

Trends in marital and nonmarital fertility in the Czech Republic

The aim of this paper is to analyze changes in marital and nonmarital fertility in the Czech Republic in the period 1980–2008, in terms of age, birth order and marital status. The impact of changes in the structure of women according to marital status and of fertility change in the intensity of the number and structure of live births was investigated. Outline the historical development of the social situation of children born outside marriage, and attempts to find answers to questions regarding the expanding phenomenon of unmarried motherhood and cohabitation. Throughout the analyzed period, a growing number and proportion of births outside marriage. At the end of the first decade of the 21st century in illegitimate union was born almost 39 % of live births. Attitude of unmarried cohabitation and unmarried children nascent mothers are no longer nearly as pessimistic as it was before. With the sharp decline of marriages concluded growing share of single women of reproductive age. Significant changes occurred only in the total number of live births, which fluctuated, and at the end of the period analyzed is stabilized above the one hundred thousand live births, but also a change in reproductive behavior, which is reflected in a marked increase in the average age of mothers at childbirth, the preferred number of children or form of cohabitation.