Abstract

This bachelor work aims to portray and describe the inner regional differentiation of the group of believers in Bohemia according to the findings of population census 2011. The hypothesis is that the spatial differentiation of believers in Czechia is uneven in both, the total proportion of believers for inhabitants and in the group of believers itself. The first part of the work tries to handle the complex reality of religion. It also mentions and describes briefly the basic terms and theories in sociology and geography of religion explaining religious processes taking place in the present-day society. Among these processes there are secularization, privatization of religion, theory of rational religious choice and implicit religion. The geographical discourse concerning regional differentiation of Bohemia according to religion is summarized briefly. The second part of the work is devoted to the classification of the population census 2011 results into groups and aggregates according to the answers to the query about religion. Believers were classified into believers with belonging and believers without belonging. For the inner structure of the group of believers with belonging the parameters of religious tradition, a type of religious institution and the most numerous records were chosen. Further inner classification of the group of Christians according to the Christian tradition was made. To portray the spatial differentiation of believers and the development of religiosity an index of concentration and index of development were constructed. The index of concentration expresses the ratio of the believers of the given group to the total number of believers with belonging in an administrative unit and how it differs from the same ratio within the whole Bohemia. The index of development expresses the development of ratio of believers or inhabitants without religion to the total number of inhabitants of a district between consecutive censuses. By means of these two indexes the regional differentiation in the territory of Bohemia is described subsequently. For lucidity the maps are drawn up in an A3 format and enclosed to the work.

Key words

Geography of religion, sociology of religion, Czechia, population census 2011, regional differentiation, religiozity