

Lone-parent family households in Czech and Slovak Republic after 1970 in the context of socio-economic and demographic development.

Abstract

This paper introduces the topic of families and households. The shift of attitudes and social values which are connected with single-parent family households is studied based on statistical surveys. This work elaborates changes in number and structure of single-parent family households in Czech and Slovak Republic since 1970 till present. The first part outlines the view of experts on a broad concept of family and the family cycle. The next part evaluates the long-term evolution of marriage, divorce, fertility and changes in society values. The changes in society values are correlated with formation, structure and number of single parent family households in the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic before and after 1990.

Keywords: family, household, lone-parent family, nuptiality, divorce, fertility, children born outside marriage, consensual unions, changes of values in society