

***Challenge of teaching Sociology in Slovakia
posed by entry into the European Union***

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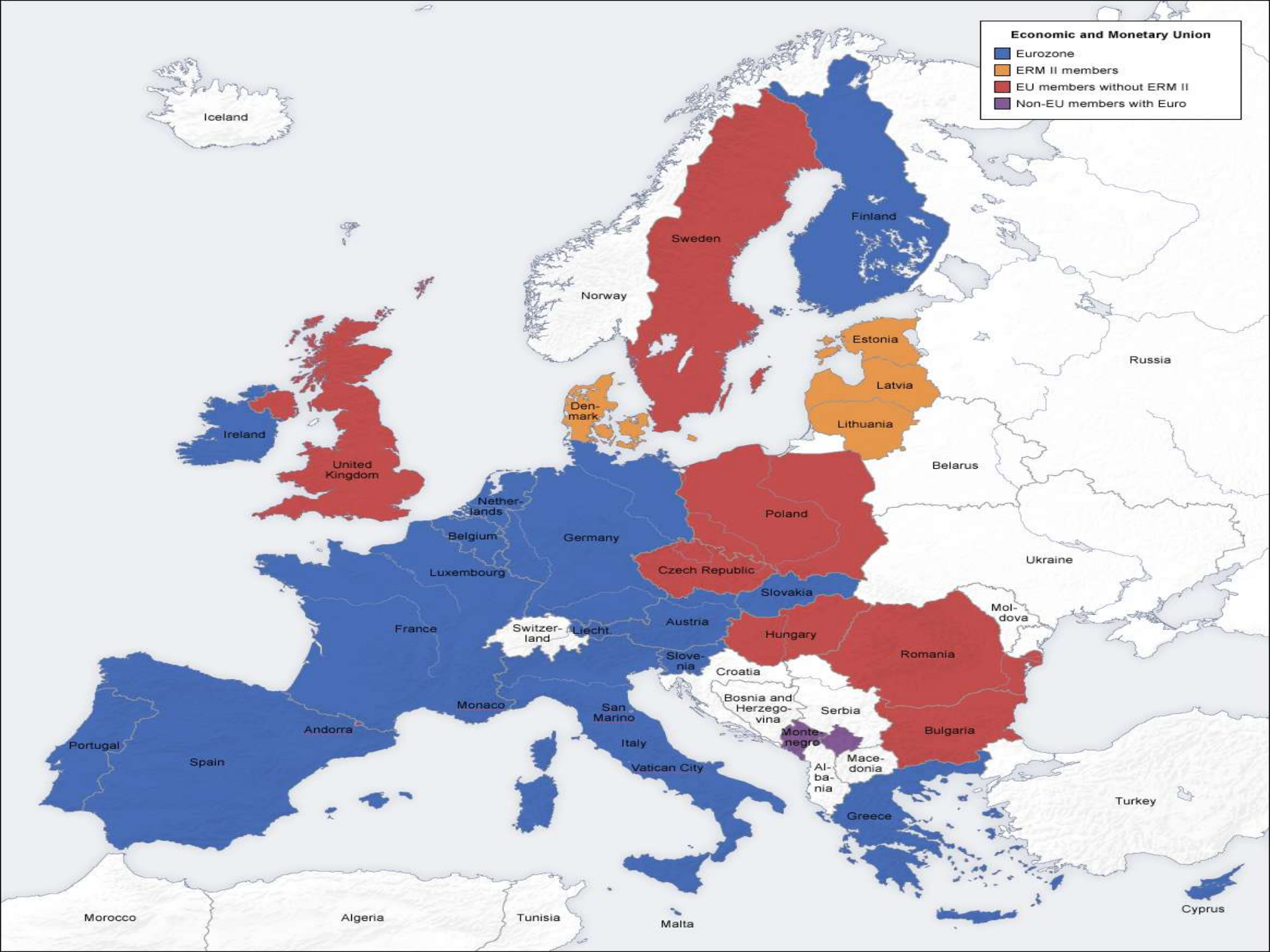
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Economic and Monetary Union

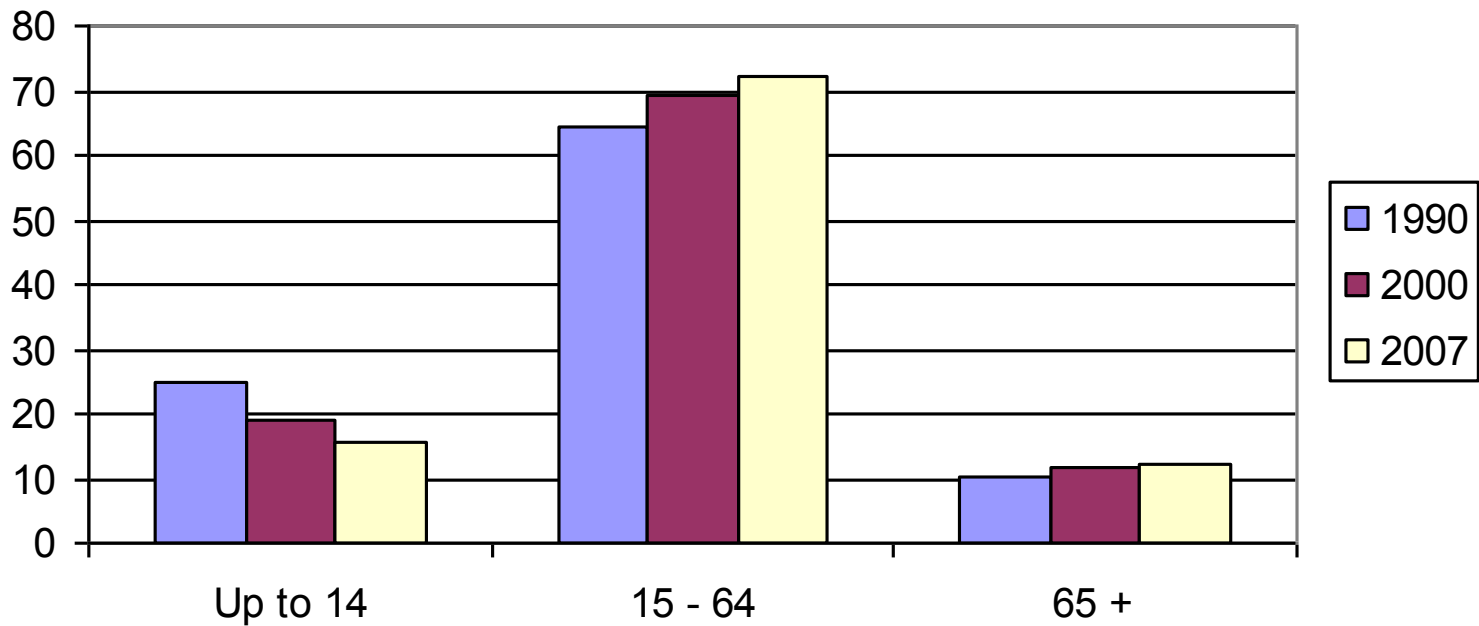
- Eurozone
- ERM II members
- EU members without ERM II
- Non-EU members with Euro



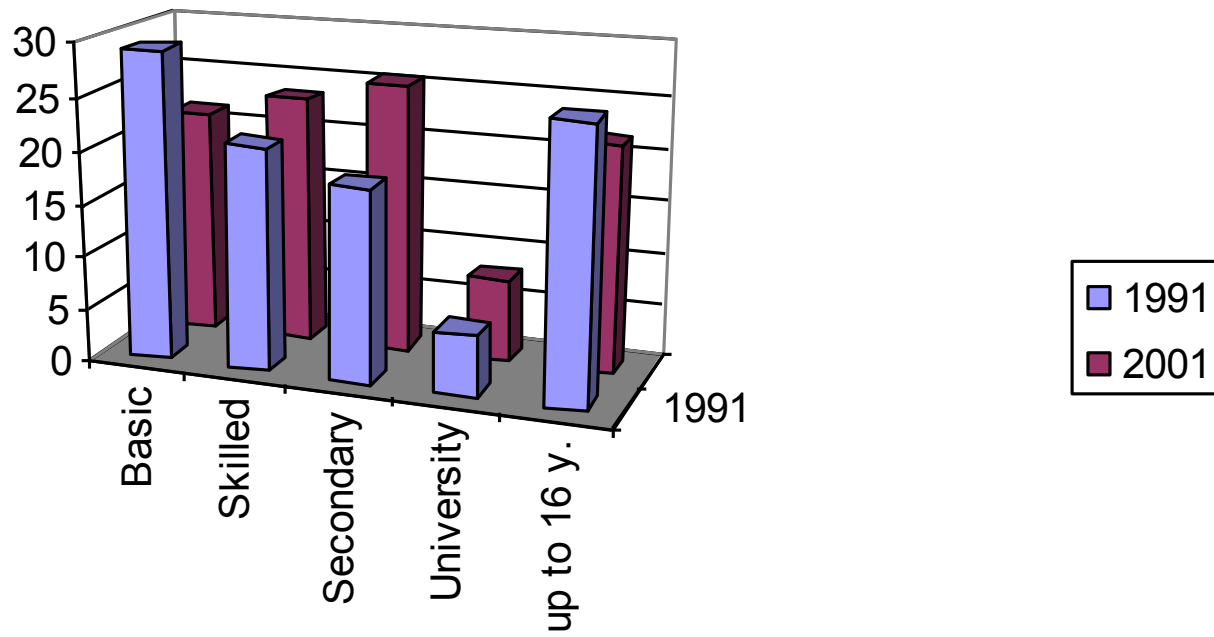
SLOVAKIA

- *Population: 5.4 mil. inhabitants*
- *Area: 49,035 km²*
- *Density: 111 / km²*
- *EU accession: May 1, 2004*
- *GDP (PPP) per capita: \$ 22.241,- (in 2008)*

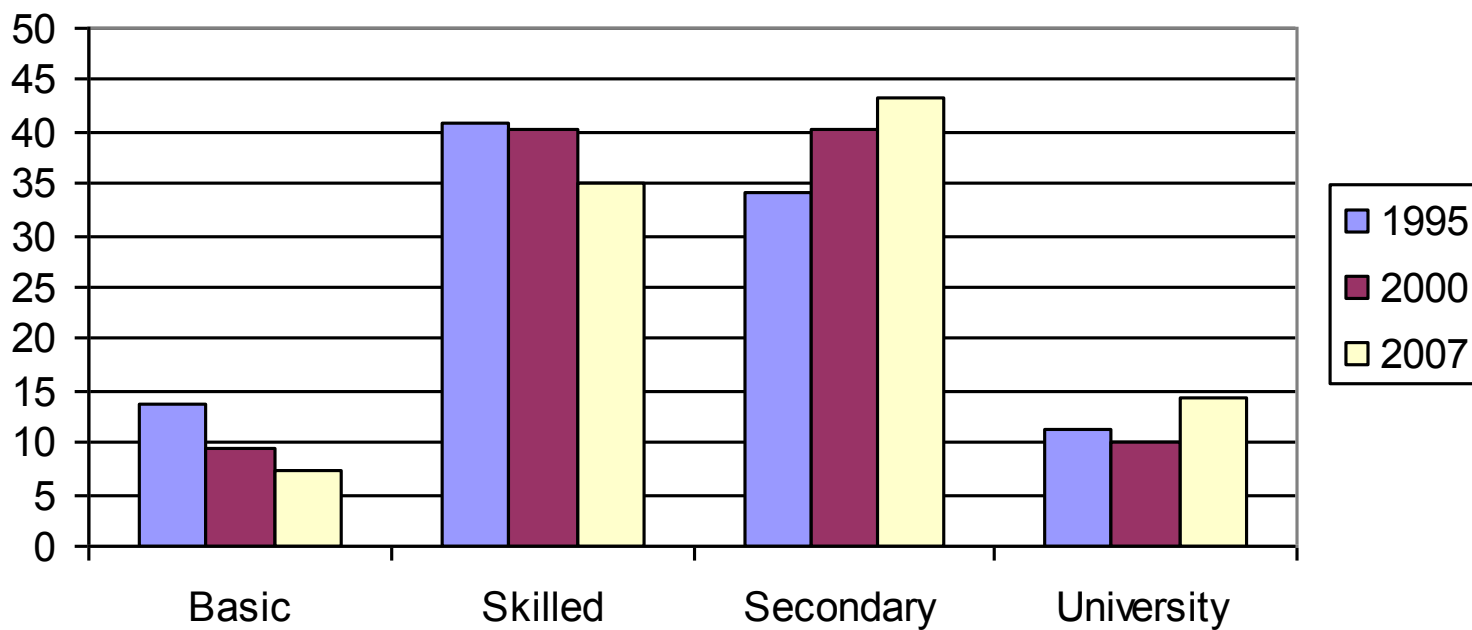
Age structure (in %)



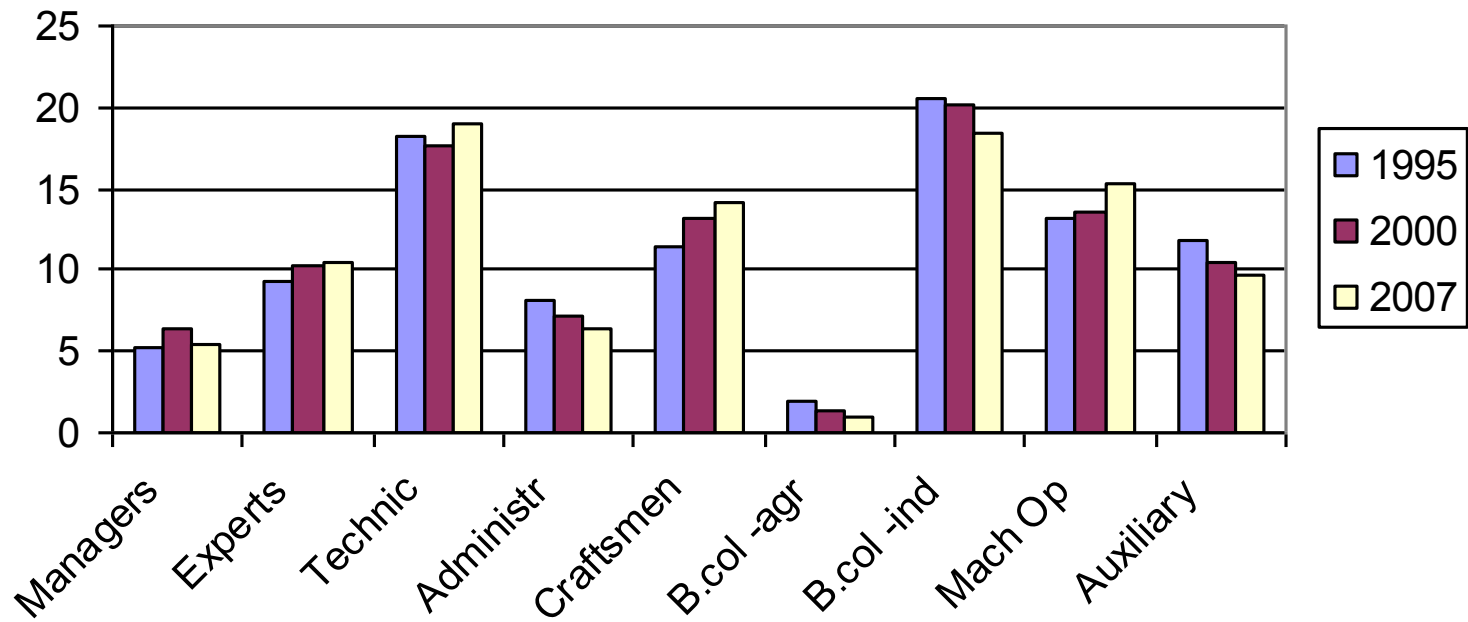
Educational Structure in % (in Censuses)



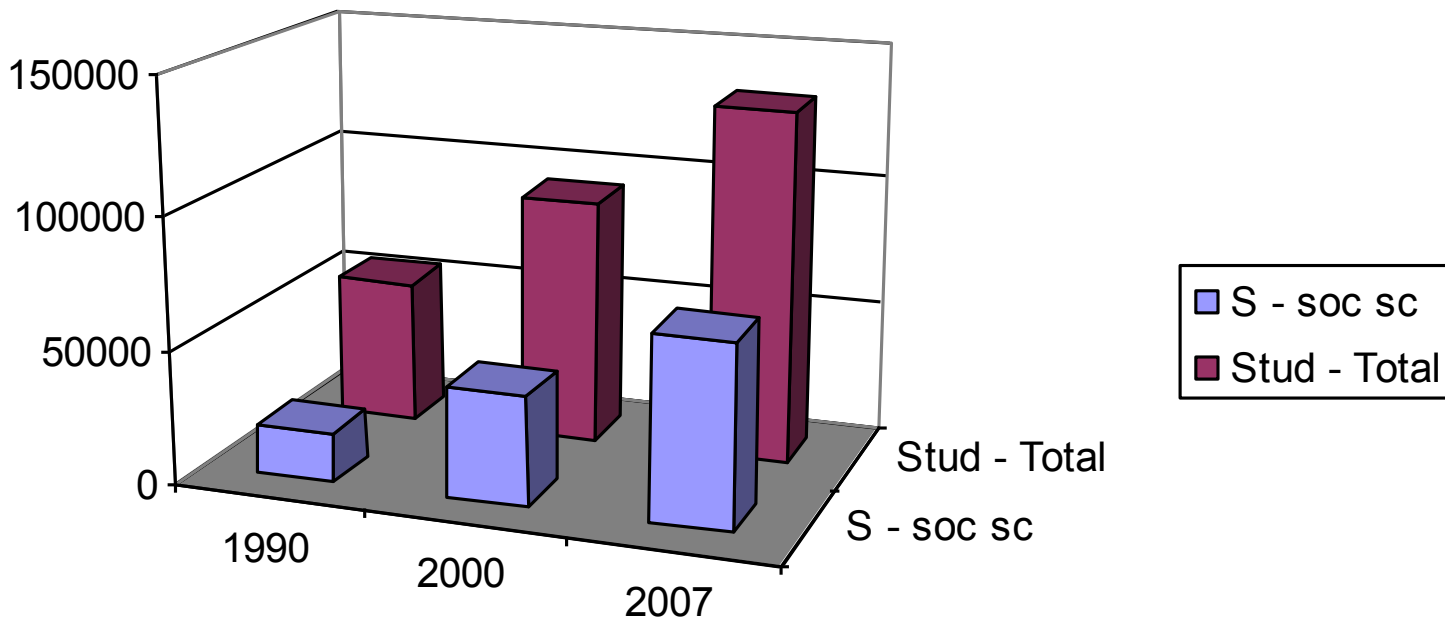
Education of economic active population (in %)



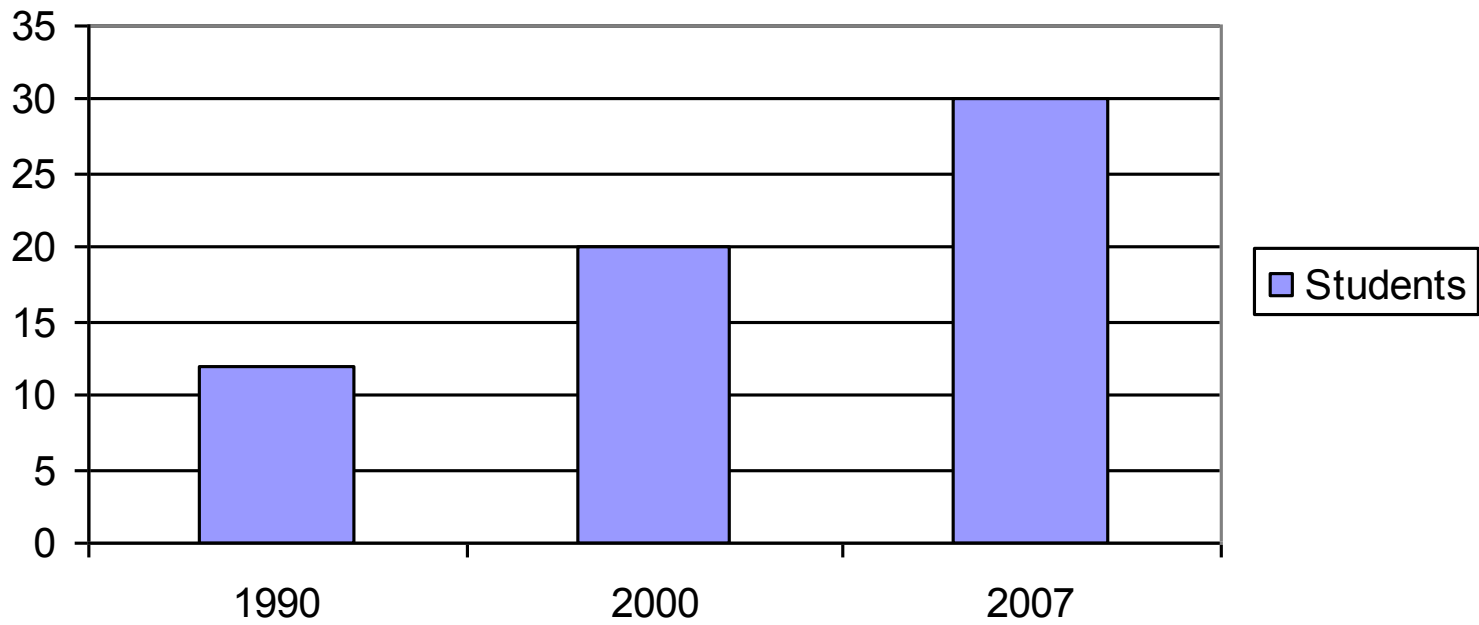
Jobs structure (in %)



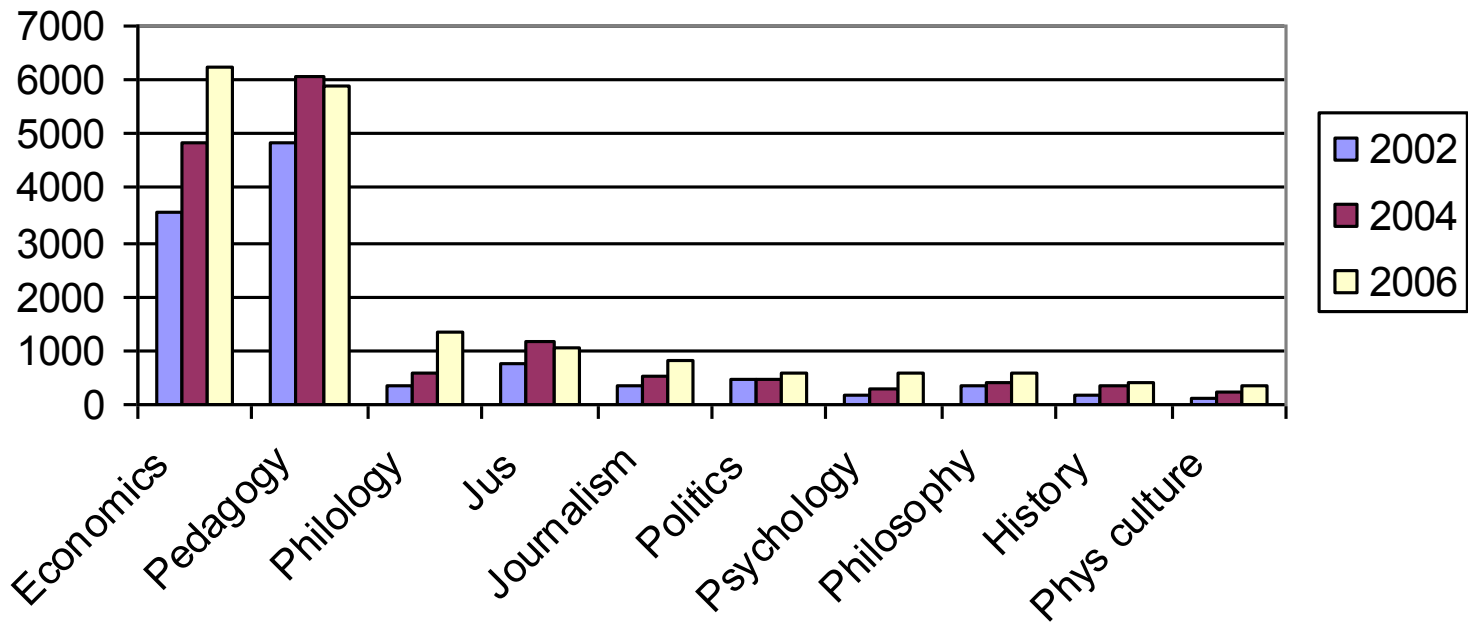
Number of University full time students



Share of University students (from Age Cohort)



Enrolled at full-time study - Social Sciences



Challenges for studying Sociology after EU - accession

Practise in new international enterprises or agencies – resident in Slovakia:

- as personal professionals,
- as analytical experts,
- as public relation workers

Practise in state administration (new institutions) as analytical clerks:

- in Labour Offices,
- in the ministries,
- in insurance agencies

Challenges for studying Sociology after EU – accession – cont.

Practise in public opinion:

- as journalists,
- as analysts,
- as spokesmen,

Practise at universities and scientific workplaces
(mainly in Slovakia, but also abroad – in EU-member states):

- as teachers,
- as research workers

Recruitment of young secondary students for Sociology:

- Handbook on secondary school choice,
- Computer programme „Path to occupation“
- Handbook on profession world
- Theses on sociology education in curricula of „Teaching about society“ (as subject of education)
- Counselling work of secondary school teachers
- Attitudes of Sociologists in media (TV, Internet, etc.)
- Public presentation of Sociology study at Universities for secondary graduate students

Graduates in Sociology:

1965 – 1998 total 600 persons from 1 University
(Bratislava),

1998 – 2008 total 400 persons from 2 Universities
(Bratislava + Trnava)

Sociology Departments at 3 Universities:

- Comenius University, Bratislava (started in 1965),
- University of Trnava (started in 1993)
- Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra (started in 2004)

Number of Sociology students:

- - about 20 – 25 students in year-class,
- - enrolled at full-time study – yearly total 80
- - total 360 students in full-time study (in bachelor and master form),
- - total 20 students in PhD. study programm
- - some students in Universities abroad (notably in Czech Republic).