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House rental statistics at local level

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2021 – Provisional data

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### The median house rental value of new lease agreements increased 7,4%

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021 (provisional data), the median house rental value of 22 305 new lease agreements in Portugal was 6.08 €/m<sup>2</sup>. This value represents a year-on-year growth rate of +7.4% in the country, higher than the one registered in the previous quarter (+11.5%). There was, however, a reduction in the number of new lease contracts in the country compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020 (-4.2%).

Compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020, the median house rental value increased in 22 out of the 25 NUTS III sub-regions, with the highest growths in the Alentejo Litoral (+16.6%), Beiras e Serra da Estrela (+16.4%) and Beira Baixa (+10.1%). The highest house rental values were registered in Área Metropolitana de Lisboa (9.04 €/m<sup>2</sup>), Algarve (6.78 €/m<sup>2</sup>), Área Metropolitana do Porto (6.65 €/m<sup>2</sup>) and Região Autónoma da Madeira (6.28 €/m<sup>2</sup>).

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021 (provisional data), there was a year-on-year increase in the median house rental value in 23 out of the 24 municipalities with more than 100 thousand inhabitants (17 municipalities in the previous quarter), standing out Porto (+3.7%), Oeiras (+1.5%) and Lisboa (+0.1%) which presented positive year-on-year growth rate in the median house rental value for the first time since the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020.

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Statistics Portugal releases a new edition of the House Rental Statistics at the local level based on administrative data (see link to the new methodological document at the end of this press release).

This press release presents **provisional quarterly results** of the median house rental values of new lease agreements and the number of new lease agreements for NUTS 3 sub-regions (Intermunicipal Entities – Intermunicipal Communities and Metropolitan Areas – in the Mainland and the Autonomous Regions) and municipalities with more than 100 thousand inhabitants, given the significant volume of available observations. This option allows for an analysis of the most recent dynamics of the house rental market but limits the presentation of results for small territorial areas.

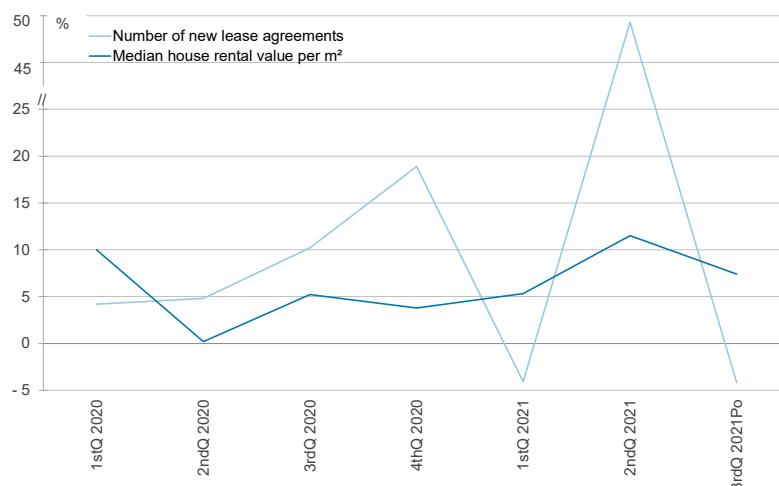
In these statistics (see technical note at the end of this press release), published values, unless otherwise indicated, refer to the **median** (the value that separates the ordered set of rents per square meter into two equal parts) of house rental value of **new lease agreements** of dwellings (€/m<sup>2</sup>).

The quarterly indicators from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 are available at [www.ine.pt](http://www.ine.pt), in the option Products, Statistical Data, Database (links to the indicators at the end of this press release).

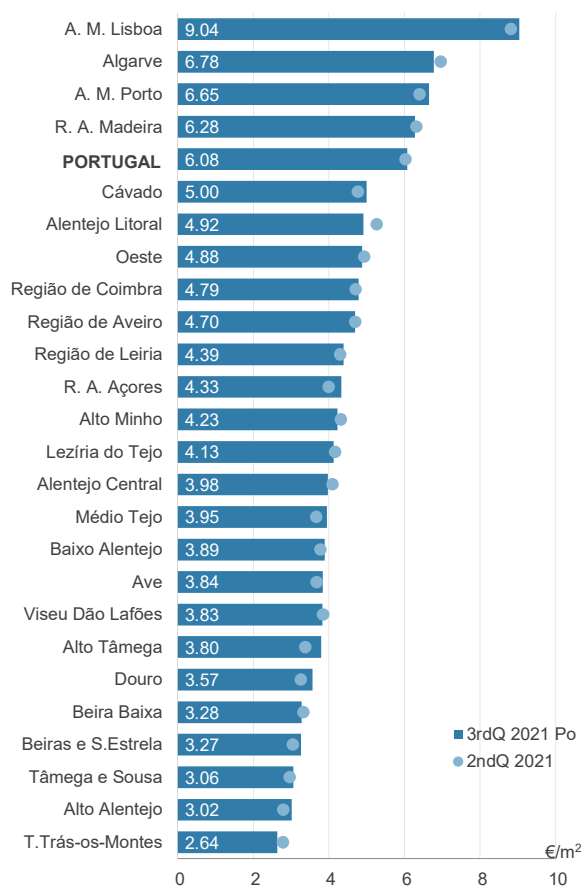
Taking into consideration the administrative nature of this project's data and the limitations to proceed with the administrative acts that generated it in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures for its mitigation, it is expected that the activity in the real estate market may reflect not only agents' economic options, but also limitations of the public administration arising from the pandemic context.

Área Metropolitana de Lisboa, Algarve, Área Metropolitana do Porto and Região Autónoma da Madeira registered median house rental values above the national value

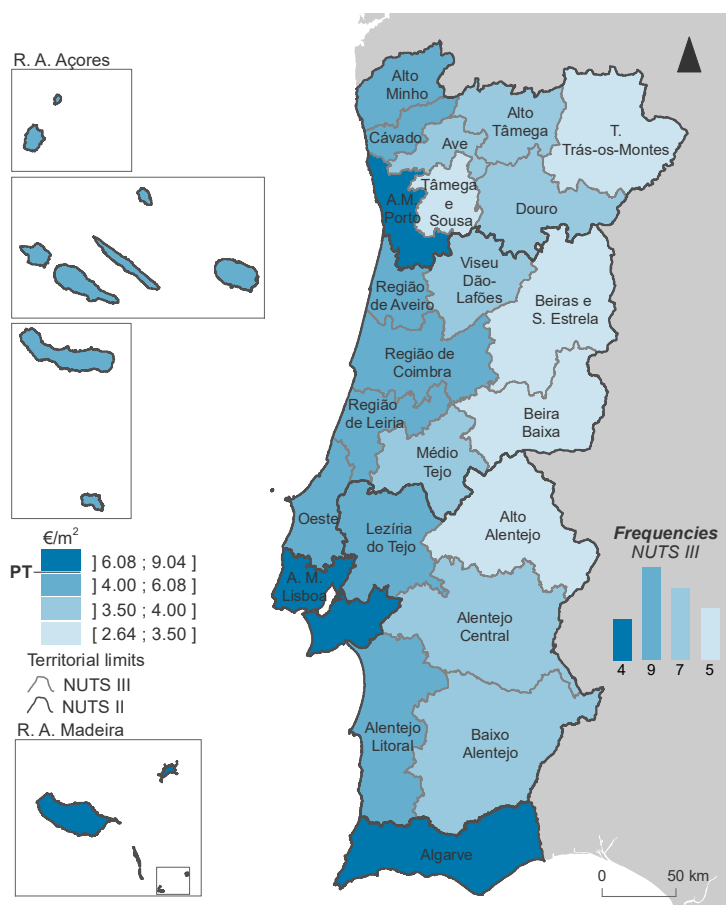
**Figure 1: Year-on-year growth rates of median house rental value per m<sup>2</sup> and number of new lease agreements of dwellings, Portugal, 1<sup>st</sup>Q 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup>Q 2021 (Provisional data)**



**Figure 2: Median house rental value per m<sup>2</sup> of new lease agreements of dwellings, Portugal, NUTS 3, 2<sup>nd</sup>Q 2021 and 3<sup>rd</sup>Q 2021 Po**



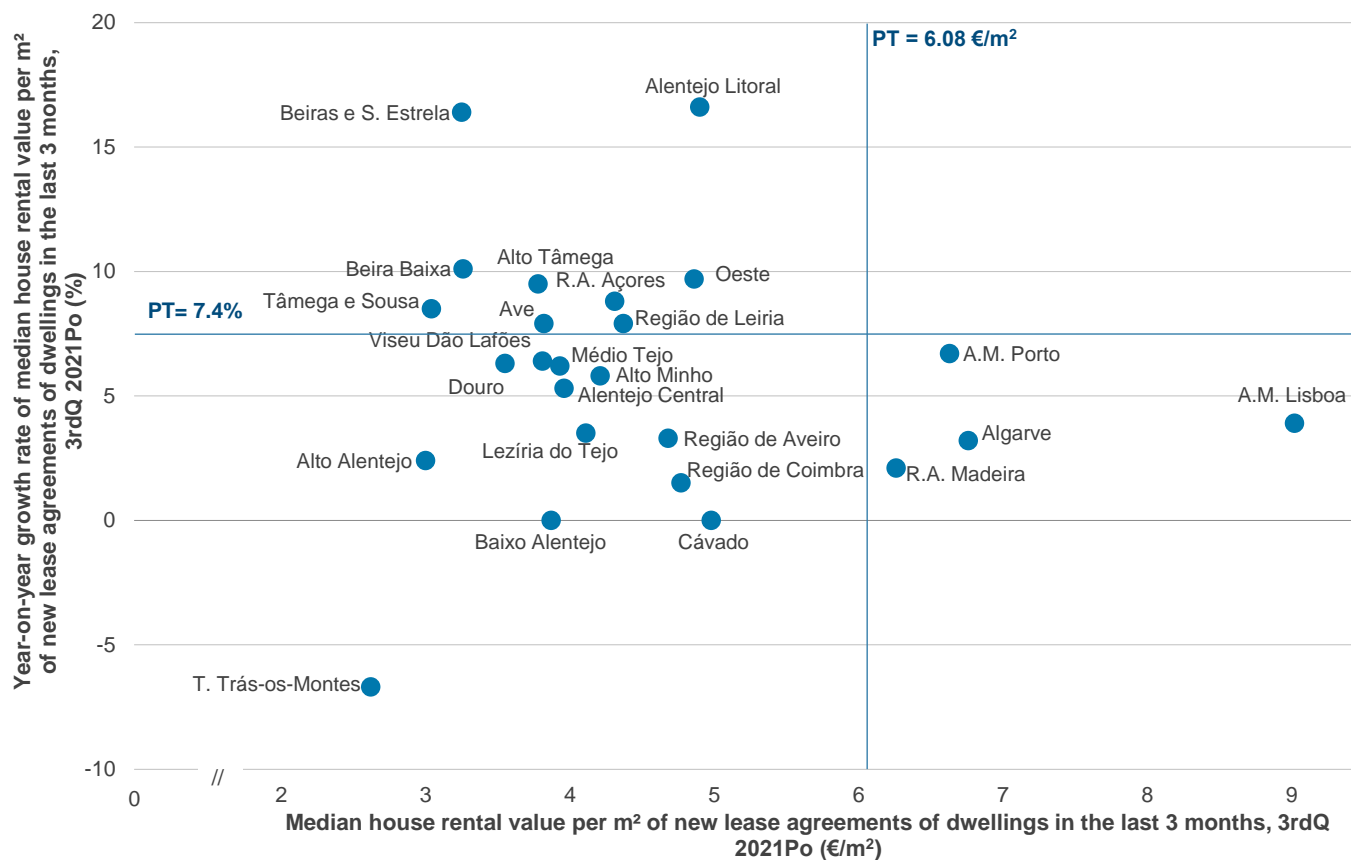
**Figure 3: Median house rental value per m<sup>2</sup> of new lease agreements of dwellings, Portugal, NUTS 3, 3<sup>rd</sup>Q 2021 Po**



Note: Po – provisional data

Twenty two out of the 25 NUTS III sub-regions registered an increase of house rental values compared to the same period in the previous year

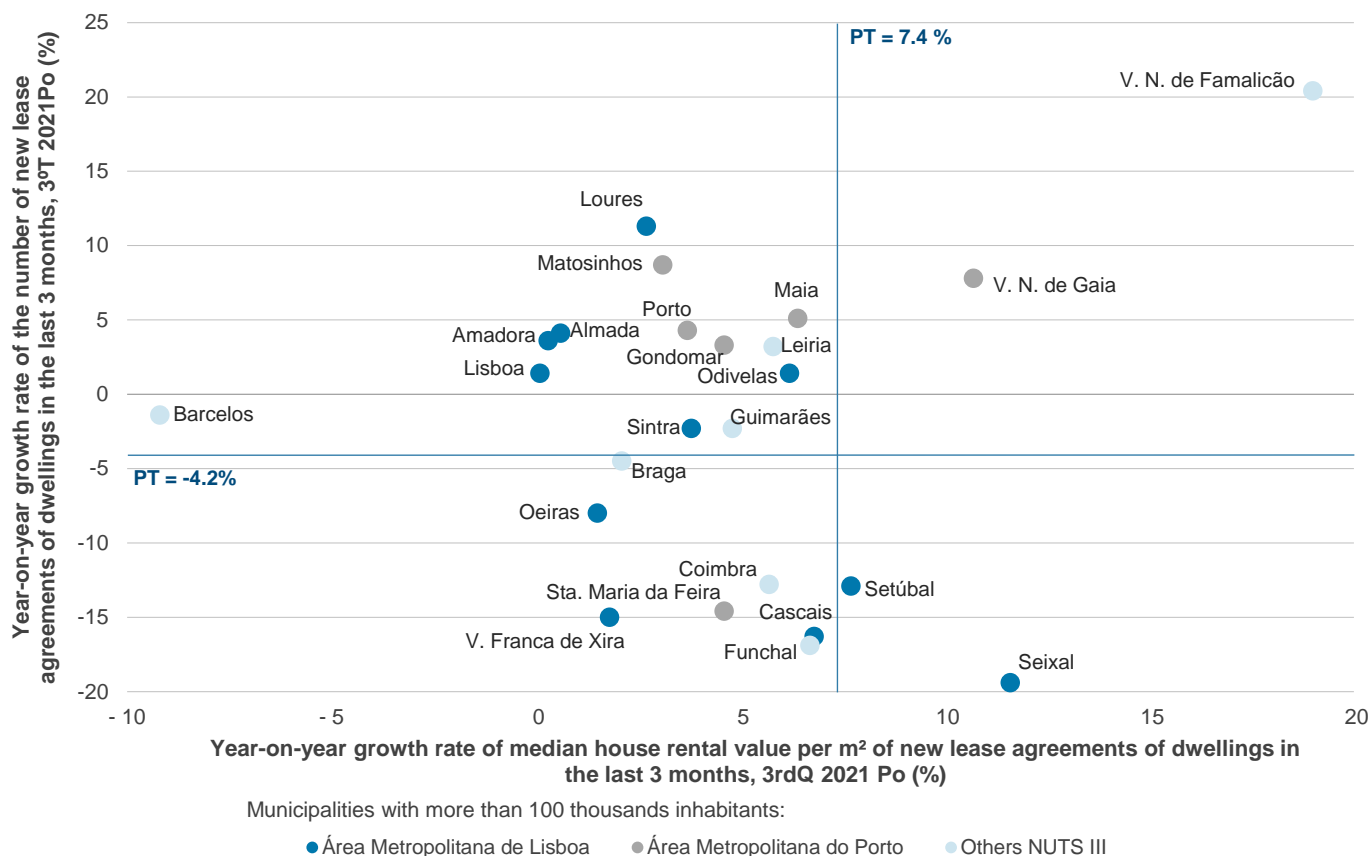
Figure 4: Median value and year-on-year growth rate of median house value per m<sup>2</sup> of new lease agreements of dwellings, NUTS III and Portugal, 3<sup>rd</sup>Q 2021Po



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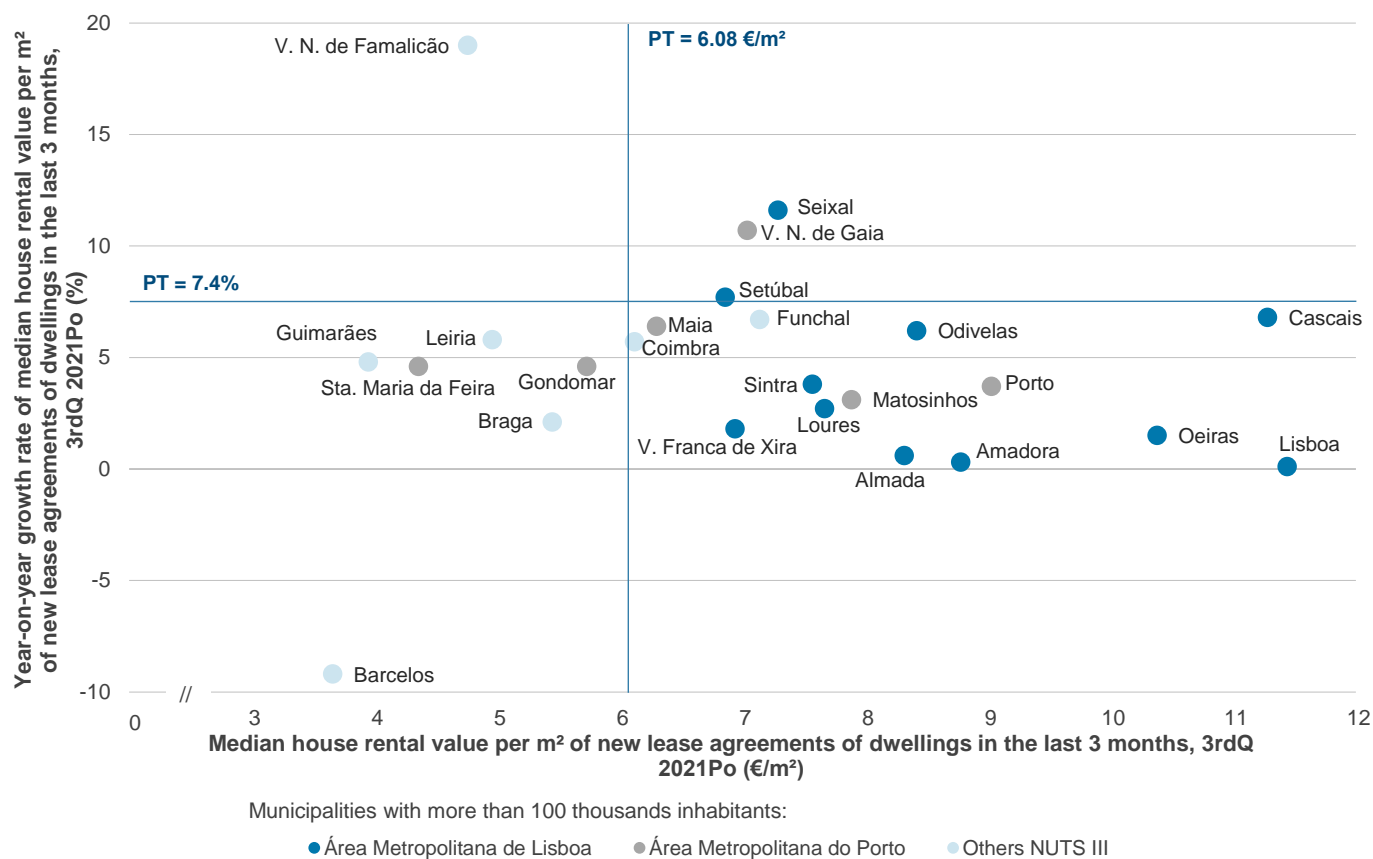
*Vila Nova de Famalicão and Vila Nova de Gaia registered year-on-year growth rates of house rental values and of number of new lease agreements above the national annual growth rate*

**Figure 5: Year-on-year growth rate of median house rental value per m<sup>2</sup> of new lease agreements of dwellings and of the number of new lease agreements of dwellings, Portugal and municipalities with more than 100 thousand inhabitants, 3<sup>rd</sup>Q 2021 Po**



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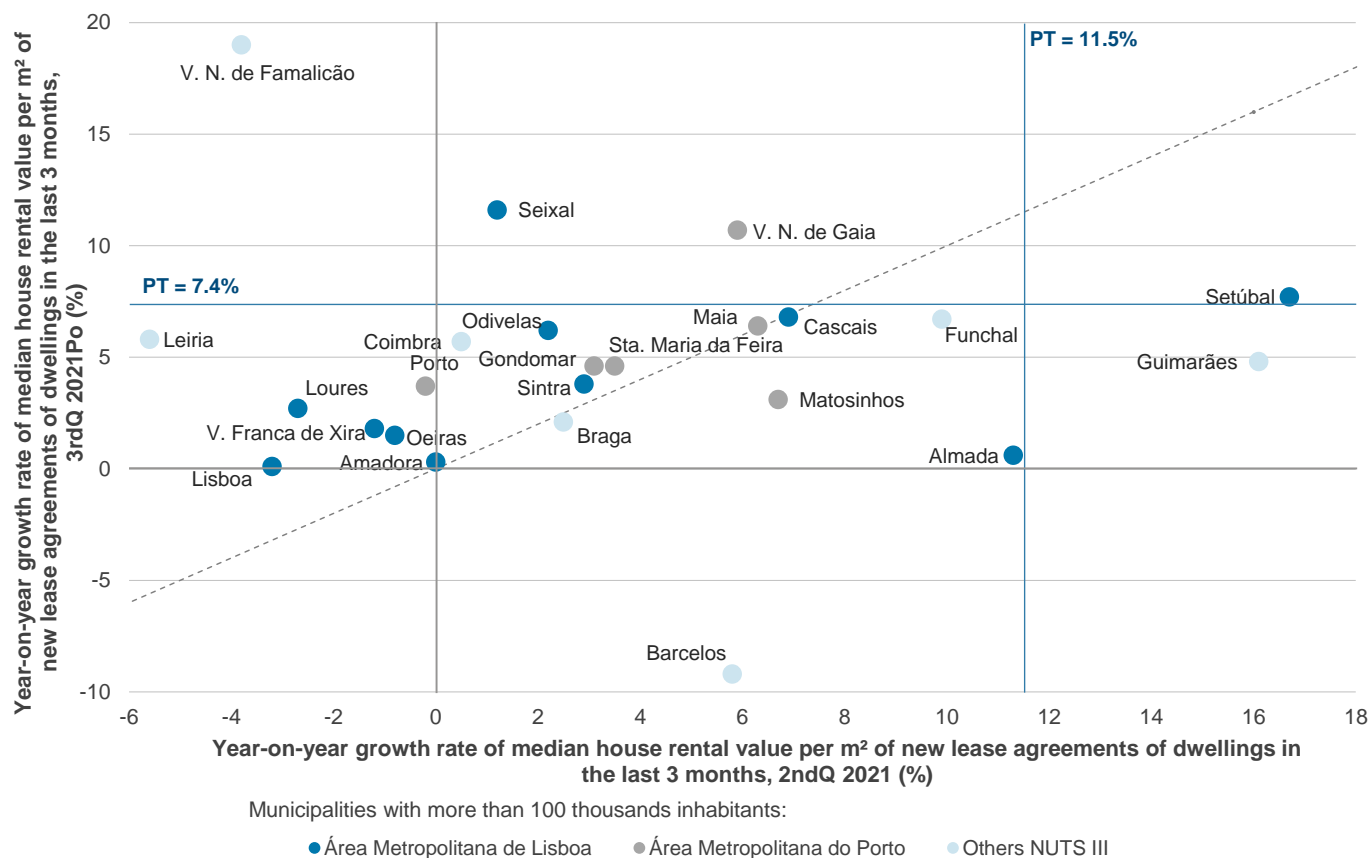
**Figure 6: Median value and year-on-year growth rate of median house rental value per m<sup>2</sup> of new lease agreements of dwellings, Portugal and municipalities with more than 100 thousand inhabitants, 3<sup>rd</sup>Q 2021 Po**



Note: Po – provisional data

*Porto, Oeiras and Lisboa registered positive year-on-year growth rate in the median house rental value for the first time since the 2nd quarter of 2020*

**Figure 7: Year-on-year growth rates of median house rental value per m<sup>2</sup> of new lease agreements of dwellings, Portugal and municipalities with more than 100 thousand inhabitants, 2<sup>nd</sup>Q 2021 and 3<sup>rd</sup>Q 2021 Po**



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## Technical note

'House rental statistics at local level' are released quarterly and have national coverage. The observed statistical unit is the family dwelling, and the target population is the family dwelling with new lease agreements for residential purposes.

House rental statistics at local level are based on the use of administrative procedures, namely from anonymised administrative tax data provided by the Portuguese Tax and Customs Authority (AT), under an agreement signed with Statistics Portugal, on the Statement of Stamp Duty Model 2 - Communication of lease agreements (Model 2) and the Municipal Property Tax (IMI). Statistics Portugal is grateful for the Portuguese Tax and Customs Authority collaboration in the implementation of this project.

The calculation of House rental statistics at local level is based on linking Model 2 information (from where the house rental value of new lease agreements of dwellings are obtained) with the Municipal Property Tax information (from where identifying characteristics of the rented dwelling are obtained). The link between these two administrative tax sources is made using the "generated article" variable.

The information on house rental value of new lease agreements of family dwellings includes the Model 2 paid statements regarding the communication of lease agreements. Only the first declarations of new lease agreements of family dwellings for urban buildings, with a monthly rent period, for which the purpose is permanent housing, and the associated information from the Municipal Property Tax defined as "Housing" and building as "urban" are used.

### Median house rental value per m<sup>2</sup> of new lease agreements of family dwellings

Median house rental value per square meter of new lease agreements of dwellings for residential purposes with a gross dwelling area between 20 m<sup>2</sup> and 600 m<sup>2</sup> and with a rent value between 100 € and 4 000 €.

### New lease agreements (No.) of family dwellings

Number of new lease agreements of dwellings for residential proposes with a gross dwelling area between 20 m<sup>2</sup> and 600 m<sup>2</sup> and with a rent value between 100 € and 4 000 €.

**The results released for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021 are provisional.**

## Concepts

**Dwelling:** A separate and independent place which was built, rebuilt, enlarged or converted to be used as a private accommodation, and that is not totally occupied for other purposes during the reference period.

**Family dwelling:** Dwelling that is normally intended to accommodate only one family, on the condition that it is not being used for other purposes at the period of reference.

**Gross dwelling area:** Total surface area measured by the outer perimeter and axes of the walls or other elements separating the building or part, including private enclosed balconies, private cellars and attics with the same use as the building or fraction.

**Letting:** Type of lease contract. A lease of real estate is referred to as a letting contract, i.e. the contract under which 1 person provides another person the right to temporarily benefit of real estate in exchange for a retribution (the rent). Letting can be rural, urban or mixed, depending on the rural or urban nature of the building and its final use.

**Urban lease agreement:** Agreement by which one of the parties grants to the other the temporary use of an urban building, in whole or in part, by means of a retribution

**Municipal real estate tax:** A regular municipal tax corresponding to a percentage of the value of rural and urban estates.

**Estate:** Any fraction of territory, including waters, plantations, buildings and constructions of any kind based there permanently

**Urban building:** Building that has the following characteristics: is licensed or is intended for residential, commercial, industrial or service purposes; whether it is land for construction situated inside or outside an urban agglomeration, for which a license or authorization of a subdivision or construction operation has been granted, and also for which has been declared as such in the acquisition title, with the exception of the land for which the competent entities exclude any of those operations, namely that located in green zones, protected areas or that, according to municipal spatial planning, is affected by spaces, infrastructures or public equipment's.

**Rent:** A periodical payment that a tenant (in a lease contract) is obliged to make to a landlord.

**Housing rent:** Quantitative due monthly to the landlord for the use of dwelling for residential purposes.

**Dwelling rent:** See HOUSING RENT.

### Indicators available at Statistics Portugal Official Website

The quarterly results for the period between the first quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021 are available at [www.ine.pt](http://www.ine.pt), in Products, Statistical data, Database.

#### Indicators with quarterly periodicity (1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2021):

[Median house rental value per m2 of new lease agreements of dwellings \(€\) by Geographic localization \(NUTS III\); Quarterly](#)

[New lease agreements of dwellings \(No.\) by Geographic localization \(NUTS III\); Quarterly](#)

[Median house rental value per m2 of new lease agreements of dwellings \(€\) by Geographic localization \(Municipalities with more than 100 000 inhabitants\); Quarterly](#)

[New lease agreements of dwellings \(No.\) by Geographic localization \(Municipalities with more than 100 000 inhabitants\); Quarterly](#)

[Methodological document of House rental statistics at local level](#)