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VITAL STATISTICS – Monthly data

February 2025

DEATHS, LIVE BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

MORTALITY INCREASED 5.0% IN RELATION TO THE SAME MONTH OF 2024

In February 2025, there were 10,048 deaths, 2,196 less (-17.9%) than in the previous month. Compared to the same month of 2024, there was an increase of 482 deaths (+5.0%). The number of deaths of children under 1 year of age was 22 (20 in the same month of 2024).

In January 2025, 7,042 live births were registered, 30 more (+0.4%) compared to December 2024 and 83 less (-1.2%) compared to the same month of 2024.

In January 2025, the natural balance was -5,183¹, improving in relation to the same month of 2024, when it reached -6,346.

In January 2025, 1,709 marriages were celebrated, 535 less (-23.8%) than in December 2024 and 175 more (+11.4%) than in January 2024.

In this press release, Statistics Portugal provides **preliminary data** on the number of deaths per month until February 2025², and the number of live births and marriages per month until January 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 March 7th, 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 9th week of 2025, and daily deaths, by NUTS 2 breakdown, until March 2nd, 2025, is assured.



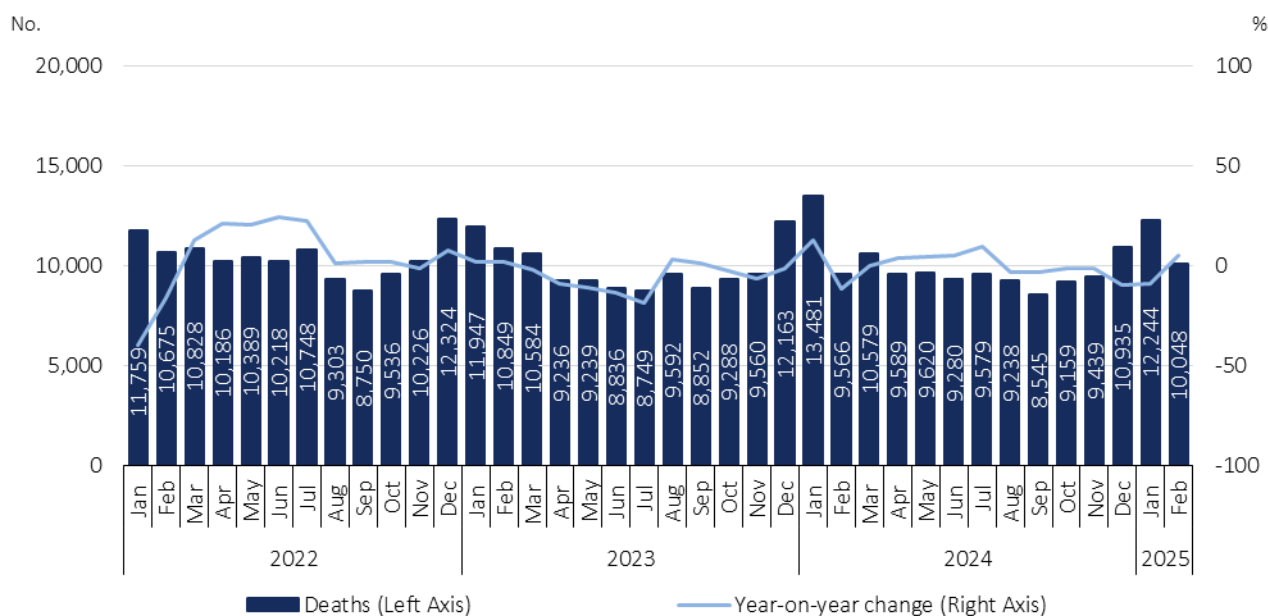
In February 2025, the number of deaths increased 5.0% compared to the same month of 2024

In February 2025, there were 10,048 deaths (of which 28 were from residents abroad), 2,196 less (-17.9%) than in the previous month. Compared to the same month of 2024, there was an increase of 482 deaths (+5.0%).

That month, the number of deaths of children under 1 year old was 22 (of which one was born to a mother residing abroad), nine more than in the previous month and two more compared with the same month of 2024.

In the first two months of the year, there were 22,292 deaths in the national territory (755 less than in the same period of 2024), of which 35 were deaths of children under 1 year of age (42 in 2024).

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

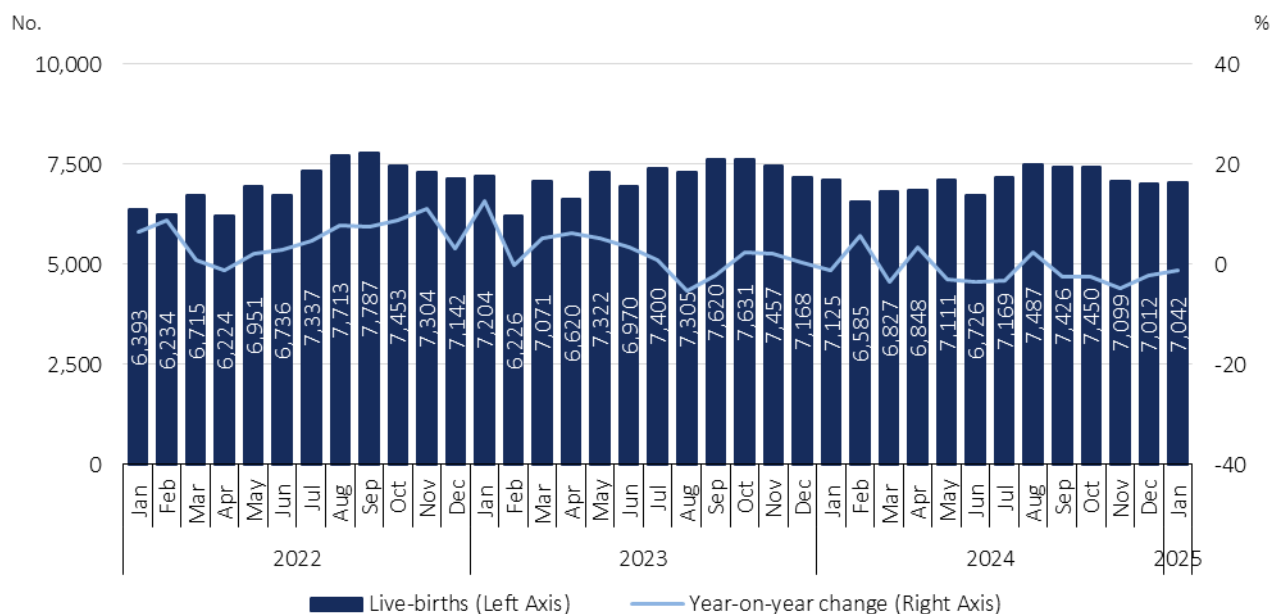


Source: Statistics Portugal, Deaths.

In January 2025, the number of live births decreased 1.2% compared to January 2024

In January 2025, there were 7,042 live births (of which 25 were born to mothers residing abroad), corresponding to an increase of 0.4% (30 more) compared to December 2024 and to a decrease of 1.2% (83 less) compared to the same month of 2024.

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



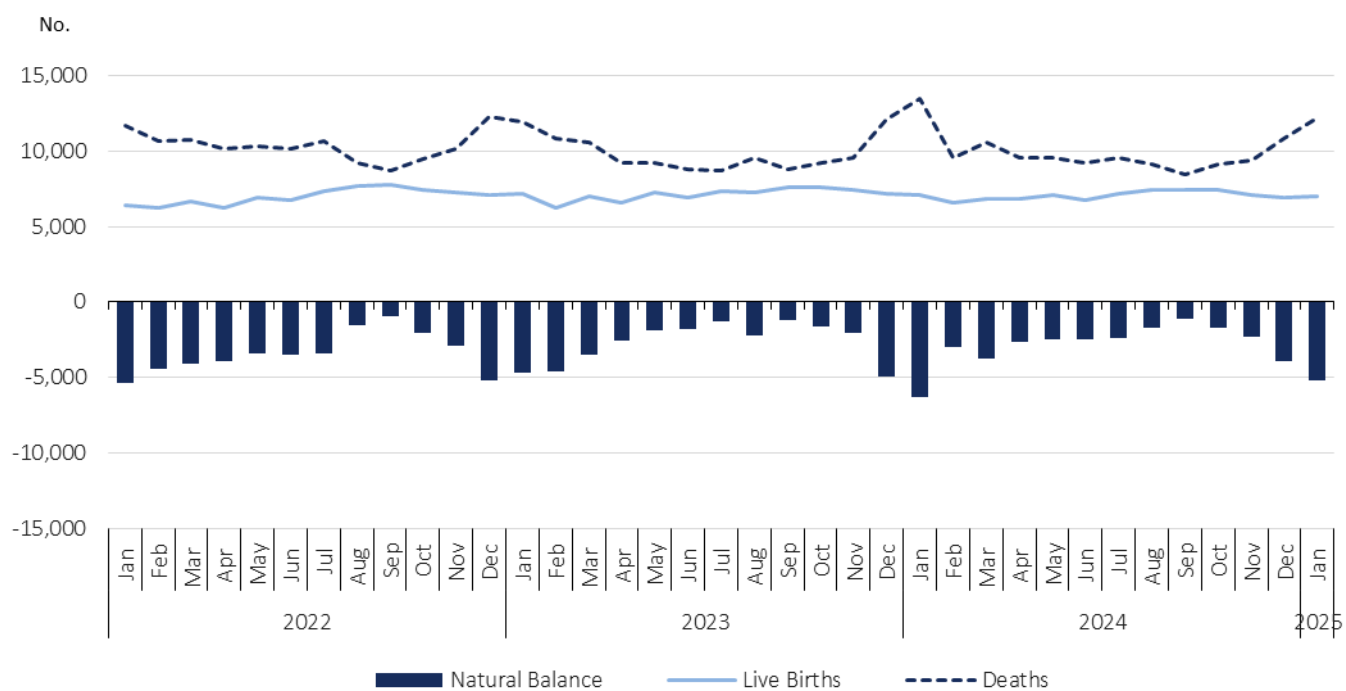
Source: Statistics Portugal, Live births.



Natural balance of -5,183 in January 2025

In January 2025, the natural balance registered the value of -5,183, worsening compared to the figure of December 2024 (-3,891), but improving compared to that of the same month of 2024 (-6,346).

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



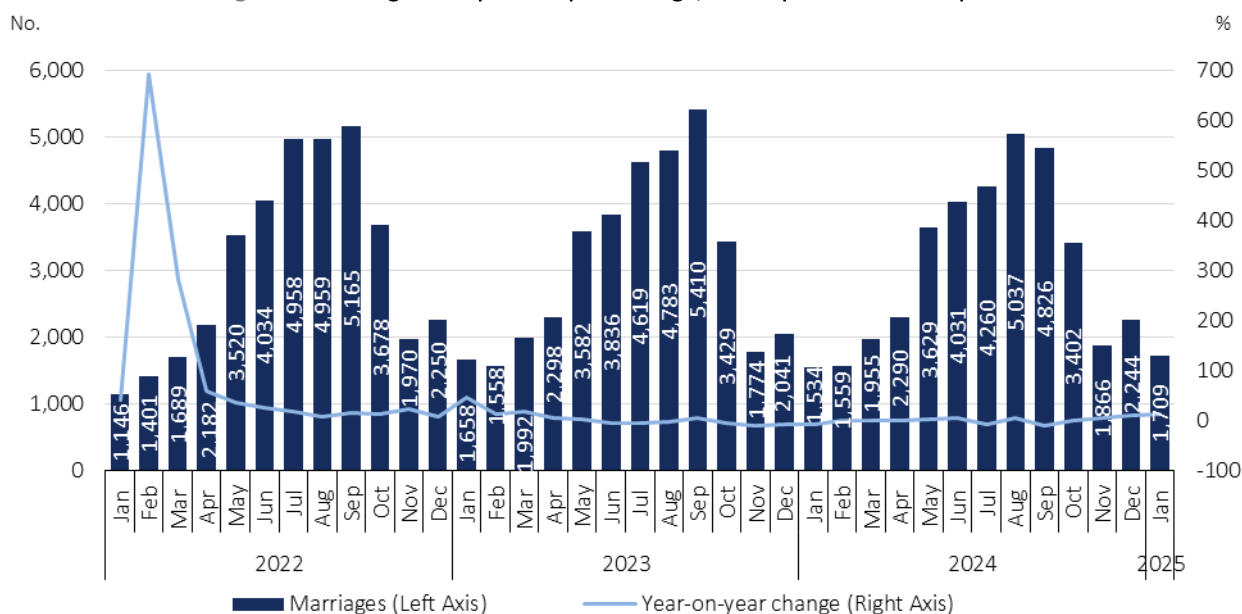
Source: Statistics Portugal, Live births, Deaths, and Demographic indicators.

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 January 2025, the number of celebrated marriages increased 11.4% compared to January 2024

In January 2025, 1,709 marriages were celebrated, lower than the number registered in December 2024 (535 less; -23.8%), but higher than that registered in January 2024 (175 more; +11.4%).

Figure 4. Marriages and year-on-year change, January 2022 to January 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 March 7th, 2025. Indicators on the preliminary monthly number of live births, deaths, and marriages, from January 2024 to January 2025, with geographical breakdowns up to NUTS 3, by NUTS 2013 and NUTS 2024, as well as weekly number of deaths, until the 9th week 2025, by NUTS 3 and daily number of deaths, until March 2nd, 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.

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