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Message from the Mayor

Knowledge is a central tool for building a fairer, more efficient, and better-prepared city. The technical report Porto Economic Bulletin is therefore positioned as one instrument for all those who reflect, live in, and shape the city. By providing accessible data visualisation from official and reliable sources, this bulletin compiles a diverse set of indicators covering structural economic and social dimensions of Porto, enabling integrated analysis and supporting decision-making processes based on solid evidence.

The year 2024 brought clear signs of dynamism and transformation to the local economy. Despite global challenges, Porto has continued to demonstrate its resilience and adaptability, reflecting a trajectory of sustained growth and an increasing capacity to attract talent and investment. Within the Metropolitan Area and the Northwestern Iberian Peninsula, Porto stands out as a robust economic center, with a growing and skilled labor market, a vibrant business ecosystem, and several sectors reaching new historic highs. At the same time, trends have emerged that require attention, analysis, and coordinated action from both local and national authorities — particularly in the areas of housing, investment, and sustainability.

Porto Economic Bulletin is, above all, a publicly accessible document, aligned with the fundamental principles of transparency and dialogue that should govern the relationship between public institutions and the community. The availability of reliable, relevant, and accessible public data is essential for defining public policies and ensuring accountability. It also serves as a valuable resource for the development strategies of various economic sectors and for citizens' understanding of their city.

A city that knows itself — and its people — is always better prepared to define its own path.

Rui Moreira

Porto, June 16th 2025



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Demography

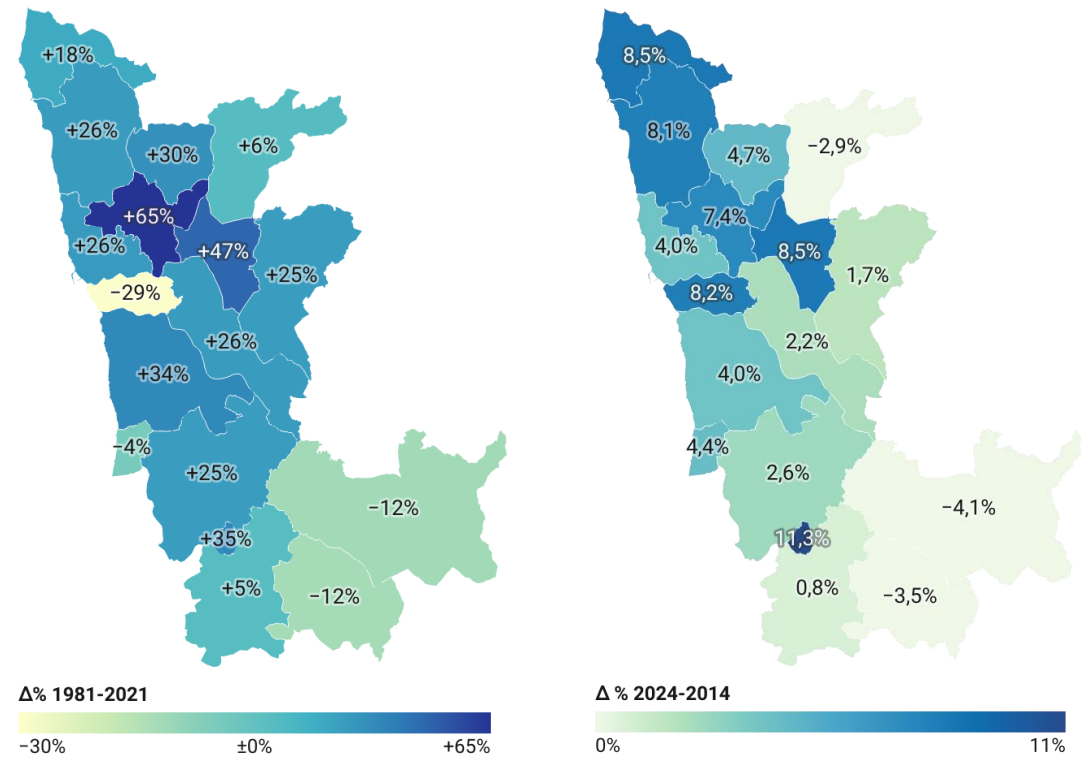


Demography

Resident population

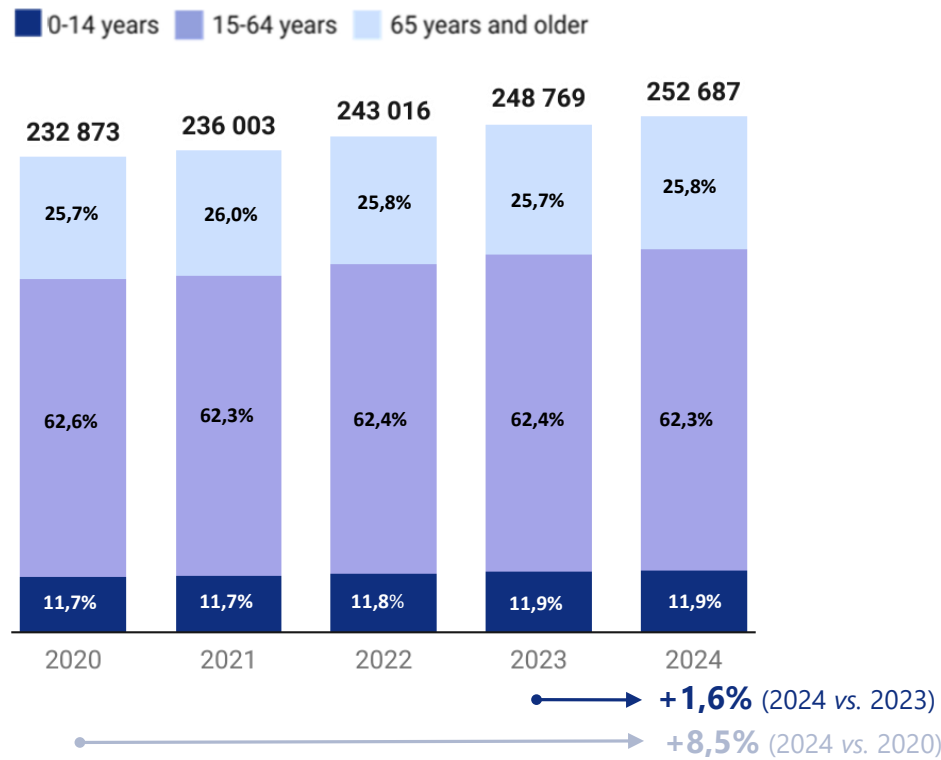
Population in Porto Metro Area

Percentage variation in last 40 years (left)* and in last 10 years (right)**



Estimates of the resident population – Porto

Total number according to post-census estimates**



Note(s): *Variation based on Census data from the last 40 years. ** Post-census estimates of the resident population, revised by the INE based on the definitive results of the 2021 Census.

Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.

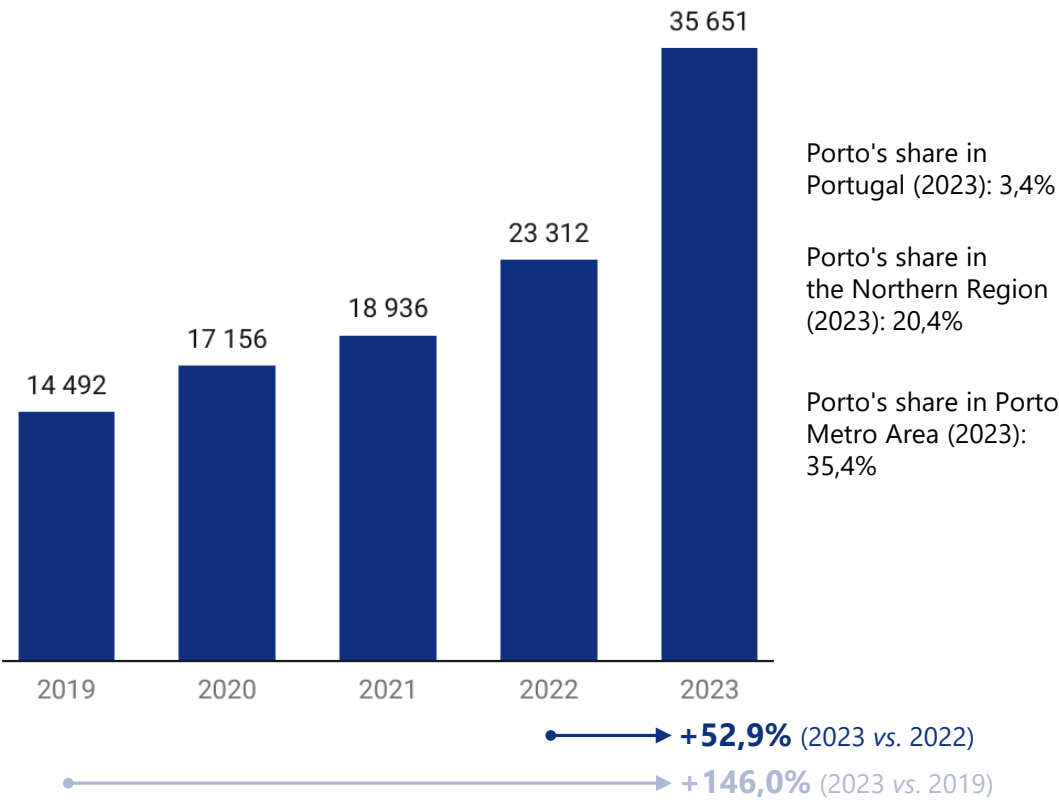


Demography

Resident population

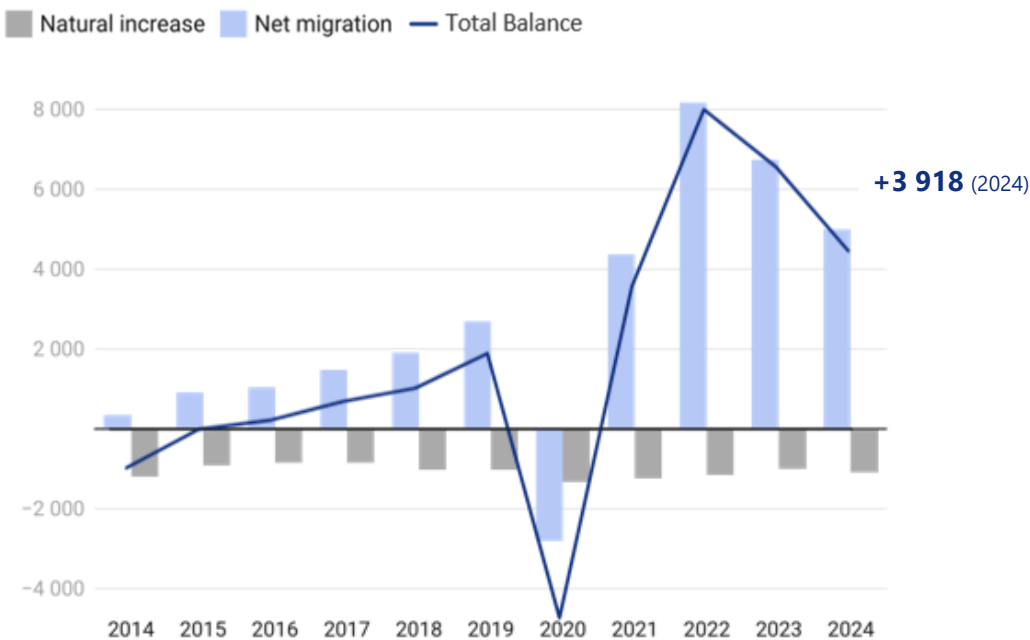
Foreign resident population

Total number*



Population balance

Natural increase, net migration e total balance**



Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *Foreign population with legal status of residence. **Difference between the number of births and deaths (natural increase), difference between the number of immigrants and emigrants (net migration) and sum of the natural increase and net migration (total balance).

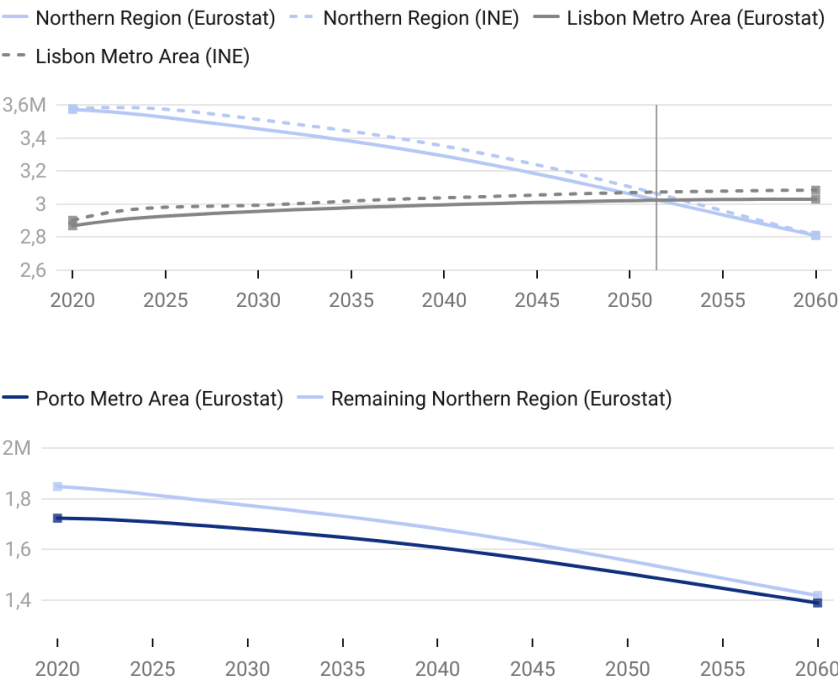


Demography

Resident population

Resident population projections (2020-2060)

Number of residents

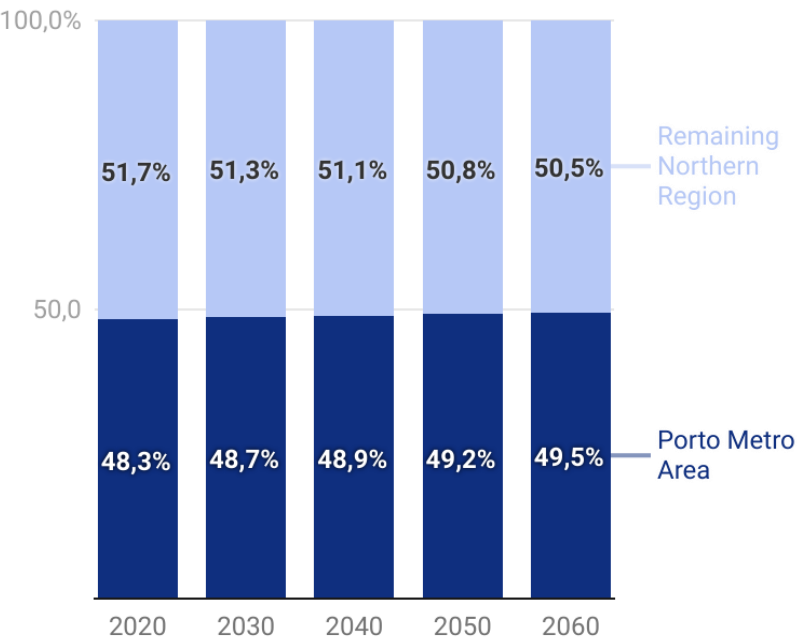


-21,4%
(2060 vs. 2020)

-19,4%
(2060 vs. 2020)

Projected population distribution in Northern Portugal

In % of resident population



Note(s): Analysis based on Eurostat projections for the resident population by NUTS 3 region (2019-2100) and on the central scenario projections of the INE for the resident population by NUTS 2 region (2018-2080).

Source(s): Eurostat and INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.

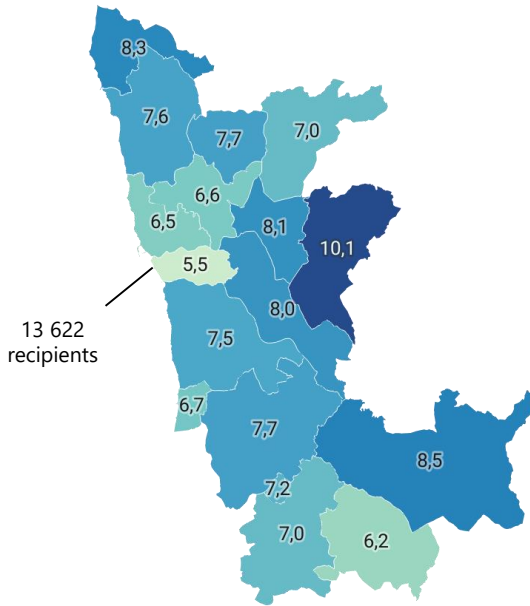


Demography

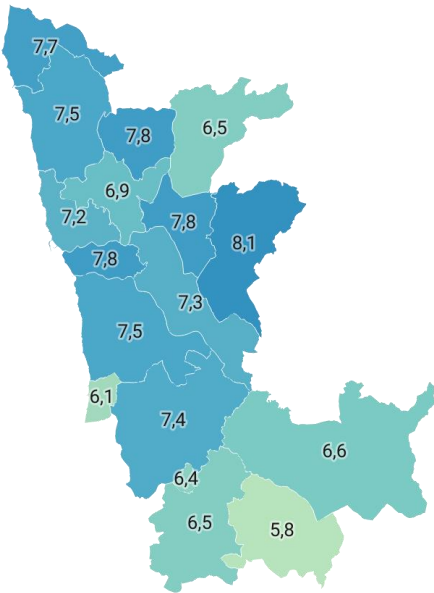
Social support

Recipients of family allowance and crude birth rate – Porto Metro Area

In % of resident population (left) and *per 1,000 residents* (right), 2023



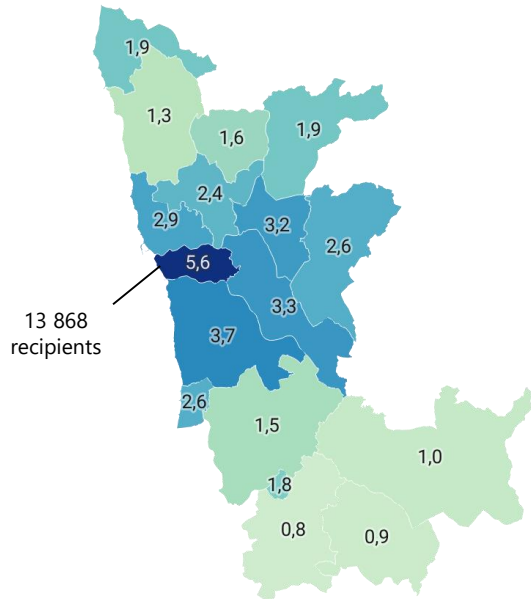
Porto's share in Portugal (2023): 1,7%
Porto's share in the Northern Region (2023): 4,9%



Crude birth rate in Portugal (2023): 8,1‰
Crude birth rate in the Northern Region (2023): 7,2‰

Beneficiaries of the SII* - Porto Metro Area

In % of resident population, 2023



Porto's share in Portugal (2023): 5,8%
Porto's share in the Northern Region (2023): 16,1%

Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *SII (RSI - Social Integration Income), Portuguese social security.

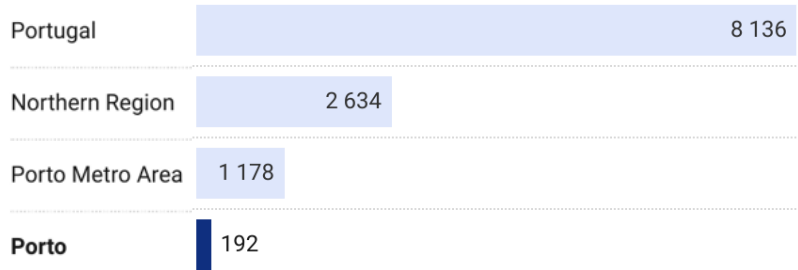


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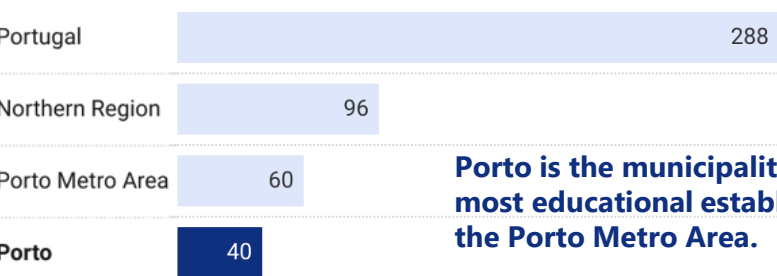
Talent



Number of non-tertiary educational institutions*
Academic year 2022/2023

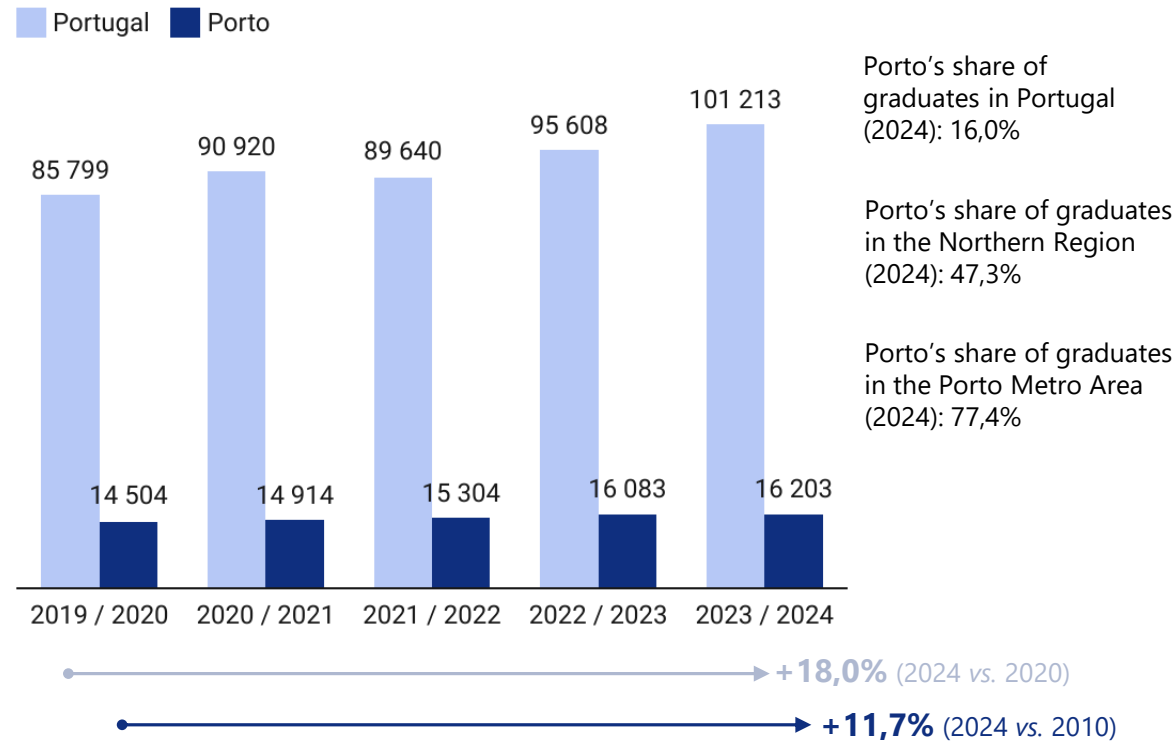


Number of tertiary educational institutions
Academic year 2023/2024



Porto is the municipality with the most educational establishments in the Porto Metro Area.

Graduates from tertiary education
Total number of graduates** per academic year



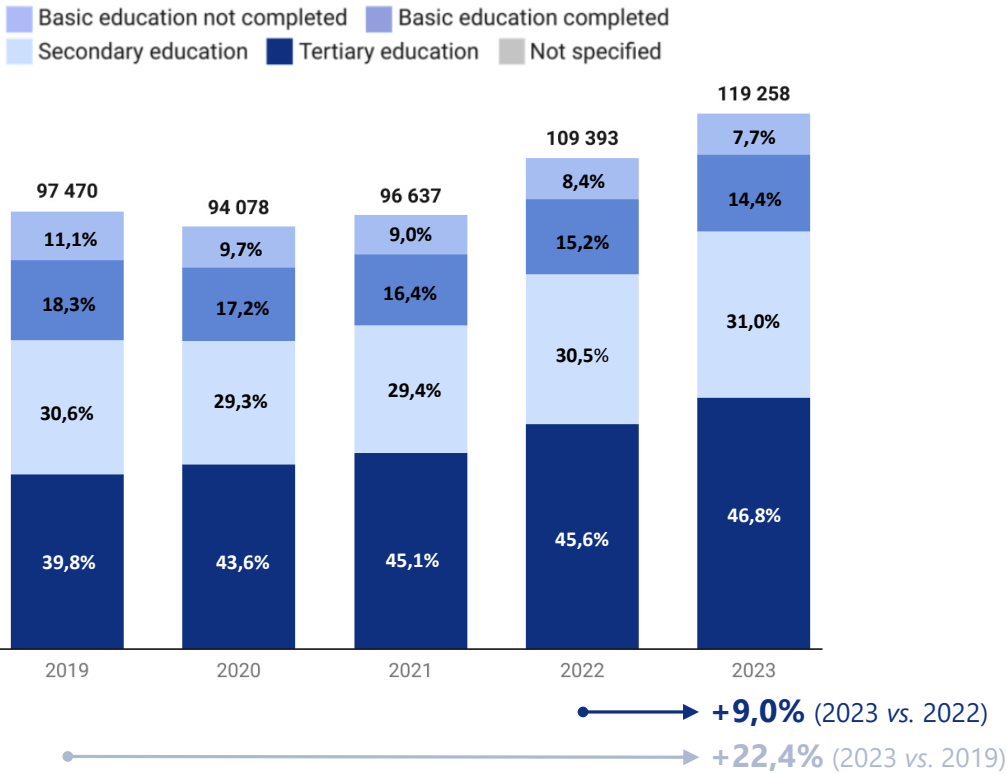
Source(s): INE and DGEEC. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): Note(s): *Preschool, primary, and secondary education. **Students who successfully completed the level/course they were enrolled in.



Talent Labour Market

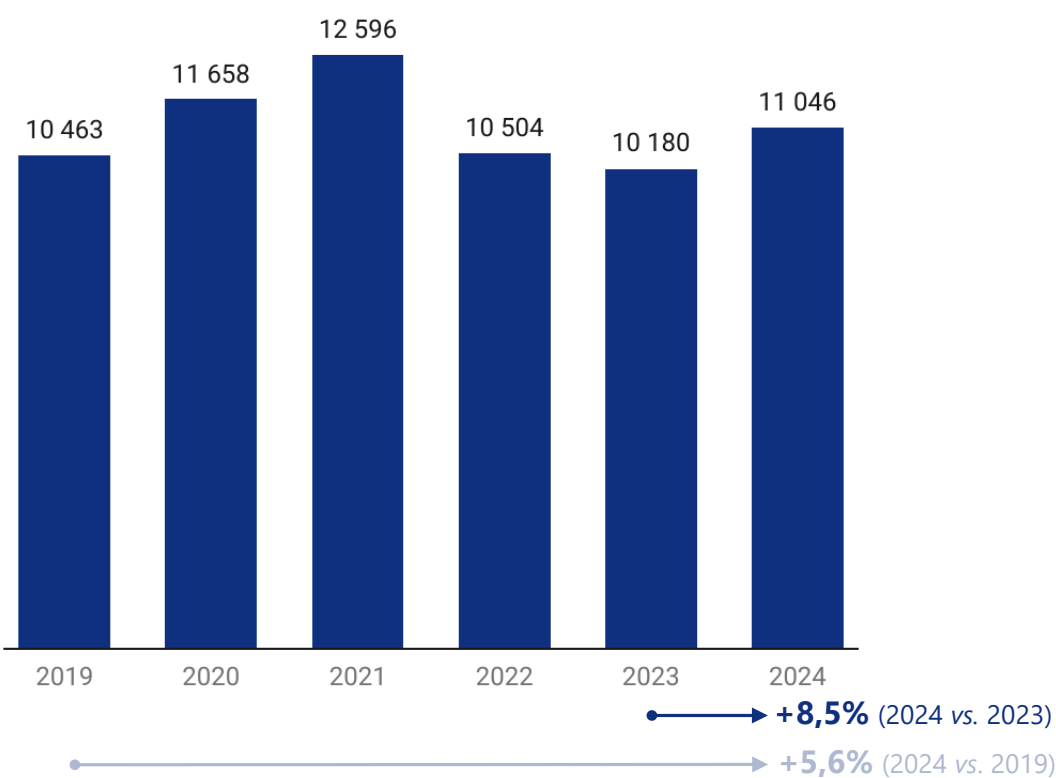
Employed population by education level

Number of employees*



Registered unemployment

Number of registered unemployed*, annual average

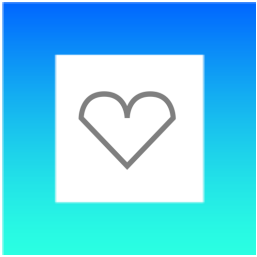


Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *The data for Porto and the Porto Metropolitan Area only refer to full-time and fully-paid employees. The category "Tertiary education" includes the employed population with a higher professional technical degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctoral degree. **Number of unemployed individuals registered in IEFP (employment centers).



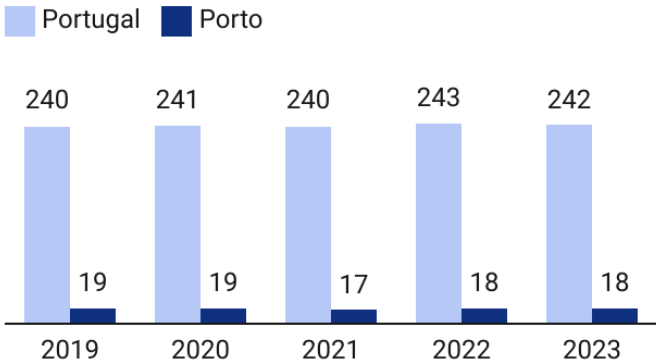
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Health



Health Capacity

Total number of hospitals*

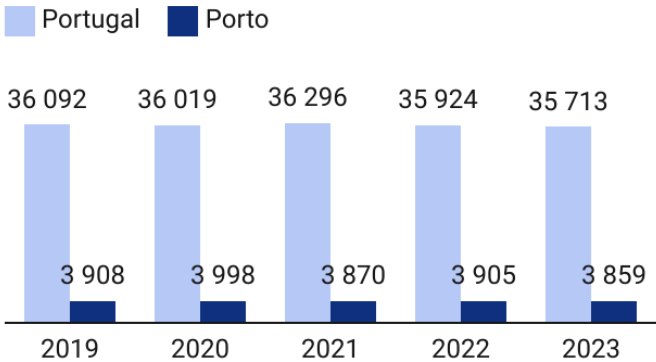


Porto's share of hospitals in Portugal (2023): 7,4%

Porto's share of hospitals in the Northern Region (2023): 22,0%

Porto's share of hospitals in the Porto Metro Area (2023): 40,0%

Total number of beds in hospitals*

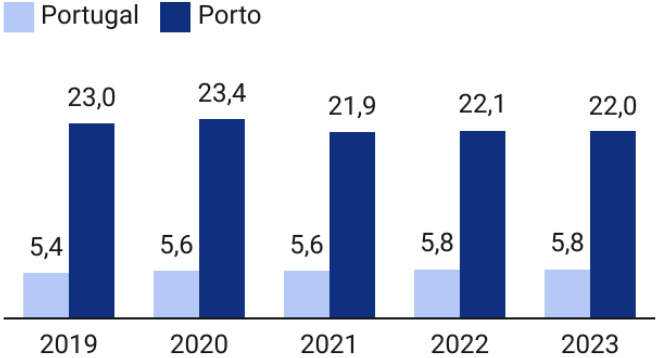


Porto's share of hospital beds in Portugal (2023): 10,8%

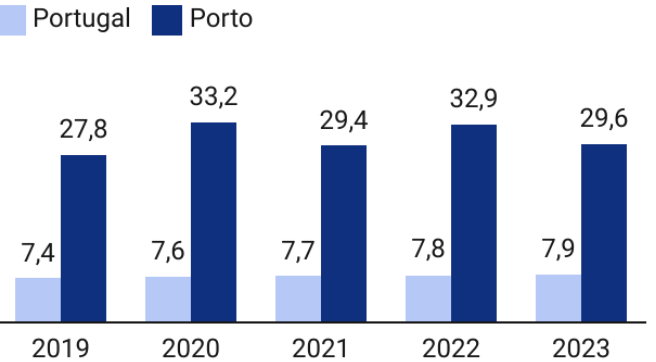
Porto's share of hospital beds in the Northern Region (2023): 31,7%

Porto's share of hospital beds in the Porto Metro Area (2023): 54,8%

Number of medical doctors *per 1,000* inhabitants*



Number of nurses *per 1,000* inhabitants*



Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
*Data includes supply in hospitals from the public (SNS) and private sectors.



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Macroeconomy

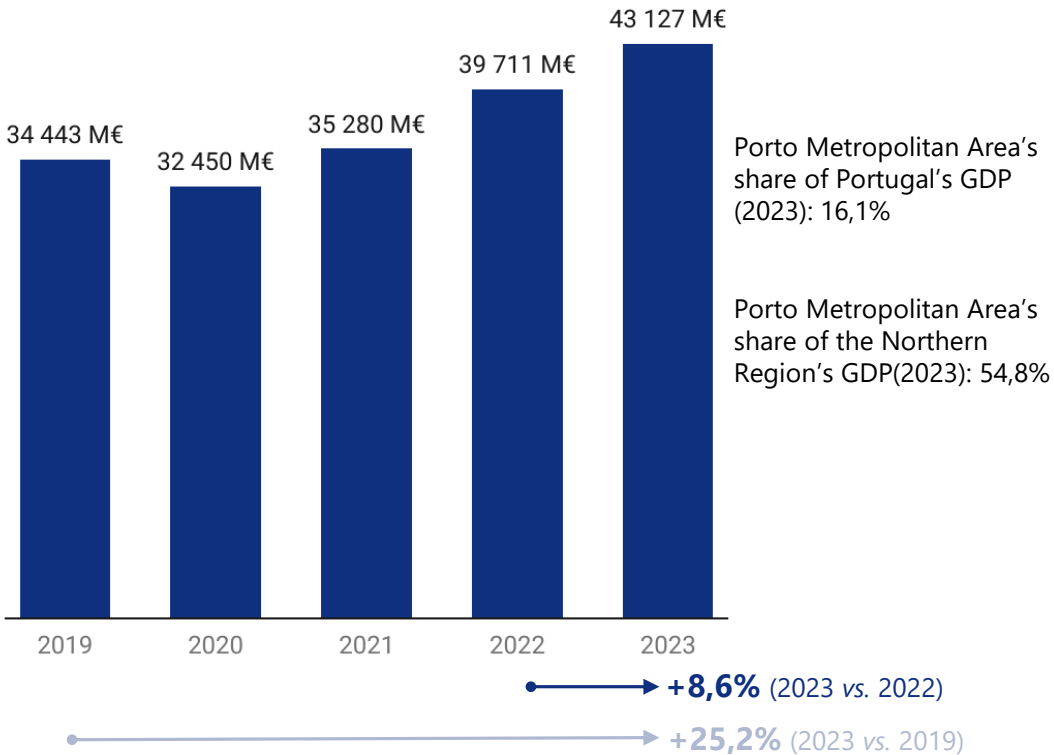


Macroeconomy

Gross Domestic Product

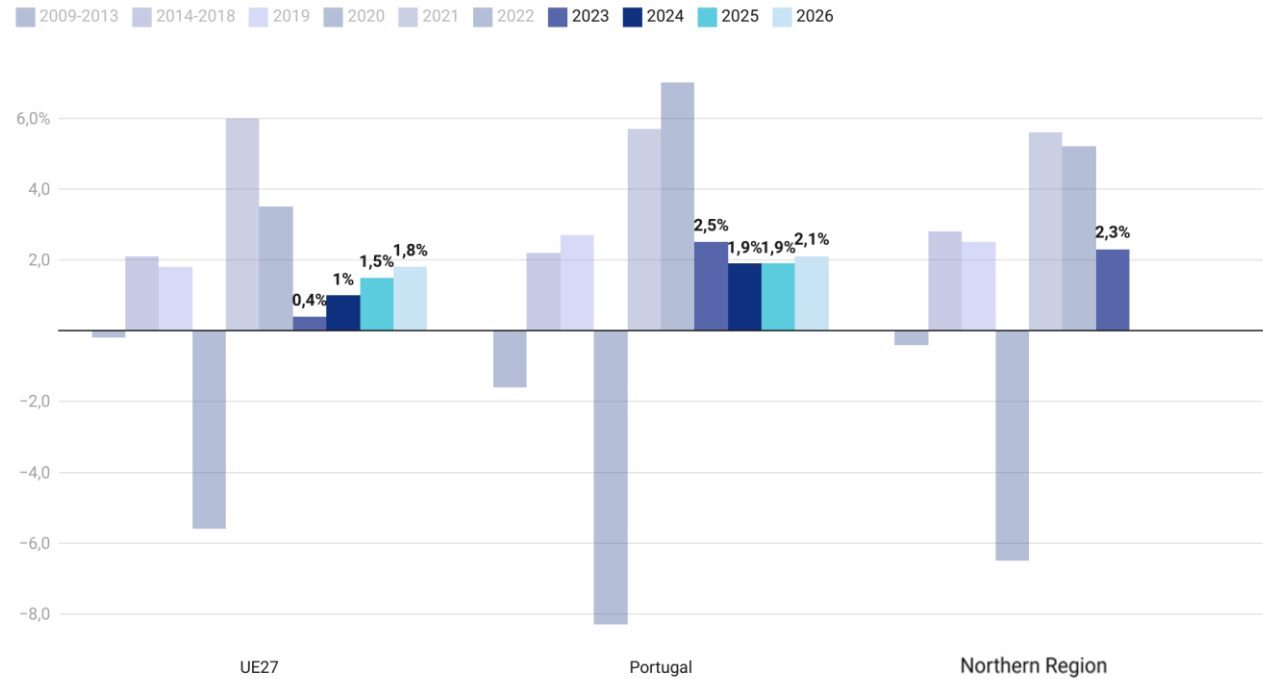
Nominal GDP – Porto Metro Area

In millions of euros, at current prices



Real GDP growth

Annual growth rate (%)



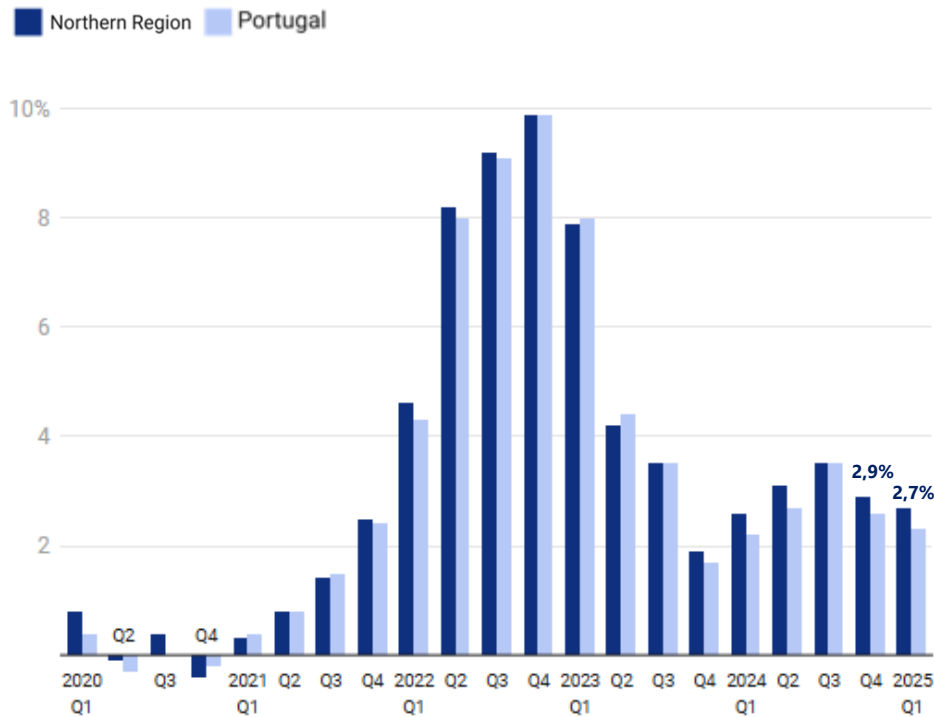


Macroeconomy

Inflation

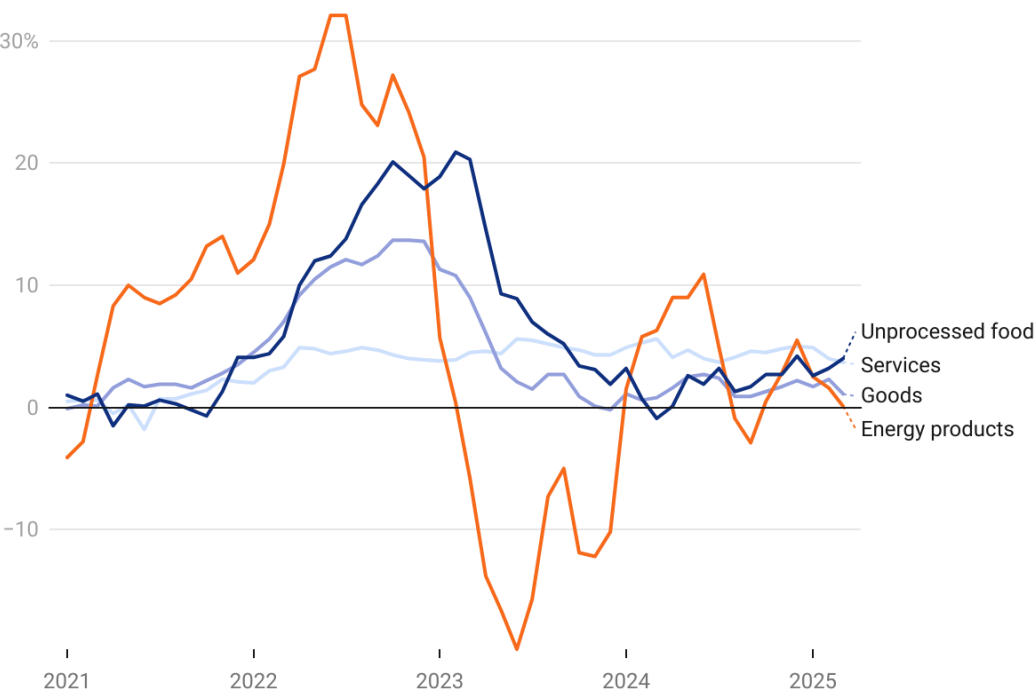
Inflation Rate measured by the CPI*

CPI* year-on-year rate of change, quarterly average (%)



Inflation Rate by Aggregates, CPI – Northern Region

CPI year-on-year rate of change, monthly (%)



Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *Consumer Price Index (CPI).



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Consumption



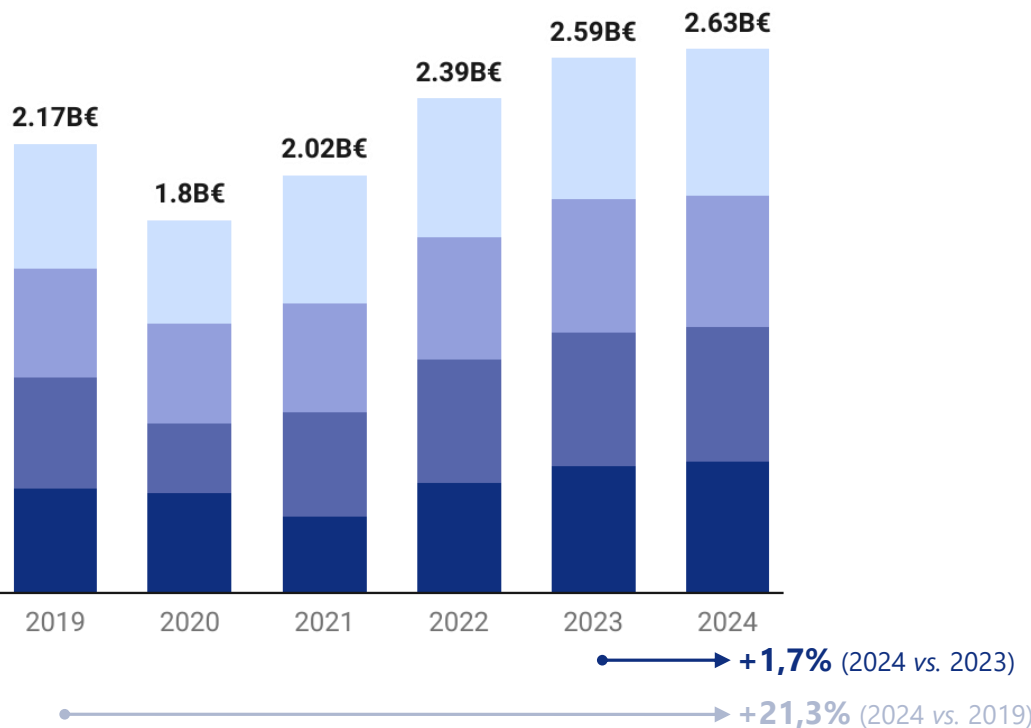
Consumption

ATM network transactions

ATM transactions with portuguese cards – Porto

Total value* per year and quarter, in millions of euros

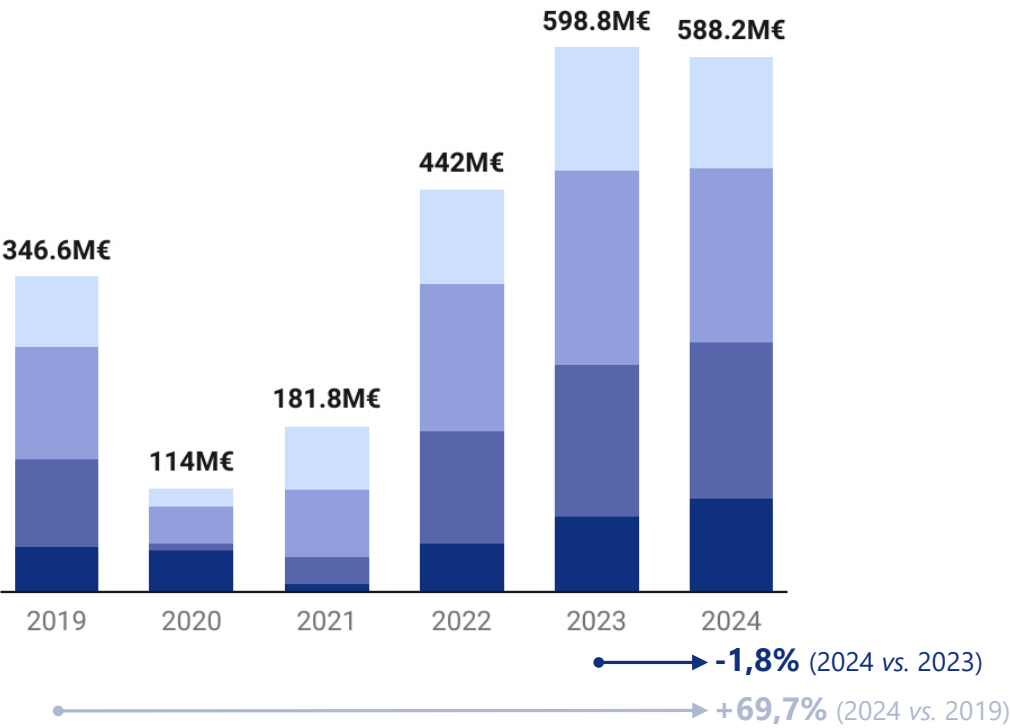
■ Q1 ■ Q2 ■ Q3 ■ Q4



ATM transactions with foreign cards – Porto

Total value* per year and quarter, in millions of euros

■ Q1 ■ Q2 ■ Q3 ■ Q4



Source(s): SIBS Analytics. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *Value of cash and electronic payment transactions carried out in the ATM network (MB).



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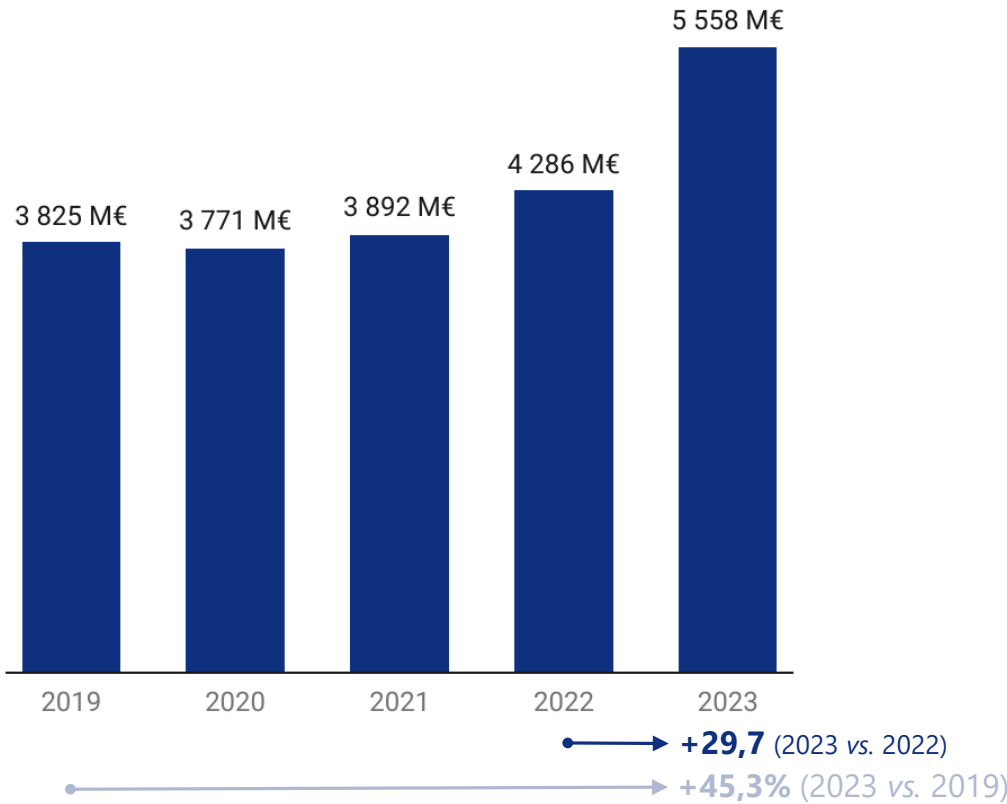
Business Environment



Business Environment Investments

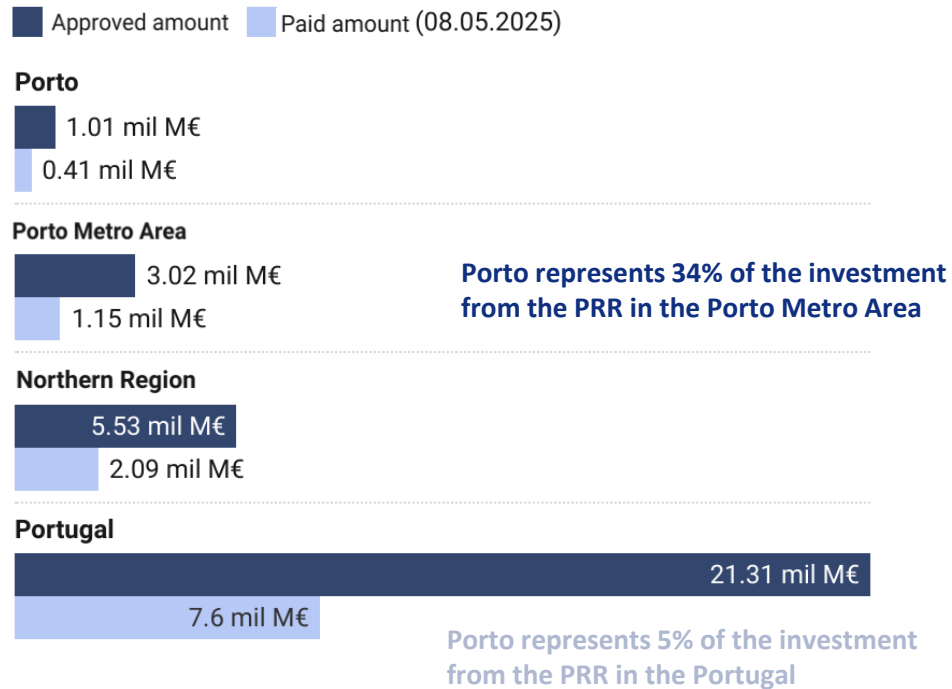
Investment of companies – Porto Metro Area

FBCF* of companies** per year, in million of euros



Investment financed by European funds from the PRR***

Total amount to be applied between 2021-2026, in euros



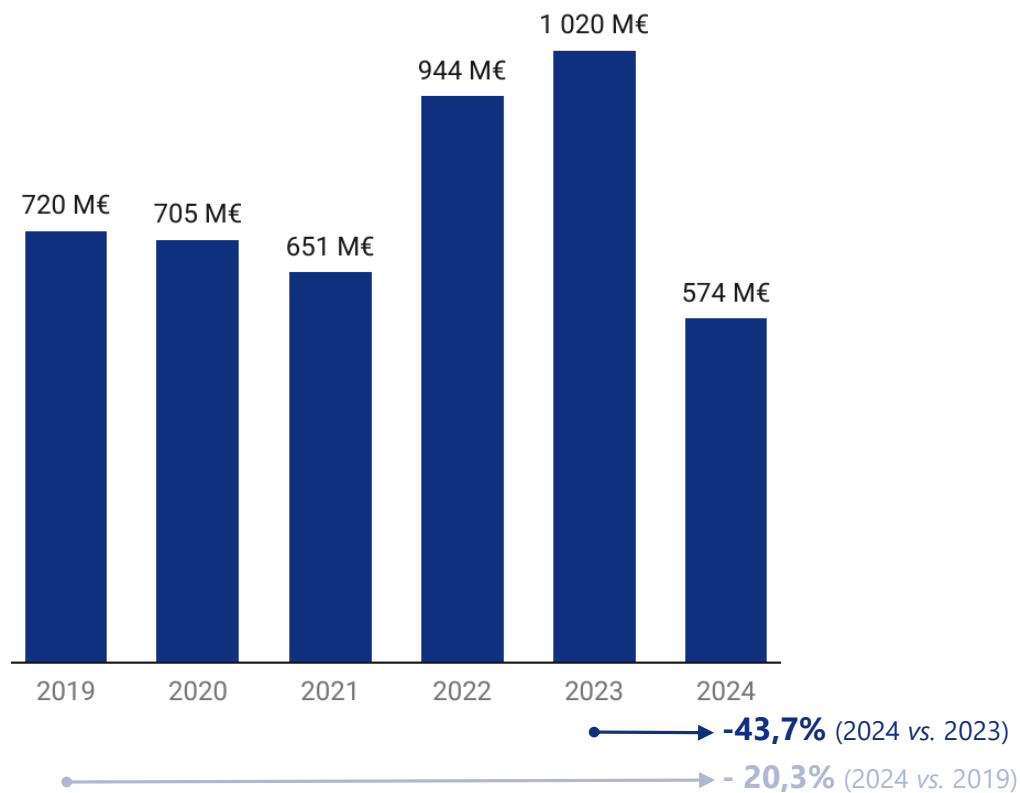
Source(s): INE, AMA (Portal Mais Transparência), AD&C and EMRP. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *Gross fixed capital formation (FBCF). **Non-financial companies classified in sections A to S of CAE Rev.3, with the exception of Financial and Insurance Activities (Section K) and Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security (Section O). ***European Funds from the PRR (Recovery and Resilience Plan - Recover Portugal 2021-2026).



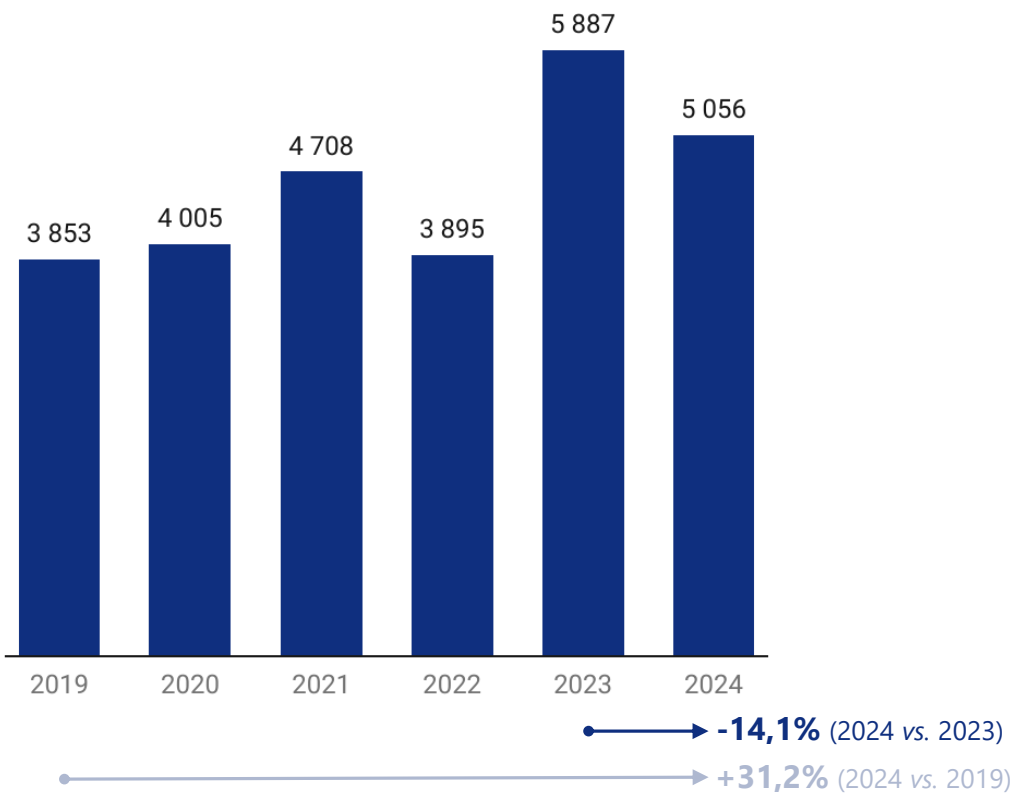
Business Environment

Foreign Direct Investment

Investment from FDI projects – Porto Metro Area
Greenfield Projects, in millions of euros



Employment created by FDI projects – Porto Metro Area
Number of new jobs announced *per year*



Source(s): Bureau van Dijk (Orbis Crossborder Investment). GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): FDI projects announced in Porto (new operations, expansions, relocations, or co-locations). Excludes international mergers and acquisitions (cross-border M&A) or other types of investment.

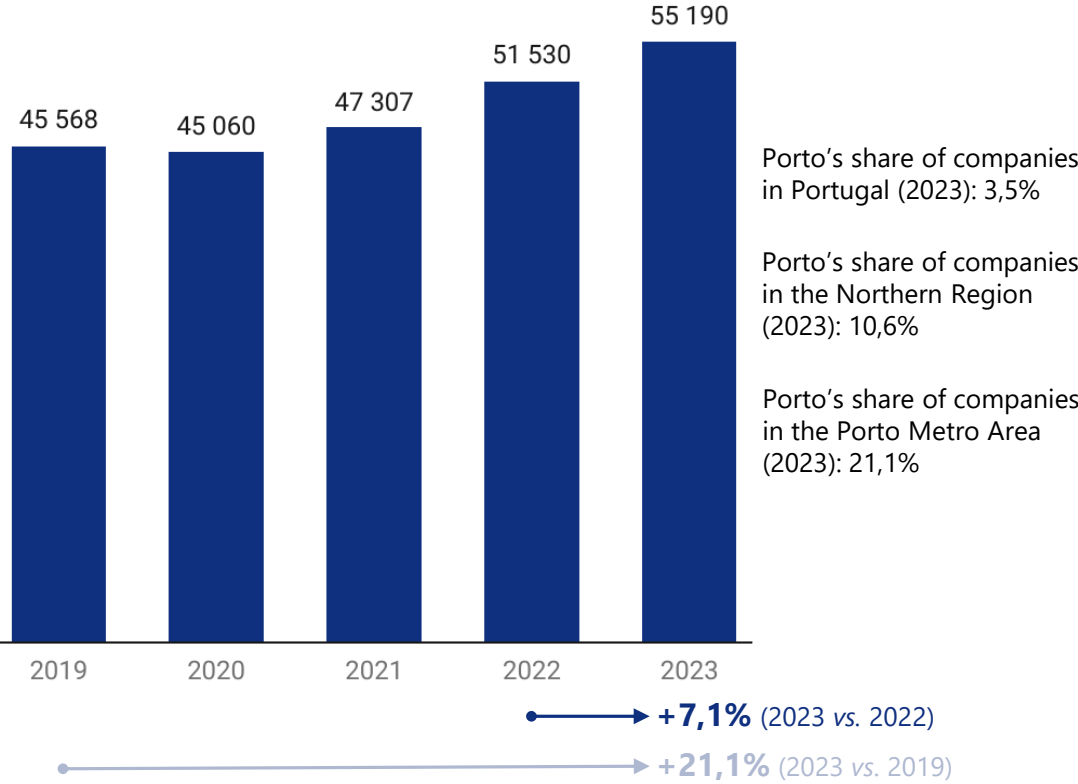


Business Environment

Business dynamics

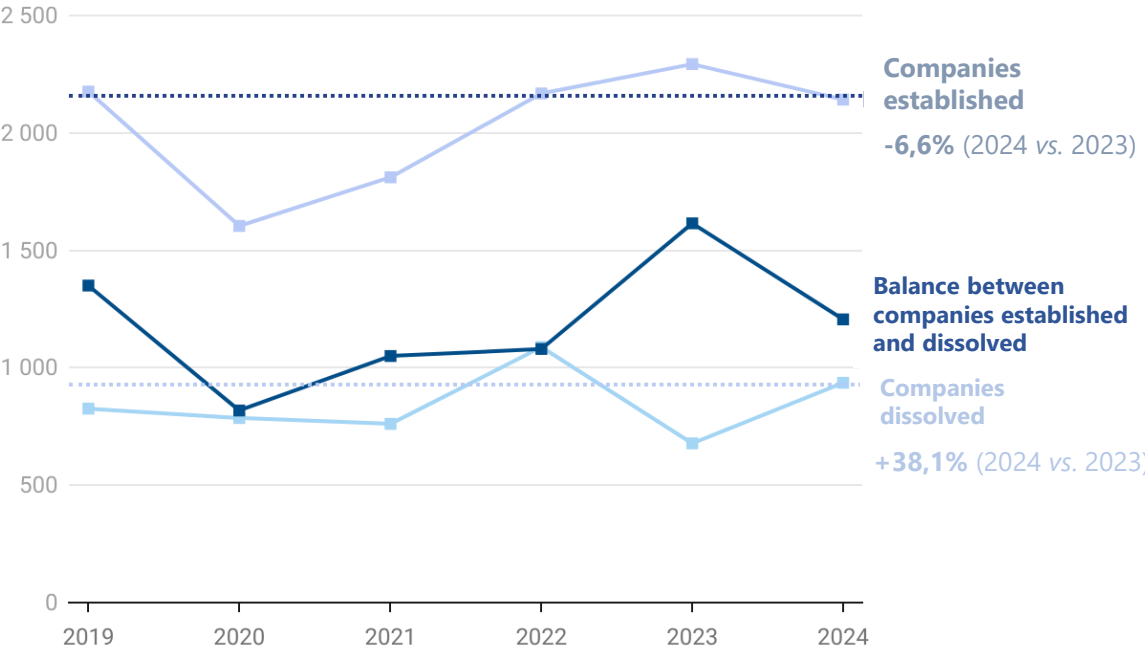
Number of companies*

Total *per year*



Incorporation and dissolution of companies

Number of companies established, dissolved, and net total *per year*



Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): * Establishments of non-financial companies classified in sections A to S of CAE Rev.3, excluding Financial and Insurance Activities (Section K) and Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security (Section O).



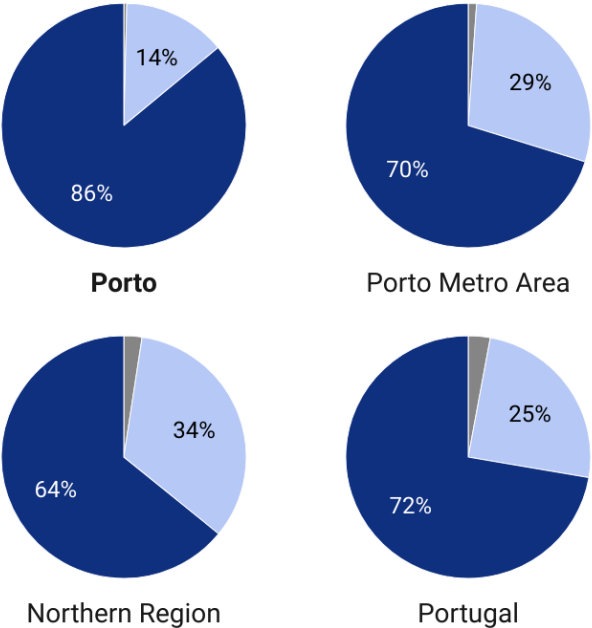
Business Environment

Productive specialisation

Employed population by sector

% of employed population according to Census, 2021

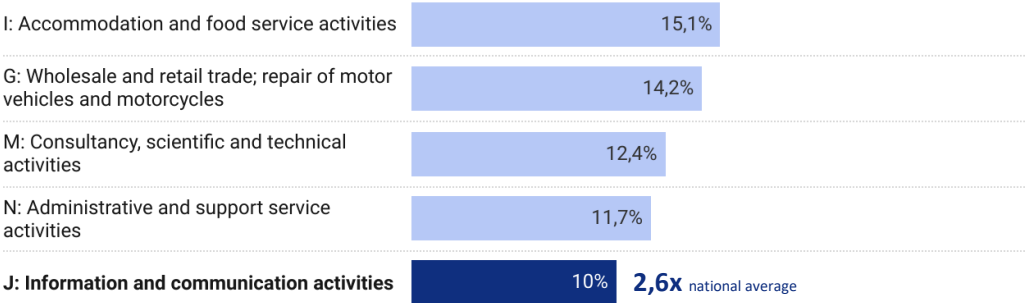
■ Primary sector ■ Secondary sector ■ Tertiary sector



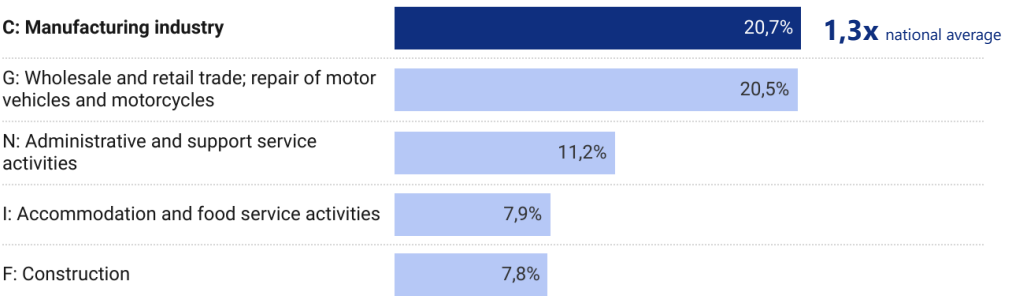
Economic activities with the greatest weight in employment

% of staff employed by companies*, 2023

Porto



A.M. Porto



Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *Employment measured by persons employed in establishments of non-financial companies classified in sections A to S of CAE Rev.3, excluding Financial and Insurance Activities (Section K) and Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security (Section O).

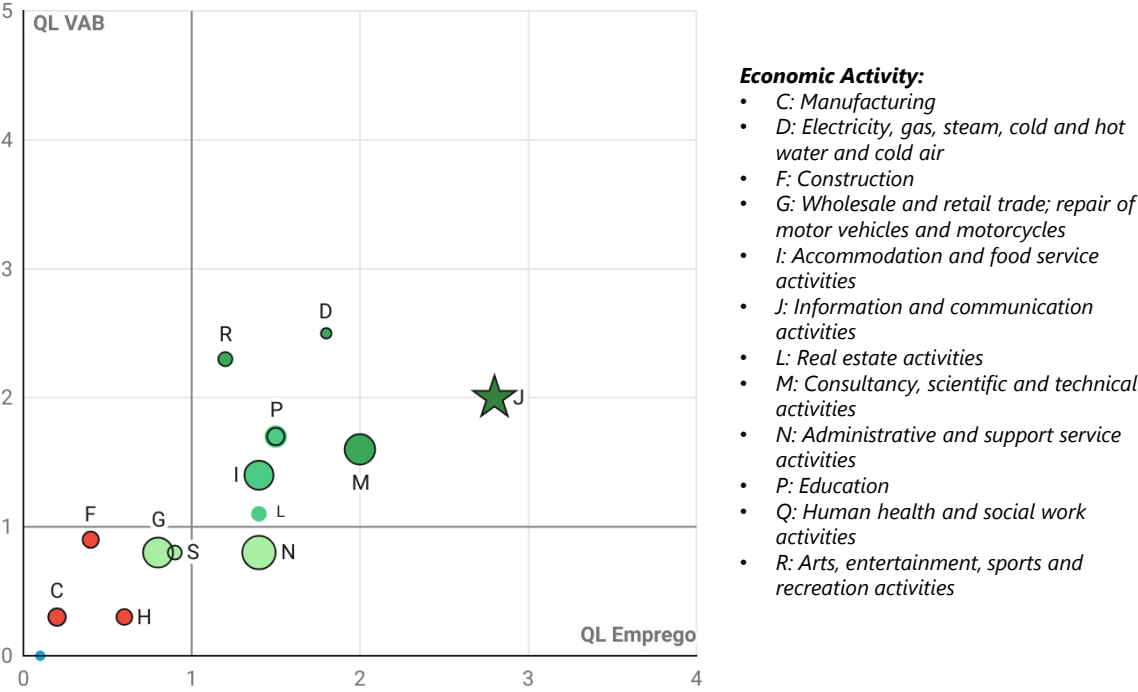


Business Environment

Productive specialisation

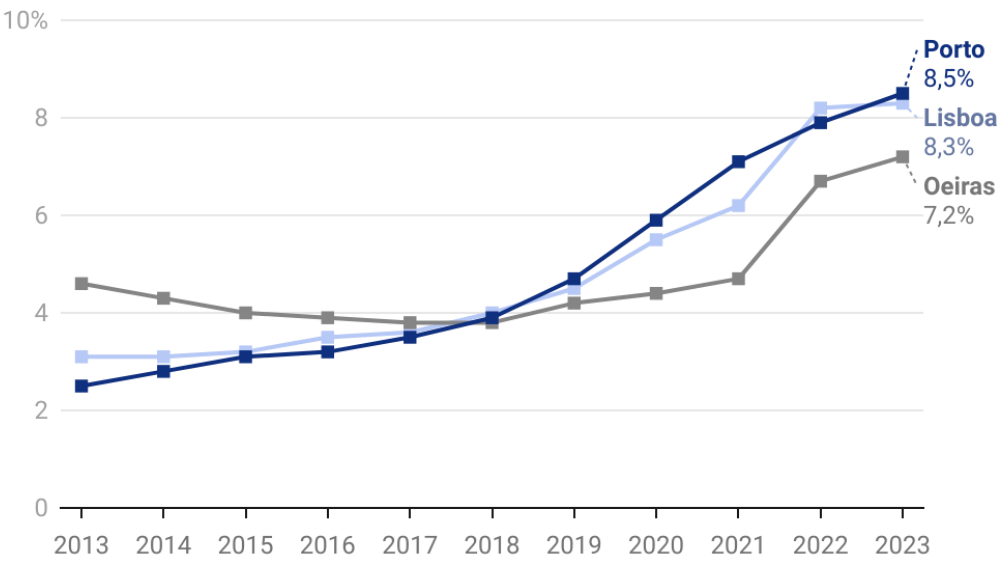
Specialisation of GVA and employment: Porto vs. Portugal

Location Quotients (LQs)* by economic activity, 2023



Weight of Employment of IT Services Companies

National top 3, as % of employees in enterprises**



Note(s): *Location Quotients (LQ, base = Portugal) of Gross Value Added (GVA) and Employment (measured by personnel in non-financial companies classified under sections A to S of the CAE Rev.3, excluding Financial and Insurance Activities (Section K) and Public Administration and Mandatory Social Security (Section O)) in Portugal.** Weight of consulting and computer programming-related companies (CAE 62) in the personnel of establishments in each municipality.

Source(s): INE, GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.



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Tourism and Infrastructure



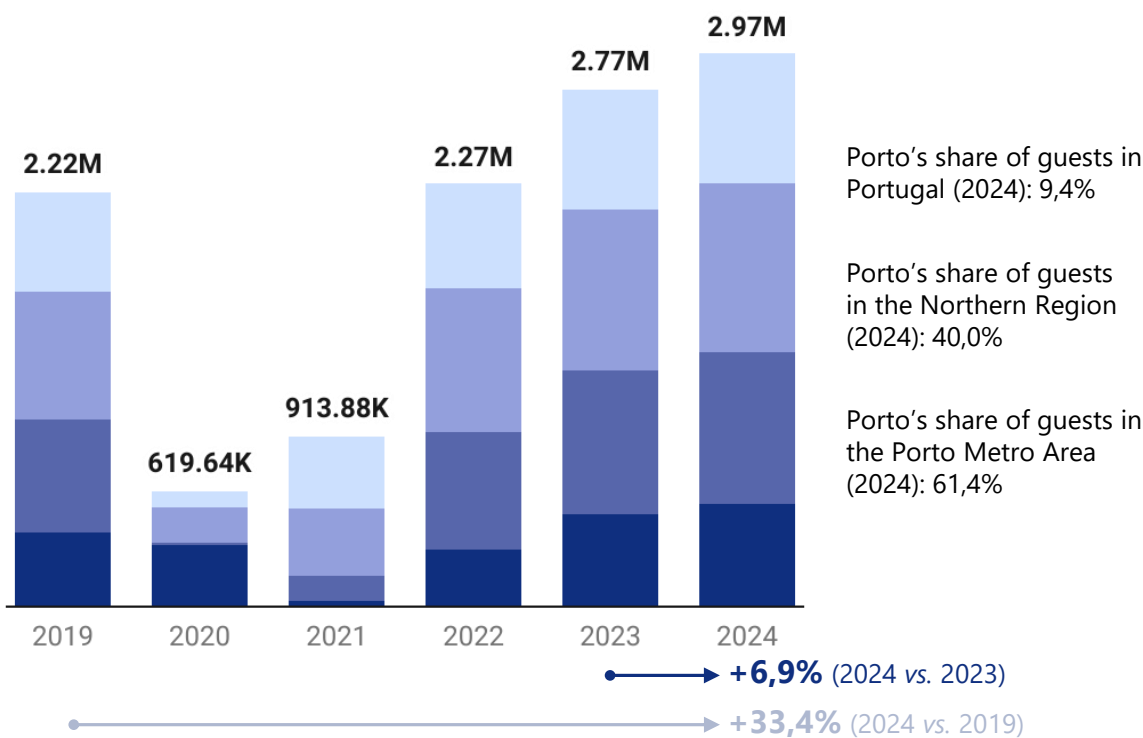
Tourism and Infrastructure

Tourist Demand

Number of guests*

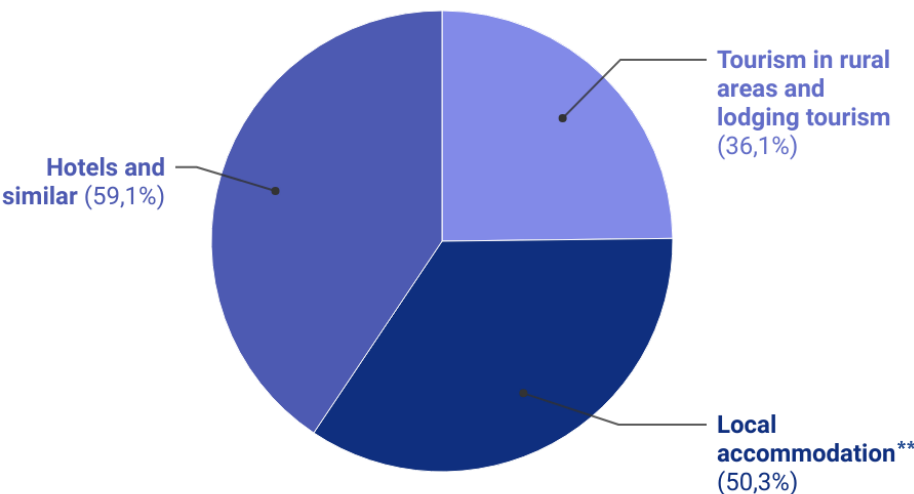
Total per year and quarter

■ Q1 ■ Q2 ■ Q3 ■ Q4



Bed occupancy net rate in 2023

Proportion of overnight stays relative to the number of available beds in tourist accommodation establishments



Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *Number of guests in tourist accommodation establishments, including hotels, local accommodations with 10 or more beds, and rural and residential tourism. **In local accommodations, only those with 10 or more beds are counted.

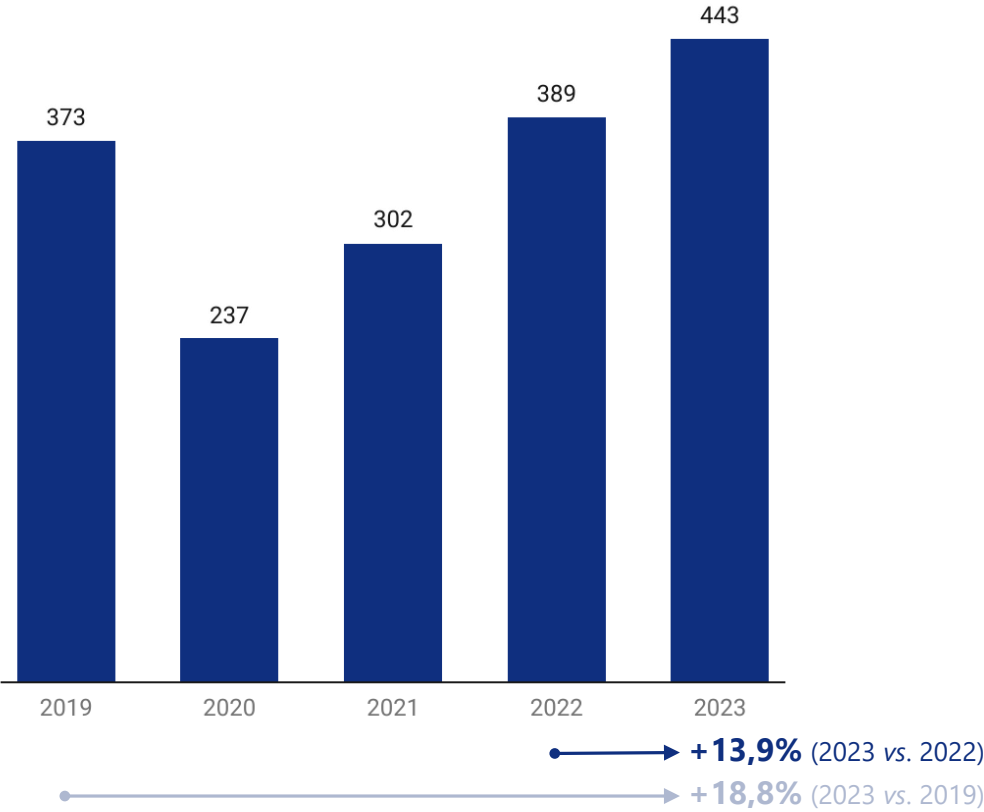


Tourism and Infrastructure

Accommodation Supply

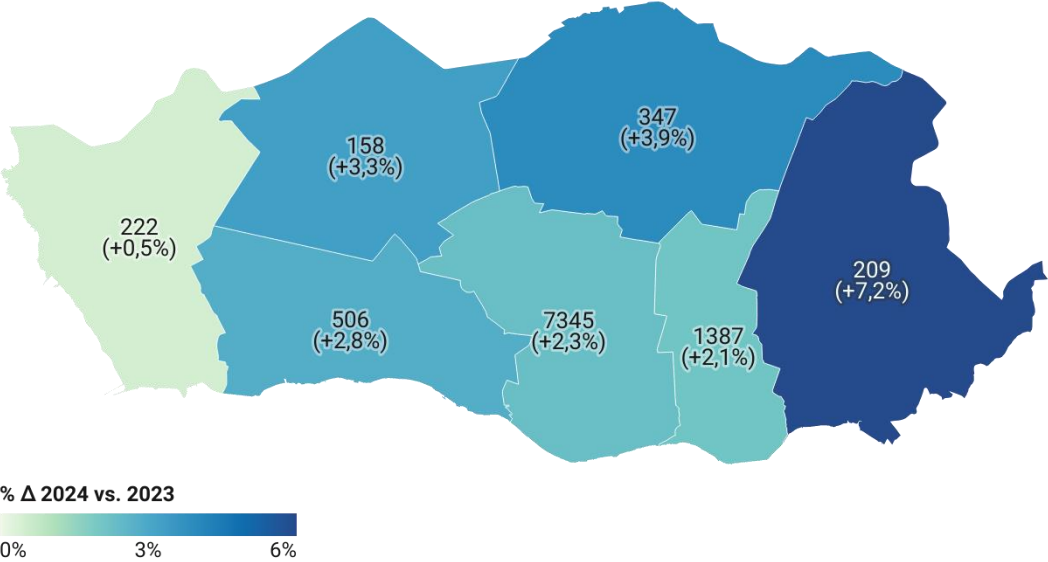
Number of hotels and similiar establishments*

Total per year



Number of local accommodation in 2024

Number of local accommodation by parish and annual variation rate



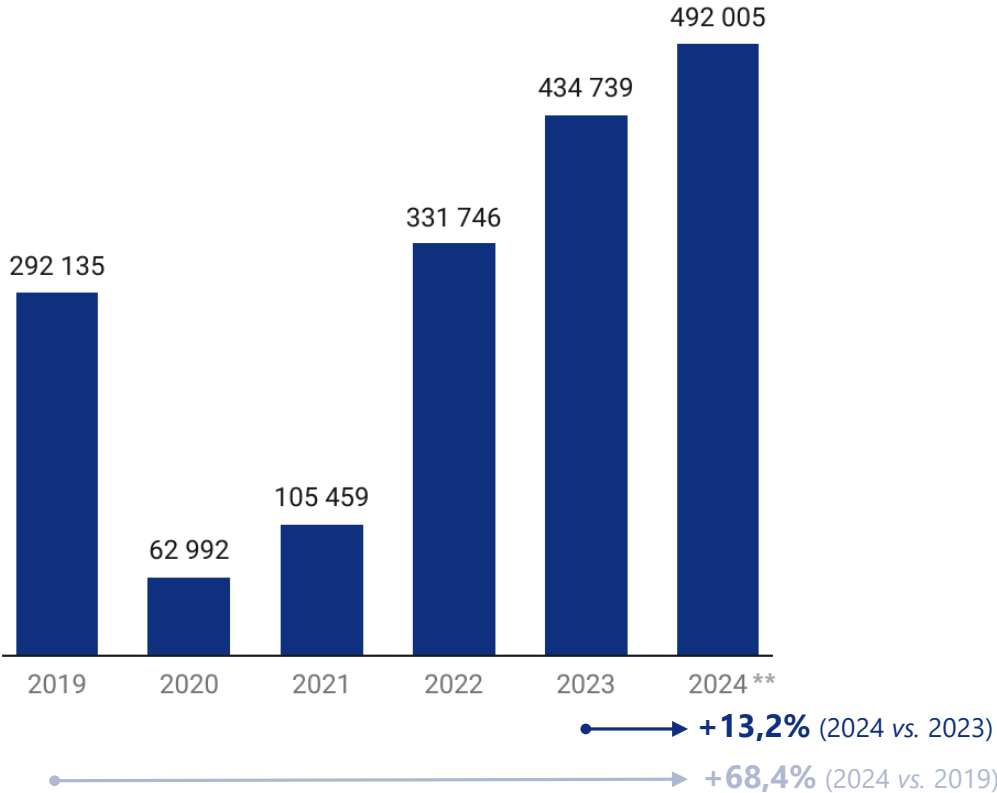
Total (2024): 10 174

Source(s): INE and CMPorto data. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *Tourist accommodation establishments include hotels, local accommodations with more than 10 beds, and rural and residential tourism.



Tourism and Infrastructure Revenues

Total revenues in tourist establishments
Total value*, million of euros



Total revenues in tourist establishments**
Total value* in 2024, millions of euros



→ **46% of total revenues in tourist accommodations in the Northern Region come from Porto.**

→ **7% of total revenues in tourist accommodations in Portugal come from Porto.**

Source(s): INE and INE Subscription. Analysis: GIEE/CMPorto.
Note(s): * Includes the total revenue from hotel establishments, local accommodations with 10 or more beds, rural tourism, and residential tourism. **Provisional data

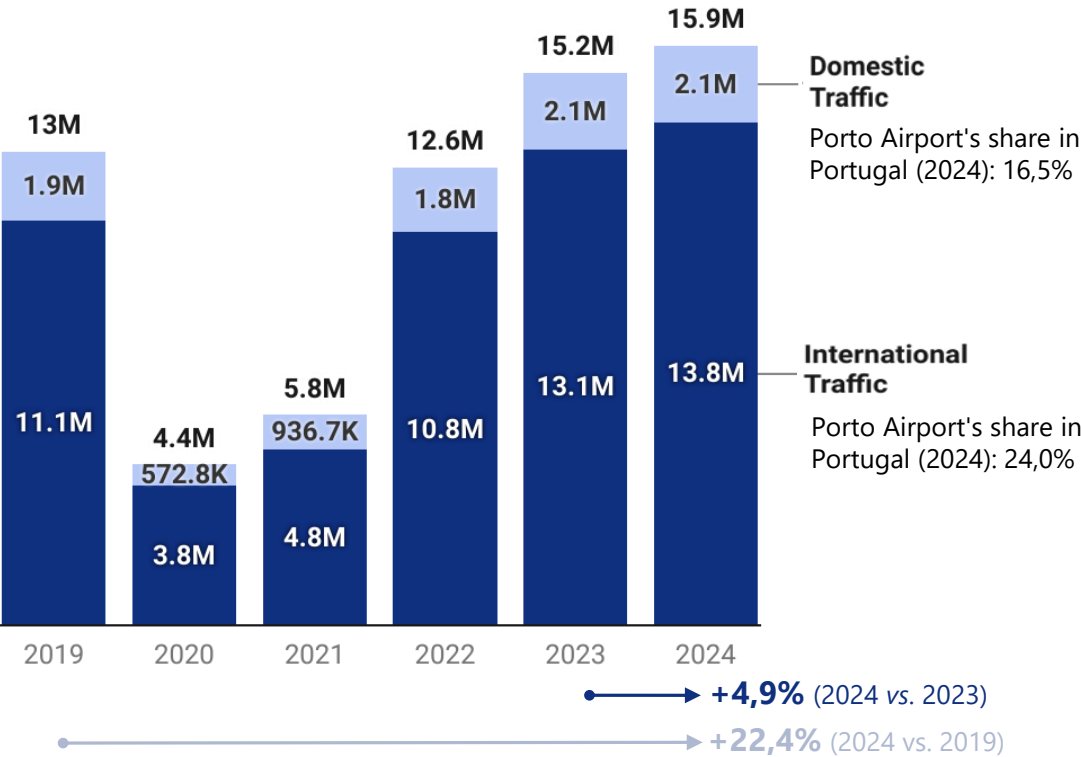


Tourism and Infrastructure

Air and maritime traffic of passengers

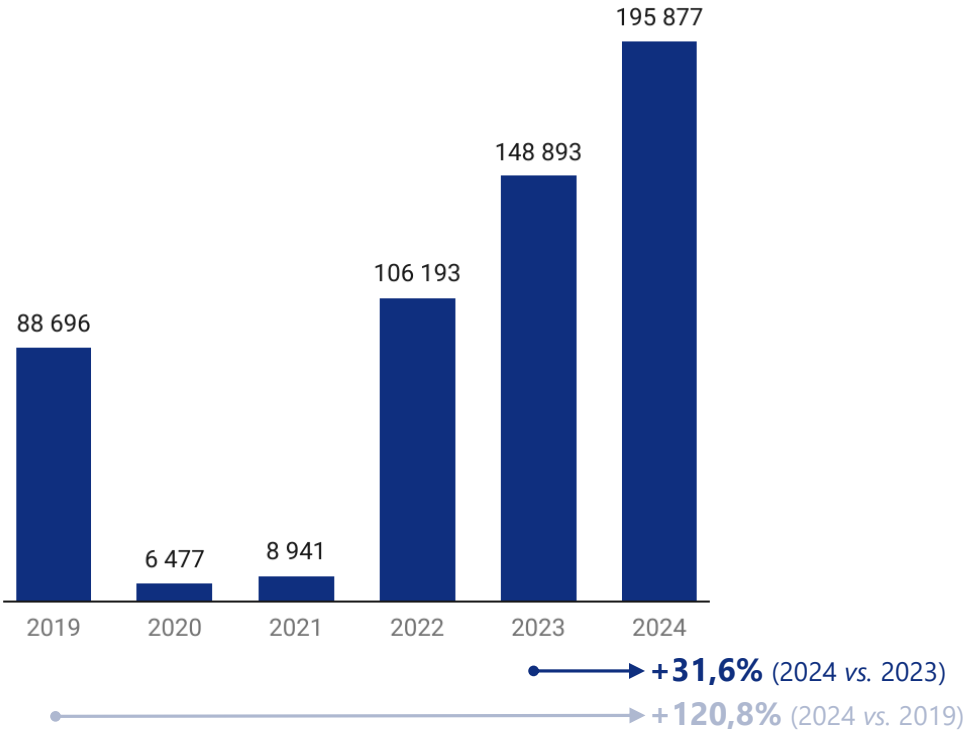
Passenger movement at Porto Airport

Number of passengers* per year and traffic type



Passenger movement at the Porto Cruise Terminal

Number of cruise passengers at the Port of Leixões



*Porto Airport (Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport – IATA code: OPO). Source(s): INE and APDL. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): Boarded and disembarked passengers. Does not include direct transit passengers. Domestic traffic includes both mainland domestic flights and inter-territorial flights (between mainland Portugal and the Autonomous Regions).

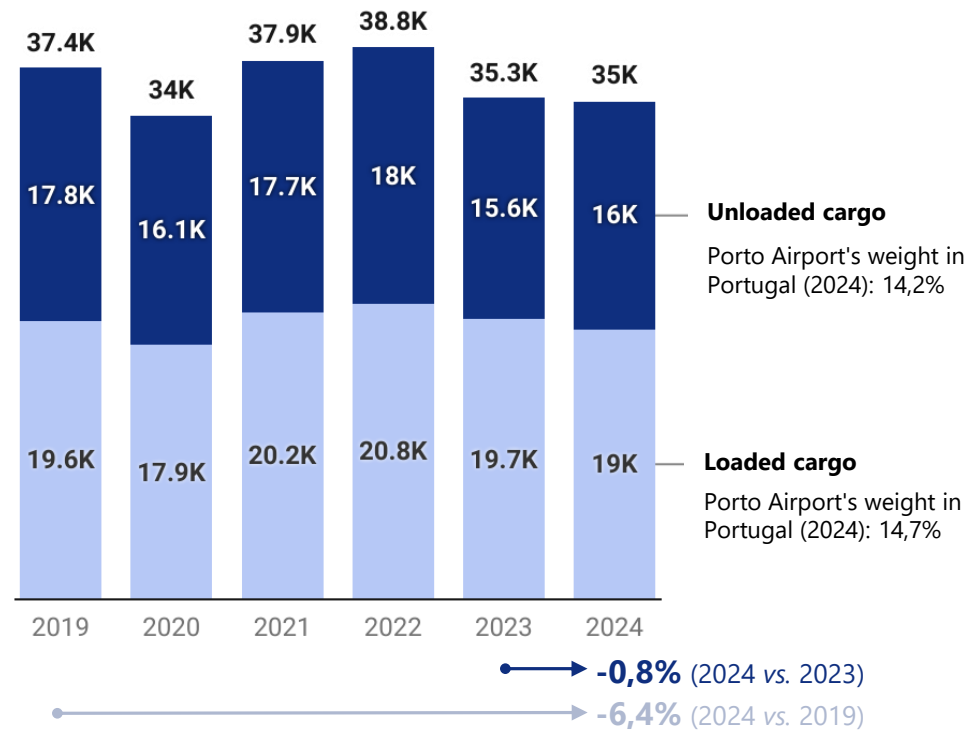


Tourism and Infrastructure

Air and maritime traffic of goods

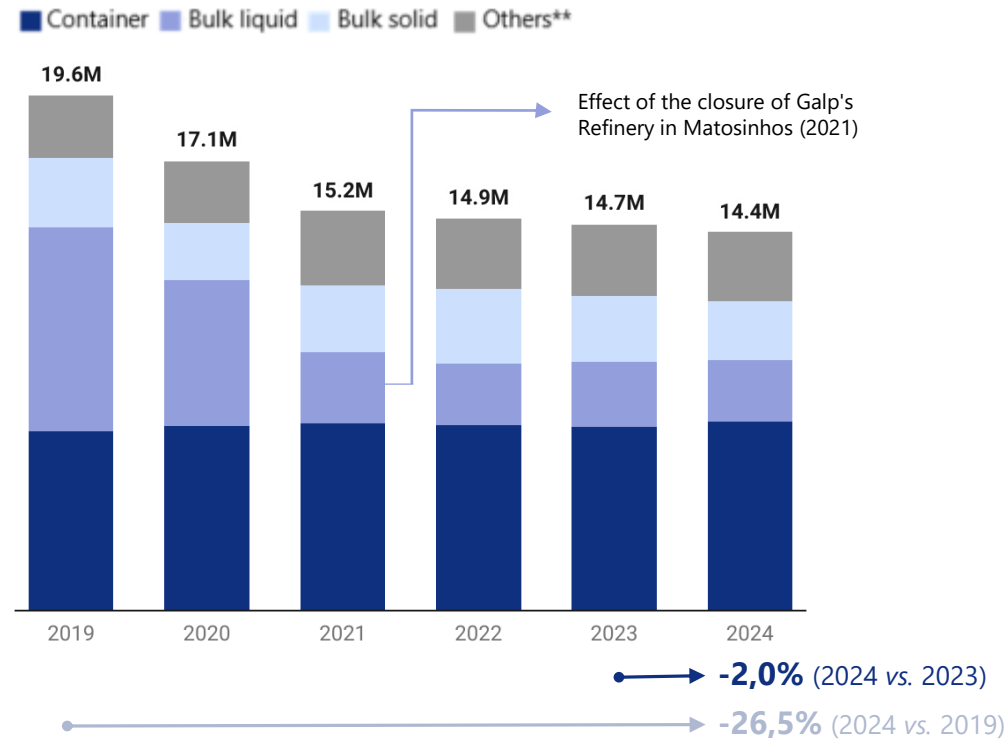
Cargo movement at Porto Airport

Weight in tons *per year* and traffic type



Cargo movement at the Port of Leixões

Weight in tons *per year* and cargo type*



Fonte(s): INE e IMT. Análise GIEE/CMP.
Nota(s): Aeroporto do Porto (Aeroporto Francisco Sá Carneiro – código IATA: OPO. *Carga embarcada e desembarcada **Carga Fracionada e Carga Ro-Ro.



Tourism and Infrastructure

New infrastructure

3 Boavista-Império-Anémoma MetroBus Line;

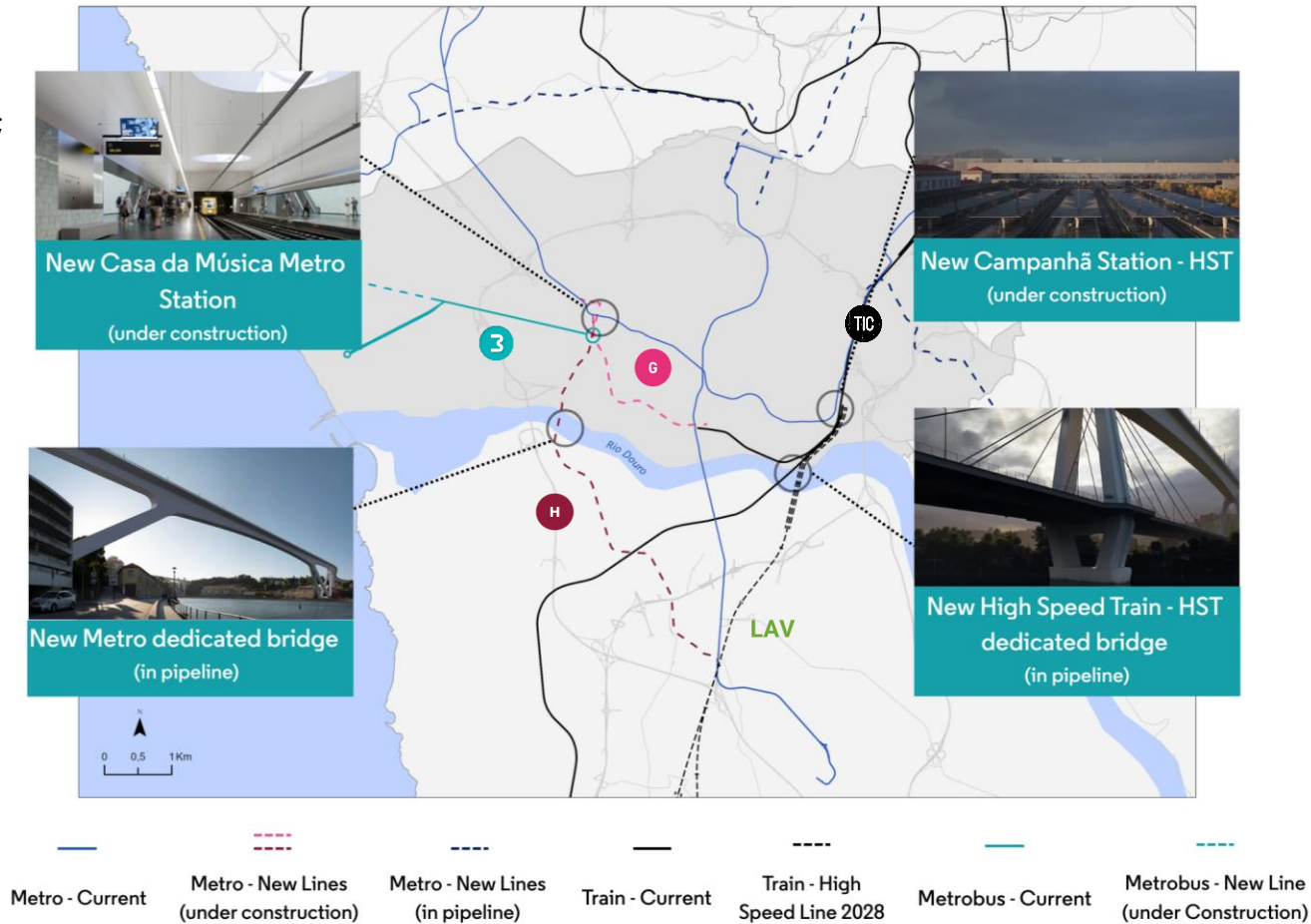
- €76M of investment;
- Expected conclusion: 2025.

G Metro line São Bento - Casa da Música (Porto)

- €332,7M investment;
- Expected conclusion: 2025.

H Metro line Casa da Música (Porto) and Santo Ovídio (Vila Nova de Gaia)

- €487,9M investment;
- Expected conclusion: 2026-2027.



High-speed train (LAV)

- Porto-Lisboa connected in an estimated time of 1h15 – 1h30;
- €1,978M investment (Phase 1);
- Expected conclusion (Phase 1): 2030.

Metro do Porto 3.0 Phase Project

- 4 new lines and 37 km length;
- + €1,000M investment
- Expected conclusion: 2030.



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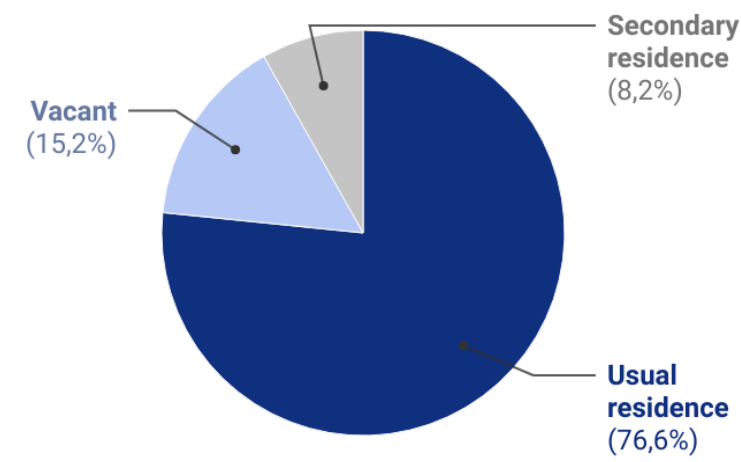
Real Estate



Real Estate Housing stock

Housing stock – Porto

Number of conventional dwellings by occupation status*



Total (2021): 133 352 alojamentos (134 959**)

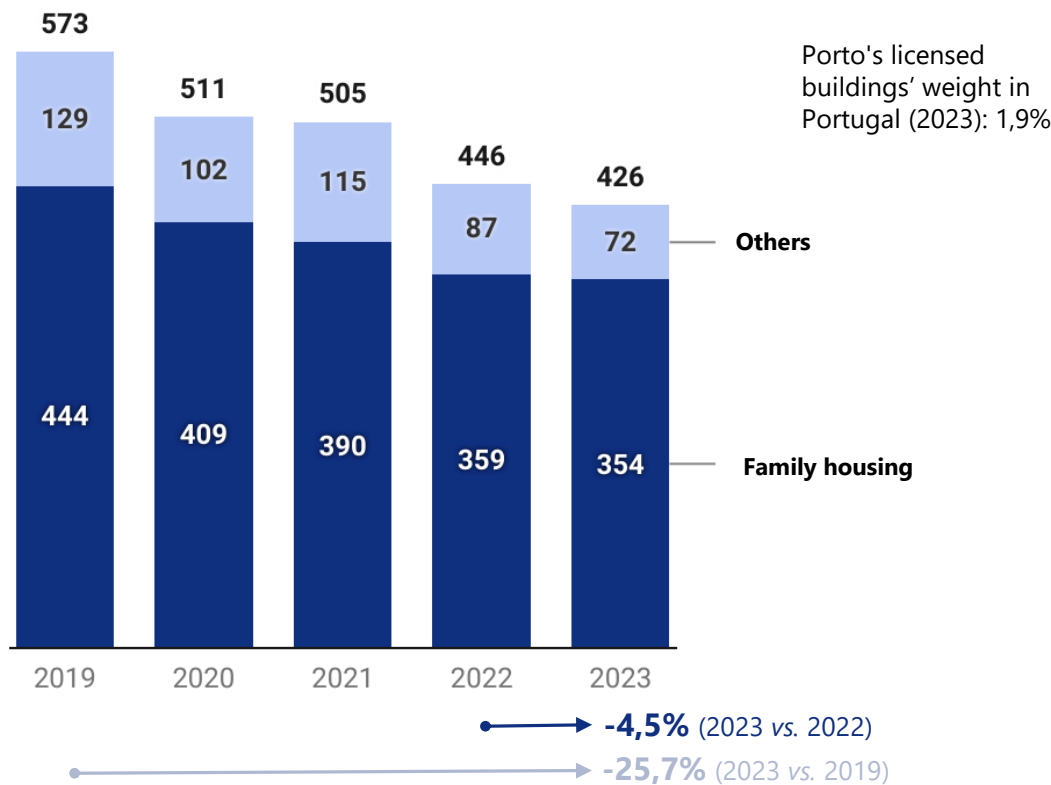
Porto's share of housing stock in Portugal: 2,2%

Porto's share of housing stock in the Northern Region: 7,0%

Porto's share of housing stock in the Porto Metro Area: 15,9%

Number of licensed buildings

Total number of licenses for building works***



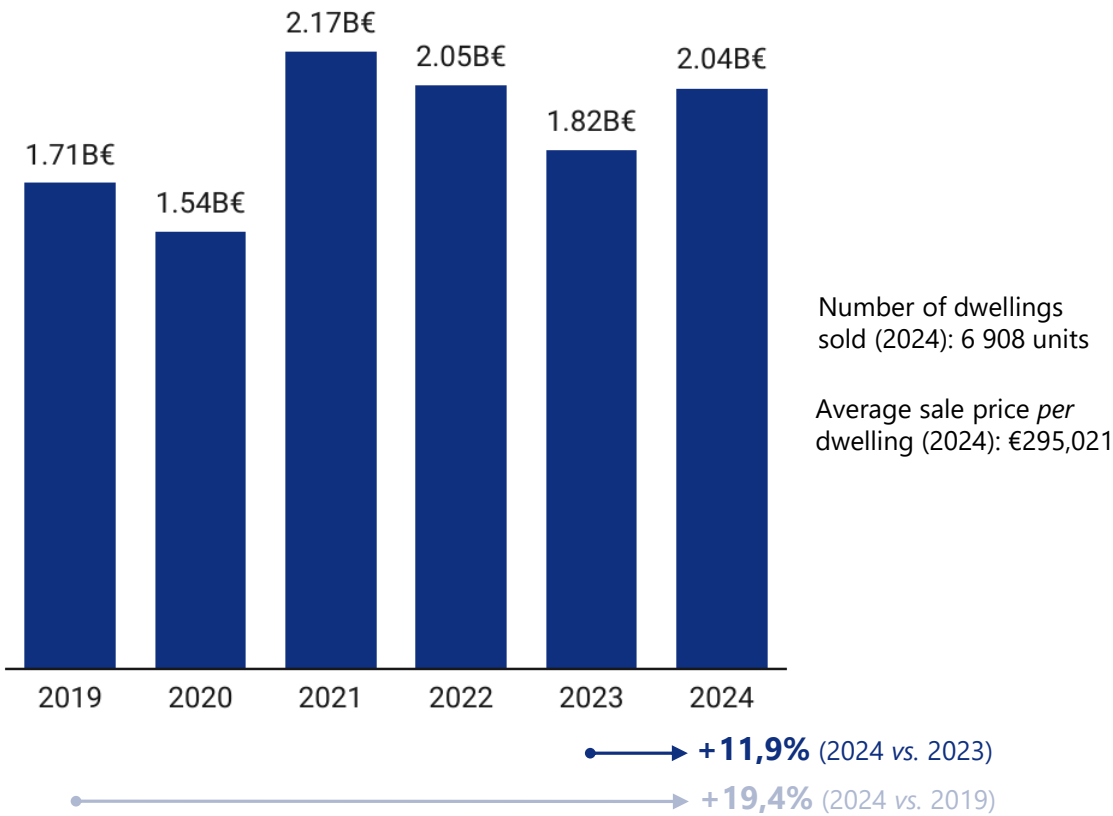
Source(s): INE. GIEE/CMPorto Analysis.
Note(s): *Includes vacant dwellings available for sale, rent, or other purposes. **Estimated number of dwellings for 2022, published in December 2024. ***Excludes permits for demolition works.



Real Estate Real Estate Market

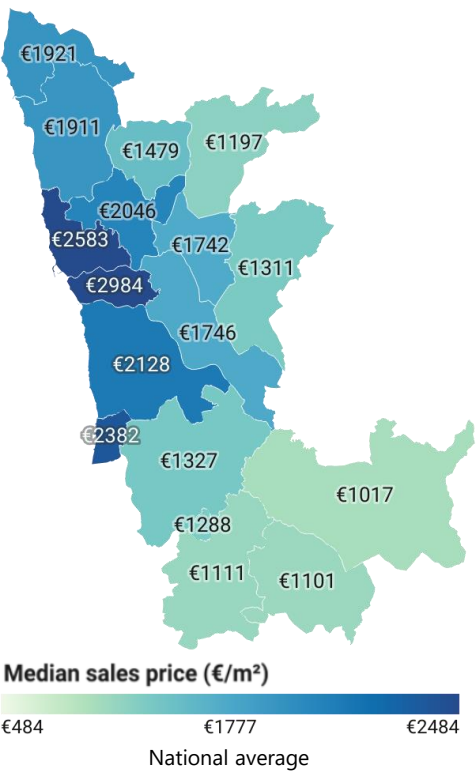
Estimated total sales value – Porto

Estimated value of sales in the residential market*



Median value of dwellings sales in 2024 – Porto Metro Area

Median price in euros per m²



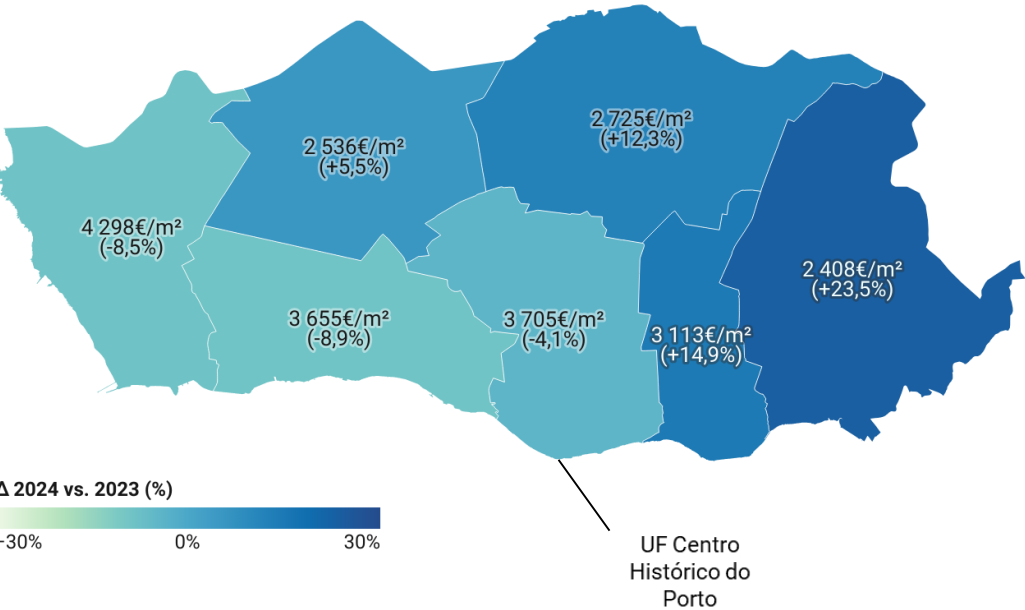
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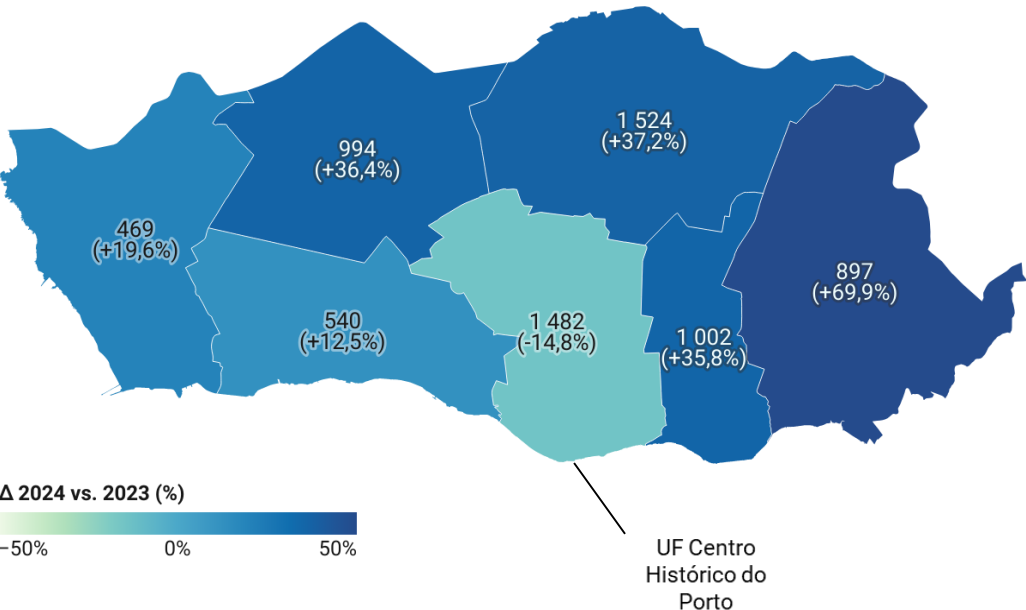
Average sales value in 2024

Average price per m² in euros by parish and annual variation rate



Sales volume in 2024

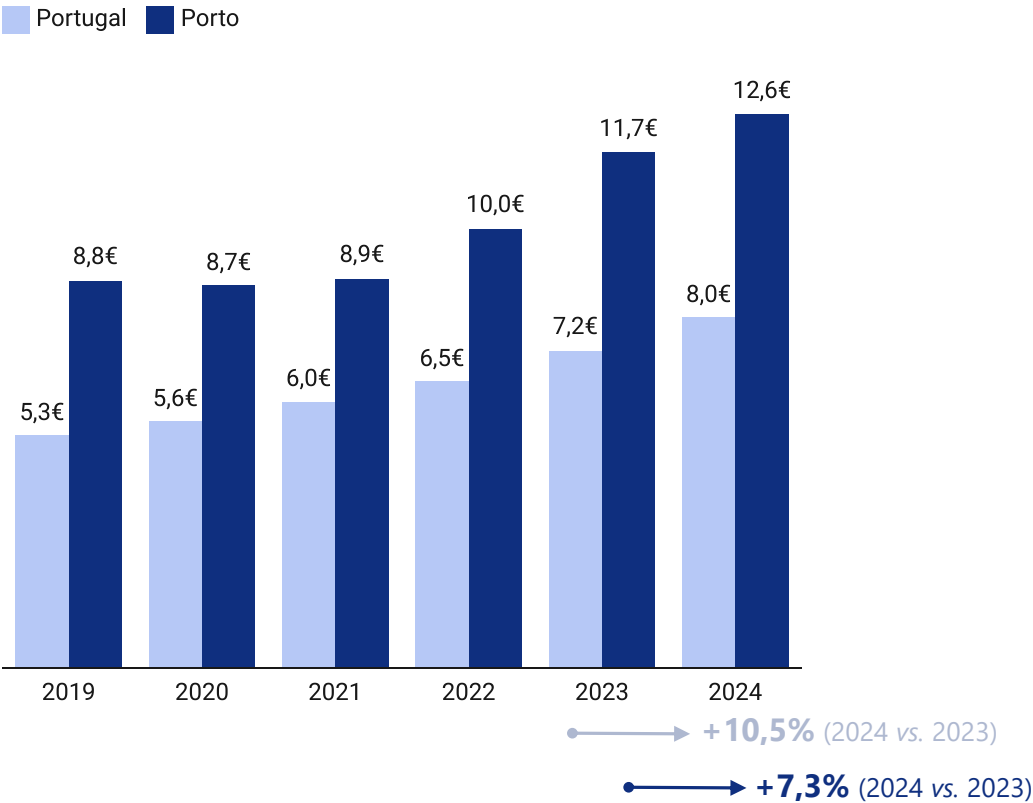
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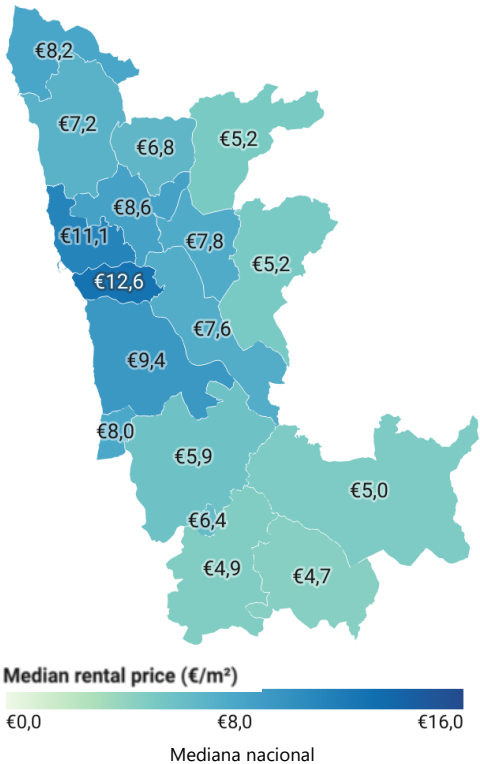


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Median monthly rent of new contracts* In euros per m²



Median monthly rent of new contracts* in 2024 – Porto Metro Area In euros per m²



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Sustainable Development



Sustainable Development Achievement of the 2030 Agenda

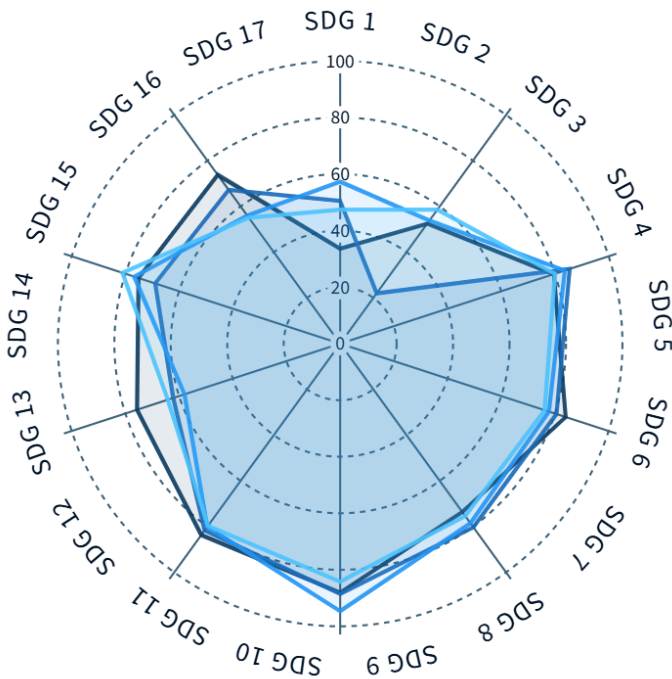
Municipal Sustainability Index 2024

SDGs* achievement, 0-100 scale

■ Porto ■ Porto Metro Area ■ Northern Portugal ■ Portugal



SDGs with the highest achievement level in Porto



SDGs with the lower achievement level in Porto

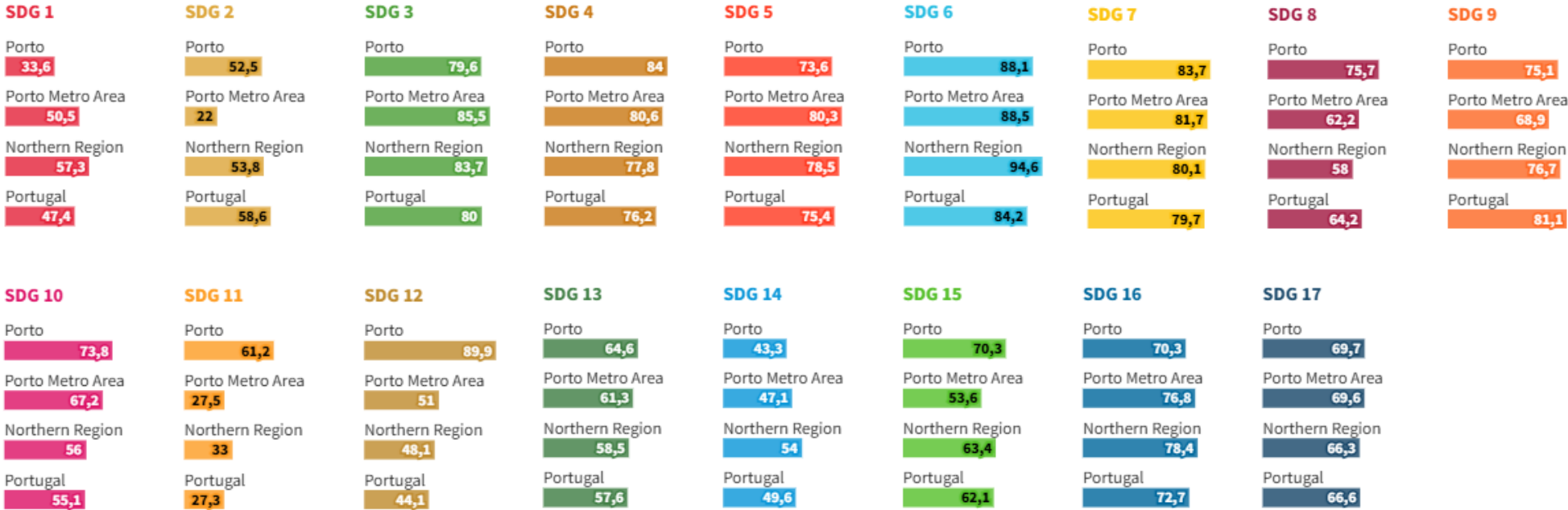
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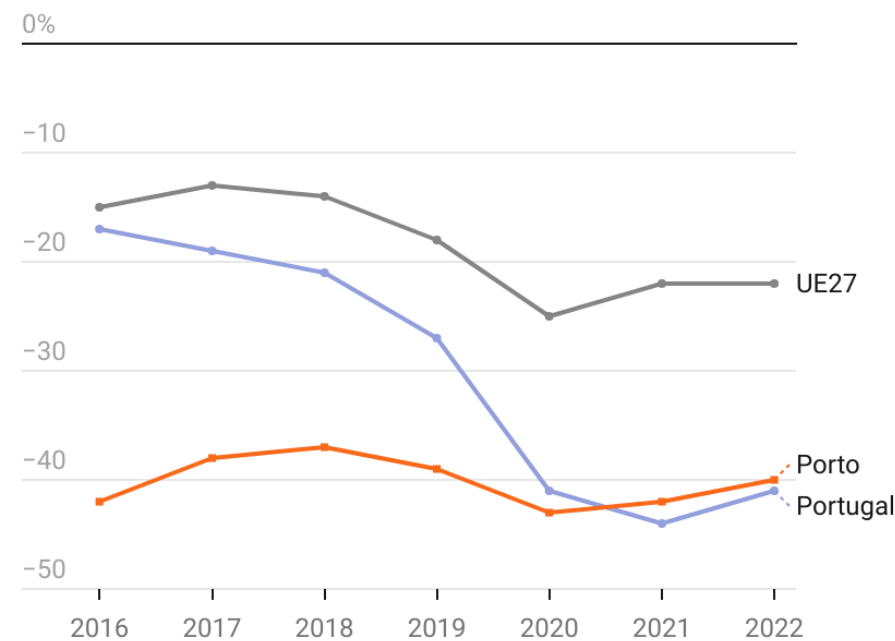
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Sustainable Development Decarbonization

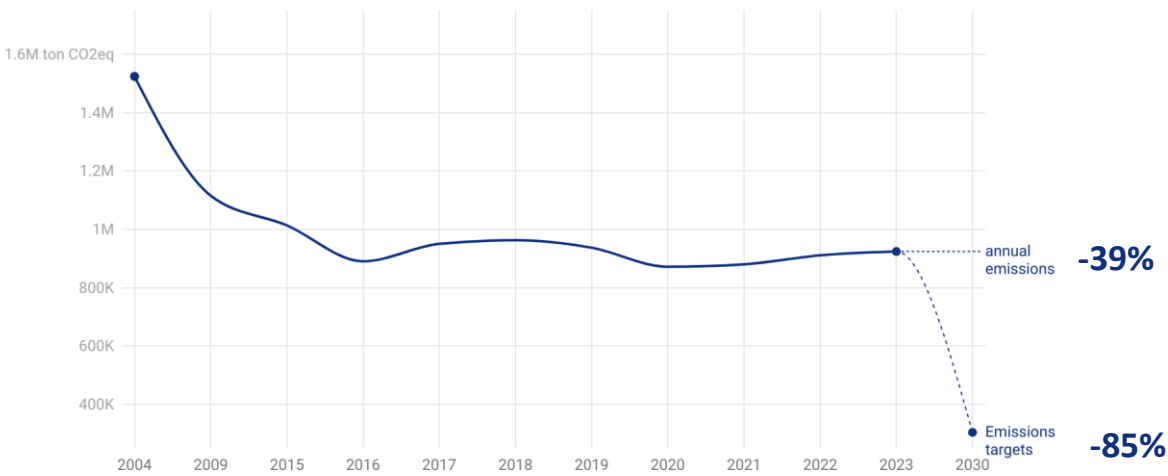
Annual greenhouse gas emission trend

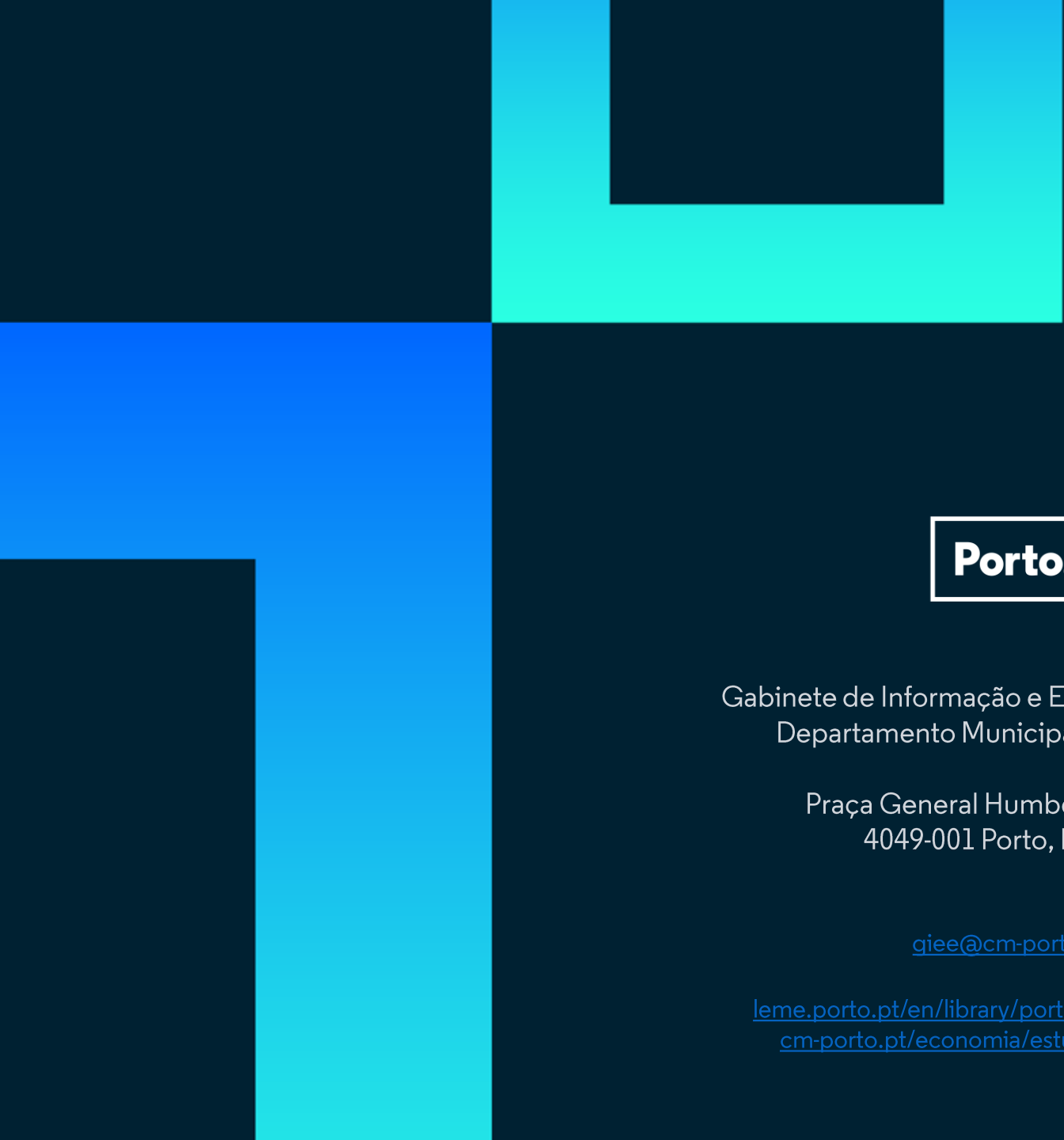
Difference vs. 2004 (%)



Greenhouse gas emissions – Porto

In tons of CO₂ equivalent per year





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