Foreword

Continuing the trend which started more than 30 years ago, the National Statistics Institute is presenting a new edition of Spain in Figures both in Spanish and English.

This is a general publication whose objective is to provide an updated panorama of the most relevant demographic, social and economic aspects of our country and its surrounding environment, showing data from multiple statistical sources apart from the INE.

In view of suggestions from users, this year's edition has renewed its content aiming to make it easier to read statistical data, reducing the number of tables and offering in exchange more textual content which helps to provide an understanding of the evolution of the different indicators presented.

The whole publication is accessible via the Internet on the INE server (www.ine.es). In the section INEbase, the content of this publication and any statistical subject may be examined in greater depth.

We hope that this publication fulfils its main objective: to show citizens who are not used to reading statistical data, that they allow us to know and evaluate better our economic and social reality.

Finally, we would like to thank informants whose collaboration facilitates making this data available.

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