

# The importance of health examination as a part of population health surveys

**Results from the Czech pilot study EHES** 



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#### **Facts about Czech Republic**

Capital:	Prague
Official language:	Czech
Nationality:	Czechs 95%, Others 5%
Government:	Parliamentary republic
Area:	78 866 km²
Population (2011):	10,5 millions
EU member:	since May 200



### **EHES Pilot in Czech Republic**

• Organized by National Institute of Public Health in Prague.

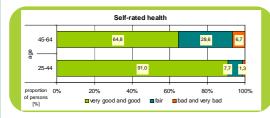
- October 2010 April 2011,
- Cities Prague and Hradec Kralove,
- A sample size of 400 persons in total invited,
- 100 males and 100 females in each city,
- Target population aged 25-64 years,
- Response rate 52%.

## Why is HES needed

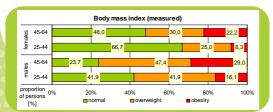
- The most reliable data source,
- To predict possible future trends,
- To validate of inaccurate self-reported results, • To detect undiagnosed cases e.g. elevated blood pressure (often indicating hypertension), hyperlipidemia, etc.
- For health reports as a background for health policies and health prevention activities.

Full-size EHES in Czech Republic is planned for 2014 along with EHIS (European Health Interview Survey)

## The results from health examination survey



Blood pressure (measured) 29.6 45-64 25,9 em 14,6 7,3 25-44 15.4 38.5 45-64 46.2 males 25-44 38.7 54.8 6,5 proportion proportion of persons [%] 20% 60% 40% 80% 100% pre-hypertension hyper



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• 75 % of respondents evaluated their health as good or very good.

• The prevalence of elevated blood pressure (above 140/90 mmHg) was 29 % among males and 17 % among females. Hypertension awareness was only 46 % at males and 56 % at females.

 Among 20 % of respondents was found level of fasting glucose above 5,6 mmol/l, but only 12 % of them was diagnosed to have diabetes.

• 66 % of respondents had elevated blood cholesterol (more then 5mmol/l). Hypercholesterolemia awareness was only 24 %.

• Higher proportion of overweight and obese was found in male's population, among 45-64 years old males there were 75 % of such persons. On the other hand an abdominal obesity was more prevalent among females; 32 % of them were according waist circumferences in high CVD risk.

#### EHES – European Health Examination Survey

- European level initiative
- Integrated sustainable national data collection system
- Effort to harmonize and standardize examinations
- International comparability and high quality of the data
- The Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia,
- Spain and UK/England)

#### Questionnaire

- (EHIS version "European Health interview survey"):
- Health status
- Lifestyle
- Socio-economic factors
- Core measurements:
- Blood pressure.
- Height, weight, waist circumference, Total and HDL-cholesterol and fasting glucose .



