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Household Budget Survey 2005/2006

INE publishes *Inquérito às Despesas das Famílias 2005/2006*

The publication "*Inquérito às Despesas das Famílias 2005/2006*", released today, integrates the statistical data on income and expenditures of the households living in Portugal, resulting from the namesake survey. These results, which are part of a data series on household budgets, were first press released on March 31st, 2008.

This publication is the report on the *Inquérito às Despesas das Famílias 2005/2006* (IDF 2005/2006), presenting a large collection of statistical results and a corresponding analytical summary, as well as the main methodological aspects helping in its interpretation.

The IDF 2005/2006 was carried out by Statistics Portugal between October 2005 and October 2006, with the aim of estimating indicators on income distribution and on the level and structure of expenditures of the private households residing in Portugal, and about its well-being indicators. It corresponds to the most recent edition of the every five year series of surveys on household budgets initiated in the 60's.



It is a survey of large dimension, associated to a questionnaire including a log-book to be fulfilled by the selected private households with the whole set of collective and individual expenditures during two weeks. It also collects demographic data, income data and data on non frequent consumed goods or services, through direct interview. The questionnaire, whose description is included in

chapter 6, can be consulted in the last pages of this publication.

Statistical information presented in the publication reflects five different perspectives on the private households residing in Portugal: distribution of the number of private households, in chapter 1; average annual expenditure by private household, in chapter 2; average income by private household, in chapter 3; adult equivalent income, poverty and inequality, in chapter 4; and a few well-being indicators, in chapter 5.

The five perspectives are analysed according to the territorial distribution by NUTS II regions of 2002: Norte, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo, Algarve, Região Autónoma dos Açores, Região Autónoma da Madeira.

Some results about average annual expenditure, average income and distribution of private households are also shown in different views:

- degree of urbanisation;
- household composition (household dimension and presence of dependent children);
- characteristics of the reference person, i.e., the individual with the highest income in the household (sex, age group, educational level attained);
- main source of income of the private household (wages or salaries, income from self-employment, pensions/ retirement benefits, property income, social transfers and other income).

The report includes an Excel file containing the detailed statistical results base to the analytical summary in chapters 1 to 5.