

Diversification Religious Space Structure of Slovakia

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Topics and questions concerning religious space structure of Slovakia could be opened and discussed in special scientific literature after Census 1991 only. It established the information platform which enabled to create more complex scientific analyses. Inhabitants of Slovakia confessed altogether their religious competence to 22 churches and religious communities (18 christian and 4 non-christian). The main aim of this article is to obtain and illustrate the view into the problem of diversification of their space decomposing.

On the base Census 1991 this article was able to demonstrate the view on diversification of religious structure of Slovakia. According to number and geographical decomposing of the individual churches and religious communities members we tried to classify their geographical aspects. From the number 22 churches and religious communities the most important seemed: 1. Roman Catholic, 2. Old Catholic, 3. Greek Catholic, 4. Orthodox, 8 Slovak Evangelical, 9. Calvinist, 10. Apostolical, 12. Evangelical Methodists, 13. Baptist, 14. Church of Brethren, 16. 7-th Day Adventists, 19. Jehovah's Witnesses.

As far as religiosity is concerned East Slovakian region could be took for the most abundant. Census confirmed Roman Catholic Church dominancy in all investigated aspect - from the both points of view - number and geographical decomposing. Census enabled the identification of position and social rank of other churches, from geographical aspect especially. The article shows the significance of Evangelical Church, Calvinist church and there is illustrated regional character of Greek Catholic and Orthodox Church.

Tab. 1. Dispersion of believers to particular churches in Slovakia

Tab. 2. Percentage of Communities with 5%, 25%, 50%, and 75% portion of particular churches/ religious community (according regions)

Tab. 3. Classification of churches / religious communities according geographical distribution

Fig. 1, 2, 3. Share of Slovak communities at least 5% of believers belonging to particular churches and religi. communities in their population (in %)

Map 1. Diversification of religious structure in Slovakia (all 22 churches and relig. communities)

Map 2. Diversification of religious structure in Slovakia (only 12 more important churches and relig. communities)