

PREFACE

Dear readers,

We present to you the 31st edition of the Statistical Yearbook of the Slovak Republic, which is the most important comprehensive publication of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic. The publication has long been a permanent source of high-quality information of demographic, economic or social nature for the professional and lay public in Slovakia and abroad as well.

The publication consisting of 31 chapters builds on the previous years. It traditionally provides statistical data for the last five years, key national economic indicators for a period of 14 years and, to a large extent, methodological explanations and definitions of individual indicators. A stable part of the publication are also the International Surveys, providing an insight into the position of Slovakia in Europe and across the world. A specific part is a chart supplement offering a graphical visualization of the development of selected indicators.

This year the yearbook also brings new information. The Labor Market chapter is enriched with data from the ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems. In the chapter Health, three new tables with indicators on the health status of the population, drug addiction and suicide have been added. The number of new cases of Covid-19 was added to the table on selected infectious diseases.

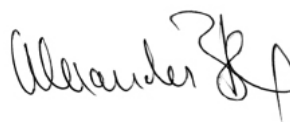
In the chapter on Gender Statistics, we have reincluded tables with the data on body mass index – BMI and smoking, obtained from the European Health Survey (EHIS 2019) broken down into men and women. The data for both sexes together are presented in the chapter Health.

A significant novelty of this issue is the interconnection of the statistical yearbook with the public database of the statistical office, the DATAcube. There are codes below individual tables under which data in electronic form can be found in the database.

The Statistical Yearbook of the Slovak Republic is available in printed form, including a -CD-ROM. The electronic version of the publication will be available at the Office's website following the expiry period of six months after the date it was issued.

We thank to our readers for all the suggestions and comments that help us adapt our yearbook to your needs.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the staff of the Statistical Office of the SR, participating in the preparation of the yearbook, as well as to the ministries and other institutions contributing to the enrichment of the survey results. Let me also thank the publishing house VEDA for the publication and distribution of the yearbook.



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