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Residents Travel Survey (ETR/FAMILITUR) Fourth Quarter 2023 and year 2023

Main results

- The number of trips made by residents in Spain increased by 10.0% in the fourth quarter and stood at 41.7 million.
- Total expenditure increased by 18.7% and exceeded 12,542 million euros.
- Andalucía, Cataluña and Comunitat Valenciana were the main destinations.
- In 2023, the number of trips increased by 8.5% and expenditure by 16.8%.

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Residents in Spain made 41.7 million trips in the fourth quarter, 10.0% more than that registered in the same period of 2022.

Trips whose main destination was the national territory increased by 9.7% and those abroad by 12.4%.

Trips and average duration by destination. Quarter IV 2023

	Trips			Average duration	
	Total	%	Annual variation (%)	Overnights	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	41,653,532	100.0	10.0	3.4	2.0
Spain	37,089,229	89.0	9.7	3.0	0.0
Abroad	4,564,302	11.0	12.4	7.0	8.2

Trips by purpose and accommodation

Leisure, recreation and holiday trips increased by 12.1% in the fourth quarter. On the other hand, *Visits to relatives or friends* increased by 6.6%.

Trips for *Business and other professional reasons* increased by 13.7% and those made for *Other* reasons by 10.4%.

Trips by main purpose. Quarter IV 2023

	Trips			Average duration	
	Total	%	Annual variation (%)	Overnights	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	41,653,532	100.0	10.0	3.4	2.0
Leisure, recreation and holidays	18,473,245	44.3	12.1	3.4	0.3
Visiting relatives and friends	16,313,574	39.2	6.6	3.2	3.1
Business and professional	4,600,154	11.0	13.7	3.7	-1.2
Other reasons	2,266,558	5.4	10.4	4.2	12.5

By type of accommodation, domestic trips where residents stayed with relatives or friends increased by 8.1%. In foreign trips, hotel accommodation grew by 8.4%.

Main destinations and Autonomous Communities of origin

The main Autonomous Communities of destination for trips by residents in the fourth quarter were Andalucía (16.3% of the total), Cataluña (12.2%) and Comunitat Valenciana (8.7%).

Trips by destination (abroad and autonomous communities). Quarter IV 2023

	Trips		Overnights		Average duration
	Total	%	Total	%	Overnights
TOTAL	41,653,532	100.0	141,664,497	100.0	3.4
Abroad	4,564,302	11.0	31,815,239	22.5	7.0
Andalucía	6,779,711	16.3	20,318,094	14.3	3.0
Cataluña	5,102,508	12.2	12,565,043	8.9	2.5
Comunitat Valenciana	3,641,225	8.7	11,659,521	8.2	3.2
Castilla y León	3,599,043	8.6	10,465,257	7.4	2.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	3,381,235	8.1	10,394,854	7.3	3.1
Castilla - La Mancha	2,624,267	6.3	7,509,289	5.3	2.9
Galicia	2,033,529	4.9	6,669,064	4.7	3.3
Canarias	1,656,737	4.0	5,935,756	4.2	3.6
Aragón	1,651,718	4.0	4,490,736	3.2	2.7
Extremadura	1,148,244	2.8	2,871,433	2.0	2.5
Cantabria	1,020,440	2.4	3,650,181	2.6	3.6
Asturias, Principado de	1,000,043	2.4	3,229,513	2.3	3.2
Murcia, Región de	987,421	2.4	2,528,706	1.8	2.6
Balears, Illes	828,973	2.0	2,645,231	1.9	3.2
País Vasco	670,120	1.6	1,709,641	1.2	2.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	565,012	1.4	1,893,258	1.3	3.4
Rioja, La	370,222	0.9	1,180,528	0.8	3.2
Ceuta	-	-	-	-	-
Melilla	-	-	-	-	-

Note: the data marked with "-" do not have sufficient sampling support.

In terms of origin, trips made by residents in Cataluña accounted for 16.1% of the total. It was followed by Andalucía (16.0%) and Comunidad de Madrid (15.7%).

Eliminating the effect of the size of each community, the most travellers are residents of the Comunidad Foral de Navarra (1,172 trips per 1,000 inhabitants), La Rioja (1,155) and País Vasco (1,131).

Trip expenditure

The total travel expenditure in the fourth quarter reached 12,542.0 million euros, indicating an 18.7% increase as compared with the same period of 2022. Total spendings on domestic trips increased by 15.8% and on trips abroad by 24.3%.

The average daily expenditure was 89 euros –72 euros for domestic trips and 144 euros for trips abroad–.

Expenditure by destination. Quarter IV 2023

	Total expenditure			Average expenditure per person		Daily average expenditure	
	Total (millions of euros)	%	Annual variation (%)	Total (euros)	Annual variation (%)	Total (euros)	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	12,542.0	100.0	18.7	301	8.0	89	5.9
Spain	7,958.2	63.5	15.8	215	5.6	72	5.5
Abroad	4,583.8	36.5	24.3	1,004	10.5	144	2.1

By expenditure items, the highest expenditure on domestic trips was on bars and restaurants, with 26.1% of the total and an annual increase of 18.4%. For trips abroad, the highest expenditure was on transport, with 30.9% of the total and an increase of 21.6%.

Expenditure by item of expenditure according to destination. Quarter IV 2023

	Total			Spain			Abroad		
	(millions of euros)	%	Annual variation (%)	(millions of euros)	%	Annual variation (%)	(millions of euros)	%	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12,542.0	100.0	18.7	7,958.2	100.0	15.8	4,583.8	100.0	24.3
Expenditure on tourist package	1,051.2	8.4	37.0	254.5	3.2	3.7	796.7	17.4	52.7
Expenditure excluded on tourist package	11,490.8	91.6	17.3	7,703.6	96.8	16.2	3,787.1	82.6	19.6
- Expenditure on accommodation	2,900.5	23.1	15.7	1,930.6	24.3	17.4	969.9	21.2	12.6
- Expenditure on transport	3,263.8	26.0	14.9	1,846.0	23.2	10.2	1,417.7	30.9	21.6
- Expenditure on restaurants/café	2,813.8	22.4	20.5	2,073.8	26.1	18.4	740.0	16.1	26.9
- Other expenditure	2,512.8	20.0	18.9	1,853.2	23.3	19.1	659.6	14.4	18.5

By main destination, the highest average daily expenditure was recorded for trips to Illes Balears (106 euros), Comunidad de Madrid (99) and País Vasco (92). And the lowest in Castilla-La Mancha (52 euros), Castilla y León (55) and Región de Murcia and Extremadura (both 57).

By origin, the highest average daily expenditures were made by residents in Illes Balears (120 euros), Cantabria (97) and Canarias, Cataluña and País Vasco (all three with 94). And the lowest in Castilla-La Mancha and Extremadura (both 73 euros), and Castilla y León (82).

Monthly data

December recorded the highest number of trips this quarter (15.6 million) and the longest average duration (3.6 overnight stays).

Excursions

The population aged 15 and over made 48.0 million trips in the fourth quarter, an annual decrease of 1.9%. Of these, 96.9% were for personal reasons.

Results for the whole of 2023

In 2023 as a whole, residents in Spain made 185.9 million trips, representing an increase of 8.5% compared with the previous year. Domestic trips increased by 7.3%, while trips abroad increased by 19.6%.

Overnight stays corresponding to those trips exceeded 802 million, with an increase of 7.5%. In turn, the total associated expenditure rose by 16.8%, to 58,750.0 million euros.

89.6% of trips had Spain as main destination and 10.4% abroad. Domestic trips accounted for 80.2% of overnight stays and 67.6% of the total expenditure, with an average daily expenditure of 62 euros.

In turn, trips abroad accounted for 19.8% of overnight stays and 32.4% of the total expenditure, with an average daily expenditure of 120 euros.

Trips, overnight stays and expenditure by destination (abroad and Autonomous Communities). Year 2023

	Trips		Overnights		Total expenditure (millions of euros)		Average expenditure per person (euros)	Daily average expenditure (euros)
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	Total
TOTAL	185,895,163	100.0	802,083,174	100.0	58,750.0	100.0	316	73
Abroad	19,290,525	10.4	158,454,126	19.8	19,051.7	32.4	988	120
Andalucía	31,796,819	17.1	131,476,958	16.4	8,168.8	13.9	257	62
Cataluña	23,763,022	12.8	79,083,694	9.9	5,219.1	8.9	220	66
Comunitat Valenciana	18,477,734	9.9	83,486,786	10.4	4,515.6	7.7	244	54
Castilla y León	16,401,602	8.8	63,113,684	7.9	2,935.4	5.0	179	47
Madrid, Comunidad de	11,945,287	6.4	35,741,153	4.5	3,345.4	5.7	280	94
Castilla - La Mancha	10,877,709	5.9	35,987,682	4.5	1,621.7	2.8	149	45
Galicia	9,832,595	5.3	43,579,954	5.4	2,545.7	4.3	259	58
Aragón	7,329,881	3.9	24,235,775	3.0	1,421.5	2.4	194	59
Canarias	7,110,501	3.8	27,444,802	3.4	2,462.8	4.2	346	90
Asturias, Principado de	4,758,797	2.6	21,809,948	2.7	1,289.4	2.2	271	59
Extremadura	4,682,105	2.5	20,938,599	2.6	974.4	1.7	208	47
Cantabria	4,201,776	2.3	18,347,142	2.3	1,047.6	1.8	249	57
Murcia, Región de	3,934,235	2.1	15,334,035	1.9	783.2	1.3	199	51
País Vasco	3,909,573	2.1	14,158,632	1.8	1,126.1	1.9	288	80
Balears, Illes	3,589,990	1.9	16,019,755	2.0	1,473.5	2.5	410	92
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	2,227,033	1.2	6,795,820	0.8	423.9	0.7	190	62
Rioja, La	1,662,929	0.9	5,628,277	0.7	305.0	0.5	183	54
Ceuta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melilla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Data reviews and updates

The data published today are final. All the results of this operation are available at [INEbase](https://www.ine.es/dyngs/Prensa/en/ETR4T23.htm).

Methodological note

The objective of the Residents Travel Survey (ETR/FAMILITUR) is to provide information on the trips and excursions carried out by the population resident in Spain, both within the country and abroad, and their main characteristics (duration, expenditure, reason, accommodation, etc.).

In addition, it provides annual information on the percentage of the population travelling for personal reasons and investigates the reasons given by those who do not travel.

Type of operation: quarterly continuous survey.

Population scope: population aged 15 and over living in family homes in Spain.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory.

Reference period of the results: month, quarter, year (depending on the variable).

Sample size: the effective monthly sample is around 8,200 persons, who provide information on the trips completed in the two months prior to the interview. The results of a reference month are obtained from around 16,400 questionnaires.


Sample type: stratified three-stage random sample from the Georeferenced Address Framework. The first-stage units are census sections, the second-stage units are dwellings (a person aged 15 or over has been selected within each dwelling).

Collection method: telephone and face-to-face interviews and online questionnaire.

For more information, you can access the [methodology](#) and the [standardised methodological report](#).

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