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VITAL STATISTICS – Monthly data

May 2025

## DEATHS, LIVE BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

### NUMBER OF CELEBRATED MARRIAGES IN APRIL 2025 DECREASED 3.1% COMPARED TO THE SAME MONTH OF 2024

In May 2025, there were 9,543 deaths, 268 less (-2.7%) than in the previous month. Compared to the same month of 2024, there was a decrease of 78 deaths (-0.8%). The number of deaths of children under 1 year of age was 17 (23 in the same month of 2024).

In April 2025, 6,968 live births were registered, 10 less (-0.1%) compared to March 2025 and 117 more (+1.7%) compared to the same month of 2024.

In April 2025, the natural balance was -2,817<sup>1</sup>, worsening in relation to the same month of 2024, when it reached -2,684.

In April 2025, 2,218 marriages were celebrated, 270 more (+12.2%) than in March 2025, but 72 less (-3.1%) than in April 2024.

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In this press release, Statistics Portugal provides **preliminary data** on the number of deaths per month until May 2025<sup>2</sup>, and the number of live births and marriages per month until April 2025, that occurred in the national territory. The indicators published and analyzed are available on the Official Statistics Portal ([www.ine.pt](http://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 June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> week of 2025, and daily deaths, by NUTS 2 breakdown, until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, is assured.



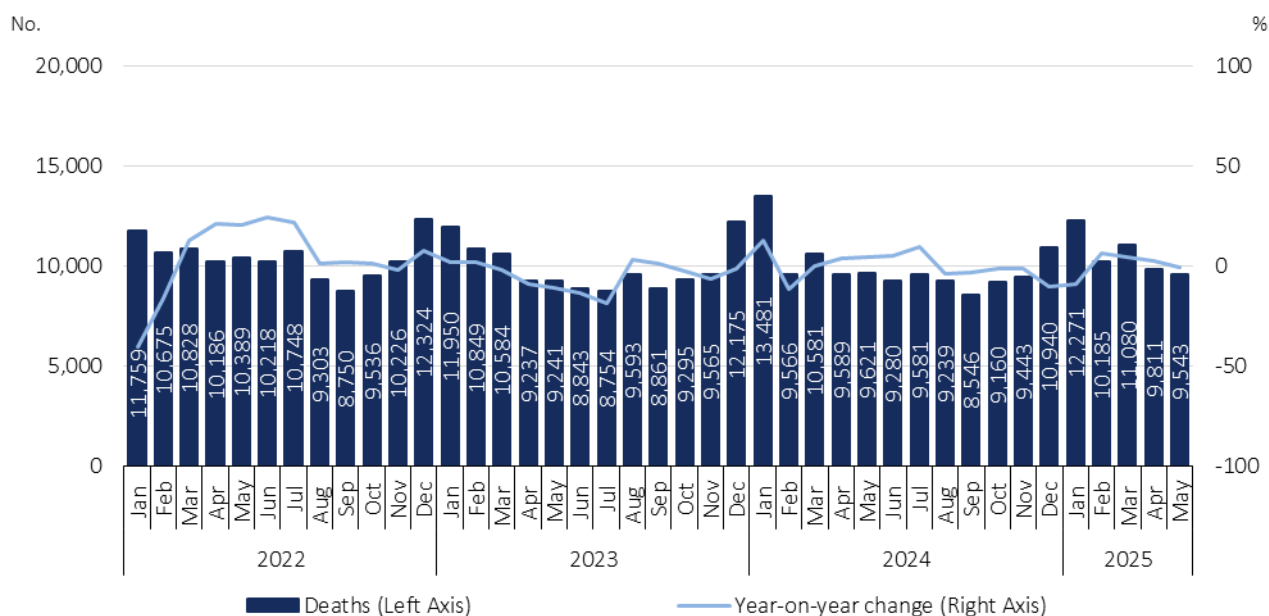
In May 2025, the number of deaths decreased 0.8% compared to the same month of 2024

In May 2025, there were 9,543 deaths (of which 50 were from residents abroad), 268 less (-2.7%) than in the previous month. Compared to the same month of 2024, there was a decrease of 78 deaths (-0.8%).

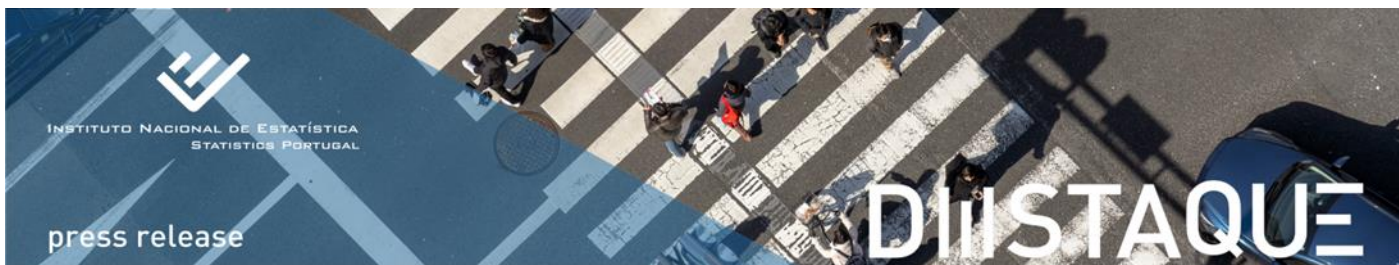
In that month, the number of deaths of children under 1 year old was 17 (all of them born to mothers residing in Portugal), four more than in the previous month, but six less compared with the same month of 2024.

In the first five months of the year, there were 52,890 deaths in national territory (52 more than in the same period of 2024), of which 84 were deaths of children under 1 year of age (109 in 2024).

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



Source: Statistics Portugal, Deaths.

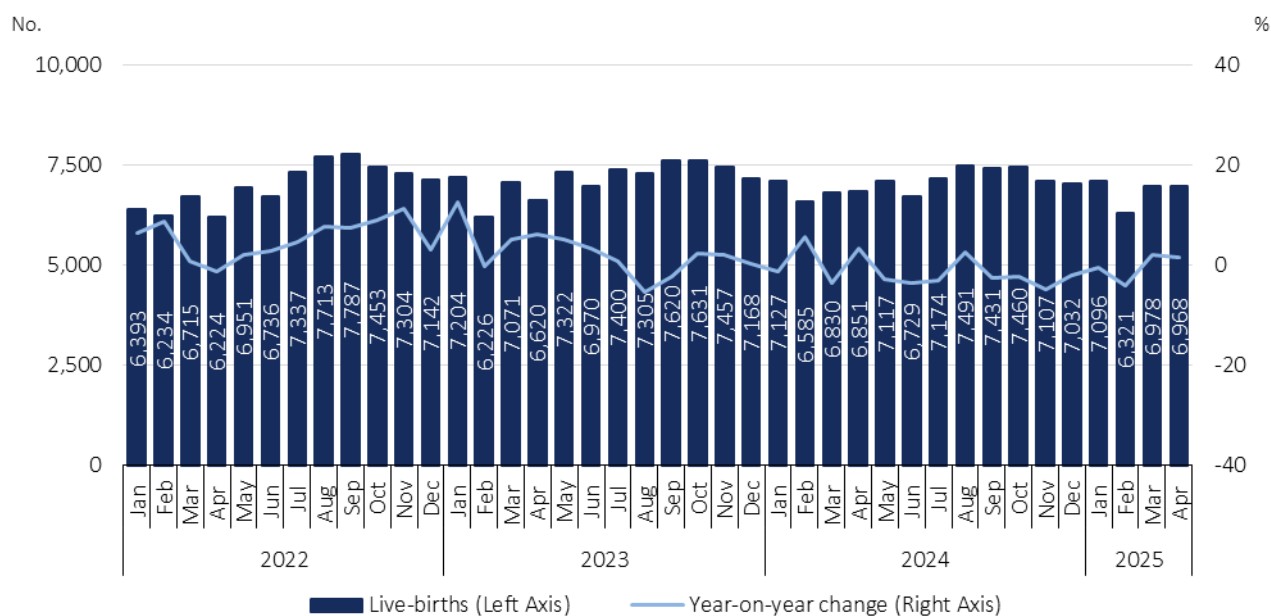


In April 2025, the number of live births increased 1.7% compared to April 2024

In April 2025, there were 6,968 live births (of which 28 were born to mothers residing abroad), corresponding to a decrease of 0.1% (10 less) compared to March 2025, but to an increase of 1.7% (117 more) compared to the same month of 2024.

In the first four months of the year, 27,363 live births were registered in the country (30 less than in the same period of 2024), of which 83 were born to mothers residing abroad (103 in 2024).

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



Source: Statistics Portugal, Live births.

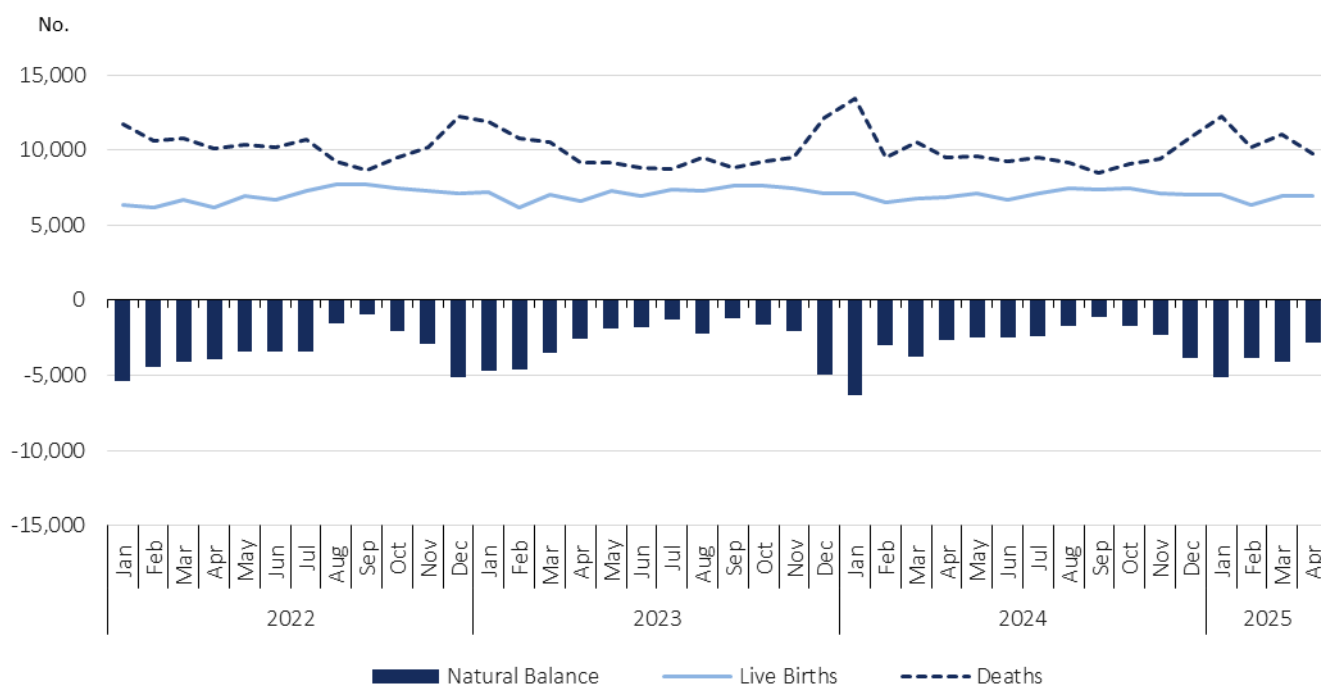


### Natural balance of -2,817 in April 2025

In April 2025, the natural balance registered the value of -2,817, improving compared to the figure of March 2025 (-4,085), but worsening compared to that of the same month of 2024 (-2,684).

In the first four months of the year, the cumulative value of the natural balance was -15,899, slightly worsening in relation to that registered in the same period of 2024 (-15,723).

Figure 3. Live births, deaths, and natural balance<sup>3</sup>, Portugal, January 2022 to April 2025



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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

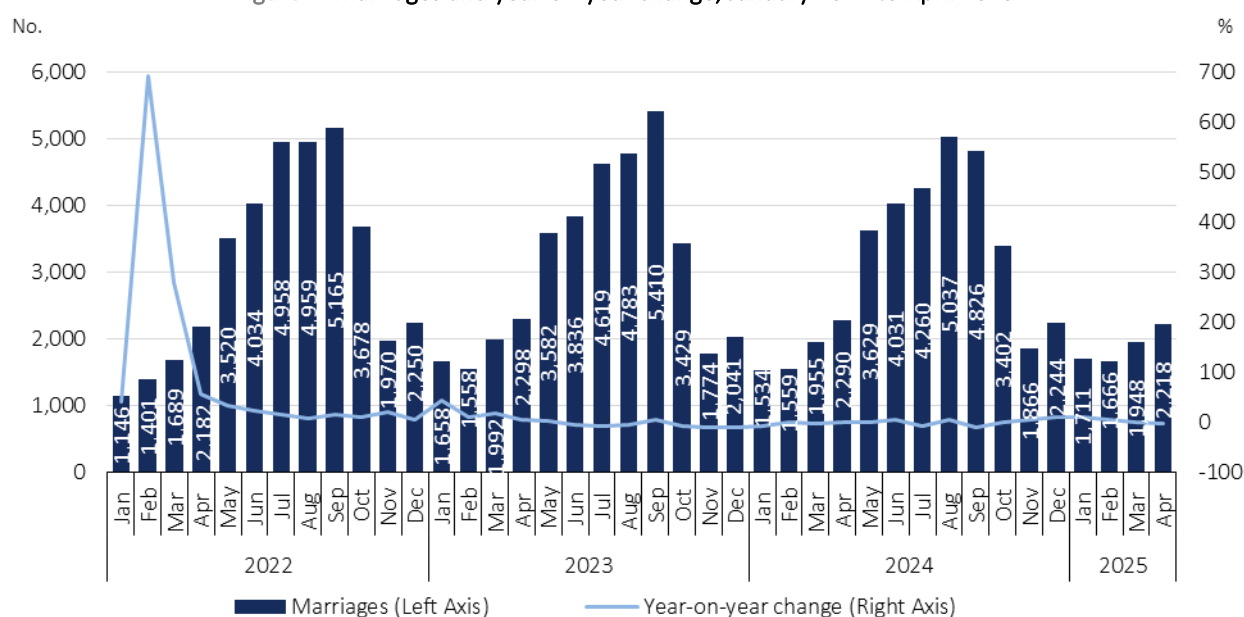


In April 2025, the number of celebrated marriages decreased 3.1% compared to April 2024

In April 2025, 2,218 marriages were celebrated, higher than the number registered in March 2025 (270 more; +12.2%), but lower than that registered in April 2024 (72 less; -3.1%).

In the first four months of 2025, 7,543 marriages were celebrated, 205 more (+2.8%) than in the same period of 2024.

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



Source: Statistics Portugal, Marriages.



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## 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 June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Indicators on the preliminary monthly number of live births, deaths, and marriages, from January 2025 to April 2025, with geographical breakdowns up to NUTS 3, by NUTS 2024, as well as weekly number of deaths, until the 22<sup>nd</sup> week 2025, by NUTS 3 and daily number of deaths, until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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Detailed methodological information available at: [www.ine.pt](http://www.ine.pt), option Products, Metadata system.

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



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