**Abstract:**

Social support is supposed to be a protective factor of our well-being. Several predictors as age, gender or socioeconomic status were identified. Unfortunately, there is a lack of information regarding social support among elderly in the Czech Republic. The present study investigated social support in combination with several sociodemographic indicators on the sample of 133 individuals aged 65 and older. A translated version of Questionnaire to Social Support was used (F-SozU; Fydrich, Sommer & Brähler, 2007). A comparison with the standards of German population aged from 61 to 96 years old revealed that the Czech sample scored significantly higher on instrumental support, social burden and availability of trusted person. The sample did not differ from German standards in emotional support, social integration, reciprocity and satisfaction. Instrumental support and satisfaction slightly increased with age. Women scored higher on emotional and instrumental support, availability of trusted person and social integration, whereas men scored higher only on social burden. Interestingly satisfaction with social support was similar for both women and men. The results helped to extend limited knowledge of social support among elderly.

**Key words:**

social support, the elderly, psychological determinants, social network, social relations.