

Abstract

The presented thesis deals with the phenomenon of second homes, specifically the change in the use of recreational properties due to socio-economic changes. Second homes began to develop in the Czech Republic in the early 20th century, and experienced significant growth since the 1960s. The thesis discusses the transformation of second homes into permanent residences at the turn of the second and third decades of the 21st century. The researched area, Hradec near Kadaň, is located in the Ústí nad Labem Region of the Czech Republic. The main objective of the thesis is to characterize the changes in behavior of second home owners and the utilization of these second home locations in relation to social and economic changes.

To achieve this objective, several research methods were employed. The practical part is supplemented by a theoretical section, which includes a review of not only Czech but also international literature and professional articles addressing the issue of second homes and the impact of social and economic changes in society.

For the purposes of the essential practical research part, observation was conducted, followed by a questionnaire survey, focus groups, the snowball method, and comparative photography was used. The methodological section is followed by a characterization of the researched locality. The concluding part of the thesis is crucial, including a discussion of the research results and recommendations for future research.

Keywords

Czechia, recreation, second homes, change in the use of second home, recreational properties, socio-economic changes