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DIFFERENTIATION OF REGIONS IN CZECH REPUBLIC BASED ON ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The aim of the paper is to evaluate the differences between the regions in Czech Republic and rank regions basing on the selected indicators. The following data are used: Gini index, gross domestic product per capita, unemployment rate, average gross monthly wage and the rate of economic activity. Their condition is monitored from 2009 to 2012. Regional differences are evaluated on the basis of synthesis and ranking regions to reflect the development of variables in the selected period. After synthesis of all economic indicators in the economic index of regional disparities, a position above average was assigned to the capital city, good positions — to other 4 regions (Central Bohemia, Pilsen, Hradec Kralove and South Bohemia). Low position is observed in 3 regions — Karlovy Vary, Olomouc and Usti.

Keywords: regional differences; income inequality; gross domestic product; unemployment rate; regions ranking.

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ДИВЕРГЕНЦІЯ РЕГІОНІВ У ЧЕСЬКІЙ РЕСПУБЛІЦІ НА ОСНОВІ ЕКОНОМІЧНИХ ПОКАЗНИКІВ

У статті оцінено відмінності між чеськими регіонами і сформовано рейтинг регіонів на основі вибраних показників. Використано такі дані: Індекс Джині, валовий внутрішній продукт на душу населення, рівень безробіття, середньомісячна заробітна плата і рівень економічної активності. Їх стан відстежувався протягом 2009—2012 років. Регіональні відмінності оцінено на основі синтезу і сформовано рейтинг регіонів, що відображає динаміку показників за обраний період. Після об'єднання всіх економічних показників в економічний індекс регіональної нерівності позицію вище середньої отримала столиця, досить хороші позиції мають 4 інші регіони (центральна Богемія, Плзень, Градец Кралове і Південна Богемія). Незадовільну оцінку отримали 3 регіони (Карлови Вари, Оломоуц, Уст).

Ключові слова: регіональні відмінності; нерівність доходів; валовий внутрішній продукт; рівень безробіття; ранжування регіонів.

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ДИВЕРГЕНЦИЯ РЕГИОНОВ В ЧЕШСКОЙ РЕСПУБЛИКЕ НА ОСНОВЕ ЭКОНОМИЧЕСКИХ ПОКАЗАТЕЛЕЙ

В статье дана оценка различиям между регионами Чехии и сформирован рейтинг регионов на основе выбранных показателей. Использованы следующие данные: индекс Джини, валовой внутренний продукт на душу населения, уровень безработицы, средняя месячная заработная плата и уровень экономической активности. Их состояние отслеживалось в течение 2009—2012 годов. Региональные различия оценены на основе синтеза и сформирован рейтинг регионов, отражающий динамику показателей за выбранный период. После объединения всех экономических показателей в экономический индекс регионального неравенства, оценку выше средней получила столица страны, достаточно хорошие позиции—4 других региона (Центральная Богемия, Пльзень, Градец Кралове и Южная Богемия). Неудовлетворительные оценки получили 3 региона— Карловы Вары, Оломоуц, Усти.

Ключевые слова: региональные различия; неравенство доходов; валовой внутренний продукт; уровень безработицы; ранжирование регионов.

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Introduction. Regional differences are one of the important current economic problems. Economic levels of regions development differ significantly in most countries. Regions vary by a significant number of economic, social and demographic features. Demographic differences are determined by age structure of population, population growth rate, mortality and migration. Social differences are evident in wages disparity and income which influence the standards of living. Economic disparities can mainly be expressed as different level of gross domestic product per capita. Number of economic subjects or contribution of various sectors to gross value added differs in per capita. Structure of regional economies is determined not only by geography but also by historical factors. Some regions are more affected by structural unemployment due to economy's restructuring or attenuation of some sectors of industry.

Literature review. There are many scientific studies dealing with the issue of regional disparities and focusing on particular macroeconomic indicators.

Bracelente et al. (2010) emphasized the greatest significance of economic parameters. They researched the NUTS 2 regions in the EU and concluded that the gap in productivity and employment are the main factors in regional differences.

The labor market situation is very often associated with regional disparities. Krabel et al. (2014) emphasized the importance of regional differences in the mobility of graduates. Avotins et al. (2014) pointed to different motivation to start business across regions, Rotarua (2014), Vinuela (2014), Yang (2014) or Zierahn (2013) showed fundamental differences in regional unemployment rates. Regional disparities can also be influenced by political and fiscal decentralization (Ezcurra et al., 2007).

Economic differences between regions can have many causes and influencing factors. Among the most important are the structure of GDP in a region (largely affected by its history of development) (Sobel et al., 2008), natural conditions, demographic composition, connection to international transport infrastructure, volume of foreign direct investment or subsidies (Martincik, 2008). Economic differences between regions can also be affected by spatial differences. The issue of regional disparities in spatial development is complicated by the fact that some empirical research record regional areas tend to divergence and some tend to convergence (Suchacek, 2008; Lopez, 1999).

Kostelecky et al. (2006) emphasized the importance of social, economic, political or cultural features especially on the qualitative level (educational level of population, presence of progressive economic sectors etc.). Differences can be examined on the basis of more approaches. Economic activity can be calculated either per unit area or per capita. In the case when both types of regional variation are observed, the trend in the development is towards higher inequality (Hampl, 2007).

Regional differences in Czech Republic demonstrate the following trends:

- above average long-term status of Prague and good economic position of Central Bohemia;
 - threats in the areas with a decline in heavy industry development;
- threat in the educational structure of population in the regions with high unemployment, because of migration to larger regional cities (especially Prague and Brno).

Studies have shown that spatial structure becomes more fragmented in Czech Republic (Blazek et al., 2012). Generally, Czech Republic has higher territorial

inequality in the distribution of economic activity in comparison with other European countries (Hampl, 2007).

Considerable differences between regions are also evident in terms of unemployment. Unemployment is a typical value, which is not uniform in regions throughout market economies (Porter, 2003). This leads to migration to the areas with high number of vacancies. Usti, Karlovy Vary, Olomouc and Moravian Silesia are the most vulnerable to depopulation (Simpach et al., 2013). In terms of unemployment, it is necessary to focus on long-term unemployment and its development (Loster et al., 2011). Differences can also be observed in gender comparison (Kvicalova et al., 2012). The issue of employment is closely related to wage distribution. Marek (2013) after analyzing the data for the period 2000–2012 noted that the average wage in Czech Republic is comparable for all regions except Prague and Central Bohemia. This is primarily due to the location of many large and important companies in this area. The value of the Gini index is also significantly different there. Interesting is also the situation with gender differences in wages. The highest wages were reported for men in Prague and the lowest — for women in Zlin region.

The comparative study of economic development of Czech Republic regions shows significant differences. For a long time regions with the best economic status have been Prague and Central Bohemia (Zitek, 2010) and the worst were Olomouc, Zlin and Moravian Silesia (Kuprova et al., 2006).

Regions also react differently to cyclical fluctuations in the economy. After examining the impact of the global economic crisis which started in 2008 the results showed 5 clusters: A = Usti + Moravian Silesia, B = Prague, C = Central Bohemia + Pilsen + Karlovy Vary, D = Hradec Kralove + Pardubice + Vysocina + Olomouc + Zlin and E = South Bohemia + South Moravia + Liberec. Clusters A, B, E were influenced less than clusters C and D by the world economic crisis (Mazurek, 2011).

Methodology. The aim of this paper is to evaluate the differences between the regions in Czech Republic and rank the regions basing on the selected indicators. Comparative analysis of individual regions based on the graphical representation of the traffic light method is applied. Subsequent analysis is supported by the point method, based on the ranking of regions.

The data used in this paper, has quantitative and secondary characteristics. These indicators are available and can capture the status and development and are related to or can influence the income situation of households. These are the level of income inequality, regional gross domestic product, the unemployment level, wages and economic activity. Individual indicators are presented in the following characteristics: Gini index, gross domestic product per capita, unemployment rate, average gross monthly wage and rate of economic activity. Their condition is monitored from 2009 to 2012.

The chosen indicators are used to determine the economic success of regions. Economic performance is evaluated by the nominal gross domestic product and the rate of economic activity, labor market situation is evaluated by the rate of unemployment and average wage, and difference in income inequality is assessed via Gini index.

The selected variables are analyzed using the traffic lights method and point method. **Traffic lights method.** Traffic lights method provides a visual view of differences in the economic levels of regions. Its advantage sate lucidity and usefulness for analysis of different groups of indicators (Michalek, 2012).

It is the method of scaling according to the criteria (\geq 67%, \geq 33% and < 33%). Minimum and maximum values are found for each indicator and then data are divided into 3 groups (into thirds). The best third is marked by white color, the middle third is marked by grey color and the worst third – by dark green color. For indicators of GDP, average wage and economic activity rate was rated as white color for group \geq 67%, for indicators of Gini index and unemployment rate was rated as white color for group < 33%.

This method is used to demonstrate graphically the differences and subsequent quantification is performed using the point method and calculating the economic index of regional disparities.

Point method. For the purposes of territorial units classification by the given parameters, or to determine their order, the point method is used. It is based on the search of a region, for which the selected indicator reaches the maximum or minimum (if progress occurs due to its reduction) value. Based on the detected values the criterial value is determined, which is then compared with the other. Criterial value is 1000. Index is a dimensionless number in the interval $\langle 0;1000 \rangle$ (Tuleja, 2008).

This procedure is repeated for all the indicators (intermediate results are shown in Annexes). Summary economic index of regional disparities is determined as the average value of the indices for all the indicators.

Results. Regional differences are mapped for each region on the basis of the indicators using the traffic lights method and then their condition and development are evaluated by the economic index of regional economic disparities reflecting all the indicators together.

The values of the Gini index for each region are shown in Table 1. The values do not change much over time and there are no significant differences between the regions. Prague is an exception, because it has higher value and its value is comparable to the most developed European cities. Czech Republic as a whole belongs to the most egalitarian countries in the world. The most significant increase in income inequality took place in the early 1990s, since then there have been no significant changes.

Table 1. Gini index during 2009–2012 using the method of traffic lights, own processing by (Marek, 2013: 187)

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Prague | 0.310 | 0.304 | 0.310 | 0.312 |
| Central Bohemia | 0.250 | 0.247 | 0.252 | 0.256 |
| South Bohemia | 0.240 | 0.242 | 0.243 | 0.238 |
| Pilsen | 0.233 | 0.232 | 0.234 | 0.237 |
| Karlovy Vary | 0.241 | 0.238 | 0.232 | 0.231 |
| Usti | 0.244 | 0.245 | 0.245 | 0.243 |
| Liberec | 0.232 | 0.233 | 0.234 | 0.230 |
| Hradec Kralove | 0.231 | 0.229 | 0.230 | 0.232 |
| Pardubice | 0.233 | 0.235 | 0.235 | 0.233 |
| Vysocina | 0.236 | 0.236 | 0.237 | 0.236 |
| South Moravia | 0.258 | 0.256 | 0.260 | 0.261 |
| Olomouc | 0.231 | 0.230 | 0.231 | 0.235 |
| Zlin | 0.235 | 0.236 | 0.234 | 0.232 |
| Moravian Silesia | 0.235 | 0.238 | 0.242 | 0.241 |

The level of gross domestic product in the regions mostly copies the national development trend and most regions have lower values in 2009 (Table 2). Prague got the values above average (more than double of other regions), which is due to the allocation of many large corporations there. Low levels of production characterizes Karlovy Vary, Liberec and Olomouc regions.

| Table 2. Gross domestic product capita during 2009–2012 using the method |
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| of traffic lights, CZK, own processing of the Czech Statistical Office data |

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Prague | 761,596 | 776,968 | 786,057 | 762,956 |
| Central Bohemia | 317,199 | 322,811 | 322,868 | 325,560 |
| South Bohemia | 298,058 | 306,833 | 309,006 | 311,309 |
| Pilsen | 299,846 | 306,628 | 325,753 | 325,886 |
| Karlovy Vary | 233,629 | 259,560 | 259,180 | 258,364 |
| Usti | 275,653 | 299,435 | 292,658 | 295,148 |
| Liberec | 240,057 | 268,480 | 279,039 | 283,671 |
| Hradec Kralove | 291,241 | 308,946 | 315,316 | 313,525 |
| Pardubice | 286,518 | 283,710 | 296,796 | 289,854 |
| Vysocina | 270,743 | 292,669 | 300,309 | 307,095 |
| South Moravia | 330,145 | 335,983 | 340,093 | 345,833 |
| Olomouc | 260,450 | 270,987 | 279,902 | 284,457 |
| Zlin | 286,977 | 301,442 | 309,386 | 322,246 |
| Moravian Silesia | 281,634 | 297,177 | 318,155 | 319,314 |

Czech Republic is characterized by significant regional disparities in unemployment (Table 3). This is caused in particular by different structure of economies and the educational composition. Czech Republic as a whole is struggling with unemployment. Higher unemployment rate is mostly observed for people with low qualifications.

Table 3. The rates of unemployment during 2009–2012 using the method of traffic lights, %, own processing of the Czech Statistical Office data

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Prague | 3.66 | 4.07 | 3.95 | 4.52 |
| Central Bohemia | 7.01 | 7.73 | 7.07 | 7.52 |
| South Bohemia | 7.78 | 8.50 | 7.53 | 8.36 |
| Pilsen | 8.16 | 8.25 | 7.01 | 7.31 |
| Karlovy Vary | 11.07 | 11.39 | 9.83 | 10.84 |
| Usti | 13.61 | 13.90 | 12.94 | 14.02 |
| Liberec | 11.24 | 10.54 | 9.46 | 10.26 |
| Hradec Kralove | 7.97 | 8.37 | 7.49 | 8.61 |
| Pardubice | 9.58 | 9.87 | 8.44 | 9.16 |
| Vysocina | 10.25 | 10.73 | 9.44 | 10.23 |
| South Moravia | 10.59 | 10.87 | 9.81 | 10.42 |
| Olomouc | 12.19 | 12.48 | 11.37 | 11.86 |
| Zlin | 10.83 | 10.74 | 9.35 | 10.42 |
| Moravian Silesia | 12.14 | 12.36 | 11.18 | 12.34 |

Prague is characterized by low unemployment. Relatively good situation is also in Central Bohemian region for a long time. The highest unemployment rates are in

Usti, Moravian Silesia and Olomouc. Usti and Moravian Silesia regions have the problem of structural unemployment, mainly associated with the attenuation of mining industry. The highest unemployment rate has been reported in most regions in 2010.

Average wages in the regions also differ (Table 4). Czech Republic has the highest wages in financial and insurance fields and also information and communication activities, the lowest — in agriculture and boarding. Regional differences are not too high, but for significantly higher levels in Prague. It is not confirmed that regions with the highest unemployment are associated with the lowest wages. The lowest wages are recorded in Karlovy Vary, Pardubice and Zlin regions. Average wages increased over time. Because it is a nominal indicator, we cannot really draw any conclusions about a real raise in people's living standards though.

Table 4. Average wages during 2009–2012 using the method of traffic lights, CZK, own processing of the Czech Statistical Office data

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Prague | 30,028 | 30,842 | 31,252 | 31,834 |
| Central Bohemia | 21,972 | 22,654 | 23,407 | 23,950 |
| South Bohemia | 20,319 | 20,583 | 21,041 | 21,714 |
| Pilsen | 21,864 | 21,989 | 22,452 | 23,132 |
| Karlovy Vary | 19,450 | 19,700 | 20,095 | 20,567 |
| Usti | 20,850 | 21,166 | 21,327 | 21,863 |
| Liberec | 20,426 | 20,739 | 21,581 | 22,153 |
| Hradec Kralove | 20,527 | 20,779 | 21,167 | 21,968 |
| Pardubice | 19,887 | 20,009 | 20,740 | 21,377 |
| Vysocina | 20,037 | 20,502 | 21,186 | 21,627 |
| South Moravia | 21,703 | 22,026 | 22,506 | 23,253 |
| Olomouc | 19,926 | 20,323 | 20,908 | 21,666 |
| Zlin | 19,478 | 19,937 | 20,777 | 21,338 |
| Moravian Silesia | 21,136 | 21,455 | 22,111 | 22,364 |

Just the indicator of economic activity rate does not show the gap between Prague and other regions (Table 5). Nevertheless, the highest value belongs to Prague. High values of this indicator, which is also highly conditioned of demographic structure, are in Central Bohemia, Plzen and Karlovy Vary regions. In the period under study a slight decrease is observed. In a longer term, further reduction can be assumed due to population aging in Czech Republic.

Table 6 shows the value of the index of regional disparities for the regions of Czech Republic. The index was first calculated for individual economic indicators (Annex 1–5) and then the average value was determined. The highest value (930) was calculated for Prague in 2009, the lowest (626) for Usti region in 2009. Regarding changes of economic index regional disparities in time, we can see different development in regions. Index growth in some regions and declined in others in 2010, but the index growth was observed in most regions in 2011 and 2012. Prague had a different development trend than remaining regions. Index declined and it reduced between 2009 and 2012. Index increased in other regions between 2009 and 2012.

Discussion. The order of economic success of the regions is determined taking into account all the examined indicators (Table 7). The order of the regions was

determined separately for each year, but in the surveyed period of 4 years there was no significant deviation.

Table 5. The rate of economic activity during 2009–2012 using the method of traffic lights, %, own processing of the Czech Statistical Office data

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Prague | 62.6 | 62.2 | 61.2 | 61.9 |
| Central Bohemia | 59.6 | 59.7 | 60.0 | 60.4 |
| South Bohemia | 58.8 | 58.0 | 58.5 | 57.8 |
| Pilsen | 59.6 | 59.0 | 59.3 | 59.5 |
| Karlovy Vary | 61.2 | 61.7 | 59.7 | 60.0 |
| Usti | 57.3 | 57.5 | 57.4 | 56.8 |
| Liberec | 57.3 | 58.0 | 57.5 | 57.6 |
| Hradec Kralove | 58.0 | 57.5 | 57.4 | 57.8 |
| Pardubice | 57.8 | 57.5 | 57.4 | 58.5 |
| Vysocina | 57.9 | 58.1 | 57.1 | 56.8 |
| South Moravia | 57.4 | 58.1 | 57.8 | 58.6 |
| Olomouc | 57.4 | 55.7 | 55.9 | 57.3 |
| Zlin | 57.2 | 56.8 | 57.4 | 57.5 |
| Moravian Silesia | 57.6 | 56.7 | 56.6 | 57.2 |

Table 6. Economic index of regional disparities, own calculations

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Prague | 930 | 921 | 925 | 901 |
| Central Bohemia | 697 | 696 | 706 | 703 |
| South Bohemia | 676 | 668 | 684 | 680 |
| Pilsen | 690 | 691 | 714 | 712 |
| Karlovy Vary | 633 | 644 | 655 | 652 |
| Usti | 626 | 632 | 636 | 635 |
| Liberec | 635 | 650 | 663 | 666 |
| Hradec Kralove | 679 | 680 | 694 | 685 |
| Pardubice | 656 | 651 | 671 | 672 |
| Vysocina | 645 | 651 | 663 | 661 |
| South Moravia | 651 | 656 | 664 | 667 |
| Olomouc | 633 | 632 | 644 | 648 |
| Zlin | 641 | 646 | 667 | 668 |
| Moravian Silesia | 644 | 643 | 655 | 654 |

Prague was ranked, as expected, first throughout the whole period. Central Bohemia occupied the second and then third position, at which Pilsen region was replaced. Hradec Kralove region is ranked fourth, South Bohemia region is ranked fifth in the whole time. Pardubice, with the exception of 2010, when it fell to the eighth position, kept the sixth place. The position of South Moravia varied between sixth to eighth ranks. The situation changed slightly in Zlin region. From the tenth position in 2009 and 2010 it moved to the seventh in 2011 and 2012. Vysocina region fluctuated between the seventh to tenth places. Liberec occupied the ninth place with the exception of 2009. Moravian Silesia varied between ninth to twelfth places. The situation was worse in Karlovy Vary. It was ranted twelfth throughout the whole peri-

od, with the exception of 2010. Olomouc was thirteenth and Usti – fourteenth (except for 2010, when the situation was reverse).

| Dogiona | Percentag | ge of region | ns (100% = | average) | Th | e order | of regio | ons |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|----------|------|---------|----------|------|
| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Prague | 1,380 | 1,363 | 1,344 | 1,313 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Central Bohemia | 1,034 | 1,029 | 1,026 | 1,024 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| South Bohemia | 1,004 | 0,989 | 0,993 | 0,992 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Pilsen | 1,024 | 1,023 | 1,037 | 1,038 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Karlovy Vary | 0,940 | 0,952 | 0,951 | 0,951 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 12 |
| Usti | 0,928 | 0,936 | 0,923 | 0,925 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 14 |
| Liberec | 0,942 | 0,962 | 0,963 | 0,971 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Hradec Kralove | 1,007 | 1,007 | 1,007 | 0,998 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Pardubice | 0,973 | 0,963 | 0,974 | 0,979 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Vysocina | 0,958 | 0,964 | 0,963 | 0,964 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| South Moravia | 0,965 | 0,971 | 0,964 | 0,973 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| Olomouc | 0,939 | 0,936 | 0,935 | 0,945 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| Zlin | 0,950 | 0,956 | 0,968 | 0,973 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| Moravian Silesia | 0,955 | 0,952 | 0,952 | 0,953 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 11 |

Table 7. Economic index of regional disparities, own calculations

The regions are divided into 3 groups (Figure 1) - above average, average and below average. Prague belongs to the first group, Central Bohemia, Plzen, Hradec, South Bohemia clump together form the second group and the rest of the regions can be described as below average.

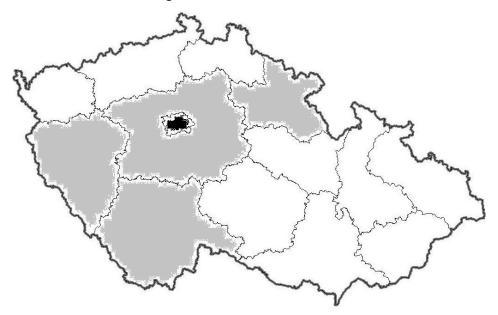


Figure 1. The breakdown of Czech regions into the above average, average and below average groups, own processing

Competitiveness is the prerequisite for future prosperity of any territory. Comparison any and analysis of regional competitiveness (Zitek, Kunc and Toney, 2006) shows the situation has not changed significantly. Competitiveness of the regions was evaluated on the basis of gross domestic product, wages, unemployment, education and migration. The result was the following ranking of regions: Prague and Central Bohemia, Pilsen, South Moravia, South Bohemia, Pardubice, Zlin, Hradec Kralove, Vysocina, Liberec, Karlovy Vary, Olomouc, Moravian Silesia and Usti.

Conclusion. The paper was aimed to evaluate regional differences on the basis of the selected economic indicators. Income situation of households was assessed by Gini index and average gross wages. Economic performance was evaluated by regional gross domestic product per capita and economic activity rate. Unemployment was assessed via the unemployment rate. All the indicators in individual regions differed. For Gini index low values were determined as positive, so Prague took the worst ranking in this case. The value of Gini index was significantly higher in Prague than in other regions. For gross domestic product and average wages high values were evaluated as positive. Prague got the highest results for these indicators. Prague differed also by the economic activity and unemployment rates, but not as significantly as for remaining indicators.

Despite the often mentioned importance of demographic factors, there is no similarity between regions based on the number of inhabitants. The position of 3 most populous regions (without Prague) — Central Bohemia, South Moravia and Moravian Silesia — are quite different. While Central Bohemia is rated above average, South Moravia and Moravian Silesia fall within the category below average (the position of South Moravia is better than Moravian Silesia).

After the synthesis of all the economic indicators in the index of regional disparities a good position was attributed to (excluding the already mentioned capital city) Central Bohemia, Pilsen, Hradec Kralove and South Bohemia. Karlovy Vary, Olomouc and Usti regions got the lowest ranks.

Further research in this area can be focused on the analysis of regional aspects in the following time period by applying other methods, for example, cluster analysis or principal component analysis.

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Annexes:

Annex 1. Index of regional disparities – Gini index, own calculations

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Prague | 738.71 | 753.29 | 738.71 | 733.97 |
| Central Bohemia | 916.00 | 927.13 | 908.73 | 894.53 |
| South Bohemia | 954.17 | 946.28 | 942.39 | 962.18 |
| Pilsen | 982.83 | 987.07 | 978.63 | 966.24 |
| Karlovy Vary | 950.21 | 962.18 | 987.07 | 991.34 |
| Usti | 938.52 | 934.69 | 934.69 | 942.39 |
| Liberec | 987.07 | 982.83 | 978.63 | 995.65 |
| Hradec Kralove | 991.34 | 1000.00 | 995.65 | 987.07 |
| Pardubice | 982.83 | 974.47 | 974.47 | 982.83 |
| Vysocina | 970.34 | 970.34 | 966.24 | 970.34 |
| South Moravia | 887.60 | 894.53 | 880.77 | 877.39 |
| Olomouc | 991.34 | 995.65 | 991.34 | 974.47 |
| Zlin | 974.47 | 970.34 | 978.63 | 987.07 |
| Moravian Silesia | 974.47 | 962.18 | 946.28 | 950.21 |

Annex 2. Index of regional disparities – GDP per capita, own calculations

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Prague | 968.88 | 988.44 | 1000.00 | 970.61 |
| Central Bohemia | 403.53 | 410.67 | 410.74 | 414.17 |
| South Bohemia | 379.18 | 390.34 | 393.11 | 396.04 |
| Pilsen | 381.46 | 390.08 | 414.41 | 414.58 |
| Karlovy Vary | 297.22 | 330.20 | 329.72 | 328.68 |
| Usti | 350.68 | 380.93 | 372.31 | 375.48 |
| Liberec | 305.39 | 341.55 | 354.99 | 360.88 |
| Hradec Kralove | 370.51 | 393.03 | 401.14 | 398.86 |
| Pardubice | 364.50 | 360.93 | 377.58 | 368.74 |
| Vysocina | 344.43 | 372.33 | 382.05 | 390.68 |
| South Moravia | 420.00 | 427.43 | 432.66 | 439.96 |
| Olomouc | 331.34 | 344.74 | 356.08 | 361.88 |
| Zlin | 365.08 | 383.49 | 393.59 | 409.95 |
| Moravian Silesia | 358.29 | 378.06 | 404.75 | 406.22 |

Annex 3. Index of regional disparities – Unemployment rate, own calculations

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | |
| Prague | 1000.00 | 899.14 | 927.09 | 809.92 | |
| Central Bohemia | 522.58 | 473.59 | 517.72 | 486.81 | |
| South Bohemia | 470.34 | 430.64 | 486.48 | 437.90 | |
| Pilsen | 448.58 | 443.98 | 522.28 | 500.80 | |
| Karlovy Vary | 330.57 | 321.27 | 372.36 | 337.72 | |
| Usti | 269.02 | 263.35 | 282.91 | 261.12 | |
| Liberec | 325.77 | 347.33 | 386.91 | 356.81 | |
| Hradec Kralove | 459.43 | 437.15 | 488.49 | 425.18 | |
| Pardubice | 382.17 | 370.98 | 433.63 | 399.66 | |
| Vysocina | 357.14 | 341.15 | 387.73 | 357.85 | |
| South Moravia | 345.80 | 336.88 | 373.31 | 351.33 | |
| Olomouc | 300.29 | 293.23 | 321.89 | 308.67 | |
| Zlin | 337.94 | 340.93 | 391.47 | 351.33 | |
| Moravian Silesia | 301.49 | 296.28 | 327.35 | 296.66 | |

Annex 4. Index of regional disparities – Average wage, own calculations

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Prague | 943.27 | 968.84 | 981.72 | 1000.00 |
| Central Bohemia | 690.21 | 711.63 | 735.28 | 752.34 |
| South Bohemia | 638.28 | 646.57 | 660.96 | 682.10 |
| Pilsen | 686.81 | 690.74 | 705.28 | 726.64 |
| Karlovy Vary | 610.98 | 618.84 | 631.24 | 646.07 |
| Usti | 654.96 | 664.89 | 669.94 | 686.78 |
| Liberec | 641.64 | 651.47 | 677.92 | 695.89 |
| Hradec Kralove | 644.81 | 652.73 | 664.92 | 690.08 |
| Pardubice | 624.71 | 628.54 | 651.50 | 671.51 |
| Vysocina | 629.42 | 644.03 | 665.51 | 679.37 |
| South Moravia | 681.76 | 691.90 | 706.98 | 730.45 |
| Olomouc | 625.93 | 638.41 | 656.78 | 680.59 |
| Zlin | 611.86 | 626.28 | 652.67 | 670.29 |
| Moravian Silesia | 663.94 | 673.96 | 694.57 | 702.52 |

Annex 5. Index of regional disparities – Rate of economic activity, own calculations

| Regions | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Prague | 1000.00 | 994.24 | 978.72 | 989.97 |
| Central Bohemia | 953.00 | 954.63 | 958.27 | 965.44 |
| South Bohemia | 940.00 | 927.65 | 935.30 | 923.03 |
| Pilsen | 951.93 | 943.36 | 948.18 | 950.27 |
| Karlovy Vary | 978.26 | 985.35 | 954.84 | 958.11 |
| Usti | 914.98 | 918.59 | 918.03 | 907.23 |
| Liberec | 915.72 | 926.20 | 918.22 | 920.07 |
| Hradec Kralove | 926.94 | 918.36 | 917.33 | 923.11 |
| Pardubice | 923.99 | 918.43 | 917.43 | 935.22 |
| Vysocina | 925.53 | 928.93 | 912.23 | 907.97 |
| South Moravia | 917.74 | 929.03 | 923.90 | 937.18 |
| Olomouc | 917.04 | 889.34 | 893.98 | 915.93 |
| Zlin | 913.37 | 907.97 | 916.96 | 919.65 |
| Moravian Silesia | 920.52 | 905.96 | 904.32 | 914.07 |

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