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## Retail Trade Turnover, Employment, Wages and Salaries and Hours worked Indices

March 2021

### **Retail Trade Turnover<sup>1</sup> index almost at the same level of March of previous year**

Retail trade turnover index registered a year-on-year change rate of -0.1% in March, 14.2 percentage points above the rate observed in February.

The indices of employment, wages and salaries and hours worked adjusted of calendar effects presented year-on-year change rates of -5.0%, -4.9% and -8.5%, respectively (-5.7%, -5.0% and -21.5% in the previous month, by the same order).

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021, the retail trade turnover index revealed a year-on-year change rate of -8.4% (-2.0% in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020).

Despite the circumstances determined by the pandemic COVID-19, Statistics Portugal calls for the best collaboration by companies, families and public entities in responding to Statistics Portugal's data requests. The quality of official statistics, particularly its ability to identify the impacts of the pandemic COVID-19, crucially depends on this collaboration, which Statistics Portugal thanks in advance.

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<sup>1</sup> Retail trade indices for turnover analysed are deflated and adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects