



2015 Portugal Annual Internal Security Report

The Government has produced the 2015 Relatório Anual de Segurança Interna Report known as RASI. Together with this the Institute of National Statistics has published detailed figures showing the various crime categories in the municipalities throughout Portugal. For the first time a category of “crimes against pet animals” has been included.

Overall Crime

According to the INE total overall crime for Portugal for 2015 stood at 337,749 crimes an increase of 1.3% compared to 2014. This the first increase since 2008, although crime over the last 5 year period has decreased by -14.5%. Of the 18 districts and two Regions (Azores and Madeira) eight showed decreases in crime and the others increases.

The area showing the largest increase in overall crime was Porto, which increased from 56,994 to 59,185 an increase of 3.8% compared to the previous year. A small increase was also seen in the Lisbon Metropolitan area up 0.4% although in the Algarve overall crime decreased by -1.6% from to 21,851 (*Source RASI*) last year.

In the Azores crime decreased by -3.6% but in Madeira it rose by 2.3%.

Some of the major crime trends were:

Burglaries	16,186	Down -16.2%
Metal theft	6604	Down -21.9%
Theft from vehicle	25,360	Down -9.1%
Drink driving 1.2 g/l	22,873	Up 10.2%
Arson/Forest fires	9988	Up 106.2%
Fraud/on-line fraud	7830	Up 73.7%

Violent crime fell slightly by 0.6% compared to 2014. There was a reduction in certain robberies in 2015 compared with 2014. Overall robberies stood at 15,472 cases a decrease of -0.8%. Domestic violence stood at 26,595 cases

Robberies	2014	2015	% difference	Value stolen 2015
Residential	163	160	-1.8%	€859,000
Cash in transit	18	15	-16.6%	€458,000

ATMs	88	34	-61.3%	€516,000
Carjacking	46	41	-10.8%	€331,000
Pharmacies	29	74	189%	€57,400
Petrol stations	99	88	-11.1%	€134,000
Goldsmiths	27	25	-7.4%	€192,000

Algarve

Crime in the Algarve has continued to decrease over the last 5 years at a faster rate than the rest of Portugal. Compared to 2010 crime is down -25.9% compared to -14.4% for the country as a whole.

Crimes against property in the Algarve, which includes thefts and burglaries, decreased from 12,908 in 2014 to 12,903 in 2015 down -6.3%. One of the areas showing the greatest decreases in property crime was Loulé, down by -9.1% to 2071 reported cases.

In comparing the level of overall crime in the council areas compared to 2014, eight showed increases. Albufeira had the largest number of reported crimes at 3446, closely followed by Loulé at 3436. Although Loulé had the second highest crime there was a decrease of -5% compared to 2014. The lowest council area was Alcoutim at 124 reported crimes closely followed by Monchique 147.

For the first time Crimes against pet animals was recorded – showing 1224 cases for the country as a whole with 84 in the Algarve.