

Demographic Statistics

2010

Average number of children per women increased slightly in 2010

Demographic events registered in 2010 showed an increase in the number of live births over the previous year, resulting in a slight recovery of the total fertility rate (average number of children born per women); the overall mortality rate showed the highest value of the last five years and the infant mortality rate reached a low peak; the number of marriages continues to decrease, with the crude marriage rate reaching the lowest value ever, and with divorces keeping a rising tendency.

Statistics Portugal updated in its Portal - www.ine.pt - demographic indicators for 2010, related to births and fertility, general and infant mortality, and celebration and dissolution of marriages.

The number of live births by mothers residing in Portugal showed a decreasing tendency between 2001 and 2010, year in which the value stood at 101,381 live births, which represents an increase over the previous year (99,491).

The evolution of the number of deaths of residents in Portugal has not been uniform between 2001 and 2010, and in 2010 the figure was 105,954 deaths, higher than the value registered in the previous year (104,434).

The crude birth rate stood at 9.5 live births per thousand inhabitants in 2010, slightly higher than the 9.4‰ observed in the previous year, but lower than the crude birth rate registered in 2001 (11.0 live births per thousand inhabitants).

The crude mortality rate was 10.0 deaths per thousand inhabitants, higher than the 9.8‰ observed in 2009, but lower than the value registered in 2001 (10.2‰).

The infant mortality rate reached 2.5 deaths of infants under 1 year of age per thousand live births (3.6‰ in 2009, 5.0‰ in 2001), the lowest value ever observed in Portugal.

The number of marriages was of 39,993 in 2010 (58,390 in 2001 and 40,391 in 2009), which led to a marriage rate of 3.76 marriages per thousand inhabitants (slightly lower than the value observed in 2009), the lowest value on record.

According to the modality of marriage, there were 39,727 opposite-sex marriages and 266 civil marriages by same-sex couples - 177 same-sex male marriages and 89 same-sex female marriages in 2010.

The number of divorces in Portugal was of 27,903 in 2010 (19,044 in 2001 and 26,464 in 2009), from which 27,556 were from couples living in the country.

The crude divorce rate reached a value of 2.6 divorces per thousand inhabitants (slightly higher than the value observed in 2009), the highest since 2002, when it reached the highest rate ever registered due to legislative changes (2.7‰).