

RELIEF AS POPULATION DISTRIBUTION FACTOR IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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It is evident that geographical distribution of the Bosnia and Herzegovina population is unequal, and it's conditioned by series of natural and social geographical factors. Researches presented in this paper show how crucial is the relief as a factor in unequal geographical distribution of Bosnia and Herzegovina population, and determine the differences in population density among relief regions and within it. The areal differentiation of natural regions, that is, the areal differentiation of the complex geographic regions was carried out by using the conducted analysis. Research indicated which natural regions, along with their relief highly affected depopulation, and which regions enabled population concentration, as well as its growth and development of settlements.

Similarly, the influence of natural base was indicated, especially the influence of relief on the population migrations from one region to another more adequate region. With population density analysis, the direct and indirect effects of relief on the population distribution in Bosnia and Herzegovina have been confirmed.

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