Abstract (in English)

The aim of this bachelor thesis is to compare selected aspects of life of seniors living in different types of settlements in the Vysočina Region. The compared settlements are the county town of Jihlava, the former district town Pelhřimov, and Kamenice nad Lipou which is a municipality with an authorized municipal office.

The work consists of a theoretical and a practical part. The theoretical part deals with terms related to senior age, the elderly, meaningfulness of life, active ageing, and demographics of the Czech Republic. The main sources used were reference books, Fram planning documents and other documents from the areas of the research.

The practical part contains the actual research, which consists of a semi-structured questionnaire and a personal observation of specific age groups of seniors in the monitored areas.

The outcomes of the research describe availability of social and health services in the settlements, aspects of life which are important to seniors and ways the requirements for the quality of life of seniors in those locations are fulfilled.

To summarize, the results revealed that there is a lack of security and an unresolved issue of the Roma ethnic in Jihlava, in both, Pelhřimov and Kamenice nad Lipou, sidewalks are in a bad state of repair, and in Kamenice nad Lipou is also lack of social and health services and cultural events in the latter.

Keywords (in English)

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