Regional Statistical Yearbooks - 2021

Introduction

The *Regional Statistical Yearbooks*, firstly launched in the early nineties, were the key publication regarding the dissemination of statistical data at regional and municipal levels. The 2022 edition continues the new format of dissemination by subchapter, started in the 2020 edition, in the area dedicated to municipalities of the Statistics Portugal Web Portal, allowing a more direct consultation of integrated data for the seven NUTS 2 regions of the country.

The contents are presented in Thematic Folders - Municipalities - Regional Statistical Yearbooks and are organised into four main chapters — *Territory*, *People*, *Economic Activity* and *State* — which are, in turn, analysed in 27 sections. Each section begins with a set of key indicators aiming at giving the user a glance at the position of the different territorial units. Tables are presented in Portuguese and English, and with the respective links to the Statistics Portugal's online Database (www.ine.pt), making it possible to access to the respective retrospective data series and corresponding metadata for approximately 90% of the information provided.

In this edition, it is worth mentioning, in the *People* chapter, the section on **Labour Market**, the introduction of the results of the new series of Labour Force Survey data (Series 2021). In the *Economic Activity* chapter, the **Construction and Housing** section, the incorporation of results from the *House prices statistics at local level* by institutional sector and tax residence of the purchase and, also, the introduction of the results for the 1st and 3rd quartiles (values corresponding to the first quarter and the third quarter of the sorted data) should be noted. In the **Science and Technology** section, the results, by NUTS II on enterprises innovation were updated, based on the last edition of the *Community Innovation Survey* (CIS), with reference to the 2018-2020 period.

In the *State* chapter, in the **Regional and Local Government** section, the restructuring of the contents relative to the of the Municipalities financial statements is noteworthy, having as reference the information made available by the Directorate General of Local Authorities (DGAL). Lastly, in the **Political Participation** section, the 2022 national parliament elections results are included, benefiting from the information of the General Secretariat of Internal Administration.

The 2022 *Regional Statistical Yearbooks* are based on the Common Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS 2013). The Portuguese NUTS 2013 set out by the regulation (EC) No. 868/2014 and they have been into force within the European and National Statistical System since January 1st, 2015. For the analysis of information according to the intensity of urbanization, TIPAU 2014 was used, which constitutes an exhaustive classification of Portuguese parishes in three categories: predominantly urban area (PUA), medium urban area (MUA) and predominantly rural area (PRA). This typology will be revised benefiting from the delimitation of 2021 Census localities whose completion is scheduled for the first quarter of 2023. Given this context, the census information regarding the resident population structured by locality and city in the **Territory** section still refers to the 2011 Census.

The territorial administrative division at municipality level – the territorial unit of reference for most of the information presented – is the one set out by the Administrative Division Code of the National Statistical System (NSS) and corresponding delimitation of the country's administrative boundaries according to the Official Administrative Map of Portugal (CAOP) produced by Directorate-General for the Territorial Development (DGT).

The period under analysis may vary as a result of a large variety of sources being used. Nevertheless, the reference year for most of the indicators corresponds to 2021.

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