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**Preview of the Municipal Register at 1 January 2010**  
**Provisional data**

**The population registered in Spain increases 0.4% and exceeds**  
**46.9 million persons at 1 January 2010**

**The number of foreign nationals registered stands at 5.7 million, of**  
**whom 2.3 million are EU citizens**

At 1 January 2010, the total number of residents in Spain was 46,951,532 inhabitants, according to the preview of the Municipal Register, indicating an increase of 0.4% (205,725 persons), as compared with the data from 1 January 2009.

Out of this total, 41,242,592 were persons with Spanish nationality and **5,708,940 were foreign nationals, representing 12.2% 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 National Government 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 2009, **the number of registered Spaniards experienced a net increase of 145,456 persons (0.4%) and the number of registered foreign nationals increased by 60,269 persons (1.1%).** Of the latter, those belonging to the EU-27 increased by 73,289 (reaching a total figure of 2,346,515 persons), whereas the non-community citizens decreased by 13,020 persons (reaching 3,362,425).

**Population by sex and age**

**49.4% of the total number of registered persons were male and 50.6% were female,** according to the provisional data at 1 January 2010. Among the Spaniards, there were more females (51.0%), while among the foreign nationals, there were more males (52.5%).

**Population by sex at 1 January 2010**

**Provisional data**

	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>46,951,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41,242,592</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,708,940</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Males	23,195,504	49.4	20,196,474	49.0	2,999,030	52.5
Females	23,756,028	50.6	21,046,118	51.0	2,709,910	47.5

By **age**, 15.6% of the population was under 16 years of age, 42.6% was between 16 and 44, and 41.8% was 45 years old or older.

By nationality, worth noting was the difference in the group aged 16 to 44 years old. Thus, while the registered Spaniards this age represented 39.9% of the total, this percentage reached 62.0% in the case of the foreign nationals.

## Population by age at 1 January 2010

Provisional data

	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,951,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41,242,592</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,708,940</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Under 16 years of age	7,341,367	15.6	6,462,153	15.7	879,214	15.4
16 to 44	19,987,461	42.6	16,446,965	39.9	3,540,496	62.0
45 to 64	11,693,435	24.9	10,712,232	25.9	981,203	17.2
65 years of age and over	7,929,269	16.9	7,621,242	18.5	308,027	5.4

## Data by Autonomous Community

The Autonomous Communities that registered the greatest increases in population in absolute terms between 1 January 2009 and 1 January 2010 were Comunidad de Madrid (with 58,567 persons), Andalucía (50,920) and Cataluña (29,461).

In contrast, three Communities experienced a decrease in population: Castilla y León (-7,806 persons), Principado de Asturias (-1,180 persons) and Aragón (-54 persons).

## Population by Autonomous Community

Provisional data

	At 1 January 2010 (provisional data)	At 1 January 2009 (final data)	Absolute variation	Relative variation
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,951,532</b>	<b>46,745,807</b>	<b>205,725</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Andalucía	8,353,843	8,302,923	50,920	0.6
Aragón	1,345,419	1,345,473	-54	0.0
Asturias (Principado de)	1,084,109	1,085,289	-1,180	-0.1
Balears (Illes)	1,105,184	1,095,426	9,758	0.9
Canarias	2,114,928	2,103,992	10,936	0.5
Cantabria	591,886	589,235	2,651	0.4
Castilla y León	2,555,715	2,563,521	-7,806	-0.3
Castilla-La Mancha	2,095,855	2,081,313	14,542	0.7
Cataluña	7,504,881	7,475,420	29,461	0.4
Comunidad Valenciana	5,099,274	5,094,675	4,599	0.1
Extremadura	1,105,481	1,102,410	3,071	0.3
Galicia	2,796,811	2,796,089	722	0.0
Madrid (Comunidad de)	6,445,499	6,386,932	58,567	0.9
Murcia (Región de)	1,460,164	1,446,520	13,644	0.9
Navarra (Comun. Foral de)	636,038	630,578	5,460	0.9
País Vasco	2,178,061	2,172,175	5,886	0.3
Rioja (La)	321,780	321,702	78	0.0
Ceuta	80,570	78,674	1,896	2.4
Melilla	76,034	73,460	2,574	3.5

In relative terms, the greatest increases in population were produced in Melilla (3.5%) and Ceuta (2.4%), as well as in Región de Murcia, Comunidad de Madrid, Comunidad Foral de Navarra and Illes Balears (all with 0.9%).

The greatest decrease in relative terms was recorded in Castilla y León (-0.3%).

### Distribution of foreign citizens by Autonomous Community

The proportion of foreign citizens over the total population residing in Spain stood at 12.2% according to the provisional data of the Register at 1 January 2010.

The Autonomous Communities with the highest proportions of foreign nationals were Illes Balears (21.9%), Comunitat Valenciana (17.3%) and Comunidad de Madrid (16.6%).

In turn, those with the lowest proportions of foreign nationals were Extremadura (3.5%), Galicia (3.9%) and Principado de Asturias (4.5%).

### Foreign population by Autonomous Community

Provisional data

	At 1 January 2010 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2009 (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		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,708,940</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>5,648,671</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>60,269</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Balears (Illes)	241,704	21.9	237,562	21.7	4,142	1.7
Comunitat Valenciana	884,622	17.3	889,340	17.5	-4,718	-0.5
Madrid (Comunidad de)	1,071,292	16.6	1,063,803	16.7	7,489	0.7
Murcia (Región de)	240,605	16.5	235,991	16.3	4,614	2.0
Cataluña	1,193,283	15.9	1,189,279	15.9	4,004	0.3
Canarias	305,661	14.5	301,204	14.3	4,457	1.5
Rioja (La)	46,342	14.4	46,931	14.6	-589	-1.3
Aragón	172,015	12.8	172,138	12.8	-123	-0.1
Melilla	8,873	11.7	7,597	10.3	1,276	16.8
Navarra (Comun. Foral de)	70,931	11.2	70,627	11.2	304	0.4
Castilla-La Mancha	228,290	10.9	225,888	10.9	2,402	1.1
Andalucía	698,375	8.4	675,180	8.1	23,195	3.4
Cantabria	39,010	6.6	38,096	6.5	914	2.4
Castilla y León	167,597	6.6	167,641	6.5	-44	0.0
País Vasco	139,229	6.4	132,865	6.1	6,364	4.8
Ceuta	3,993	5.0	3,550	4.5	443	12.5
Asturias (Principado de)	49,149	4.5	47,119	4.3	2,030	4.3
Galicia	109,222	3.9	106,637	3.8	2,585	2.4
Extremadura	38,747	3.5	37,223	3.4	1,524	4.1

The Autonomous Communities producing the greatest increases in foreign nationals in absolute terms during the year 2009 were Andalucía (23,195), Comunidad de Madrid (7,489) and País Vasco (6,364).

Conversely, the number of foreign nationals decreased in Comunitat Valenciana (-4,718), La Rioja (-589), Aragón (-123) and Castilla y León (-44).

In relative terms, the greatest increases in foreign population were produced in the autonomous cities of Melilla (16.8%) and Ceuta (12.5%), and in País Vasco (4.8%).

The greatest decreases were recorded in La Rioja (-1.3%) and Comunitat Valenciana (-0.5%).

### Distribution of foreign citizens by nationality

The foreign nationals residing in Spain and belonging to the EU-27 reached 2,346,515. **Worth noting among these were the Rumanian citizens (829,715)**, followed by those from the United Kingdom (387,226) and Germany (195,579).

Among the group of non-European-Union foreign nationals, Moroccan citizens were the most numerous (746,760), followed by Ecuadorians (395,069) and Colombians (289,296).

### Foreign population by country

Provisional data

	Foreign population at 1 January 2010 (provisional data)		Foreign population at 1 January 2009 (final data)		Absolute variation	Relative variation (%)
	Number of persons	% of the total foreign nationals	Number of persons	% of the total foreign nationals		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,708,940</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,648,671</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>60,269</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Rumania	829,715	14.5	798,892	14.1	30,823	3.9
Morocco	746,760	13.1	718,055	12.7	28,705	4.0
Ecuador	395,069	6.9	421,426	7.5	-26,357	-6.3
United Kingdom	387,226	6.8	375,703	6.7	11,523	3.1
Colombia	289,296	5.1	296,674	5.3	-7,378	-2.5
Bolivia	210,624	3.7	230,703	4.1	-20,079	-8.7
Germany	195,579	3.4	191,002	3.4	4,577	2.4
Italy	183,999	3.2	175,316	3.1	8,683	5.0
Bulgaria	169,195	3.0	164,717	2.9	4,478	2.7
China	156,607	2.7	147,479	2.6	9,128	6.2
Portugal	142,299	2.5	140,870	2.5	1,429	1.0
Peru	139,284	2.4	139,179	2.5	105	0.1
Argentina	130,557	2.3	142,270	2.5	-11,713	-8.2
France	123,681	2.2	120,507	2.1	3,174	2.6
Brazil	116,551	2.0	126,185	2.2	-9,634	-7.6
Dominican Republic	90,195	1.6	88,103	1.6	2,092	2.4
Poland	86,199	1.5	85,040	1.5	1,159	1.4
Paraguay	84,846	1.5	81,551	1.4	3,295	4.0
Ukraine	82,373	1.4	82,265	1.5	108	0.1
Senegal	61,383	1.1	56,590	1.0	4,793	8.5

In 2009, the number of Rumanian citizens was the figure that experienced the most substantial growth in absolute terms, with an increase of 30,823 persons. Other important growth was recorded in the number of Moroccan citizens (28,705 more), British citizens (11,523) and Chinese citizens (9,128).

Conversely, the greatest decreases were recorded among citizens from Ecuador (26,357 fewer), Bolivia (20,079) and Argentina (11,713).

The greatest relative increases, among the nationalities with the highest number of registered persons, corresponded to Senegalese citizens (8.5%), Chinese citizens (6.2%) and Italian citizens (5.0%).

By groups of countries, the EU-27 citizens were the most numerous, representing 41.1% of the total foreign citizens, followed by citizens from South America, who accounted for 26.6% of the total foreign nationals.

## Foreign population by sex and group of countries

Provisional data

	At 1 January 2010 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2009 (final data)	
	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,708,940</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,648,671</b>	<b>100.0</b>
EU-27	2,346,515	41.1	2,273,226	40.2
Rest of Europe	226,379	4.0	223,665	4.0
Africa	1,048,909	18.4	1,009,169	17.9
North America	53,434	0.9	52,677	0.9
Central America and Caribbean	199,485	3.5	193,842	3.4
South America	1,516,510	26.6	1,596,394	28.3
Asia	314,701	5.4	296,734	5.2
Other	3,007	0.1	2,964	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

Provisional data

	Total	Males	% of the total for the group of countries	Females	% of the total for the group of countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,708,940</b>	<b>2,999,030</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>2,709,910</b>	<b>47.5</b>
EU-27	2,346,515	1,241,312	52.9	1,105,203	47.1
Rest of Europe	226,379	101,895	45.0	124,484	55.0
Africa	1,048,909	667,974	63.7	380,935	36.3
North America	53,434	24,561	46.0	28,873	54.0
Central America and Caribbean	199,485	81,127	40.7	118,358	59.3
South America	1,516,510	689,614	45.5	826,896	54.5
Asia	314,701	190,863	60.6	123,838	39.4
Other	3,007	1,684	56.0	1,323	44.0

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