

Dear Users of the Statistical Yearbook,

We live in a world of vast volumes of information and data, and in a complex era of interpretation and misinterpretation. It is increasingly essential to distinguish high-quality, accurate information from misleading or false insights. In this effort, the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic plays a key role by collecting, processing, and disseminating millions of data on society.

This year, once again, the Office has prepared the most comprehensive and complex statistical publication – The Statistical Yearbook of the Slovak Republic 2024. This 34th edition brings high-quality, independent, and reliable data across various areas of life in Slovakia. It includes the latest information for 2023 and, for broader context, data covering the past four years. The most significant indicators are presented over a period of 20 years, providing an overview of Slovakia's development since joining the European Union in 2004.

The Yearbook includes selected representative indicators covering demographics, the labour market, healthcare, education, culture, and crime. It also focuses on statistical information related to the performance of sectors such as manufacturing, construction, tourism, and other sectors. Environmental topics, as well as progress in research and innovation, are also given their due attention.

From a practical point of view, the publication is divided into 31 thematic chapters, with data presented in clear tables supplemented by methodological notes. This year, we have enhanced the visual content, each chapter now includes graphs with key indicators. Users have access to a total of 120 visualized insights.

The current edition extends the Labour Market chapter with new data on pension beneficiaries, categorized by pension type, age, and economic activity. The Education chapter includes new statistical outputs on further vocational training of adults, broken down by age and type of education. The National Accounts chapter presents new values of GDP data and their structures in accordance with the extensive benchmark revision of national accounts. The Sectoral statistics and Prices chapters also reflect the transition to new, updated base periods.

The Statistical Yearbook is freely available to all users upon release in electronic format on the Office's website, slovak.statistics.sk. The tabular outputs are directly linked to the public DATAcube database, where users can access more detailed information in longer time series or more specific structures.

When preparing the yearbook, your ideas and feedback are invaluable in improving the quality of this work. We look forward to hearing from you at the e-mail address produkty.pripomienky@statistics.sk.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the citizens, reporting units, and partner institutions who provide data for statistical processing, thereby helping society better understand its strengths and weaknesses, and on the base of statistical data, we can make informed decisions to improve the quality of life in Slovakia.



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of the Slovak Republic