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Income and Living Conditions

2014

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October), Statistics Portugal releases the definitive data of the 2014 EU-SILC (EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions) using 2013 incomes.

According to this survey, 19.5% of people were at-risk-of-poverty in 2013; of these, one in five has been also in poverty in at least two of the previous three years.

A new increase in the relative median of at-risk-of-poverty gap and a strong inequality in income distribution are reported.

For the first time, data on health collected in the survey are reported, namely about limitations in performing regular activities due to health problems and difficulties in accessing health care due to economic difficulties. Data shows that the risk of poverty in 2013 for people who reported some type of limitation was 21.5%, higher than the risk of poverty for the population in general. On the other hand, financial difficulties were the main reason for the unmet needs of healthcare.
