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TOURIST ACTIVITY
February 2021 – Flash Statistics

TOURIST ACTIVITY DEEPENED CONTRACTION IN FEBRUARY

The **tourist accommodation sector**¹ registered 208.2 thousand guests and 472.9 thousand overnight stays in February 2021, corresponding to year-on-year rates of change² of -86.9% and -87.7% respectively (-78.8% and -78.5% in January, in the same order). Since the beginning of the pandemic, February was the third month with the greatest decrease in the number of overnight stays, being only surpassed by the months of April and May 2020 (-97.4% and -95.8%, respectively).

Overnight stays of residents declined by 74.8% (-61.0% in January) and those of non-residents decreased by 94.4% (-87.2% in the previous month).

In February, 61.8% of the tourist accommodation establishments were closed or had no movement of guests (57.0% in January).

Despite the circumstances determined by the COVID-19 pandemic, Statistics Portugal calls for the best collaboration by companies, families and public entities in responding to Statistics Portugal's data requests. The quality of official statistics, particularly its ability to identify the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, crucially depends on this collaboration, which Statistics Portugal thanks in advance.

Figure 1. Global results of the tourist accommodation sector

Global preliminary results	Unit	January 2021		February 2021		Jan - Feb 21	
		Value	Year-on-year change rate (%)	Value	Year-on-year change rate (%)	Value	Year-on-year change rate (%)
Guests	10³	300.8	-78.8	208.2	-86.9	509.0	-83.1
Residents in Portugal	"	225.9	-65.8	174.7	-77.6	400.5	-72.2
Residents abroad	"	74.9	-90.1	33.6	-95.9	108.5	-93.1
Overnight stays	10³	697.9	-78.5	472.9	-87.7	1 170.7	-83.5
Residents in Portugal	"	419.5	-61.0	329.9	-74.8	749.4	-68.6
Residents abroad	"	278.4	-87.2	143.0	-94.4	421.3	-91.1
Average stay	no. of nights	2.32	1.2	2.27	-5.7	2.30	-2.3
Residents in Portugal	"	1.86	13.9	1.89	12.6	1.87	13.0
Residents abroad	"	3.72	29.5	4.26	37.2	3.88	29.8

¹ Monthly series which includes three types of accommodation facilities: hotel establishments (hotels, apartment hotels, tourist apartments, tourist villages, pousadas and quintas da Madeira), local accommodation with 10 or more beds (according to the statistical threshold defined by EU Regulation 692/2011) and rural/lodging tourism.

² Unless stated otherwise, the rates of change presented in this press release correspond to year-on-year rates of change.