



Completing Secondary Education

In the school year 2008/2009 the CSI also collected and analysed information on completing secondary education. The source of findings was an analysis of the following documents relating to completing secondary education: the Report of the School-leaving Examinations; the Report on Final Examinations of Pupils in Vocational Branches, i.e. secondary education is completed by apprenticeship certificate; and the Protocol on Final Examinations of Pupils in the Branches without apprenticeship certificates.

In total 1,123 reports coming from 242 schools selected across the regions were processed. The established set of reports includes data about 19,707 students finishing secondary education. The reports were from two school years – 2006/2007 and 2008/2009. An analysis of the reports is processed as a summary covering the whole republic and it is broken down by region and by type of examinations. Secondary general schools are reported separately with regard to the school-leaving examination.

The average number of students who completed secondary education in SGSs in one class was 26.0 (in the schools visited). In other schools the average number of students in fields of studies completed by school-leaving examination was 23.8, in branches completed by an apprenticeship certificate there were 9.9 students per class and in branches completed without an apprenticeship certificate there were only 7.7.

When individual regions are taken into account these numbers vary from 22.9 (the Usti Region) up to 30.0 (the South Bohemian Region). In other fields of study completed by a school-leaving examination the number ranged from 15.7 (the South Moravian Region) to 47.5 (Prague). As regards the field of study completed by an apprenticeship certificate the average number of students in the last grades ranged from 5.4 (the Vysocina Region) to 18.7 (the Karlovy Vary Region). The average numbers of students in classes where studies were completed without an apprenticeship certificate varied from 2.5 (the Vysocina Region) to 14.8 (the South Bohemian Region).

The CSI assessed the rate of success of students who were to complete secondary education in the selected set of schools according to percentage representation of those who received a certificate of secondary education with distinction, who passed and who failed. A summarised overview of 19,707 pupils of the above schools is included in the following Table 15.

Table 15

Rate of success of students who were about to complete secondary education in selected sample of schools

Field of studies	Passed with distinction	Passed	Failed
Fields of studies in SGSs.	32.7	62.8	4.5
Fields of secondary education studies completed by a school-leaving examination.	12.9	77.4	9.7
Fields of secondary education studies completed by an apprenticeship certificate.	10.4	82.1	7.5
Fields of secondary education studies (without an apprenticeship certificate).	11.4	79.9	8.7

The proportion of students who failed a school-leaving examination and were not permitted to re-sit part of or the whole examination was 0.5% of the total share, i.e. 10.3% of students who failed. In other fields of studies completed by a school-leaving examination, 1.0% of students were not permitted to re-sit the exam which accounts for 10.3% of those who failed. The Reports on Final Examinations do not include this type of data.

The rate of success of students evaluated according to regions differs considerably (for example 49.7% of students passed SGSs with distinction in the Vysocina Region

