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Vital Statistics – preliminary data

2018

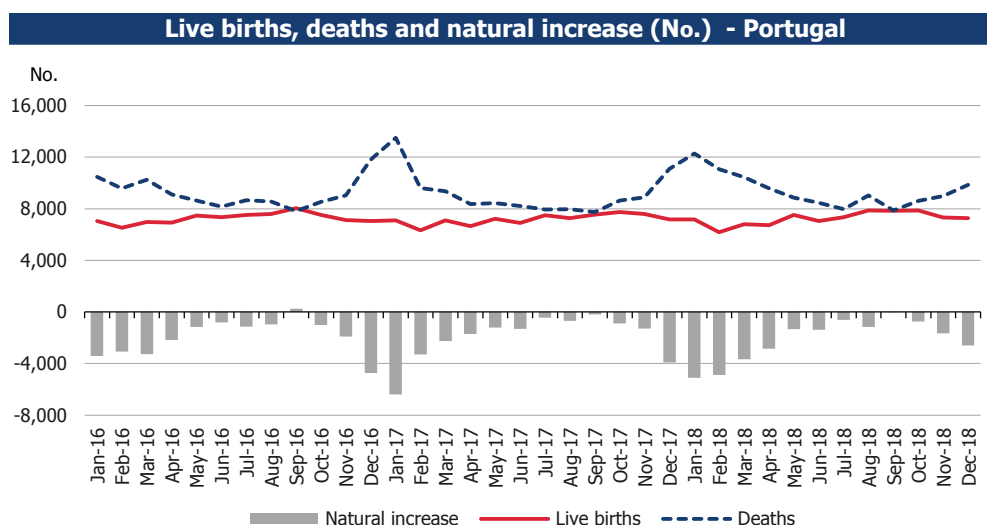
Negative natural balance for the tenth consecutive year

In 2018, there were 87,325 live births registered and 113,477 deaths in the national territory. The number of live births of mothers residing in Portugal was 86,973, a 1.0% increase compared to 2017. The number of deaths of residents in Portugal was 112,955, an increase of 2.9% from 2017. The increase of the number of live births, however, did not counterbalance the increase of the number of deaths. This resulted in the deterioration of the natural balance (-25,982), which remains negative for the tenth consecutive year.

Live births by place of residence of the mother, deaths by place of residence and natural increase (No.)							
	Live births			Deaths			Natural increase (Portugal)
	Total	Portugal	Abroad	Total	Portugal	Abroad	
2018⁽¹⁾	87,325	86,973	352	113,477	112,955	522	-25,982
January	7,188	7,168	20	12,318	12,275	43	-5,107
February	6,209	6,182	27	11,095	11,061	34	-4,879
March	6,823	6,796	27	10,497	10,455	42	-3,659
April	6,751	6,720	31	9,618	9,572	46	-2,852
May	7,554	7,525	29	8,901	8,861	40	-1,336
June	7,087	7,057	30	8,491	8,452	39	-1,395
July	7,384	7,353	31	8,010	7,959	51	-606
August	7,897	7,865	32	9,059	9,023	36	-1,158
September	7,888	7,851	37	7,921	7,862	59	-11
October	7,895	7,868	27	8,655	8,603	52	-735
November	7,354	7,328	26	9,017	8,973	44	-1,645
December	7,295	7,260	35	9,895	9,859	36	-2,599
2017⁽²⁾	86,498	86,154	344	110,187	109,758	429	-23,604

(1) Preliminary values based on the information registered in the Civil Register Offices until the end of January 2019.

(2) The natural increase value for 2017 integrates updated deaths data, differing from the value previously released.



TECHNICAL NOTE

Statistics Portugal releases the preliminary annual values of live births and deaths for 2018, based on the information registered in the Civil Register Offices until the end of January 2019.

Jointly with the regular release on the Statistics Portugal Website of the monthly preliminary values - January to November – of live births and deaths by sex and NUTS 1, 2 and 3 geographical breakdown, the preliminary number of live births and deaths for December (total values, Portugal and abroad) are also made available. The provisional monthly values from January to December 2018, by sex and geographical breakdown up to NUTS 3, will be available in March 2019. In April, the final figures will be released by sex and NUTS 1, 2, 3 and Municipalities.

Data on live births and deaths are obtained from statistical operations aimed at the direct and exhaustive collection of information on live births and deaths in Portuguese territory using facts that are subject to compulsory civil registration (birth and death) in the *Sistema Integrado do Registo e Identificação Civil* (SIRIC).

In addition to administrative information obtained from Civil Register Offices, Statistics Portugal also collects an additional set of variables identified as statistically pertinent and included in SIRIC.

Data are recorded and sent electronically, in compliance with the requirements set out by Statistics Portugal and laid down in liaison with the *Instituto de Registos e Notariado* (IRN) and the *Instituto de Gestão Financeira e Equipamentos da Justiça* (IGFEJ).

Definitions:

Live birth: This is the complete expulsion or extraction from the mother's body, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, of a product of fertilization that, after separation, breathes or shows any other signs of life, such as a beating of the heart or umbilical cord or actual contraction of any muscle subject to voluntary movement, whether or not the umbilical cord has been severed and whether or not the placenta is retained.

Death: The permanent disappearance of vital functions.

Natural balance: The difference between the number of live births and the number of deaths during a given period, usually a calendar year.

Detailed methodological information available at:

www.ine.pt> Metadata system> Methodological documentation.

Detailed statistical information available at:

www.ine.pt> Statistical data> Population> Births and natality.

www.ine.pt> Statistical data> Population> Mortality and life expectancy.