

10. Slovakia - Population

2010: 5,433,385 inhabitants.

Natural movement (births and deaths)

1950s = higher birth rate than death rate

2001 = higher death rate than birth rate

Justify the radical change in population's natural movements.

The *highest natural increase* has traditionally been known in districts of the:

- Prešovský self-governing region (PO, SL, BJ, KK)
- Žilinský s.g. region (NO, TS)
- Košický s.g. region (TV, MI)

The *lowest natural increase* (decrease) is typical for districts of the:

- Nitriansky s.g. region (NR, LV)
- Bratislavský s.g. region

What are the major reasons for such behavioural patterns varying according to regions/districts?

Gender structure

Ratio between men and women = 49 : 51

Explain the meaning of the numbers!

Females prevail in Slovakia. This is mainly due to:

- Ø
- Ø
- Ø

Age structure

Life expectancy = 73 years (77 women / 69 men)

Pre-productive age (0-14) – 19%

Productive age (15 – 62) – 62%

Post-productive age (63+) – 19%

The average age (median) of Slovak population is about 34 years.

Age pyramid shows us that population of Slovakia is *ageing*.

Give the proof!

Type of pyramid:

What might be the most significant impacts related to the ageing nation?

Mechanical movement (migration)

In the past, people used to move abroad. Nowadays the movement has changed. It often deals with the movement from countryside to urban areas.

People move from countryside to larger towns for:

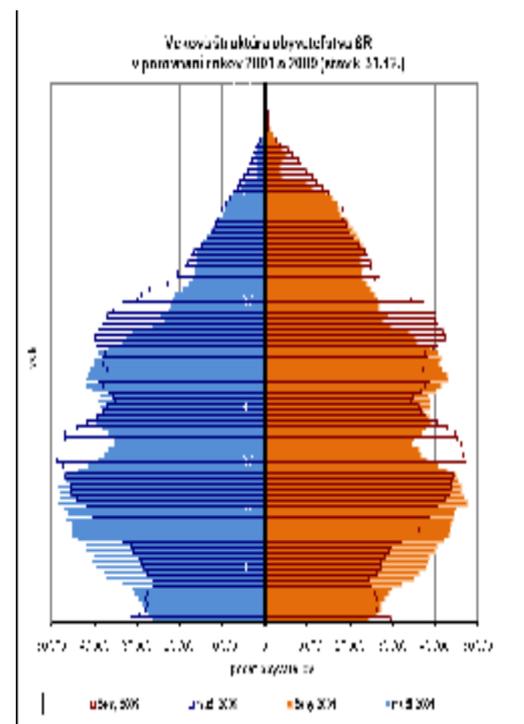
We can recognize movements into a: *district, region or other country*

Describe the difference between immigrants and emigrants!

Which countries do the Slovaks migrate to?

Which countries do most of the immigrants come from?

Which 2 Slovak cities do the citizens move to?



Population density

§ depends on natural and mechanical movements.

§ the average population density: 110 inh./km²

§ there is unequal distribution of population *Why?*

Which parts of Slovakia are the least/most populated and why?

The most populated areas:

The least populated areas:

Unemployment

The average unemployment rate: 12% (2010)

The *highest* unemployment rate:

▼ self-governing regions like BB, PO and KE.

▼ districts like RS, RA, VK

The *lowest* unemployment rate:

▼ self-governing regions like BA, TN, TT

▼ district like BA, SC, TT

Share of the economically active population (workforce) = 49%

Industry employs labour a lot but workforce in the tertiary becomes increasingly important.

Ethnic structure

Locate their distribution on the map!

Slovaks: 85 % (*S*)

Hungarians: 9.7 % (*H*)

Romany: 1.7 % (*RO*)

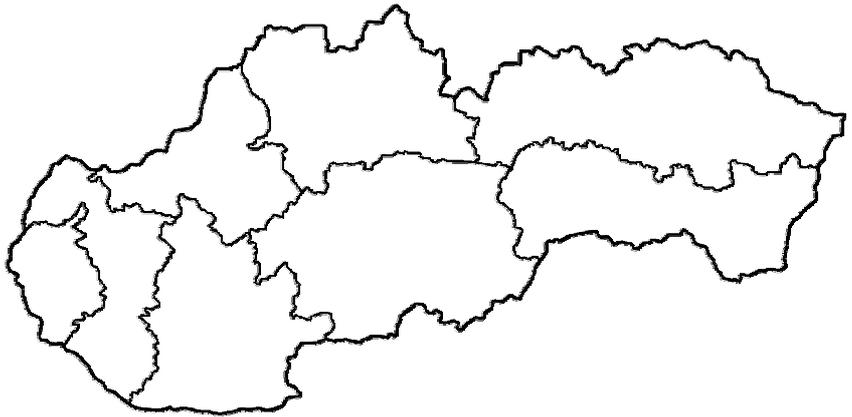
Czech: 0.8 % (*C*)

Ruthenians: 0.4 % (*RT*)

Ukrainians: 0.2 % (*U*)

Don't you think the share of the Romany could be higher in reality?

Can you estimate it?



Religious structure

Locate the distribution on the map!

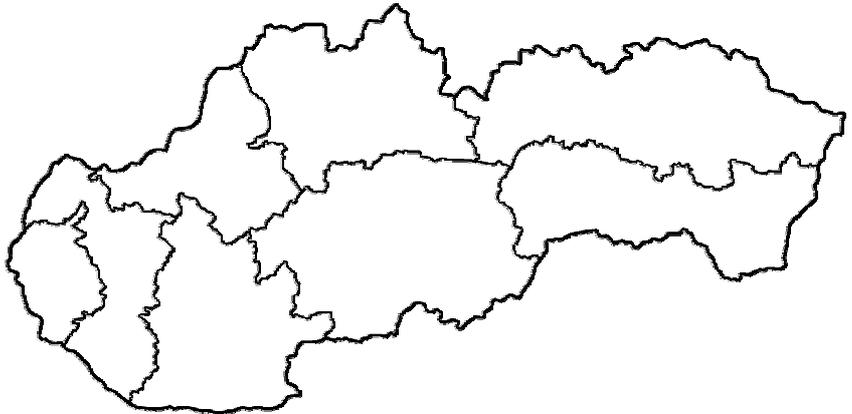
Roman-Catholics: 69 % (*RC*)

Protestant: 6.9 % (*P*)

Greek-Catholics: 4.1% (*G*)

Orthodox: 0.9 % (*O*)

Atheists: 13 % (*A*)



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