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Household Budgets 2005/2006

Housing and Food products accounted for 42% of household expenditures in 2005/2006

Statistics Portugal releases the first results from the data collection on household budgets surveyed between October 2005 and October 2006, aimed to a new characterization of the level and structure of household consumption expenditures, as well as income levels and well-being indicators.

According to these results, it was observed the following of a tendency to the loss of relative importance of expenditure in Food and non alcoholic beverages – in the last five years these expenditures shortened from 18,7% to 15,5% of the total of expenses – and to the gain of relative weight of household expenditures with Housing and utilities such as water, electricity, gas and other fuels, rising from 19,8% and 26,6% between 2000 and 2005/06.