

Once again, Spain in Figures is making its annual appearance for users. Its brief explanations, accompanied by tables, graphs or maps complementing and simplifying the information, provide a general overview of this country and its standing in Europe. As we are currently celebrating the International Year of Statistics, we hope that this publication will contribute to achieving its objectives: to increase knowledge regarding the impact of statistics on all aspects of society, to promote statistics as a profession and to foster its development as well.

Spain in Figures has always been characterised by its informative nature and its straightforward style for explaining and presenting the social, economic and demographic phenomena occurring in this country. The data provided is from both the National Statistics Institute (INE) and other national and international official sources. We owe a debt of gratitude for the invaluable collaboration provided by all the institutions supplying the information. Likewise, we would like to thank the informants for their participation and collaboration with the INE, which is as important as it is necessary, given that this is the basis for our results.

On the other hand, please note that interested parties may view and expand all of the information presented herein, quickly and free-of-charge, on our website (<http://www.ine.es>).

We hope, for yet another year, that these pages prove enjoyable and fulfil user interests and statistical concerns, and of course, that Spain in Figures meets its main objective: to show all citizens that statistical data helps us to understand our reality better.



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