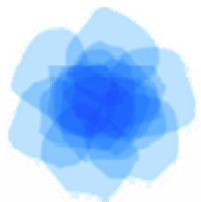
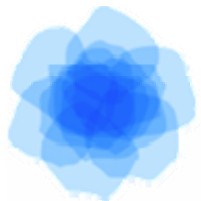


The Aveiro Digital Internet Spaces to face the educational divide...



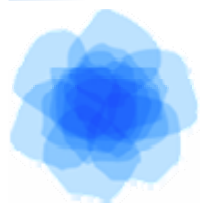
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**Main Social Priority:
ICT access for all**





For more social, economic and cultural development of the Ria Region



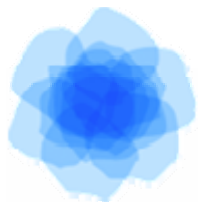
The Regional Development Gaps

11 municipalities ~ 350.000 inhabitants
1 617 km² area ~ 60Km x 40km

Region's Main Indicators:

Purchasing Power per Capita :	125,28–62,32;	PT=100
Density of Population per Km ² :	541,7 – 99,5;	PT=114,8
Ageing ratio >65 / <14:	145,4 – 82,8;	PT=111,7
Level of Higher Education:	15,7% – 6%;	PT=10,75%
Social Development Indicator:	0,923 – 0,852	

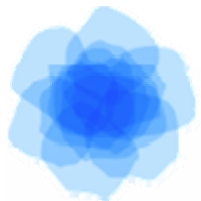
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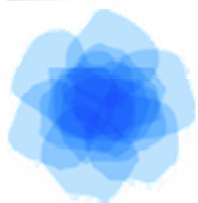
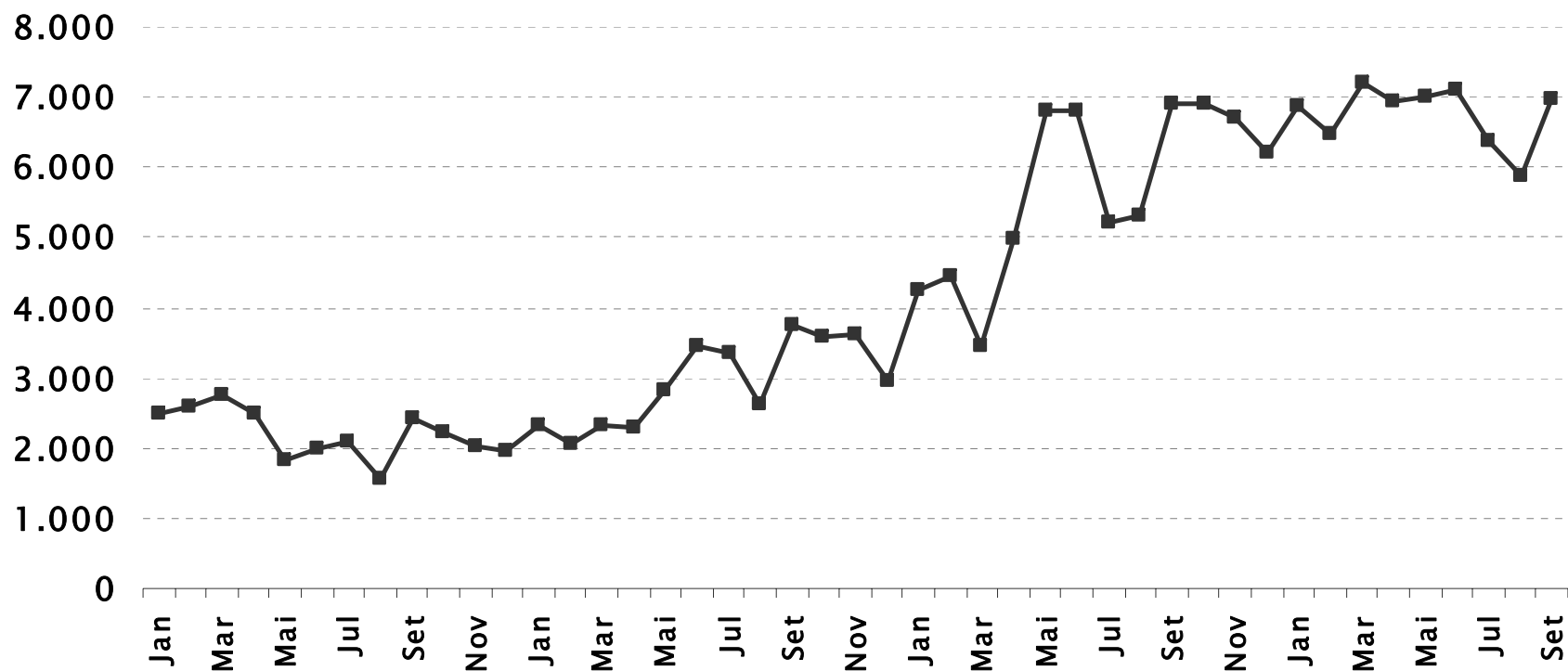
Dimension and usage of Internet Spaces

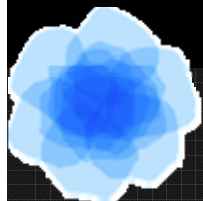
Internet Spaces	Computers
95	514

Registered Users (Number)	Annual Usage Time (Hours)	Annual Usage Sessions (Number)
28.390	498.000	780.000

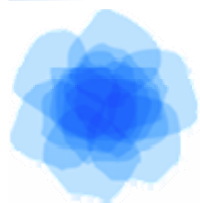
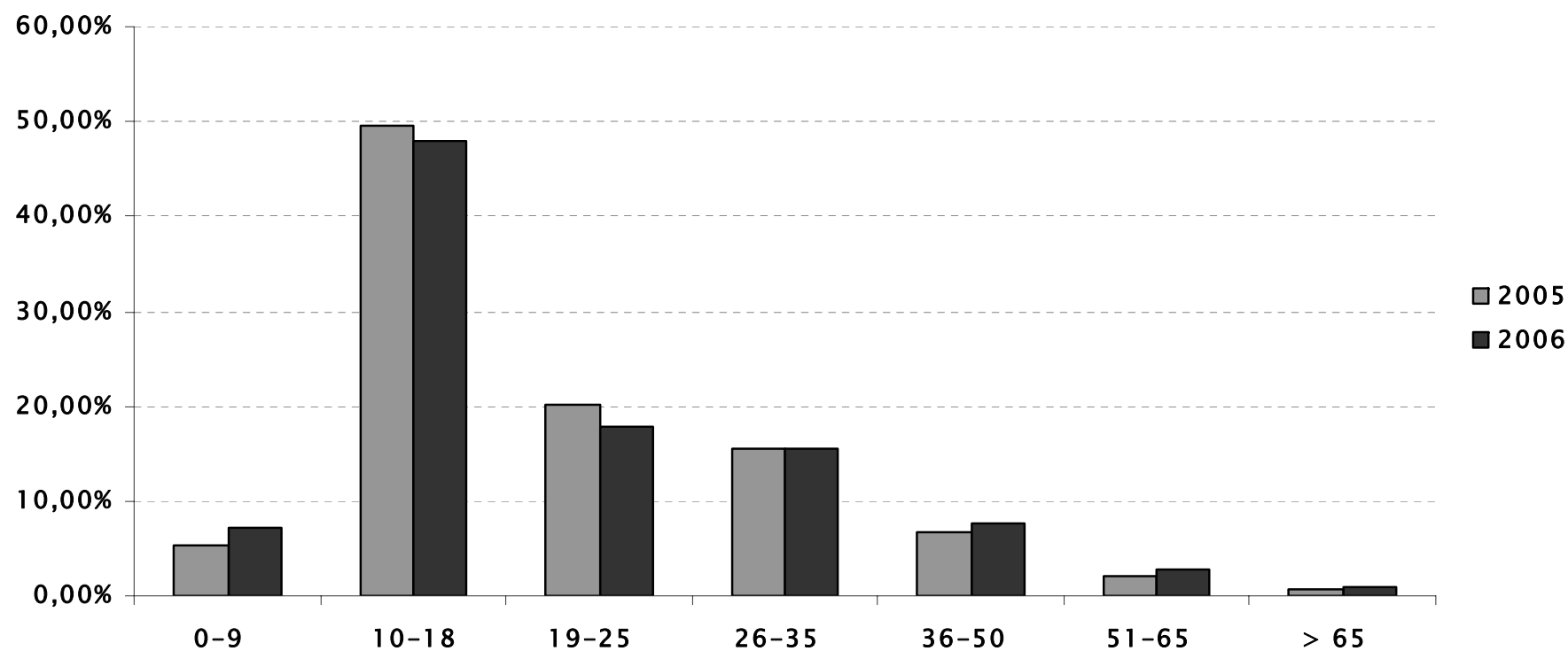


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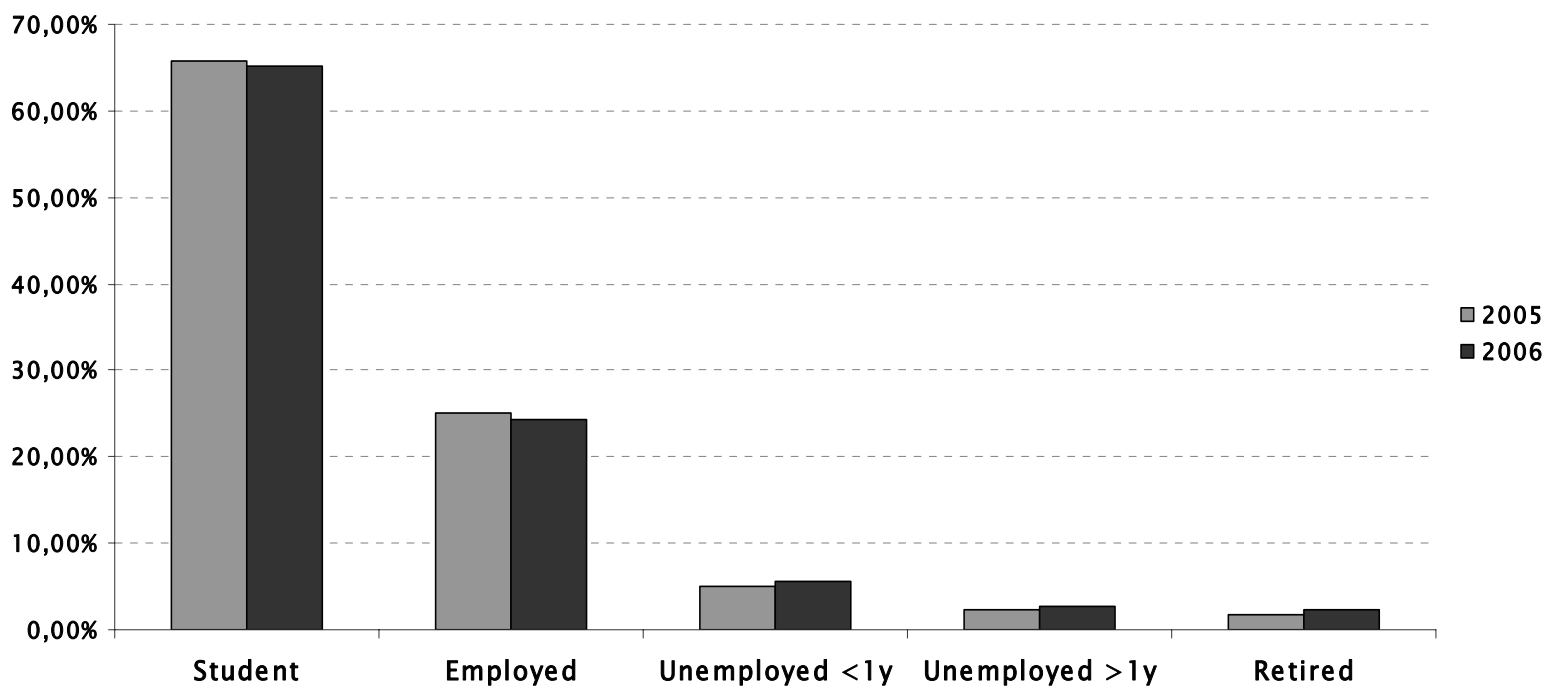




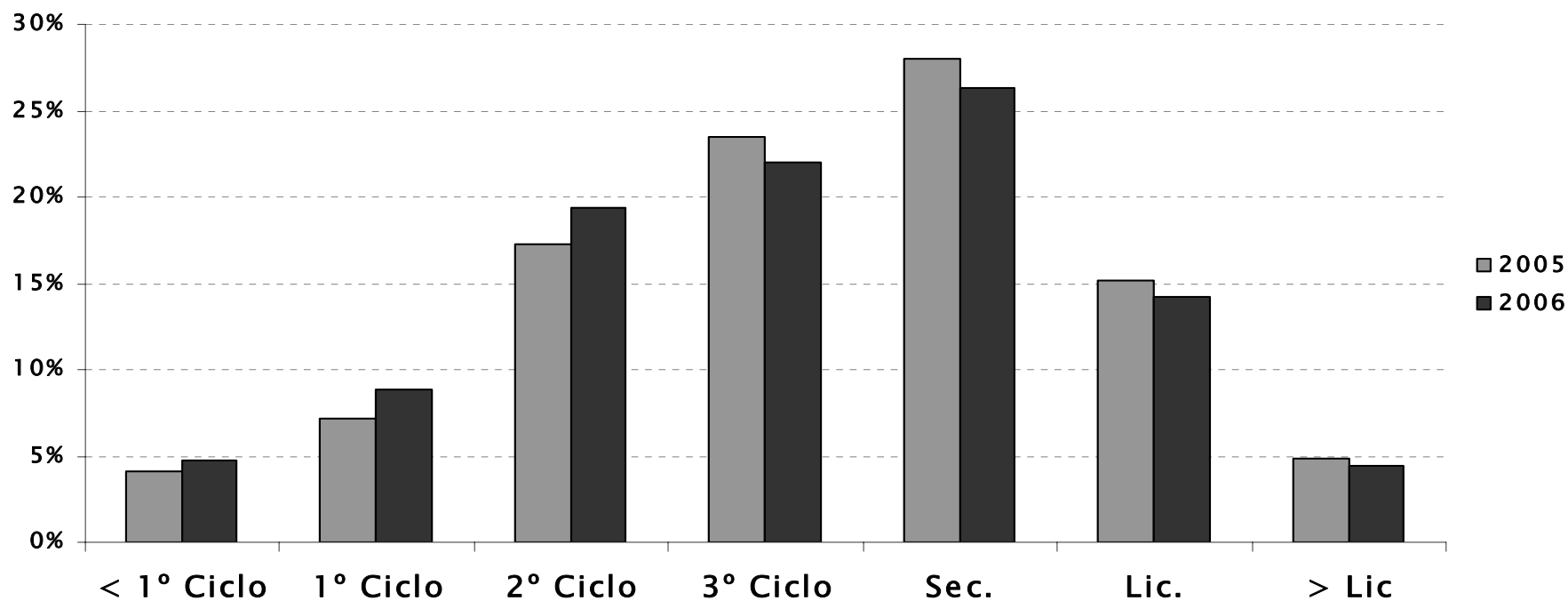
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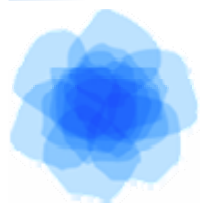
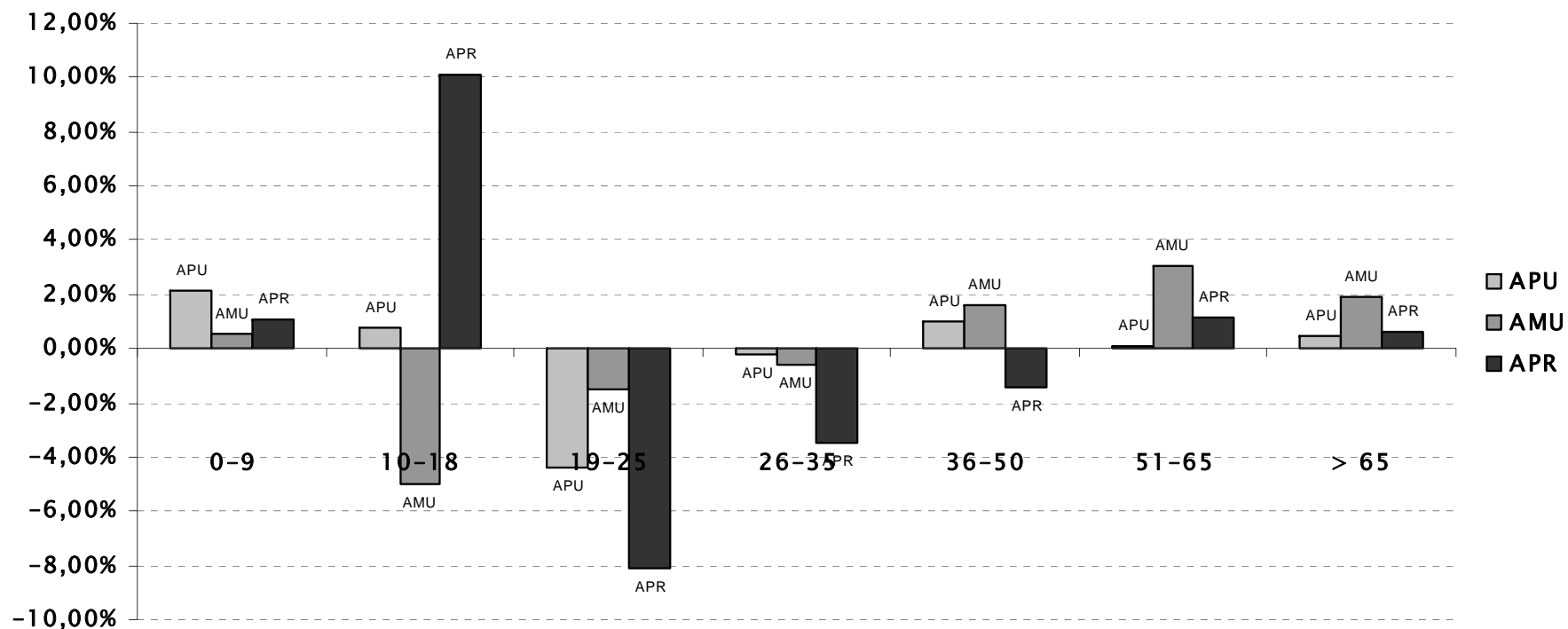
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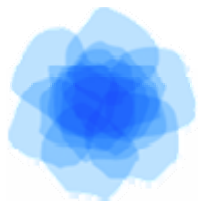
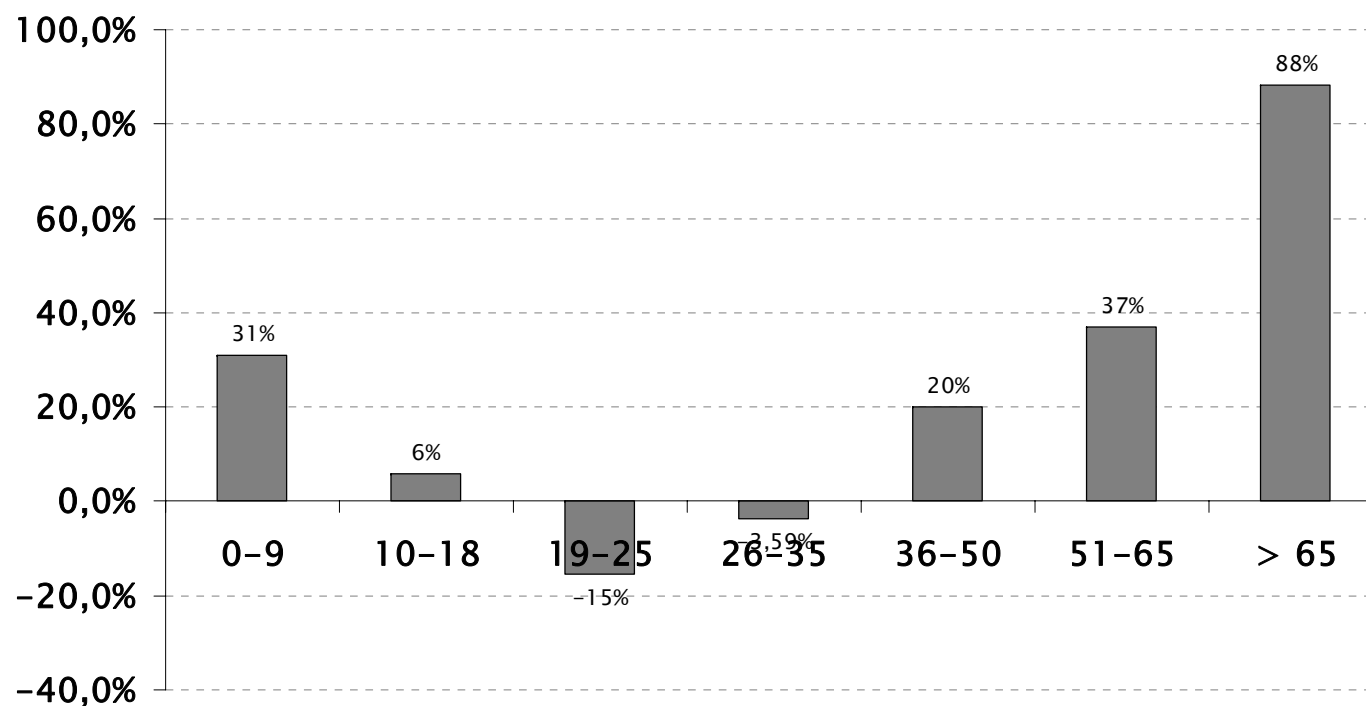
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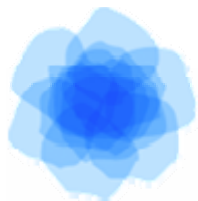
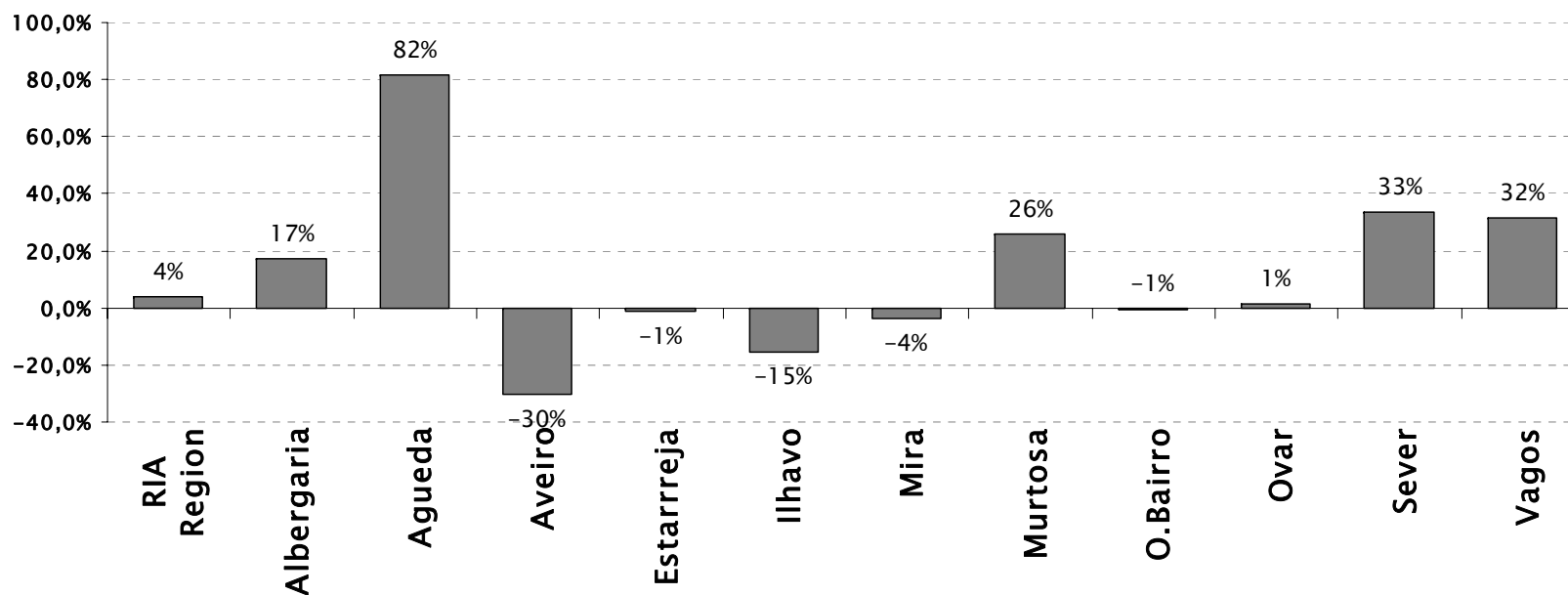
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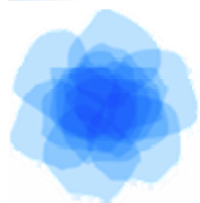
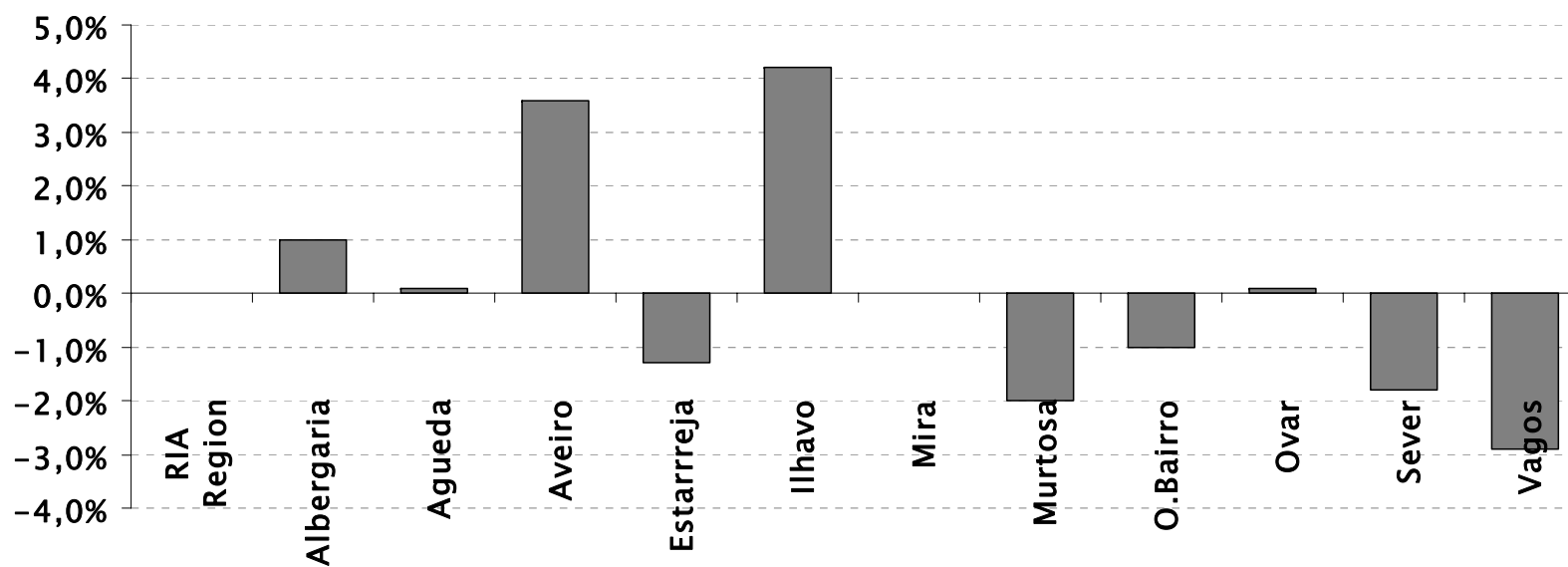
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Regional Data 2005–2006 Users Variation per Municipality



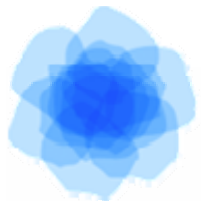
Social Development Indicator Variation per Municipality



Some conclusions Usage Changes of Internet Spaces

Internet Spaces are
loosing users in the most developed areas.

Internet Spaces are
gaining new users in the less developed areas



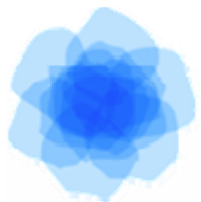
Some conclusions Usage Changes of Internet Spaces

The lost users are:

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- » education level > 2nd degree
- » students ; employed
- » from the most developed areas

The new users are:

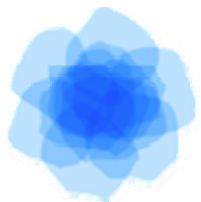
- » aged under 18 and over 35
- » education level < 2nd degree
- » unemployed ; retired
- » from the less developed areas



Operating since 1999, the Internet Spaces fulfilled their main objectives by:

- » providing free ICT access for all
- » stimulating the ICT usage skills
- » addressing specific population groups: elderly, unemployed, immigrants and women

Usage data changes show that the new type of users need some additional efforts

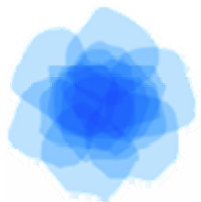


The Aveiro Digital Internet Spaces future objectives are:

continue providing free ICT access for all,

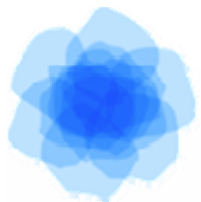
But the focus should be in:

- addressing less educated population groups
 - certifying acquired competences
- stimulating continued and long life learning



Because we believe that the educational divide
is a major social exclusion factor

The Internet Spaces will be
a regional open access platform
helping to bridge the educational gaps



Thank you for your attention

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