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Tourist Movement on Borders Survey (FRONTUR)
 June 2016. *Provisional data*

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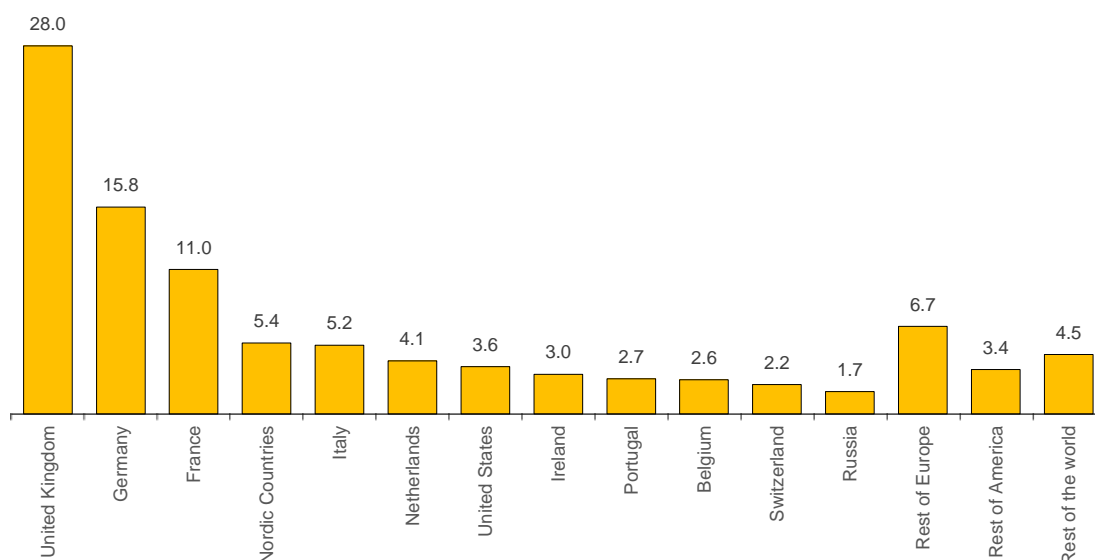
In June, Spain received 7.6 million international tourists, 12.7% more than the same month of 2015.

The United Kingdom was the main issuing country with 2,125,178 tourists, accounting for 28.0% of the total and 17.5% more than in June 2015.

Germany and France are the following two most important countries of residence of the tourists visiting Spain in June. From Germany we receive 1,194,848 (10.4% more) and from France 835,225 tourists (10.8% more in the annual rate).

Among the other countries of residence, the annual growth is particularly noteworthy in tourists coming from the Rest of America (37.1%), Portugal (24.9%) and from Ireland (19.2%).

International tourist arrivals by country of residence. Percentage of the total



In the first six months of 2016 the number of tourists visiting Spain increased by 11.7 % and reached 32.8 million.

The main issuing countries in this period were the United Kingdom (with 7,947,283 tourists, an increase of 16.5 % over the first six months of 2015), Germany (with 4,994,524 tourists and an increase of 6.7 %) and France (with 4,589,028 tourists and a growth of 8.2 %).

International tourist arrivals ⁽²⁾ by country of residence

	Monthly data		Accumulated data ⁽³⁾	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	7,585,408	12.7	32,791,112	11.7
Germany	1,194,848	10.4	4,994,524	6.7
Belgium	198,413	-1.2	958,877	3.6
France	835,225	10.8	4,589,028	8.2
Ireland	229,629	19.2	793,745	22.4
Italy	398,045	15.9	1,734,534	8.6
Netherlands	307,802	9.4	1,478,939	17.0
Portugal	204,284	24.9	826,984	14.3
United Kingdom	2,125,178	17.5	7,947,283	16.5
Switzerland	170,603	17.1	745,737	12.7
Russia	130,283	-2.4	399,584	0.5
Nordic Countries	410,287	7.6	2,437,438	11.7
Rest of Europe	506,411	9.9	2,138,334	14.4
United States	274,283	7.4	891,612	7.9
Rest of America	256,848	37.1	1,100,405	18.2
Rest of the world	343,267	0.5	1,754,088	10.3

(1) Not including travellers in transit or visitors staying only one night.

(2) See methodological note about the link, at the end of this press releas.

Main destinations by Autonomous Communities

Illes Balears was the main destination for the tourists in June, with 25.6% of the total. This community was followed in importance by Cataluña (23.6% of the total) and Andalucía (14.0%).

1,944,076 tourists came to Illes Balears, 11.4% more than in June 2015. The main countries of residence of those visiting this community are the United Kingdom (33.5% of the total) and Germany (32.8%).

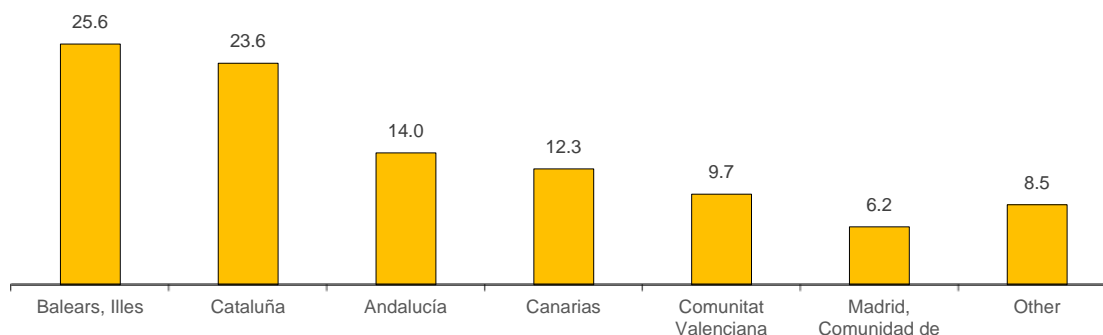
The number of tourists visiting Cataluña has increased by 7.9% and reached 1.8 million. 19.8% of these tourists came from France and 15.4% from the United Kingdom.

The third main Autonomous Community destination by number of tourists is Andalucía, with near 1.1 million and an annual growth of 15.0 %. The United Kingdom is the first country of origin of this community (30.8% of the total), followed by Rest of Europe (9.2%).

In the remaining communities there were increases of 20.8% in Comunidad de Madrid, 17.9% in Canarias and 15.0% in Comunitat Valenciana.

In the accumulated first six months of 2016 the communities that received more tourists were Cataluña (with 7,661,406 and an increase of 4.9 %), Canarias (with 6,367,420 and an increase of 12.0 %) and Illes Balears (with 5,001,788 and a growth of 13.4 %).

International tourist arrivals by main autonomous region of destination. Percentage of the total



International tourist arrivals by main autonomous community region of destination. Monthly and cumulative data

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	7,585,408	12.7	32,791,112	11.7
Andalucía	1,065,693	15.0	4,809,085	17.4
Balears, Illes	1,944,076	11.4	5,001,788	13.4
Canarias	936,497	17.9	6,367,420	12.0
Cataluña	1,789,870	7.9	7,661,406	4.9
Comunitat Valenciana	732,432	15.0	3,362,071	19.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	469,476	20.8	2,713,428	10.8
Other	647,364	11.3	2,875,914	10.6

International tourist arrivals by main autonomous community of destination. Main country of residence

	First outbound country	% tourists	Second outbound country	% tourists
	TOTAL	United Kingdom	28.0	Germany
Andalucía	United Kingdom	30.8	Rest of Europe	9.2
Balears, Illes	United Kingdom	33.5	Germany	32.8
Canarias	United Kingdom	42.4	Germany	23.0
Cataluña	France	19.8	United Kingdom	15.4
Comunitat Valenciana	United Kingdom	40.1	France	10.8
Madrid, Comunidad de	Rest of America	20.9	United States of America	14.8

Forms of access and principal accommodation

Most of the tourists visiting Spain in June came by air, 6,476,122 an annual increase of 14.8%.

On the other routes, road entries had an increase of 0.1%, 14.9% increase in port arrivals and a 18.0% increase in railway.

International tourist arrivals according to form of access to Spain

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	7,585,408	12.7	32,791,112	11.7
Air transport	6,476,122	14.8	27,205,114	12.9
Motor vehicle	993,326	0.1	4,930,014	4.9
Train	36,630	18.0	147,403	9.6
Waterway	79,330	14.9	508,580	16.9

In June, the number of tourists choosing market accommodation as the main accommodation type increased by 14.0% in the annual rate. Within this type, hotel accommodation grew by 11.7% and rented properties increased by 15.2 %.

Non-market accommodation increased by 6.6%. The number of tourists staying in relatives or friends' homes increased by 13.2% and those staying in their own properties increased by 18.9%.

International tourist arrivals by means of accommodation

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	7,585,408	12.7	32,791,112	11.7
Rented accommodation ⁽⁴⁾	6,274,127	14.0	25,474,583	12.8
-Hotel accommodation	5,097,967	11.7	21,012,433	11.4
-Rental housing	824,477	15.2	3,150,824	4.8
-Rest rented accommodation	351,683	57.7	1,311,326	80.4
Non-rented accommodation	1,311,280	6.6	7,316,529	8.0
-Vacation home ownership	458,828	18.9	2,274,955	8.7
-Home of family or friends	783,954	13.2	4,366,146	18.1
-Rest non rented accommodation	68,498	-55.0	675,427	-31.2

(3) Two principal groups of accommodation are distinguished, depending on whether there has been a monetary transaction: market (paid accommodation; hotels, rented accommodation, camp sites, country houses and other market accommodation) and non-market (own home, relatives or friends' home or other non-market accommodation).

Main reason, duration of the stay and organisation of the trip

Leisure, recreation and holidays are the main reasons for the trip to Spain for 6,590,702 tourists this month, 10.8% more than in June 2015.

445,748 tourists arrived for business a personal purposes, (1.1% less in the annual rate), and 548,958 (65.0% more) for other purposes.

International tourist arrivals by main purpose of the trip

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	7,585,408	12.7	32,791,112	11.7
Leisure, vacations	6,590,702	10.8	26,916,726	8.9
Business and personal purposes	445,748	-1.1	2,550,571	4.7
Other purposes	548,958	65.0	3,323,815	49.9

A stay of four to seven nights is the main length in June, with 3,624,613 tourists and a year-to-year growth of 9.5%.

The number of visitors decreased by 3.0% among those without overnight stays (excursionists) and increases 22.2% among the ones with shorter duration (more than 15 nights).

International visitor arrivals by length of stay

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	10,915,614	7.4	50,868,506	6.3
no night	3,330,206	-3.0	18,077,394	-2.3
1 night	302,213	21.9	1,344,466	-0.1
2 - 3 nights	1,148,645	11.1	5,881,462	18.6
4 - 7 nights	3,624,613	9.5	16,212,164	11.6
8 - 15 nights	2,028,629	16.1	7,238,492	10.1
More than 15 nights	481,307	22.2	2,114,527	7.6

(4) Excursionists

In June more than 5.0 million tourists travelled without a tourist package, which is a year-to-year increase of 6.5%. More nearly 2.6 million came with a tourist package, an increase of 27.0%.

International tourist arrivals by purchase a tourist package

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	7,585,408	12.7	32,791,112	11.7
No Tourist Package	5,005,216	6.5	22,874,007	10.0
Tourist Package	2,580,191	27.0	9,917,105	15.6

Methodological note

The main objective of the Survey of Tourist Movements at Borders (FRONTUR) is to monthly estimate the number of non-resident visitors in Spain that arrive to our country, whether tourists (with overnight stay) or excursionist (visitors without overnight stay), distinguishing between the different forms of access (road , airport, port and rail), as well as to know the main features of the trips made by those visitors (country of residence, main destination, type of accommodation and duration of the stay). FRONTUR follow international definitions and recommendations made by the WTO and EUROSTAT on this matter.

Different administrative sources managed by different bodies and institutions are used as population frame.

Directorate General of Traffic (DGT) provides information on the number and type of vehicles that cross the border by road. These DGT registers are complemented by a sample operation of Capacity, that allows to estimate the occupation of vehicles, according to the type and the car number plate nationality.

AENA facilitates the register of international flights operated in Spain, including the origin and destination airports, as well as the number of passengers.

State Ports provides information on the number of passengers boarded and landed in each Spanish port coming from a foreign port.

Finally, RENFE provides the complete list of trains that cross the border along with the number of passengers on the different international railway lines.

In the sample design, a series of stratum grouping border points, airports, ports or railway lines, respectively have been designed for each form of entry. In road and airport sample allocation, the day of the week in which the survey has been carried out is distinguished, discriminating between working days, weekends and holiday days. Furthermore, in airports 11 air relations are defined (origin Spanish airport-country of the destination airport) which determine as well the sample design in this form of access. The annual theoretical sample size of FRONTUR overcomes the 450,000 surveys, during the year, taking into account the seasonality of travel flows. Information is collected by direct interviews when the traveler leaves Spain, with an electronic multilingual questionnaire.

It has to be taken into account that estimates of FRONTUR are used as population to which data of the Survey on Touristic Expenditure (EGATUR), carried out by the INE too, is raised and that is compiled as subsample methodologically included in FRONTUR.

A press note is published monthly presenting the main results, along with a series of charts that include variation rates comparing the same month of the previous year.

In the INE web site a more complete tabulation plan, with the main aggregate series, as well as the microdata file of the reference month is available to users.

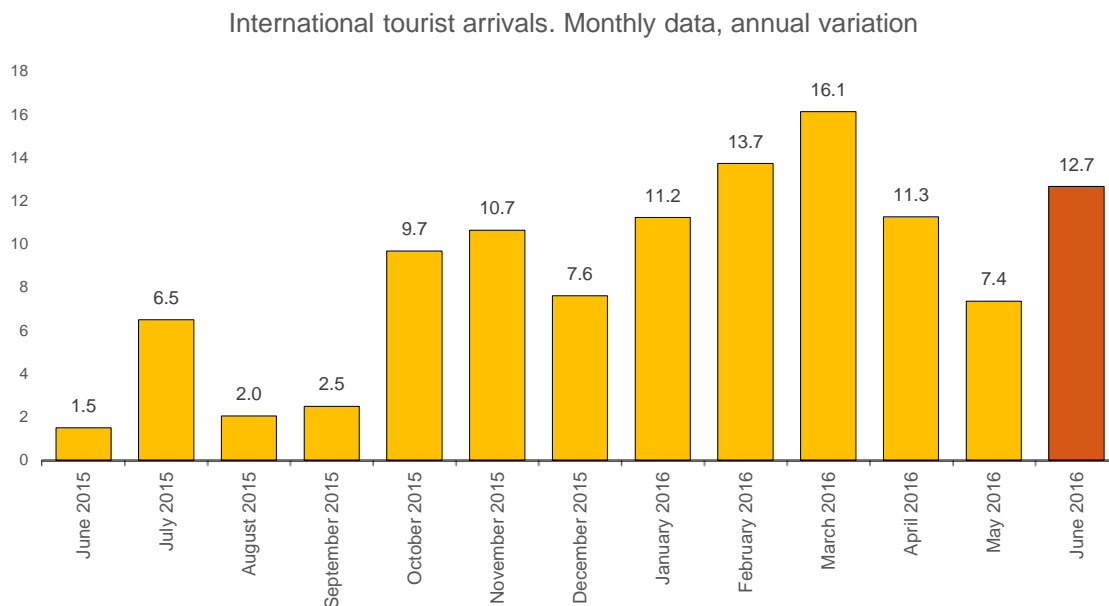
Series link

The INE has carried out an updating of the methodology of the FRONTUR survey, so its results are not directly comparable with the previous series published by Turespaña up to the reference month of September 2015. Consequently, it is necessary to create a statistical link in order to build homogeneous data sets.

The link aims to capture the statistical effects due to changes in the design and other methodological changes in order to facilitate the obtaining of rates of change in the current month compared to the same month of the previous year for the main aggregates regarding inbound tourism, as if the results for the two months had been collected using the same methodology.

Thus, from October 2015, during the first 12 months after the transfer of the demand-side operations of tourism statistics FRONTUR and EGATUR from Turespaña to INE, the linked annual rates with the previous series published by Turespaña, will be disseminated calculated according to the linking statistical technique designed by INE .

The description of the linking technique, as well as the new general methodology of FRONTUR and EGATUR and the changes with regard to the previous methodology, is available at www.ine.es/en/.



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