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**Estimate of the Municipal Register at 1 January 2009
Provisional data**

**The population registered in Spain reaches 46.6 million persons at
1 January 2009**

**The number of foreign nationals registered stands at 5.6 million, of
whom 2.3 million are EU citizens**

At 1 January 2009, the total number of residents in Spain was 46,661,950 inhabitants, according to the estimate of the Municipal Register, indicating an increase of 504,128 persons as compared with the data from 1 January 2008. Out of this total, 41,063,259 were persons with Spanish nationality and **5,598,691 were foreign nationals, representing 12.0% of the total number registered.**

The figures published today shall be provisional. 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 prior to the end of the year, for its approval by Royal Decree, which shall be published in the Official Spanish Gazette.

During the year 2008, the number of registered Spaniards **experienced a net increase of 174,199 persons (0.4%) and the number of registered foreign nationals increased by 329,929 persons (6.3%).** Of the latter, those belonging to the EU-27 increased by 164,154 persons (representing 49.8% of the total increase in foreign nationals) reaching a total figure of 2,266,808 persons.

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 2009. Among Spaniards, 49.0% were male and 51.0% were female. Among foreign nationals, 53.1% were male and 46.9% were female.

Population by sex at 1 January 2009

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	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
Both sexes	46,661,950	100.0	41,063,259	100.0	5,598,691	100.0
Males	23,104,496	49.5	20,130,789	49.0	2,973,707	53.1
Females	23,557,454	50.5	20,932,470	51.0	2,624,984	46.9

By age, 15.5% of the population were less than 16 years of age, 43.3% were between 16 and 44, and 41.2% were 45 years of age or older.

Population by age at 1 January 2009

Provisional data

	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
Total	46,661,950	100.0	41,063,259	100.0	5,598,691	100.0
Under 16 years of age	7,229,745	15.5	6,380,917	15.5	848,828	15.2
16 to 44	20,219,113	43.3	16,679,406	40.6	3,539,707	63.2
45 to 64	11,432,262	24.5	10,503,874	25.6	928,388	16.6
65 years of age and over	7,780,830	16.7	7,499,062	18.3	281,768	5.0

15.5% of the registered Spaniards were less than 16 years of age, 40.6% were between 16 and 44, and 43.9% were 45 years old or older. As for the foreign population, 15.2% were under 16 years of age, 63.2% were between 16 and 44, and 21.6% were 45 years of age or older.

Data by Autonomous Community

The Autonomous Communities that registered the greatest increases in population between 1 January 2008 and 1 January 2009 were Cataluña (with an increase of 103,345 persons), Comunidad de Madrid (88,603), Andalucía (83,472) and Comunitat Valenciana (54,901).

In contrast, those whose population increased the least were the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta (1,202 persons) and Melilla (1,934), and Extremadura (2,256). No Autonomous Community decreased in population.

Population by Autonomous Community

	At 1 January 2009 (provisional data)	At 1 January 2008 (final data)	Absolute variation	Relative variation
Total	46,661,950	46,157,822	504,128	1.1
Andalucía	8,285,692	8,202,220	83,472	1.0
Aragón	1,342,926	1,326,918	16,008	1.2
Asturias (Principado de)	1,085,110	1,080,138	4,972	0.5
Balears (Illes)	1,094,972	1,072,844	22,128	2.1
Canarias	2,098,593	2,075,968	22,625	1.1
Cantabria	589,043	582,138	6,905	1.2
Castilla y León	2,560,031	2,557,330	2,701	0.1
Castilla-La Mancha	2,079,401	2,043,100	36,301	1.8
Cataluña	7,467,423	7,364,078	103,345	1.4
Comunidad Valenciana	5,084,502	5,029,601	54,901	1.1
Extremadura	1,100,000	1,097,744	2,256	0.2
Galicia	2,794,796	2,784,169	10,627	0.4
Madrid (Comunidad de)	6,360,241	6,271,638	88,603	1.4
Murcia (Región de)	1,445,410	1,426,109	19,301	1.4
Navarra (Comun. Foral de)	629,569	620,377	9,192	1.5
País Vasco	2,171,243	2,157,112	14,131	0.7
Rioja (La)	321,025	317,501	3,524	1.1
Ceuta	78,591	77,389	1,202	1.6
Melilla	73,382	71,448	1,934	2.7

In relative terms, the greatest increases in population were produced in Melilla (2.7%), Illes Balears (2.1%) and Castilla-La Mancha (1.8%). The smallest increases were recorded in Castilla y León (0.1%), Extremadura (0.2%) and Galicia (0.4%).

Distribution of foreign citizens by Autonomous Community

The proportion of foreign citizens over the total population residing in Spain stood at 12.0% according to the provisional data of the Register at 1 January 2009.

The Autonomous Communities with the highest proportion of foreign nationals were Illes Balears (21.7%), Comunitat Valenciana (17.4%) and Comunidad de Madrid (16.4%). In contrast, those with the lowest proportion of foreign nationals were Extremadura (3.3%), Galicia (3.8%) and Principado de Asturias (4.3%).

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	5,598,691	12.0	5,268,762	11.4	329,929	6.3
Balears (Illes)	237,359	21.7	223,036	20.8	14,323	6.4
Comunitat Valenciana	882,870	17.4	847,339	16.8	35,531	4.2
Madrid (Comunidad de)	1,043,133	16.4	1,005,381	16.0	37,752	3.8
Murcia (Región de)	235,134	16.3	225,625	15.8	9,509	4.2
Cataluña	1,184,192	15.9	1,103,790	15.0	80,402	7.3
Rioja (La)	46,416	14.5	43,856	13.8	2,560	5.8
Canarias	299,220	14.3	283,847	13.7	15,373	5.4
Aragón	170,295	12.7	154,892	11.7	15,403	9.9
Navarra (Comun. Foral de)	70,149	11.1	65,045	10.5	5,104	7.8
Castilla-La Mancha	224,892	10.8	206,008	10.1	18,884	9.2
Melilla	7,572	10.3	6,472	9.1	1,100	17.0
Andalucía	668,093	8.1	623,279	7.6	44,814	7.2
Castilla y León	166,032	6.5	154,802	6.1	11,230	7.3
Cantabria	38,024	6.5	33,242	5.7	4,782	14.4
País Vasco	132,189	6.1	117,337	5.4	14,852	12.7
Ceuta	3,491	4.4	3,124	4.0	367	11.7
Asturias (Principado de)	47,012	4.3	40,804	3.8	6,208	15.2
Galicia	106,129	3.8	95,568	3.4	10,561	11.1
Extremadura	36,489	3.3	35,315	3.2	1,174	3.3

The Autonomous Communities producing the greatest increase in foreign nationals in absolute terms during the year 2008 were Cataluña (80,402), Andalucía (44,814) and Comunidad de Madrid (37,752).

The smallest increases were recorded in the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta (367 persons) and Melilla (1,100) and in the Autonomous Community of Extremadura (1,174). No Autonomous Community decreased in foreign population.

In relative terms, the greatest increases in foreign population were produced in Melilla (17.0%), Principado de Asturias (15.2%) and Cantabria (14.4%), while the smallest increases were recorded in Extremadura (3.3%), Comunidad de Madrid (3.8%) and Comunitat Valenciana (4.2%).

Distribution of foreign citizens by nationality

The foreign nationals residing in Spain and belonging to the EU-27 reached 2,266,808. **Worth noting among these were the Rumanian citizens (796,576)**, followed by those from the United Kingdom (374,600) and Germans (190,584).

Among the group of non-European-Union foreign nationals, Moroccan citizens were the most numerous (710,401), followed by Ecuadoreans (413,715) and Colombians (292,971).

Regarding the figures at 1 January 2008, there were no significant changes in the relative weight of the majority of nationalities. There was an increase in the number of Moroccan and Rumanian citizens, and a decrease in the number of Ecuadoreans, Bolivians and Argentinians.

Foreign population by country

	Foreign population at 1 January 2009 (provisional data)		Foreign population at 1 January 2008 (final data)		Absolute variation	Relative variation in %
	Number of persons	% of the total foreign nationals	Numer of persons	% of the total foreign nationals		
Total	5,598,691	100.0	5,268,762	100.0	329,929	6.3
Rumania	796,576	14.2	731,806	13.9	64,770	8.9
Morocco	710,401	12.7	652,695	12.4	57,706	8.8
Ecuador	413,715	7.4	427,718	8.1	-14,003	-3.3
United Kingdom	374,600	6.7	352,957	6.7	21,643	6.1
Colombia	292,971	5.2	284,581	5.4	8,390	2.9
Bolivia	227,145	4.1	242,496	4.6	-15,351	-6.3
Germany	190,584	3.4	181,174	3.4	9,410	5.2
Italy	174,912	3.1	157,789	3.0	17,123	10.9
Bulgaria	164,353	2.9	153,973	2.9	10,380	6.7
China	145,425	2.6	125,914	2.4	19,511	15.5
Argentina	140,443	2.5	147,382	2.8	-6,939	-4.7
Portugal	140,424	2.5	127,199	2.4	13,225	10.4
Peru	137,154	2.4	121,932	2.3	15,222	12.5
Brazil	124,737	2.2	116,548	2.2	8,189	7.0
France	120,246	2.1	112,610	2.1	7,636	6.8
Dominican Republic	86,888	1.6	77,822	1.5	9,066	11.6
Poland	84,823	1.5	78,560	1.5	6,263	8.0
Ukraine	81,132	1.4	79,096	1.5	2,036	2.6
Paraguay	80,467	1.4	67,403	1.3	13,064	19.4
Venezuela	60,751	1.1	58,317	1.1	2,434	4.2

In 2008, the number of Rumanian citizens was the figure that experienced the most substantial growth, with a balance of 64,770 persons. Other important growth was recorded in the number of Moroccan citizens (57,706), British citizens (21,643) and Chinese citizens (19,511).

The greatest relative increases, among the nationalities with the highest number of registered persons, corresponded to Paraguayan citizens (19.4%), Chinese citizens (15.5%) and Peruvian citizens (12.5%).

By groups of countries, the EU-27 citizens were the most numerous, representing 40.5% of the total foreign citizens, followed by citizens from South America, who accounted for 28.1% of the total foreign nationals.

Foreign population by sex and group of countries

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	At 1 January 2009 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2008 (final data)	
	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain
Total	5,598,691	100.0	5,268,762	100.0
EU-27	2,266,808	40.5	2,102,654	39.9
Rest of Europe	221,004	3.9	211,771	4.0
Africa	998,024	17.8	909,757	17.3
North America	51,921	0.9	49,620	0.9
Central America and Caribbean	191,717	3.4	172,230	3.3
South America	1,573,347	28.1	1,563,040	29.7
Asia	292,961	5.2	256,728	4.9
Other	2,909	0.1	2,962	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

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	Total	Males	% of the total for the group of countries	Females	% of the total for the group of countries
Total	5,598,691	2,973,707	53.1	2,624,984	46.9
EU-27	2,266,808	1,209,745	53.4	1,057,063	46.6
Rest of Europe	221,004	102,187	46.2	118,817	53.8
Africa	998,024	651,121	65.2	346,903	34.8
North America	51,921	24,165	46.5	27,756	53.5
Central America and Caribbean	191,717	79,118	41.3	112,599	58.7
South America	1,573,347	725,074	46.1	848,273	53.9
Asia	292,961	180,675	61.7	112,286	38.3
Other	2,909	1,622	55.8	1,287	44.2

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