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**Estimate of the Municipal Register at 1 January 2008
Provisional data**

**The population registered in Spain reaches 46 million persons at 1
January 2008**

**The number of foreign nationals registered stands at 5.22 million, of
whom 2.1 million are EU citizens**

At 1 January 2008, the total number of residents in Spain was 46.06 million inhabitants, according to the estimate of the Municipal Register, indicating an increase of 862,774 persons as compared with the data from 1 January 2007. Out of this total, **40.84 million were persons with Spanish nationality and 5.22 million were foreign nationals, of whom 2.1 million were European Union (EU) citizens.**

These figures shall be provisional until, prior to the end of the year, the National Statistics Institute, with the conformity of the Registration Council, tends the official population figures proposal to the National Government, for its approval by Royal Decree, which shall be published in the Official Spanish Gazette.

During the year 2007, the number of registered Spaniards **experienced a net increase of 161,751 persons (0.4%) and the number of registered foreign nationals increased by 701,023 persons (15.5%). Of the latter, those belonging to the EU-27 increased by 387,435 persons (22.7%), accounting for more than 50% of the total increase in foreign nationals.**

Population by sex and age

49.5% of the total number of registered persons were male and 50.5% were female, according to the provisional data at 1 January 2008. Among Spaniards, 49.0% were male and 51.0% were female. Among foreign nationals, 53.2% were male and 46.8% were female.

Population by sex at 1 January 2008

Provisional data

	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
Both sexes	46,063,511	100.0	40,842,934	100.0	5,220,577	100.0
Males	22,798,661	49.5	20,021,658	49.0	2,777,003	53.2
Females	23,264,850	50.5	20,821,276	51.0	2,443,574	46.8

By age, 15.3% of the population were less than 16 years of age, 43.8% were between 16 and 44, and 40.8% were 45 years old or older.

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Population by age at 1 January 2008

Provisional data

	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
Total	46,063,511	100.0	40,842,934	100.0	5,220,577	100.0
Under 16 years of age	7,068,430	15.3	6,286,627	15.4	781,803	15.0
16 to 44	20,191,205	43.8	16,857,602	41.3	3,333,603	63.9
45 to 64	11,170,069	24.2	10,319,676	25.3	850,393	16.3
65 years old and over	7,633,807	16.6	7,379,029	18.1	254,778	4.9

Data by Autonomous Community

The Autonomous Communities that registered the greatest increases in population between 1 January 2007 and 1 January 2008 were Comunidad de Madrid (with an increase of 170,187 persons), Cataluña (143,933) and Comunitat Valenciana (131,319).

In contrast, those whose population increased the least were the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta (717 persons) and Melilla (1,899), and Principado de Asturias (4,353). No Autonomous Community decreased in population.

Population by Autonomous Community

	At 1 January 2008 (provisional data)	At 1 January 2007 (final data)	Absolute variation	Relative variation
Total	46,063,511	45,200,737	862,774	1.9
Andalucía	8,177,805	8,059,461	118,344	1.5
Cataluña	7,354,441	7,210,508	143,933	2.0
Madrid (Comunidad de)	6,251,876	6,081,689	170,187	2.8
Comunitat Valenciana	5,016,348	4,885,029	131,319	2.7
Galicia	2,783,100	2,772,533	10,567	0.4
Castilla y León	2,553,301	2,528,417	24,884	1.0
País Vasco	2,155,546	2,141,860	13,686	0.6
Canarias	2,070,465	2,025,951	44,514	2.2
Castilla-La Mancha	2,038,956	1,977,304	61,652	3.1
Murcia (Región de)	1,424,063	1,392,117	31,946	2.3
Aragón	1,325,272	1,296,655	28,617	2.2
Extremadura	1,095,894	1,089,990	5,904	0.5
Asturias (Principado de)	1,079,215	1,074,862	4,353	0.4
Baleares (Illes)	1,071,221	1,030,650	40,571	3.9
Navarra (Comun. Foral de)	619,114	605,876	13,238	2.2
Cantabria	581,215	572,824	8,391	1.5
Rioja (La)	317,020	308,968	8,052	2.6
Ceuta	77,320	76,603	717	0.9
Melilla	71,339	69,440	1,899	2.7

In relative terms, the greatest increases in population were produced in Illes Balears (3.9%), Castilla-La Mancha (3.1%) and Comunidad de Madrid (2.8%). The smallest increases were recorded in Galicia (0.4%), Principado de Asturias (0.4%) and Extremadura (0.5%).

Distribution of foreign citizens by Autonomous Community

The proportion of foreign citizens over the total population residing in Spain stood at 11.3% according to the provisional data of the Register at 1 January 2008.

The Autonomous Communities with the highest proportion of foreign nationals were Illes Balears (20.8%), Comunitat Valenciana (16.7%) and Comunidad de Madrid (15.9%). In contrast, those with the lowest proportion of foreign nationals were Extremadura (3.2%), Galicia (3.4%) and Principado de Asturias (3.7%).

Foreign population by Autonomous Community

	At 1 January 2008 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2007 (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	5,220,577	11.3	4,519,554	10.0	701,023	15.5
Balears (Illes)	222,331	20.8	190,170	18.5	32,161	16.9
Comunitat Valenciana	838,224	16.7	732,102	15.0	106,122	14.5
Madrid (Comunidad de)	991,259	15.9	866,910	14.3	124,349	14.3
Murcia (Región de)	224,098	15.7	201,700	14.5	22,398	11.1
Cataluña	1,097,966	14.9	972,507	13.5	125,459	12.9
Rioja (La)	43,524	13.7	36,825	11.9	6,699	18.2
Canarias	282,004	13.6	250,736	12.4	31,268	12.5
Aragón	153,990	11.6	124,404	9.6	29,586	23.8
Navarra (Comun. Foral de)	64,518	10.4	55,921	9.2	8,597	15.4
Castilla-La Mancha	203,847	10.0	159,637	8.1	44,210	27.7
Melilla	6,422	9.0	5,327	7.7	1,095	20.6
Andalucía	615,787	7.5	531,827	6.6	83,960	15.8
Castilla y León	153,435	6.0	119,781	4.7	33,654	28.1
Cantabria	33,098	5.7	26,795	4.7	6,303	23.5
País Vasco	116,650	5.4	98,524	4.6	18,126	18.4
Ceuta	3,082	4.0	3,016	3.9	66	2.2
Asturias (Principado de)	40,171	3.7	32,720	3.0	7,451	22.8
Galicia	95,122	3.4	81,442	2.9	13,680	16.8
Extremadura	35,049	3.2	29,210	2.7	5,839	20.0

The Autonomous Communities producing the greatest increase in foreign nationals in absolute terms during the year 2007 were Cataluña (125,459), Comunidad de Madrid (124,349) and Comunitat Valenciana (106,122).

The smallest increases were recorded in the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta (66 persons) and Melilla (1,095) and in the Autonomous Community of Extremadura (5,839). No Autonomous Community decreased in foreign population.

In relative terms, the greatest increases in foreign population were produced in Castilla y León (28.1%), Castilla-La Mancha (27.7%) and Aragón (23.8%), while the smallest increases

were recorded in the Autonomous City of Ceuta (2.2%), Región de Murcia (11.1%) and Canarias (12.5%).

Distribution of foreign citizens by nationality

The foreign nationals residing in Spain and belonging to the EU-27 reached 2.1 million. Worth noting among these were the Rumanian citizens (728,967), followed by those from the United Kingdom (351,919) and Germans (180,650).

Among the group of non-European-Union foreign nationals, Moroccan citizens were the most numerous (644,688), followed by Ecuadoreans (420,110) and Colombians (280,705).

Regarding the figures at 1 January 2007, there was an observable **increase in the relative weight of the European Union citizens**, especially Rumanian citizens, and to a lesser extent, Bulgarian, Portuguese and Polish citizens.

Foreign population by country

	At 1 January 2008 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2007 (final data)		Absolute variation	Relative variation in %
	Number of persons	% of the total foreign nationals	Number of persons	% of the total foreign nationals		
Total	5,220,577	100.0	4,519,554	100.00	701,023	15.5
Rumania	728,967	14.0	527,019	11.7	201,948	38.3
Morocco	644,688	12.3	582,923	12.9	61,765	10.6
Ecuador	420,110	8.0	427,099	9.5	-6,989	-1.6
United Kingdom	351,919	6.7	314,951	7.0	36,968	11.7
Colombia	280,705	5.4	261,542	5.8	19,163	7.3
Bolivia	239,942	4.6	200,496	4.4	39,446	19.7
Germany	180,650	3.5	164,405	3.6	16,245	9.9
Italy	157,435	3.0	135,108	3.0	22,327	16.5
Bulgaria	153,664	2.9	122,057	2.7	31,607	25.9
Argentina	145,315	2.8	141,159	3.1	4,156	2.9
Portugal	126,651	2.4	100,616	2.2	26,035	25.9
China	124,022	2.4	106,652	2.4	17,370	16.3
Peru	120,272	2.3	103,650	2.3	16,622	16.0
Brazil	115,390	2.2	90,161	2.0	25,229	28.0
France	112,349	2.2	100,408	2.2	11,941	11.9
Poland	78,305	1.5	61,464	1.4	16,841	27.4
Ukraine	77,713	1.5	69,983	1.5	7,730	11.0
Dominican Republic	76,954	1.5	65,119	1.4	11,835	18.2
Paraguay	66,710	1.3	46,238	1.0	20,472	44.3
Venezuela	57,679	1.1	51,481	1.1	6,198	12.0

In 2007, the number of Rumanian citizens was the figure that experienced the most substantial growth, with a balance of 201,948 persons. Other important growth was recorded in the number of Moroccan citizens (61,765), Bolivians (39,446), British citizens (36,968) and Bulgarians (31,607).

The greatest relative increases, among the nationalities with the highest number of registered persons, corresponded to Paraguayan citizens (44.3%), Rumanians (38.3%) and Brazilians (28.0%).

By groups of countries, the EU-27 citizens were the most numerous (2,095,952) and represented 40.2% of the total foreign citizens, followed by citizens from South America (1,541,658 persons), who accounted for 29.5% of the total foreign nationals.

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	5,220,577	2,777,003	53.2	2,443,574	46.8
EU-27	2,095,952	1,122,576	53.6	973,376	46.4
Rest de Europe	208,533	98,141	47.1	110,392	52.9
Africa	898,489	592,884	66.0	305,605	34.0
North America	49,038	22,872	46.6	26,166	53.4
Central America and Caribbean	170,576	70,309	41.2	100,267	58.8
South America	1,541,658	711,106	46.1	830,552	53.9
Asia	253,447	157,501	62.1	95,946	37.9
Other	2,884	1,614	56.0	1,270	44.0

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 groups of countries

	At 1 January 2008 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2007 (final data)	
	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain
Total	5,220,577	100.0	4,519,554	100.0
EU-27	2,095,952	40.1	1,708,517	37.8
Rest of Europe	208,533	4.0	187,210	4.1
Africa	898,489	17.2	806,795	17.9
North American	49,038	0.9	45,608	1.0
Central America and Caribbean	170,576	3.3	139,945	3.1
South America	1,541,658	29.5	1,408,785	31.2
Asia	253,447	4.9	219,843	4.9
Other	2,884	0.1	2,851	0.1

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