

1981 Census of population

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First results for Portugal

Although not yet a member of the European Community, Portugal has adopted its census timetable and programme to accord with the Community Directive on synchronised censuses of population in 1981. A general census of population took place in that country on 16 March 1981 and provisional results were issued in July 1981. The regional distribution of the population is shown in the table below.

Population by district at 1970 and 1981 censuses and percentage change

District	Total persons on 15.12.1970	Total persons on 16.3.1981	Percentage change in period (%)
Total: Continental Portugal, Azores and Madeira	8 629 338	9 784 201	13,4
Continental Portugal	8 088 976	9 279 377	14,7
Aveiro	542 797	619 652	14,2
Beja	202 447	185 815	- 8,2
Braga	611 854	701 295	14,6
Bragança	177 945	183 123	2,9
Castelo Branco	252 241	235 862	- 6,5
Coimbra	402 208	433 498	7,8
Evora	175 284	179 543	2,4
Faro	267 122	317 091	18,7
Guarda	210 373	205 103	- 2,5
Leiria	378 848	430 566	13,7
Lisboa	1 592 463	2 061 627	29,5
Portalegre	145 077	140 722	- 3,0
Porto	1 306 352	1 555 590	19,1
Santarém	432 466	455 353	5,3
Setúbal	465 432	637 598	37,0
Viano do Castelo	250 758	253 439	1,1
Vila Real	264 803	262 734	- 0,8
Viseu	410 506	420 766	2,5
Azores	289 602	248 042	- 14,4
Madeira	250 760	256 782	2,4
City of Lisbon	775 565	812 385	4,7
City of Oporto	309 494	329 104	6,3