

# Family life

Family is an important part of our lives. And the same is for the Czech Republic. As for Czechs we spend a lot of time together, live together, eat and especially the holidays is the right time for spending time with our families. However, it may not make difference with other European countries.



## Divorce

The divorce rate in the Czech Republic can be a lot different from other countries. There is one thing that changes the number of divorces. There is a bigger number of atheists. There are less Christians than in previous years. Fortunately, the number of divorces in recent years has been reduced and established. In 2012 it was about 27 000 of divorces per year which is about a 1.7 thousand less than in 2011.

## Marriage



Some people say marriage has no effect in a relationship. For people here it is not unusual to live without being married. Although, some insist on being married, it's a matter of an opinion. However, the past 50 year an amount of marriages has been rapidly decreased. In the past 4 years a number of marriages has been lowered under 50 thousands per year. Well, it has been caused by a lot of factors, maybe for someone marriage is an expensive thing they can't afford or as mentioned before it's not that important for them.

## Children

In the Czech Republic families usually have 2 children. For past 10 recent years a number of children being born has been quite lowered. However, in 2013 the trend stopped and took the opposite direction – that means this number is still being lowered. The main reason why it's happening is because of lack of money in households and weak support of the population growth of the state.

## Leaving family

It's completely different with every family's decisions. Some people stay at their parents' place until mid 30's and some leave as early as they can. In most cases youngsters leave their families because of studying in colleges or work. That age is around 20.

## Accommodation

A Lot of Czech families live with their grandparents. It is quite typical for us to live in large families. When a family lives in a house it's the first floor where grandparents live, separated from the rest of relatives who live upstairs. A long time ago in villages it was typical to live as a big family - with grandparents. And now of course (as in previous articles) it depends on how the family is big and how much money they have.



## Household and chores

Usually well-behaved kids help their parents with housework as ironing, hovering, cleaning the kitchen etc. There is a lot of work to do in house so no wonder we kids have to help also our parents. As mentioned before two children is typical number of kids in housework so every parent appreciate when a kid helps. But as for every child - we don't like it so much and we try it to avoid as much as possible.

## Family celebrations



Family celebrations, such as wedding, anniversary and birthday parties bring joyful family occasions for all — often it's the only time we get to see some of our family members. This is the time when we enjoy our time together. It's similar to other countries. There is no "typical Czech wedding" or "typical Czech birthday party" - it depends on that person's decision.

## Family life

Most of families try to spend time with their loved-ones as much as possible, and sometimes it's not that easy. Parents have their jobs and children their homework. When everybody finds their free time and that happens mostly during the weekend, it depends just on family how they want to spend it. Some families prefer to stay at home and play board games, some prefer to visit culture such as theatre, cinema and castles or some spend it on doing sports.

## Generation gap

Difference between our generation and previous generations are evident through their different experiences, attitudes, and values. There will always be a gap between our generation and the previous ones before it. Our ideals and thoughts are different from the previous generations and they are unable to understand ours, like we are unable to understand theirs. Our generation have the most chance to do well in life than previous generations because of new technologies and opportunities. However, this help has also made my generation less grateful, and we take more things for granted than the other generations. All of this shows how our generation is evolving from the previous ones.

