

ABSTRACT

Manifestations of social disparities take different forms and have various causes. In extreme cases, they lead to social exclusion. On the one hand, transport is an instrument for excluded individuals to participate in society. On the other hand, where there is a lack of mobility and accessibility options, transport itself becomes a factor on which social exclusion is based. Such a type of exclusion is transport-related, it is so-called transport exclusion, which represents a deficiency of access to social activities and sources based on the insufficient possibility, and ability of an individual to use the transport. In this study, transport exclusion is defined, described, and discussed in detail in a broader conceptual framework. This research assesses objective and subjective factors potentially influencing the emergence of transport exclusion, or deepening its negative impacts are evaluated. In the case of Czechia, a classification of the lowest territorial units (settlements) of the state is elaborated in terms of the type of transport exclusion to which their inhabitants are potentially exposed. In particular, the different characteristics of the settlement structure and transport system condition increase the potential for the emergence of transport exclusion in its various types. Based on accessibility-mobility attributes, a total of 8 different types of territories are defined in Czechia, reflecting a variety of processes and factors of transport exclusion that apply in specific locations. Individual types of delimited territories in Czechia are varied in number of occurrences and their distribution in space. It is the task of the whole society to find an adequate tool in response to ensure transport inclusion. Merely these tools of transport inclusion should reflect the specific type of transport exclusion to which the locality and its inhabitants are potentially exposed.

Key words:

Transport exclusion, Social exclusion, Transport-related, Accessibility, Mobility, Geographic potential, Geographic polarisation, Periphery.