Unemployment and Regional Structure of Housing Market

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Basic Idea

- Discussion with students
 - Are the countries with a high share of homeownership richer?
 - Is rental housing suitable only for poor?
 - Should the governments support homeownership?
 - Housing policy of Great Britain of 90 's, USA 2008, Eastern Europe of 90 's

 A. Oswald – The Housing Market and Europe's Unemployment, 1999

 Low level of employment mobility of families in home ownership

 Low level of regional development due the ownership clubs, who restrict technical infrastructure development.

Research questions

- •Is there any relationship between unemployment and regional supply structure of housing market within Czech Republic?
- •If there is any relationship indicated, what will be the likely reason for explanation of indicated relationship?

Advertisements Analysis

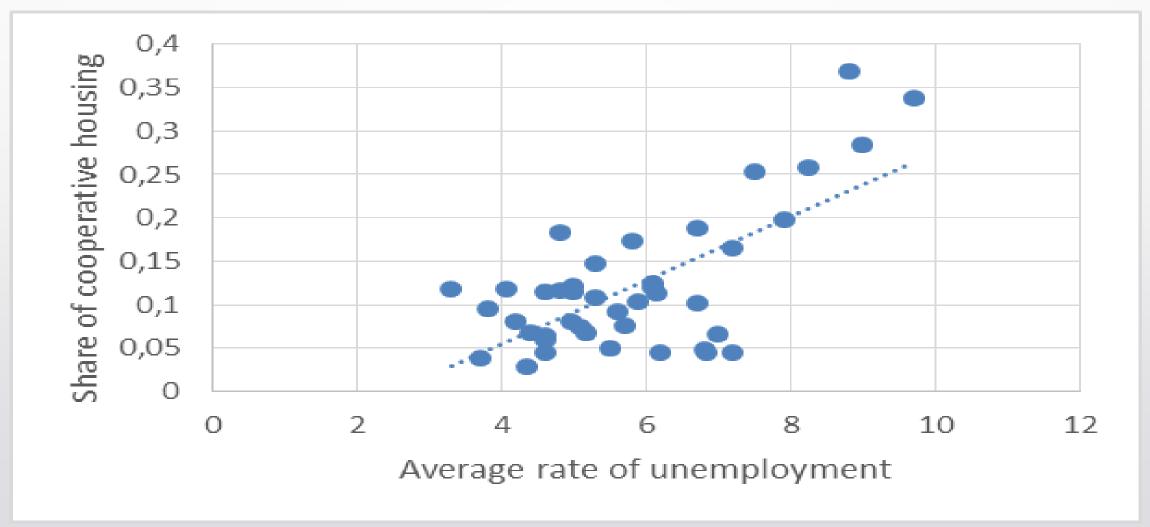
- www.sreality.cz
- Periods 30.5.2015, 03 05/2016, 02 03/2017
- The advertisements were inspected from regional point of view
- Recalculated as average to avoid seasonal fluctuations
- The adverts were sorted into homogenous segments:
 - Rental housing
 - Home ownership
 - Cooperative housing
- There were searched the shares of each segments

Statistical estimation

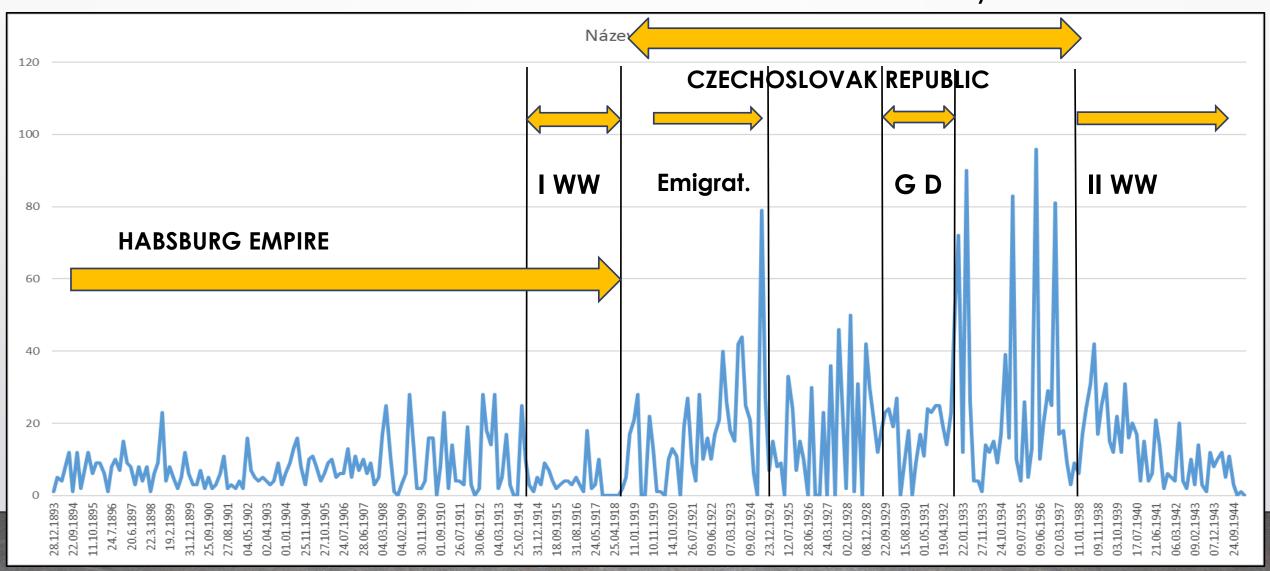
- Pearson correlation coefficient
- Ordinary least squares

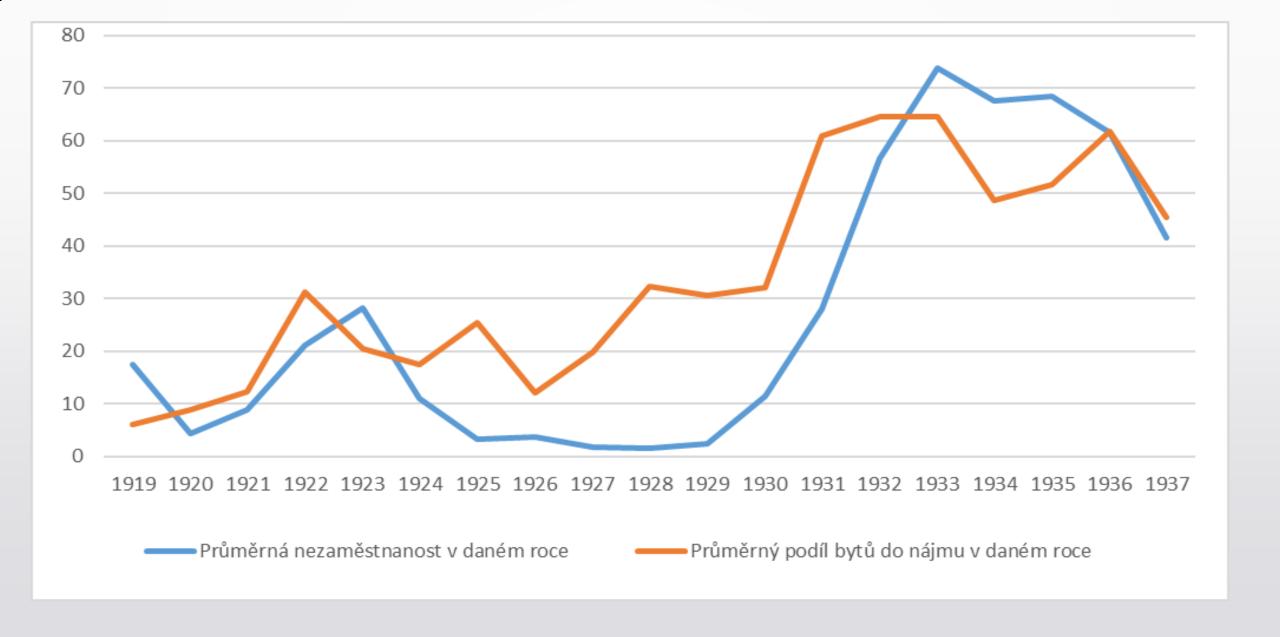
Pearson correlation coefficient

-	Unemployment	Cooperative	Home	Rental
			ownership	
Unempl.	1	_	_	-
Cooperative	0.685275804	1	_	-
Homeowners.	-0.261785879	-0.419492905	1	_
Rental	-0.179330463	-0.165210721	-0.783180795	1



Genetic Code of the Real Estate Market – 51 years





Results

- The results show relationship between unemployment and share of cooperative housing
- The results do not confirm relationship between unemployment and home ownership

The likely explanation

- Legal status of cooperative housing
 - Legal barriers
 - Financial barriers
 - Concentration of elderly generation