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MAKING AVAILABLE MONTHLY STATISTICS FOR 93 YEARS

The January 2022 edition of the Monthly Statistical Bulletin (BME – Portuguese acronym) marks the 93rd anniversary of this publication in a very particular way, as it has undergone significant changes in terms of content and graphical presentation of statistical information.

First published in January 1929 by the General Directorate of Statistics (DGE), the predecessor of Statistics Portugal, the BME has been published continuously for nine decades, during which it has been renewed and adapted to the statistical information needs of its target audience.



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On its 93rd anniversary, the Monthly Statistical Bulletin reinvents itself yet again: it presents a new graphic approach and includes a summary of the press releases published by Statistics Portugal each month, organised by theme.

The bilingual version (PT/EN) has been reintroduced and the statistical information is profusely illustrated for faster reading. The statistical tables, available in XLS and CSV, include, whenever possible, a link to the respective indicators on the Portal, allowing access to the most recent data at each consultation.

In the long-gone year of 1929, when the BME began publication, it immediately became an essential tool for users of statistical information who, until that date, lacked a specialised monthly periodical. For many decades it was the most awaited statistical publication, with short-term statistical data covering the demographic, social, and economic areas occurring in the country on a month-to-month basis.



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Throughout its existence, it has taken on the challenge of covering the most varied sectors of activity and keeping up with emerging themes. Therefore, throughout nine decades it has been subject to several renewals, aligning itself with the needs of short-term statistical data and also with the new ways of disseminating statistical information.

In 2006, it abandoned the paper edition and became an exclusively digital publication, available on Statistics Portugal's website completely free of charge. Now, in January 2022, it starts a new chapter, making available a more dynamic version, hyperlinked to the respective indicators on the website, which allows the user to access, at each new consultation, the data most recently published by Statistics Portugal.

The BME is available in PDF format, in Portuguese and English versions. Under the *Publications* menu of Statistics Portugal's website, you can also access all previous editions of the BME.

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