



17 April 2025

VITAL STATISTICS – Monthly data

March 2025

DEATHS, LIVE BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

MARRIAGES CELEBRATED IN FEBRUARY INCREASED 6.8% COMPARED TO THE SAME MONTH OF 2024

In March 2025, there were 11,031 deaths, 854 more (+8.4%) than in the previous month. Compared to the same month of 2024, there was an increase of 450 deaths (+4.3%). The number of deaths of children under 1 year of age was 15 (27 in the same month of 2024).

In February 2025, 6,281 live births were registered, 809 less (-11.4%) compared to January 2025 and 304 less (-4.6%) compared to the same month of 2024.

In February 2025, the natural balance was -3,875¹, worsening in relation to the same month of 2024, when it reached -2,963.

In February 2025, 1,665 marriages were celebrated, 46 less (-2.7%) than in January 2025 and 106 more (+6.8%) than in February 2024.

In this press release, Statistics Portugal provides **preliminary data** on the number of deaths per month until March 2025², and the number of live births and marriages per month until February 2025, that occurred in the national territory. The indicators published and analyzed are available on the Official Statistics Portal (www.ine.pt), with geographical breakdowns NUTS 2 and NUTS 3. The hyperlinks to these statistics can be found in the Excel file published together with this Press Release. The information is obtained from the Sistema Integrado do Registo e Identificação Civil (SIRIC) until April 11th, 2025.

¹ The natural balance is calculated based on the difference between the number of live births of mothers residing in Portugal and the number of deaths of residents in Portugal.

² After the release of mortality data for 2022 and considering the decrease of the impact of deaths due to COVID-19 on mortality, the analysis regarding the number of deaths per week was suspended. However, the release of indicators regarding the number of weekly deaths, by NUTS 3 breakdown, until the 14th week of 2025, and daily deaths, by NUTS 2 breakdown, until April 6th, 2025, is assured.



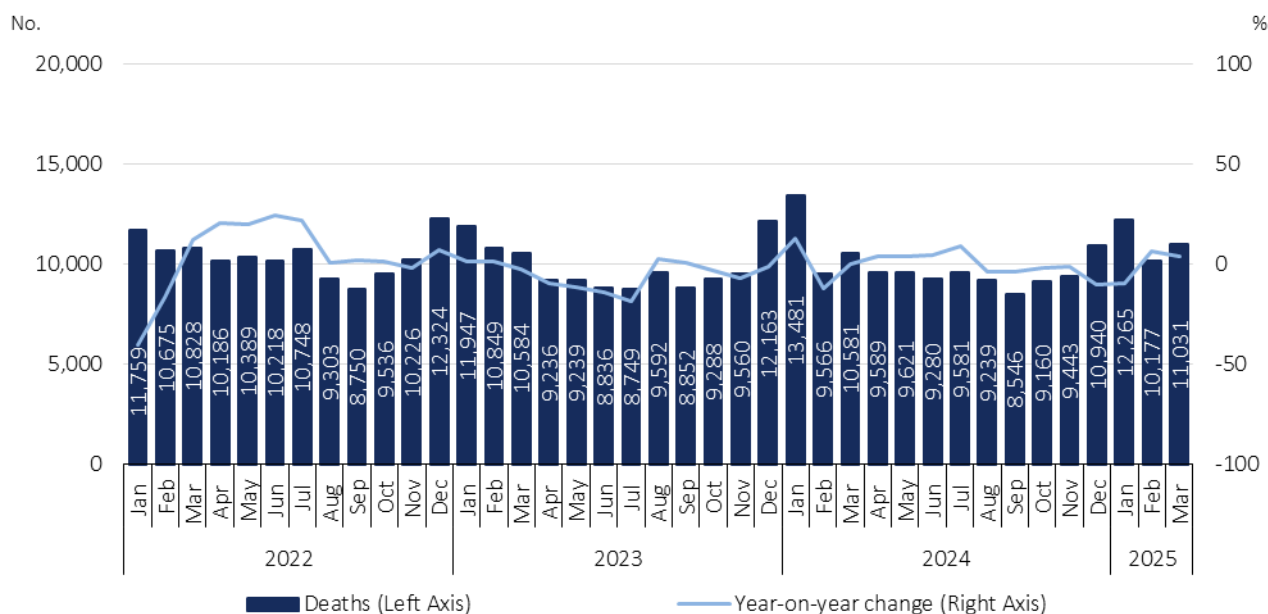
In March 2025, the number of deaths increased 4.3% compared to the same month of 2024

In March 2025, there were 11,031 deaths (of which 38 were from residents abroad), 854 more (+8.4%) than in the previous month. Compared to the same month of 2024, there was an increase of 450 deaths (+4.3%).

In that month, the number of deaths of children under 1 year old was 15 (all of them born to mothers residing in Portugal), 11 less than in the previous month and 12 less compared with the same month of 2024.

In the first three months of the year, there were 33,473 deaths in national territory (155 less than in the same period of 2024), of which 54 were deaths of children under 1 year of age (69 in 2024).

Figure 1. Deaths and year-on-year change, January 2022 to March 2025



Source: Statistics Portugal, Deaths.

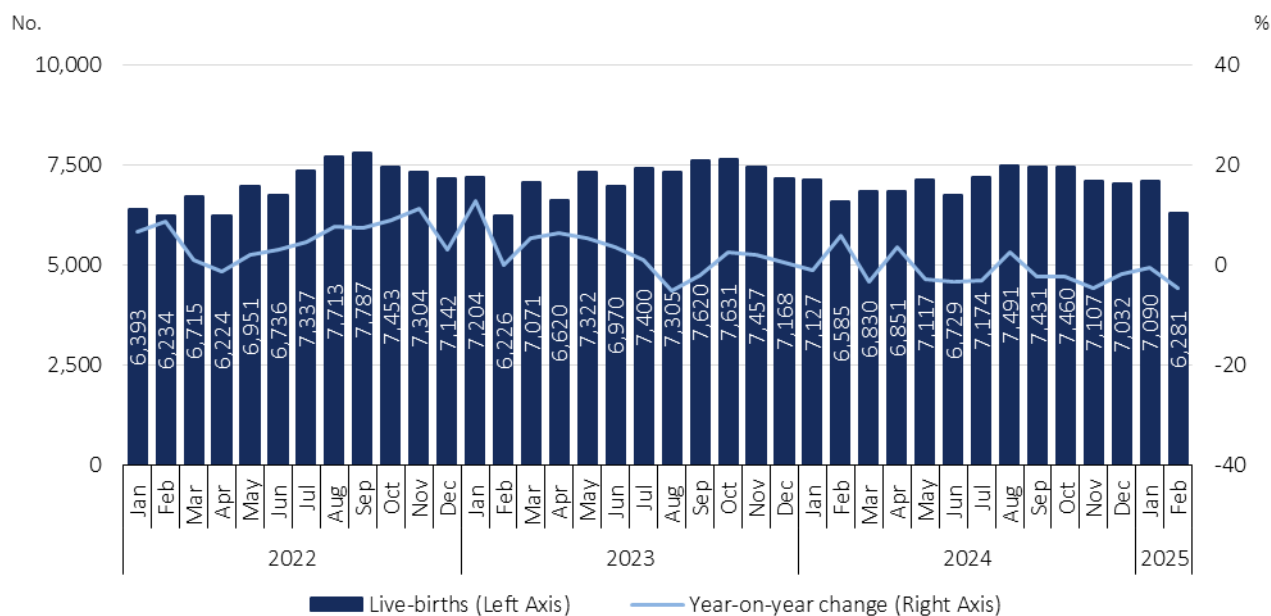


In February 2025, the number of live births decreased 4.6% compared to February 2024

In February 2025, there were 6,281 live births (of which 10 were born to mothers residing abroad), corresponding to a decrease of 11.4% (809 less) compared to January 2025 and of 4.6% (304 less) compared to the same month of 2024.

In the first two months of the year, 13,371 live births were registered in the country (341 less than in the same period of 2024), of which 33 were born to mothers residing abroad (66 in 2024).

Figure 2. Live births and year-on-year change, January 2022 to February 2025



Source: Statistics Portugal, Live births.

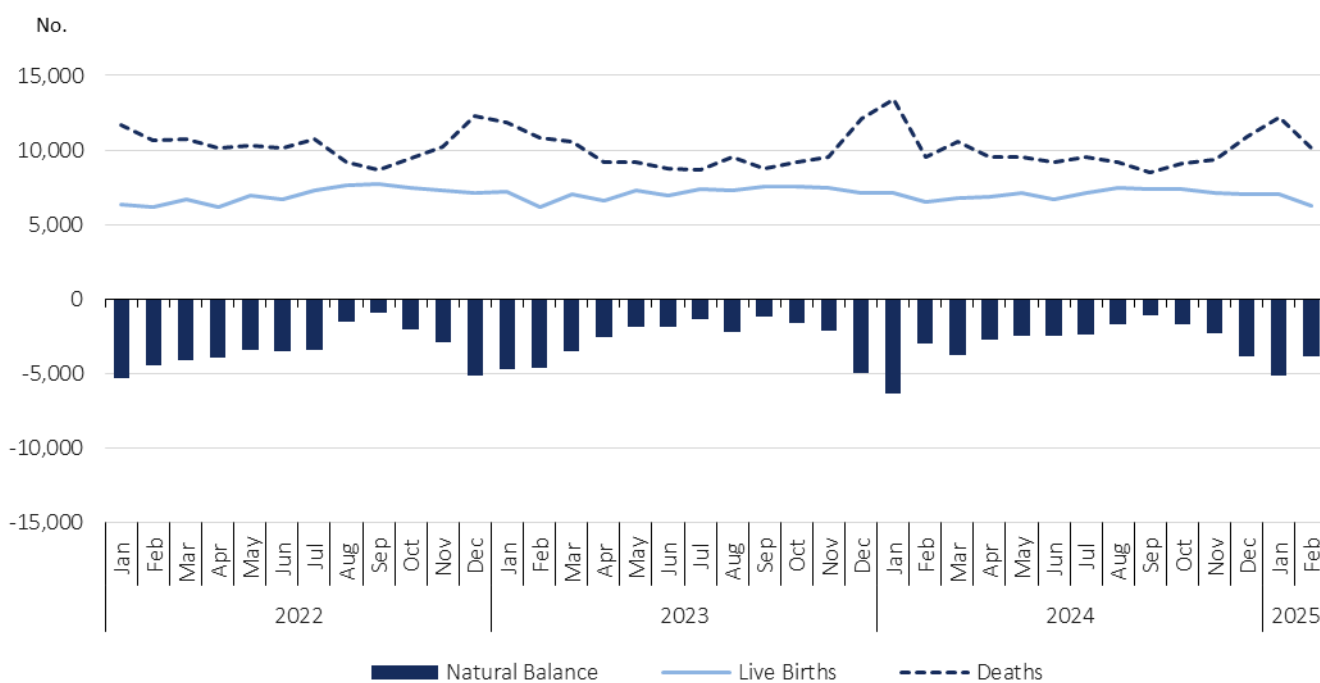


Natural balance of -3,875 in February 2025

In February 2025, the natural balance registered the value of -3,875, improving compared to the figure of January 2025 (-5,154), but worsening compared to that of the same month of 2024 (-2,963).

In the first two months of the year, the cumulative value of the natural balance was -9,029, improving in relation to that registered in the same period of 2024 (-9,307).

Figure 3. Live births, deaths, and natural balance³, Portugal, January 2022 to February 2025



Source: Statistics Portugal, Live births, Deaths, and Demographic indicators.

³ The natural balance is calculated based on the number of live births of mothers residing in Portugal and the number of deaths of residents in Portugal.

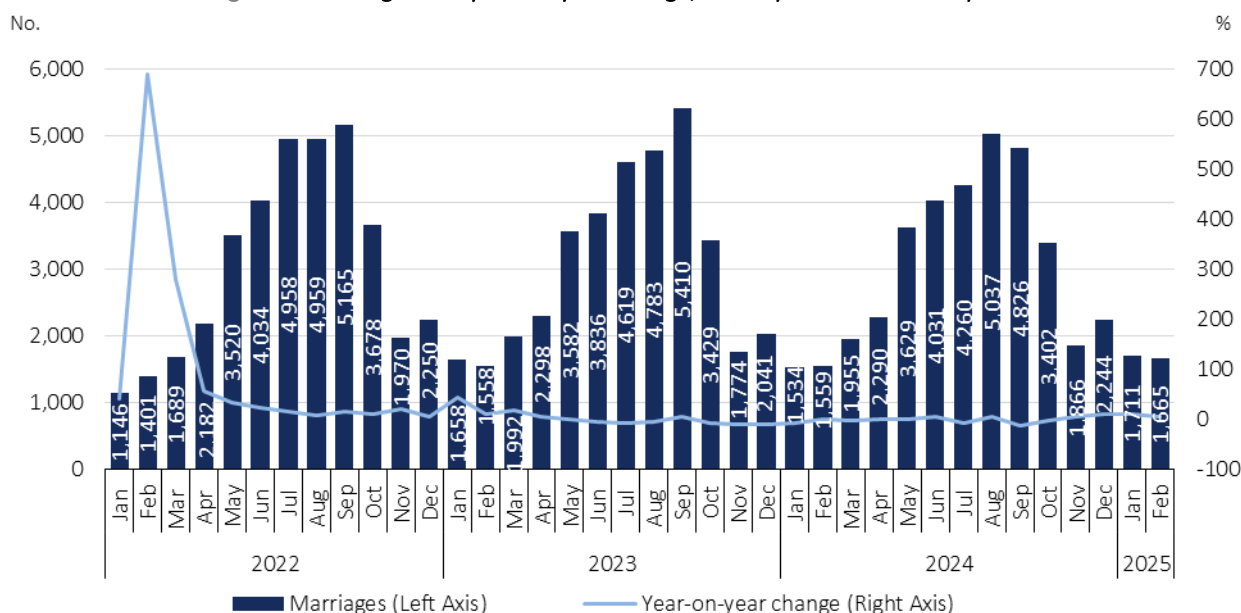


In February 2025, the number of celebrated marriages increased 6.8% compared to February 2024

In February 2025, 1,665 marriages were celebrated, lower than the number registered in January 2025 (46 less; -2.7%), but higher than that registered in February 2024 (106 more; +6.8%).

In the first two months of 2025, 3,376 marriages were celebrated, 283 (+9.1%) more than in the same period of 2024.

Figure 4. Marriages and year-on-year change, January 2022 to February 2025



Source: Statistics Portugal, Marriages.



TECHNICAL NOTE

Statistics Portugal releases the **preliminary** monthly **numbers** of deaths, live births, and marriages based on the information registered in the Civil Register Offices until April 11th, 2025. Indicators on the preliminary monthly number of live births, deaths, and marriages, from January 2024 to February 2025, with geographical breakdowns up to NUTS 3, by NUTS 2013 and NUTS 2024, as well as weekly number of deaths, until the 14th week 2025, by NUTS 3 and daily number of deaths, until April 6th, 2025, by NUTS 2 are made available on the Statistics Portugal Website.

Data are obtained from statistical operations of direct and exhaustive collection on live births, deaths and marriages in Portuguese territory using facts that are subject to compulsory civil registration (birth and death) in the Sistema Integrado do Registo e Identificação Civil (SIRIC).

In addition to administrative information obtained from Civil Register Offices, Statistics Portugal collects an additional set of variables identified as statistically pertinent to the National Statistic System (NSS) and the European Statistical System (EES). Data is recorded and sent electronically, in compliance with the requirements set out by Statistics Portugal and laid down in liaison with the Instituto de Registos e Notariado (IRN) and the Instituto de Gestão Financeira e Equipamentos da Justiça (IGFEJ).

DEFINITIONS

Marriage: Contract signed by two persons that intend to start a family in full partnership and cohabitation according to legislation. Note: marriage can be held between persons from different or same sex.

Live birth: This is the complete expulsion or extraction from the mother's body, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, of a product of fertilization that, after separation, breathes or shows any other signs of life, such as a beating of the heart or umbilical cord or actual contraction of any muscle subject to voluntary movement, whether the umbilical cord has been severed and whether the placenta is retained.

Death: The permanent disappearance of vital functions.

Natural balance: The difference between the number of live births and the number of deaths during a given period.

Year-on-year change: The year-on-year change compares the level of a variable between the reference month and the same month of the previous year.

Detailed methodological information available at: www.ine.pt, option Products, Metadata system.

Detailed statistical information available at: www.ine.pt, option Products, Statistical data, database, theme Population, subtheme Births and natality rates and subtheme Mortality and life expectancy.



Next Press Release

16th May 2025: “Vital Statistics - Monthly data – April 2025”.
