

### 3 Secondary Education and Education at Conservatories

According to the International Standard Classification of Education ISCED, secondary schools in the Czech Republic provide education on levels ISCED 2, ISCED 3 and ISCED 4. Successful graduates of upper-secondary and post-secondary education achieve secondary education, secondary education with a vocational certificate or secondary education with a final exam (maturita examination).

In the Czech Republic, secondary education can be obtained in secondary schools which could be divided into grammar schools (gymnasium), secondary technical schools, secondary vocational schools and conservatories. Secondary education can be concluded in the daytime, evening, distance and combined forms. For students with disabilities, special secondary schools are established.

In the school year 2014/2015, **1,310 secondary schools** were entered in the school register (annual decrease of 1.6%), of which 149 schools catered for pupils with special educational needs (increase by 2.1%). Art and music education was provided in 18 conservatories.

According to statistics of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, a **total of 435,542 students** were enrolled in secondary education by September 30, 2014. The number of pupils, in the context of demographic trends, decreased by 3%. The proportion of students with disabilities in daily form of education was 4.6%. This proportion has been slightly increasing in the last three years. The trend of increasing number of foreigners educated in secondary schools stopped.

Figure 3

#### Secondary education – performance indicators

Monitored parameter in the Czech Republic	School Year		
	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
<b>Total number of secondary schools</b>	1 347	1 331	<b>1 310</b>
Percentage of state schools	74,0	74,2	74,2
Percentage of private schools	23,2	23,0	22,8
Percentage of church schools	2,7	2,8	3,0
Number of classes in all secondary schools	19 440	18 823	19 771
Percentage of classes in schools offering secondary education	1,3	1,4	1,5
Percentage of classes in schools offering vocational certificate	25,3	25,8	26,0
Percentage of classes in schools offering maturita examination	73,4	72,8	72,5
<b>Number of pupils in secondary schools</b>	470 754	448 792	<b>435 542</b>
<b>Number of inspected secondary schools</b>	285	245	<b>285</b>
<b>Number of class observations in secondary schools</b>	3 826	3 877	<b>3 869</b>

All secondary schools, irrespective of the founder, are mostly financed by funds provided from the state budget for non-investment expenditure (**18.2% of public resources on education goes for secondary education**).

In the school year 2014/2015, the Czech School Inspectorate performed inspection activities in 285 schools. As part of the inspection activities, a total of 3,869 lessons were observed.

Moreover, in the same year, the Czech School Inspectorate also conducted electronic surveys targeted at funding school meals, education of pupils with a different mother tongue and management of educational processes and its possible support.

In the inspected secondary schools (as well as in nurseries and primary schools), the Czech School Inspectorate examined the spatial, material and safety conditions; financial conditions; management of the school and the staffing conditions. School inspectors also monitored the