

## Official Statistics: access in “Safe Centre” at Statistics Portugal (Lisboa)

The National Statistical System Law (SEN) – Law nº 22/2008, of 13 May – recognizes the role of scientific research on official statistics and determines the conditions under which access to individual statistical data by researchers can be authorized.

Statistics Portugal, in compliance with paragraphs 7 and 8 of article 6 of the SEN Law, *Statistical Secret*, enabled the access to the data in a “safe centre” for exceptional and justifiable situations, in the following terms:

1. Statistics Portugal ‘Safe Centre is a space specially prepared for access to individual statistical data.
2. Access to the Safe Centre is reserved exclusively for researcher(s) duly accredited in projects and/or activities for scientific research purposes. For each project and per team it is allowed the presence up to 2 researchers simultaneously.
3. The Safe Centre is equipped with a computer previously prepared with the databases requested in the accreditation document, and with the software to be used, and it is not possible to transfer data between the PC and the outside.
4. The standard software installed on the computer is SPSS, R and STATA.
5. It is not allowed to install software that is not licensed by Statistics Portugal.
6. The INE Safe Centre in Lisbon is in room 312 D, access to which is reserved.
7. The entry and/or use of any electronic data and/or image device, namely laptops, tablets, mobile phones, camcorders and/or photography inside the Safe Centre, is not allowed.
8. The Safe Centre's opening hours in Lisbon are from 9:00 to 12.30 am and 2.00 to 5:00 pm, every working day.
9. The files with the results of the work carried out at the Safe Centre are recorded on the computer, for output checking by Statistics Portugal, i.e., of the non-violation of the principles of statistical secrecy and subsequent delivery to the researcher.
10. The output checking of the files by Statistics Portugal may be subject to some delay due to the scheduling of other works arising from the statistical production calendar.
11. The verification and validation time, by Statistics Portugal of the outputs performed by the researcher is proportional to the number of outputs produced.