

**THE POPULATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC AND IN TRANSITION  
COUNTRIES OF THE CENTRAL EUROPE**

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**Summary**

1. There are two important points in postwar demographic development in Slovakia and also in other former socialist countries in Central Europe. The first one is the beginning of the sixties, when differences in demographic development between developed European countries and "East block" countries found expression. The second one is the beginning of the nineties, when the demographic development in postcommunist countries reacted expressly to political, economic and social changes.
2. The transformation period after the change of the political system is in all post-communist countries characterized also by changes in reproductive behaviour of the population, while demographic trends are very similar.
3. The result of these processes is the approximation of population development in former socialist countries to the European standard. We suppose that this approximation will go on also in the next years. Its intensity and its next progress will depend on progress of transformation processes.

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