

Homelessness and affordable housing in the Strategic plan for Prague – update 2016

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3 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Coherent & Healthy Metropolis
Prosperous & Creative Metropolis
Conceptually Planned Metropolis

12 STRATEGIC GOALS

...are further divided into
number of CONCEPTS, MEASURE
and EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES

Strategic goal “Coherent city”

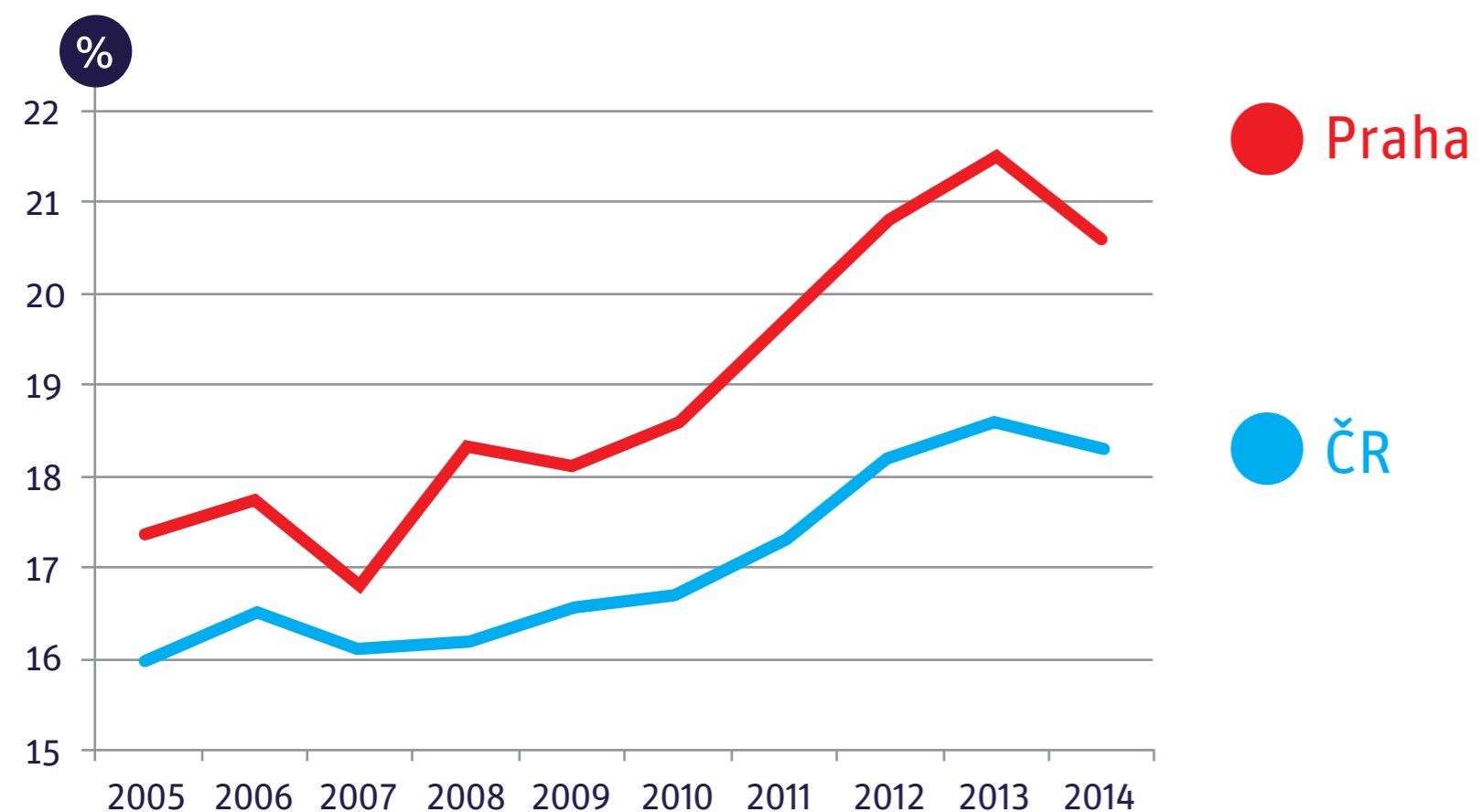
„Prague is open
and socially coherent city
prepared for current social
and demographic changes.“

8 CONCEPTS

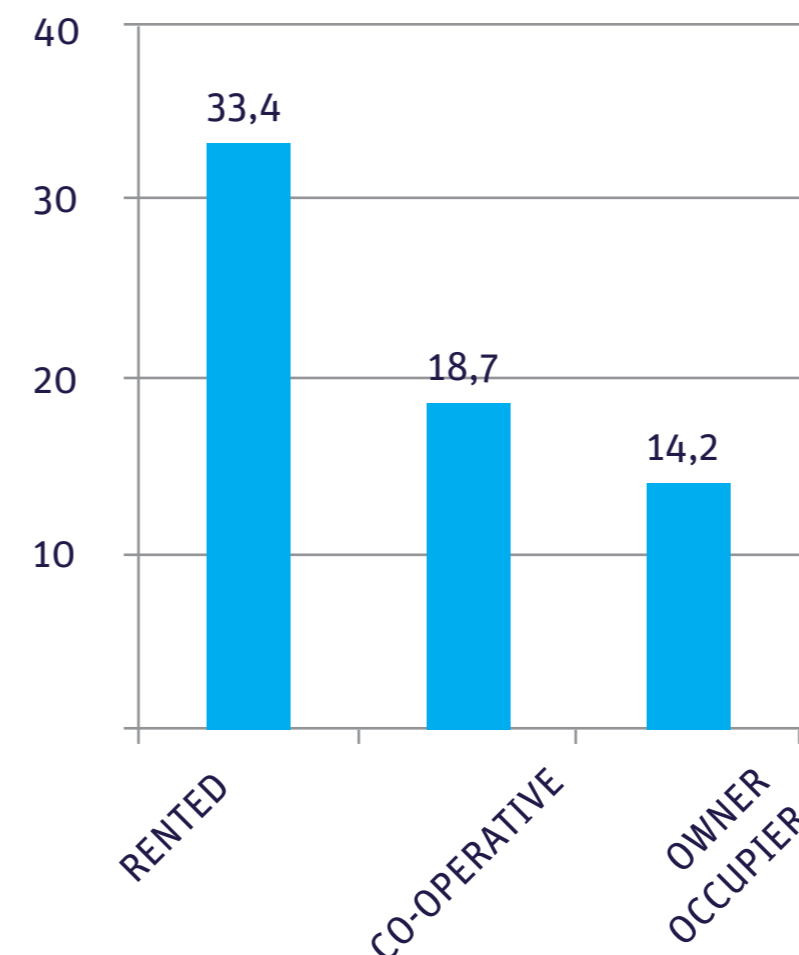
- Active and dignified aging
- Support for families
- **Affordable housing**
- Health care
- Integration of handicapped people
- **Social inclusion**
- Territorial cohesion
- Integration of foreigners

Affordable housing: initial conditions

Housing costs as percentage of net money household income (2005 – 2014)



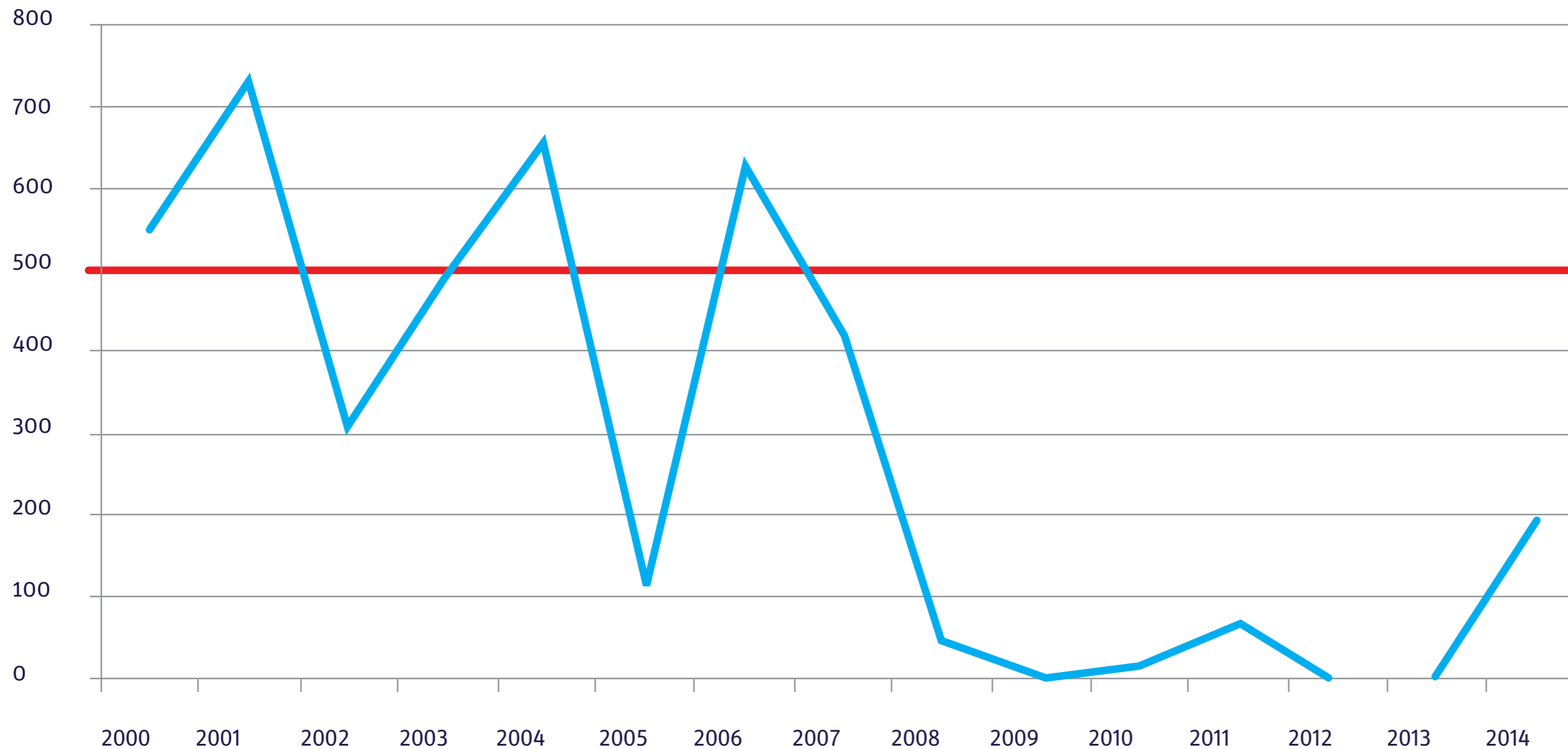
According to the apartment type (Prague, in %, 2014):



source: Czech Statistical Office (EU-SILC)

Affordable housing: initial conditions

Municipal housing construction in Prague (2000–2014)

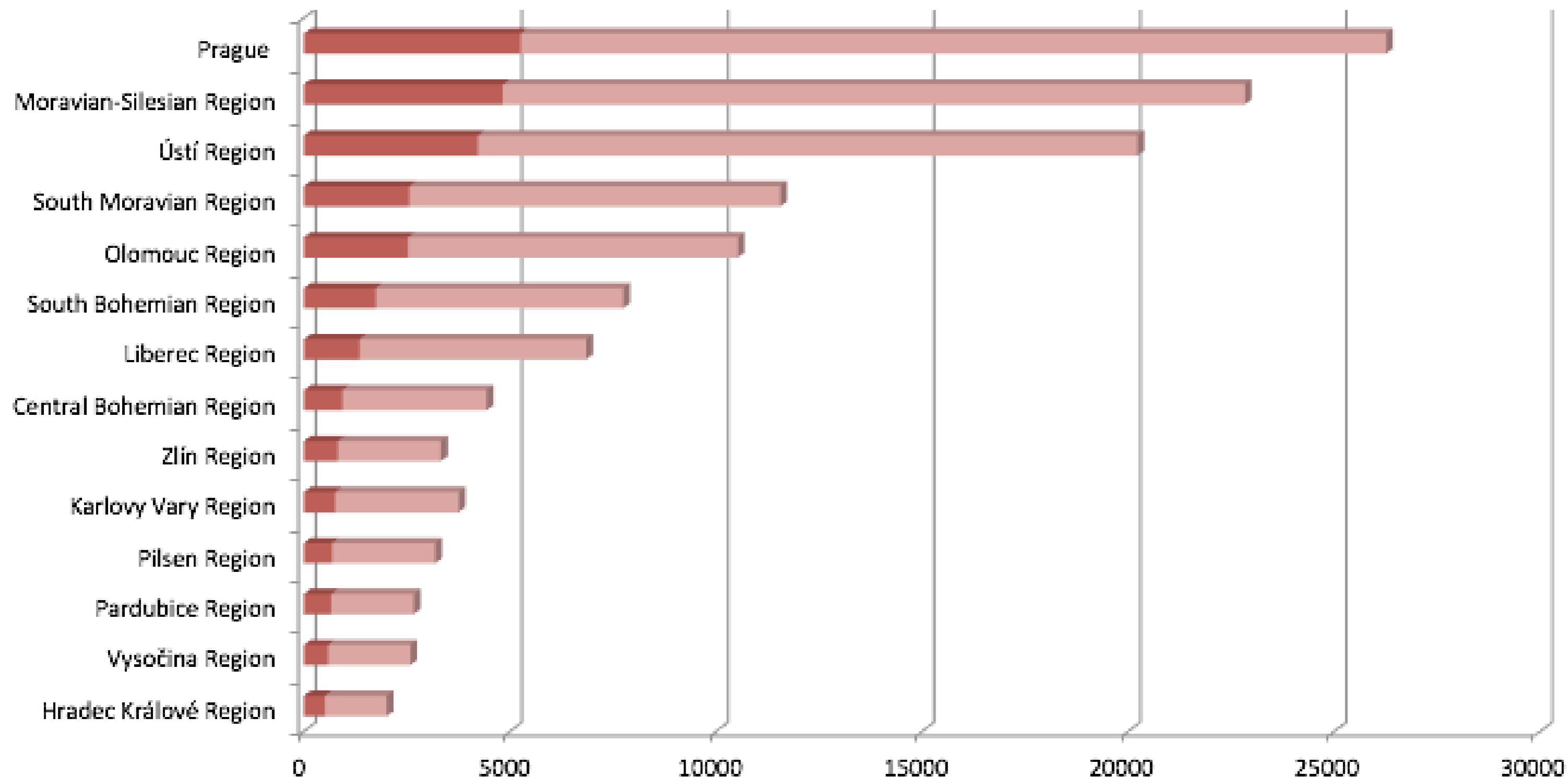


source: Czech Statistical Office

Homelessness: initial conditions

- Approximately 5.000 homeless persons in Prague (2011)*; 9.500 homeless persons in 2016 (MPSV)
- Only 30 % of the homeless persons come from Prague
- 21.000 persons potentially endangered by homelessness (2011)*
- Inadequate capacities of low-threshold day-care centres, shelters and other facilities
- Lack of social housing programs and capacities is a major problem

Homelessness: initial conditions



source: Prudký et al., 2012

Concepts of AFFORDABLE HOUSING and SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Implementation of differentiated forms of social and affordable housing (within common built-areas)
- Conceptual and active management of municipal housing policy
- Effective and responsible management of municipal housing stock
- Housing loss prevention
- Strengthening of social and health services for homeless people and other marginalized persons
- Integration of homeless people and marginalized persons into common way of life

Examples of suggested activities

HOUSING LOSS PREVENTION

- **Strengthening of field social work** focused on persons who are endangered by housing loss and homelessness
- **Increasing the number of field social workers and ensuring their quality education**

Examples of suggested activities

HOUSING LOSS PREVENTION

- **Elimination of the number of evicted persons** from their homes (through interconnected social services and early intervention system, debt advisory, spreading of information about opportunities of rent payments and social transfers claims etc.)
- **Establishing of the social-law advisory centres** by city boroughs

Examples of suggested activities

STRENGTHENING OF THE SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE AND OTHER MARGINALIZED PERSONS

- **Increasing the capacity and quality of facilities** for the homeless and persons in critical situations (day care centres in combination with hygienic facilities, non and low-threshold centres, shelters...)
- **Subsidies and support to medical and nursing care** about homeless persons (field health care programs, specialized stationary ambulances and sickrooms)

Examples of suggested activities

STRENGTHENING OF THE SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE AND OTHER MARGINALIZED PERSONS

- **Optimization of spatial distribution** of social and medical services and facilities for homeless persons
- **Establishment of an integrated registration system** on the basis of information from individual social services providers

Examples of suggested activities

INTERGRATION OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AND MARGINALIZED PERSONS INTO COMMON WAY OF LIFE

- **Ensuring of adequate capacities of emergency, social and affordable dwellings!!!**
- **Implementation of the pilot “Housing First“**
- **Support for social entrepreneurship** projects led by the city boroughs and NGO focused on helping to the economically endangered and marginalised persons

Examples of suggested activities

INTERGRATION OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AND MARGINALIZED PERSONS INTO COMMON WAY OF LIFE

- **Creation of adequate working positions** for homeless and marginalised persons by the City of Prague
- **Raising of public awareness** and conduction of campaigns aimed at the change in the perception of homeless people by the majority society

Sources of Funding

Funding of social housing programs:

- **Social Housing Development Fund** – established in 2015 by Prague City Council (approx. 1,7 billion CZK due to revenues from privatisation of municipal housing stock)
- **Operational Programme Prague – Growth Pole of the Czech Republic** (approx. 0,7 billion CZK within the period 2014-2020)

Thank you for your attention!