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Income and Living Conditions 2004-2009

About Poverty, inequality and material deprivation in Portugal

Statistics Portugal issues today a publication on the results of the survey on income and living conditions in Portugal, celebrating the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion and the World Statistics Day, celebrated today for the first time.

The data show a reduction of the at-risk-of poverty rate between 2003 and 2008¹, from 20.4% to 17.9%, and the decrease of the same rate for the elderly population by about 8.9 percentage points (p.p.).

The risk of poverty among families with dependent children was higher than that of the families without dependent children, respectively, 20.6% and 14.9% in 2008.

The estimates also illustrate the gradual reduction of the inequality in income distribution for 2003-2008, in particular a fall of about 10% in the gap between the 20% top income group and the 20% bottom income group.

The indicator on material deprivation was 21.4% in 2009, compared with 22.2% in 2004. The rate of material deprivation for the elderly population recorded a decline of 6.6 percentage points over the same period.

¹ Each annual survey collects monetary data referring to the previous year.
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