

Abstract

This diploma work deals with a theme which is in Czech literature rather marginalized – the impacts of highway infrastructure on regional development. Main aim of the study is to analyze the effects of highway D8 (Prague – Lovosice) and to find out how the public administration, people and firms perceive it. The statistical analysis is concerned with the development of socio-economic indicators between the years 1991 and 2001 that means before and after the construction of the highway. Differences of these indicators between highway and non-highway municipalities were also explored. It was discovered that there is no impact of the phenomenon of the highway on these indicators but on the other side the closeness of Prague was identified as a very important factor. The research is based on the questionnaire inquiry made in highway municipalities and regional important centers. Informants perceive the highway in positive way due to better accessibility. In case of surroundings of Prague and Lovosice the highway is considered as a developing factor of industrial zones. The highway was perceived negatively because of worsen of the environment in case of the municipalities in surroundings of Prague.