

Single-parent families in the Czech Republic from census and sample surveys

Abstract

The main objective of this thesis is to comprehensively chart as much as possible what we can learn about single-parent families in the Czech Republic from all publicly available data sources, such as surveys and censuses. Incomplete families are viewed from a historical and the contemporary perspective and the expected development of a structure for the future is also shown. Single-parent families are a contemporary phenomenon because the number of dependent children in the incomplete families in the Czech Republic has increased by almost a half in the last fifteen years. The thesis provides information about various data sources regarding single-parent families and it evaluates their use and comparability for the research. It also contains an analysis of the structure of families and households based on the population development and census data in the Czech Republic. The financial situation of single-parent families is examined in detail – their income expenditure, individual groups of cash expenditures. The thesis also focuses on the description of their apartment's facilities. Based on the results of the generated forecasts of the number of nuclear families in the Czech Republic for the period 2015–2050, which comes from the census data of the year 2011, World Population Prospects: revision 2015 and Demographic Yearbook of the United Nations, the expected development of the nuclear families and single-parent families is displayed. This possible development is compared with some previously undertaken forecasts of families and households.

Key words: family; household; single-parent family; population development; sample surveys; Population and housing census; forecast; Czech Republic