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Preview of the Municipal Register at 1 January 2011

Provisional data

The population registered in Spain increases 0.3%, reaching 47.1 million persons

The number of foreign nationals registered stands at 5.7 million persons, 2.4 million of whom are EU citizens

At 1 January 2011, the total number of residents in Spain was 47,150,819 inhabitants, according to the preview of the Municipal Register, indicating an increase of 0.3% (129,788 persons), as compared with the data from 1 January 2010.

Out of this total, 41,420,152 were persons with Spanish nationality and **5,730,667 were foreign nationals, representing 12.2% of the total number registered.**

The figures published today are a provisional preview. The final figures, once the procedure for obtaining them has been finalised, and on receipt of a favourable report from the Registration Council, shall be submitted to the National Government prior to the end of the year, for approval by Royal Decree, which shall be published in the Official Spanish Gazette.

During the year 2010, **the number of registered Spaniards experienced a net increase of 148,855 persons (0.4%) while the number of registered foreign nationals decreased by 17,067 persons (-0.3%).** Of the latter, those belonging to the EU-27 increased by 42,319 persons (reaching a total figure of 2,392,491 persons), whereas non-community citizens decreased by 59,386 persons (standing at 3,338,176).

Population by sex and age

49.3% of the total number of registered persons were male and 50.7% were female, according to the provisional data at 1 January 2011. Among the Spaniards, there were more females (51.0%), while among the foreign nationals, there were more males (52.2%).

Population by sex at 1 January 2011

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	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
Both sexes	47,150,819	100.0	41,420,152	100.0	5,730,667	100.0
Males	23,267,464	49.3	20,277,858	49.0	2,989,606	52.2
Females	23,883,355	50.7	21,142,294	51.0	2,741,061	47.8

By **age**, 15.7% of the population was under 16 years of age, 41.8% was between 16 and 44 years old, and 42.5% was 45 years old or older.

By nationality, worth noting was the difference in the group aged 16 to 44 years old. Thus, while the registered Spaniards this age represented 39.2% of the total, this percentage reached 60.9% in the case of the foreign nationals.

Population by age at 1 January 2011

Provisional data

	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
Total	47,150,819	100.0	41,420,152	100.0	5,730,667	100.0
Under 16 years of age	7,427,313	15.7	6,539,912	15.8	887,401	15.5
16 to 44 years old	19,714,280	41.8	16,223,006	39.2	3,491,274	60.9
45 to 64 years old	11,916,373	25.3	10,892,577	26.3	1,023,796	17.9
65 years old and over	8,092,853	17.2	7,764,657	18.7	328,196	5.7

Data by Autonomous City and Community

The Autonomous Communities that registered the greatest increases in population in absolute terms, between 1 January 2010 and 1 January 2011, were Andalucía (with 44,515 persons), Cataluña (22,870) and Comunidad de Madrid (22,830).

Conversely, four Communities experienced a decrease in population: Castilla y León (-3,773 persons), Galicia (-3,137 personas), Principado de Asturias (-2,993 persons) and Aragón (-1,963 persons).

Population by Autonomous City and Community

Provisional data

	At 1 January 2011 (provisional data)	At 1 January 2010 (final data)	Absolute variation	Relative variation
Total	47,150,819	47,021,031	129,788	0.3
Andalucía	8,415,490	8,370,975	44,515	0.5
Aragón	1,345,132	1,347,095	-1,963	-0.1
Asturias, Principado de	1,081,348	1,084,341	-2,993	-0.3
Balears, Illes	1,112,712	1,106,049	6,663	0.6
Canarias	2,125,256	2,118,519	6,737	0.3
Cantabria	592,560	592,250	310	0.1
Castilla y León	2,555,742	2,559,515	-3,773	-0.1
Castilla-La Mancha	2,113,506	2,098,373	15,133	0.7
Cataluña	7,535,251	7,512,381	22,870	0.3
Comunitat Valenciana	5,111,767	5,111,706	61	0.0
Extremadura	1,108,140	1,107,220	920	0.1
Galicia	2,794,516	2,797,653	-3,137	-0.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	6,481,514	6,458,684	22,830	0.4
Murcia, Región de	1,469,721	1,461,979	7,742	0.5
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	641,293	636,924	4,369	0.7
País Vasco	2,183,615	2,178,339	5,276	0.2
Rioja, La	322,621	322,415	206	0.1
Ceuta	82,159	80,579	1,580	2.0
Melilla	78,476	76,034	2,442	3.2

In relative terms, the greatest increases in population were produced in the autonomous cities of Melilla (3.2%) and Ceuta (2.0%), as well as in Castilla-La Mancha and Comunidad Foral de Navarra (both with 0.7%).

The greatest decrease in population, in relative terms, was recorded in Principado de Asturias (-0.3%).

Distribution of foreign citizens by Autonomous City and Community

The proportion of foreign citizens over the total population residing in Spain stood at 12.2%, according to the provisional data of the Register at 1 January 2011.

The Autonomous Communities with the highest proportions of foreign nationals were Illes Balears (21.8%), Comunitat Valenciana (17.2%) and Comunidad de Madrid and Región de Murcia (both with 16.4%).

Conversely, those with the lowest proportions of foreign nationals were Extremadura (3.7%), Galicia (3.9%) and Principado de Asturias (4.7%).

Foreign population by Autonomous City and Community

Provisional data

	At 1 January 2011 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2010 (final data)		Absolute variation	Relative variation
	Number of persons	% of the total for the Autonomous Community	Number of persons	% of the total for the Autonomous Community		
Total	5,730,667	12.2	5,747,734	12.2	-17,067	-0.3
Balears, Illes	242,578	21.8	242,256	21.9	322	0.1
Comunitat Valenciana	877,678	17.2	893,759	17.5	-16,081	-1.8
Madrid, Comunidad de	1,062,026	16.4	1,079,944	16.7	-17,918	-1.7
Murcia, Región de	240,749	16.4	241,865	16.5	-1,116	-0.5
Cataluña	1,182,957	15.7	1,198,538	16.0	-15,581	-1.3
Canarias	306,307	14.4	307,379	14.5	-1,072	-0.3
Rioja, La	46,084	14.3	46,680	14.5	-596	-1.3
Melilla	10,033	12.8	8,873	11.7	1,160	13.1
Aragón	170,421	12.7	173,086	12.8	-2,665	-1.5
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	71,380	11.1	71,369	11.2	11	0.0
Castilla-La Mancha	231,810	11.0	229,554	10.9	2,256	1.0
Andalucía	727,176	8.6	704,056	8.4	23,120	3.3
Castilla y León	171,554	6.7	169,498	6.6	2,056	1.2
País Vasco	144,551	6.6	139,369	6.4	5,182	3.7
Cantabria	38,863	6.6	39,201	6.6	-338	-0.9
Ceuta	4,736	5.8	3,995	5.0	741	18.5
Asturias, Principado de	50,310	4.7	49,286	4.5	1,024	2.1
Galicia	109,994	3.9	109,670	3.9	324	0.3
Extremadura	41,460	3.7	39,356	3.6	2,104	5.3

The Autonomous Communities producing the greatest increases in foreign nationals, in absolute terms, during the year 2010, were Andalucía (23,120), País Vasco (5,182) and Extremadura (2,104).

Conversely, the number of foreign nationals decreased the most in Comunidad de Madrid (-17,918), Comunitat Valenciana (-16,081) and Cataluña (-15,581).

In relative terms, the greatest increases in foreign population were produced in the autonomous cities of Ceuta (18.5%) and Melilla (13.1%), and in Extremadura (5.3%). The

greatest decreases were recorded in Comunitat Valenciana (-1.8%) and Comunidad de Madrid (-1.7%).

Distribution of foreign citizens by nationality

The foreign nationals residing in Spain and belonging to the EU-27 reached 2,392,491. **The most numerous among these were the Rumanian citizens (864,278)**, followed by those from the United Kingdom (390,880) and Germany (195,842).

Among the group of non-European-Union foreign nationals, Moroccan citizens were the most numerous (769,920), followed by Ecuadorians (359,076) and Colombians (271,773).

Foreign population by country

Provisional data

	Foreign population at 1 January 2011 (provisional data)		Foreign population at 1 January 2010 (final data)		Absolute variation	Relative variation (%)
	Number of	% of the total nationals	Number of	% of the total nationals		
Total	5,730,667	100.0	5,747,734	100.0	-17,067	-0.3
Rumania	864,278	15.1	831,235	14.5	33,043	4.0
Morocco	769,920	13.4	754,080	13.1	15,840	2.1
Ecuador	390,880	6.8	387,677	6.7	3,203	0.8
United Kingdom	359,076	6.3	399,586	7.0	-40,510	-10.1
Colombia	271,773	4.7	292,641	5.1	-20,868	-7.1
Bolivia	197,895	3.5	213,169	3.7	-15,274	-7.2
Germany	195,842	3.4	195,824	3.4	18	0.0
Italy	187,847	3.3	184,277	3.2	3,570	1.9
Bulgaria	172,634	3.0	169,552	2.9	3,082	1.8
China	166,223	2.9	158,244	2.8	7,979	5.0
Portugal	140,706	2.5	142,520	2.5	-1,814	-1.3
Peru	131,886	2.3	140,182	2.4	-8,296	-5.9
France	122,385	2.1	123,870	2.2	-1,485	-1.2
Argentina	120,012	2.1	132,249	2.3	-12,237	-9.3
Brazil	106,908	1.9	117,808	2.0	-10,900	-9.3
Dominican Republic	90,612	1.6	91,212	1.6	-600	-0.7
Paraguay	87,406	1.5	85,687	1.5	1,719	2.0
Ukraine	85,913	1.5	83,313	1.4	2,600	3.1
Poland	85,862	1.5	86,324	1.5	-462	-0.5
Pakistan	69,841	1.2	56,877	1.0	12,964	22.8

In 2010, the number of Rumanian citizens experienced the most substantial growth in absolute terms, with an increase of 33,043 persons. Other important growth was recorded in the number of Moroccan citizens (15,840 more), Pakistani citizens (12,964) and Chinese citizens (7,979).

Conversely, the greatest decreases were recorded among citizens from Ecuador (-40,510 fewer), Colombia (-20,868) and Bolivia (-15,274).

The greatest relative increases, among the nationalities with the highest number of registered persons, corresponded to Pakistani citizens (22.8%), Chinese citizens (5.0%) and Rumanian citizens (5.0%).

By group of countries, the EU-27 citizens were the most numerous, representing 41.7% of the total foreign citizens, followed by citizens from South America, who accounted for 24.8% of the total foreign nationals.

Foreign population by group of countries

Provisional data

	At 1 January 2011 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2010 (final data)	
	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain
Total	5,730,667	100.0	5,747,734	100.0
EU-27	2,392,491	41.7	2,350,172	40.9
Rest of Europe	234,760	4.1	228,799	4.0
Africa	1,078,899	18.8	1,059,369	18.4
North America	54,547	0.9	54,099	0.9
Central America and the Caribbean	206,329	3.6	201,374	3.5
South America	1,418,751	24.8	1,533,207	26.7
Asia	341,886	6.0	317,646	5.5
Other	3,004	0.1	3,068	0.1

In terms of distribution by sex within the foreign group, the proportion of females was greatest among Latin American nationals. In turn, there were more males in most of the African and Asian nationalities.

Foreign population by sex and group of countries

Provisional data

	Total	Males	% of the total for the group of countries	Females	% of the total for the group of countries
Total	5,730,667	2,989,606	52.2	2,741,061	47.8
EU-27	2,392,491	1,256,974	52.5	1,135,517	47.5
Rest of Europe	234,760	103,306	44.0	131,454	56.0
Africa	1,078,899	678,957	62.9	399,942	37.1
North America	54,547	24,736	45.3	29,811	54.7
Central America and the Caribbean	206,329	82,328	39.9	124,001	60.1
South America	1,418,751	636,672	44.9	782,079	55.1
Asia	341,886	204,950	59.9	136,936	40.1
Other	3,004	1,683	56.0	1,321	44.0

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