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GROSS MONTHLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE

(Tax Authority data – Statistics calculated and analysed by Statistics Portugal)

2019-2021

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«In the first paragraph, where it read “4.0 million workers”, now reads “4.6 million workers” »



STATISTICS PORTUGAL PUBLISHES NEW STATISTICS ON GROSS MONTHLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE BASED ON INFORMATION FROM THE TAX AUTHORITY

Based on the data from the Monthly Statement of Earnings transmitted by firms to the Tax Authority (*Autoridade Tributária*), transmitted monthly to Statistics Portugal (INE), following a protocol celebrated between both entities, INE starts publishing new statistics on gross monthly earnings per employee. This information concerns around 4.6 million workers and was integrated with other databases available at INE within the scope of the broader project created by INE called “National Data Infrastructure”, enabling both the socio-demographic characterization of workers and the characterization of the firms where they work.

This Press Release includes, as annex, a dynamic Excel file, a new dissemination product that constitutes the essence of this release, in which the user can choose the characteristics of the workers (sex, age group, education level, NUTS 2 region of residence, and occupation) and the characteristics of firms (economic activity) for which it is possible to know the several gross monthly earnings statistics (distribution and its main moments, such as the average, the median, and percentiles) and to compare the three years under analysis (2019, 2020 and 2021).

The following are some of the conclusions arising from their analysis (each user can explore other dimensions (statistics, workers’ or firms’ characteristics, and years):

- The distribution of the gross monthly earnings in Portugal, in any of the years under review, is positively asymmetric, with a high concentration of workers on low incomes.
- In 2021, 69% of women received a gross monthly earning, at most, equal to the average of €1,354 observed in this population group.
- In 2021, the average gross monthly earning of a person aged 35 to 44 (€1,510) was 19.6% higher than that of a young adult aged 25 to 34 (€1,263).
- Different inequality indicators suggest a slight decrease in the earnings inequality between 2019 and 2021, in Portugal.

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