‘single’ marital status (and childless ones) constituted the majority group in the case of induced abortions; within ‘married’, females with two children dominated.

According to the preliminary data, the balance of **net migration** was positive, it was 11.0 thousand in the period January – September 2014. There were 31.4 thousand immigrants, by 10.7 thousand more than in the same period a year before, whereas the number of emigrants decreased by 1.1 thousand to 20.4 thousand. More than a fifth of immigrants and emigrants had the citizenship of Ukraine. Besides Ukrainians citizens of Slovakia and Russia were the most frequent immigrants, citizens of the Czech Republic and Russia belonged to the most frequent emigrants. The highest migration balance was registered with citizens of Slovakia (4.3 thousand), Ukraine (2.0 thousand) and Germany (1.2 thousand) during the January – September period. The balance of net migration was negative for Czechs (-0.8 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 citizens of third-countries with long-term stay. The data also contain information on events (marriages, births and deaths) of permanent residents of the Czech Republic that occurred abroad.*

*All data for 2014 are preliminary.*

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**Annexes:**

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

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