



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Activities Report 2021

This report reflects the activity of Statistics Portugal and of the Other National Authorities (ONA) by Statistics Portugal in 2021.

The activity of Statistics Portugal in 2021 had as its main framework the 2018-2022 General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity within the National Statistical System and the 2021-2027 European Statistical Programme, established by Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021, within the European Statistical System.

The objectives defined in its Assessment and Responsibility Framework for 2021 (QUAR) took into account the Mission, Vision and Values statements established for Statistics Portugal, in a logic of continuity of the ongoing strategy, referring to the respective annual Activity Plan.

Effectiveness Objectives:

- O1. Consolidate and extend the offer of official statistical information.
- O2. Carry out the 2021 Censuses.
- O3. Ensure the Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2021 in the field of statistics, chairing the Council's Working Party on Statistics.

Efficiency Objectives:

- O4. Continue the implementation of the National Data Infrastructure at Statistics Portugal and the modernisation of data collection processes.
- O5. Continue with measures to reconcile work and family life and health and safety at work.

Quality Objectives:

- O6. Provide, in a timely manner, quality official statistical information, according to the established schedules, while continuing to improve the dissemination and communication processes.

In addition to the activities that responded to the objectives established in the context of the QUAR (with a self-assessment proposal of 112.966%, mention of "Good") and in the Statistics Portugal's Activity Plan, 2021 was a year marked by the implementation of the 2021 Censuses with the release of preliminary and provisional data, and by the release of the final results of the 2019 Agricultural Census. The development and strengthening of the National Data Infrastructure (IND) continued, with the integration of various data sources and the promotion of statistical projects under development in the StatsLab space. Also noteworthy is the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the area of statistics, with highly relevant dossiers on agricultural statistics, and the start of internal preparation of the Peer Review to Portugal, a peer review exercise to be held in 2022 on the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice, very relevant for Statistics Portugal and the ONA with responsibility for producing European statistics (ONA - Other National Authority).

In 2021, the public health situation within the scope of the COVID-19 pandemic remained on Statistics Portugal's agenda with the provision of relevant and timely statistical indicators that allowed the assessment of its social and economic impact. In this context, the necessary adaptation in the work organisation models at Statistics Portugal, the introduction of public health safety measures in the premises and in the planning of household surveys should be highlighted, with special emphasis on the 2021 Censuses.



Of the set of activities developed by Statistics Portugal throughout 2021, the following are highlighted:

a) Within the scope of the **data collection process**:

- Continued use of electronic data collection in business surveys, with an annual result of 98.6% of responses obtained this way through Statistics Portugal's portal (WebInq).
- Replacement of face-to-face collection mode for most statistical operations for telephone (CATI) and web (CAWI) collection as a consequence of public health measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conduction of the 2021 Censuses, with data collection with a high response rate by digital means (99.3%), and which relied on an institutional communication strategy that greatly contributed to the success of the operation.
- Optimisation of the use of administrative data in various domains to support the production of official statistics and integrated analysis of incoming data.

b) Within the scope of **statistical production and dissemination**:

- Availability of 98.4% of the statistical information foreseen in the Activity Plan (Statistics Portugal made available a total of 98.6% of the total planned occurrences; and the ONAs 97.8%), with 96.9% on schedule or ahead of schedule, for Statistics Portugal and ONAs as a whole.
- Release of the 2021 Censuses' Preliminary Results on 28 July and anticipation of the release of the Provisional Results to 16 December, 8 months after the census moment.
- Carrying out of the 2021 Censuses Quality Survey.
- Continuation of the construction of the Resident Population Database.
- From May onwards, dissemination of the monthly Highlight "Vital Statistics - Monthly data" with information on the number of deaths, by month and by week, and live births and marriages, by month, maintaining the weekly release of the three mortality indicators.
- Dissemination of a publication regarding the 2019 Fertility Survey.
- Parallel collection of the Labour Force Survey to allow, among others, obtaining linkage factors with the new series of the Labour Force Survey starting in 2021.
- Quarterly dissemination of the ad hoc module of the Labour Force Survey "Working from home".
- Quarterly release of Average monthly gross earnings per employee, initially within StatsLab - Statistics under development and from November onwards as official statistics.
- Dissemination of the results of the modules on the impact of COVID-19 included in the 2020 Household Finance and Consumption Survey and the Survey on Income and Living Conditions.
- Preparation of the Survey on the Conditions, Origins and Paths of the Population living in Portugal, with the completion of the pilot survey.
- Preparation of the 2022 Adult Education Survey.
- Dissemination of Hospital Statistics (based on administrative data, complemented by survey data).
- Preparation of the 2022 Survey on Safety in Public and Private Spaces.
- Implementation of the "Territorial Cohesion and Services of General Interest" project to support the 2021 - 2027 cohesion policy programming cycle, in close coordination with Public Administration entities.
- Dissemination of Income Statistics at local level and the Highlight "COVID-19: how did the pandemic affect regional economies in 2020?", based on administrative information (initiatives framed within the scope of StatsLab - Statistics under development).
- Dissemination of the Study on the Local Purchasing Power.
- Dissemination of the fortnightly highlight "COVID-19: an interpretation of the territorial expression of the pandemic".
- Regular updating of the COVID-19 Dashboard, available on the Statistics Portugal's portal.
- Dissemination of National Accounts results (final results for 2019 and provisional results for 2020).
- Preparation of the Inventory of Sources and Methods of the National Accounts (2016 Base).
- Dissemination of the results of regular Satellite Accounts, namely in the areas of Tourism, Health and Environment.
- Start of the dissemination of quarterly results of the House Rental Statistics at Local Level for NUTS III and municipalities with more than 100 thousand inhabitants.
- Dissemination of the 2018-2020 International Sourcing and Global Value Chains Survey.
- Dissemination of the results of the new edition of the Fast and Exceptional Enterprise Survey, within the scope of the



- assessment of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, in articulation with the Banco de Portugal.
- Dissemination of Public Administrations accounts within the scope of the Excessive Deficit Procedure.
- Compilation of supplementary information on the impact of the measures implemented in the context of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic on Public Administration accounts.
- Production of a monthly flash estimate of International Trade, accompanying the anticipated production of the GDP flash estimate.
- Advance dissemination of information on the quarterly evolution of imports and exports of goods.
- Dissemination of the final results of the 2019 Agricultural Census.
- Dissemination of the 2016-2020 Portuguese Food Balance.
- Dissemination of the results of the 2019/2020 Household Energy Consumption Survey, in coordination with the Directorate-General for Energy and Geology and ADENE - Energy Agency.
- Start of the monthly publication of information on passenger transport and vehicles.
- Dissemination of the results for the estimated arrival of international tourists in 2020.
- Dissemination of the 2021 Information and Knowledge Society – Household Survey, with maintenance of the module on the impact of COVID-19 and the 2021 Information and Knowledge Society – Business Survey.
- Launch of the new edition (2020) of the Community Innovation Survey, a project under the responsibility of DGEEC, for which the collection process is carried out by Statistics Portugal.

In the ONAs:

- Development of complementary studies and analysis in the area of education based on official statistics and/or administrative data collected by DGEEC and definition of new indicators on the Infoescolas platform. [DGEEC/Med|MCTES]
- Replacement of the Survey on Wages by Occupations by information collected through the Social Security's Monthly Statement of Earnings and the Personnel Tables of the MTSSS. [GEP/MTSSS]
- Bring forward the date on which most of the publications on monthly statistics will be available and regularly releasing the Flash Estimates of Energy Consumption, in order to monitor the effects of the COVID19 pandemic on national energy consumption. [DGEG/MAAC]
- Start of the exercise of identifying new themes and indicators to be developed within the scope of the PRR projects. [DGPJ/MJ]
- Recovery of the quality of statistical data collected from the SITAF (1st instance administrative and tax courts), allowing the dissemination of the 2020 results in June and in October (update) and, for the first time, disaggregation by court. [DGPJ/MJ]
- Obtaining socio-economic information on the fish processing industry, resulting from cooperation between DGRM and Statistics Portugal. [DGRM/MM]

c) Within the scope of **external statistical cooperation:**

- Active participation in European structures, in particular those of the European Statistical System, namely in its Committee and Partnership Group, and intensification of partnerships with Member States and Eurostat.
- Chairing of the Council's "Working Party on Statistics" during the first half of 2021.
- Cooperation between the European Statistical System and the European System of Central Banks, through the European Statistical Forum and the Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics.
- Involvement in ESSnets of relevance in several domains and participation in Task Forces at the European Union level, namely within the scope of projects such as Population and Housing Censuses, gender violence, commercial property market indicators, international trade of goods statistics, improvement of education expenditure data, innovative sources and tools for household expenditure surveys, global value chains, strategic communication, Trusted Smart Statistics, on the Methodology of Peer Reviews at the ESS level, among others.
- Active participation in the annual sessions of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the UNECE Conference of European Statisticians and the OECD Statistics Committee.
- Participation in conferences and thematic meetings within the scope of the United Nations, in various areas: population and censuses, geospatial information, consumer price index, measurement of poverty and inequality, gender statistics, international trade statistics, migration statistics, information collection, national accounts, implementation of the system of environmental economic accounts, climate change statistics, communication and dissemination, statistical confidentiality, modernisation of official statistics and statistical legislation, sustainable development goals, among others.
- Participation in OECD meetings, highlighting the areas of territorial indicators, tourism statistics, national accounts, health accounts, environmental information, and sustainable development.



- Monitoring of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the respective indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (availability of the 4th edition of the digital publication on Sustainable Development Goal indicators).
- Cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries, namely through bilateral support in different areas to the statistical institutes of these countries.

In the ONAs:

- Multilateral cooperation within the CPLP, through the development of activities coordinated by the CPLP Secretariat. [DGEEC/MEd|MCTES]
- Participation in the RETFOP project - Revitalisation of Technical Education and Vocational Training in Angola, a Cooperation Project between the EU and Angola. [DGEEC/MEd|MCTES]

In the whole of Statistics Portugal and ONAs, in 2021, a total of 689.3 full-time human resources were used (585.8 from Statistics Portugal¹ and 103.5 from the ONAs) and the costing of the activities of this financial year from the perspective of Patrimonial Accounting² totalled the value of €66.7 million, 94.6 % of Statistics Portugal's responsibility.

¹ Number of employees in the 2021 Statistics Portugal's Social Balance: 591.

² It should be noted that the balance sheet accounting approach takes into account the activity costing method used by Statistics Portugal, which allows costs to be identified by statistical and non-statistical areas reported by both Statistics Portugal and the ONAs.