

PORTUGAL



Total Population: 9,873,000

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Child Population: 9,873,000

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TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

For the year 2000, the ILO projected 6,000 economically active children, most of them girls between the ages of 10 and 14, representing 1.2% of this age group.

Officially there may be about 4,000 children between 12 and 15 working illegally.

Child labour reported by labour inspectors showed a decline, from 341 in 1994 to 167 in 1998.

CHILD SLAVERY

No cases of forced child labour have been reported.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

No confirmed data.

CHILD PROSTITUTION

See other Hazardous child labour.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

See other Hazardous child labour.

CHILD SOLDIERS

Portugal recently made changes to its recruitment legislation: conscription is no longer practised and the age for voluntary recruitment is firmly set at 18.

CHILD SERVANTS

No confirmed data.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CHILD LABOUR

In a study from northern Portugal, 90 children between the ages of 6 and 14 were found working in shoe, clothing, textile, ceramics, cork and metal-working factories and workshops, on building sites, in cafes, restaurants and hotels, in butcher shops, grocery shops and bakeries, fishing ports, and selling goods in the street.

Street children roam about alone or in small groups, begging, selling bandages, pencils, or rulers, parking cars, pickpocketing, getting involved in child prostitution and pornography.

Street Children - In Portugal, the phenomenon of street children is officially recognised. Street children are mostly found in Lisbon. The Department of Social Action of Lisbon City Council reports the number as more than 500.

Street Children - Various sources indicate that the total number of street children is certainly more than 2,500 and could even be as high as 5,000.

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