

## **Abstract**

The relation between quality of traffic infrastructure and regional development is one of the main topics of transport geography. Although literature often gives its attention to this issue, it is mainly about automobile transport or main (national) railway lines. The local lines are rather neglected.

Therefore the aim of this work is to evaluate the influence which local railway Beroun–Rakovník has had upon population and industry development in the near micro region for more than 130 years of its existence. The present importance of this railway line is evaluated on two levels. Firstly, the use of this railway for cargo transport was monitored and verified through a questionnaire for businesses in the villages with a railway station. Secondly, the importance of this railway for passenger traffic was looked at through commuting to work. Namely its intensity, its main centres and the use of means of transport (train, bus and automobile) were analyzed.

The final chapter summarizes all gained information and outlines what outlook there is for the use of the railway in the future.