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Preview of the Statistical use of the Municipal Register at 1 January 2012
Provisional data

The population registered in Spain increases lightly, standing at 47.2 million persons

The number of foreign nationals remained at 5.7 million persons, 2.4 million of whom are EU citizens

At 1 January 2012, the total number of residents in Spain was 47,212,990 inhabitants, according to the preview of the Municipal Register, indicating an increase of 22,497, as compared with the data from 1 January 2011.

Out of this total, 41,501,950 were persons with Spanish nationality and **5,711,040 were foreign nationals, representing 12.1% of the total number registered.**

The figures published today are a provisional preview. 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 approval by Royal Decree, which shall be published in the Official Spanish Gazette.

During the year 2011, **the number of registered Spaniards experienced a net increase of 62,944 persons (0.2%) while the number of registered foreign nationals decreased by 40,447 persons (-0.7%).** Of the latter, those belonging to the EU-27 increased by 45,495 persons (reaching a total figure of 2,440,852 persons), whereas non-community citizens decreased by 85,941 persons (standing at 3,270,188).

Population by sex and age

49.3% of the total number of registered persons were male and 50.7% were female. Among the Spaniards, there were more females (51.1%), while among the foreign nationals, there were more males (51.9%).

Population by sex at 1 January 2012

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	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
Both sexes	47,212,990	100.0	41,501,950	100.0	5,711,040	100.0
Males	23,275,472	49.3	20,311,241	48.9	2,964,231	51.9
Females	23,937,518	50.7	21,190,709	51.1	2,746,809	48.1

By **age**, 15.8% of the population was under 16 years of age, 41.1% was between 16 and 44 years old, and 43.1% 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 38.4% of the total, this percentage reached 59.9% in the case of the foreign nationals.

Population by age at 1 January 2012

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	Total	% of the total	Spaniards	% of the total Spaniards	Foreign nationals	% of the total foreign nationals
Total	47,212,990	100.0	41,501,950	100.0	5,711,040	100.0
Under 16 years of age	7,468,247	15.8	6,587,931	15.9	880,316	15.4
16 to 44 years old	19,376,663	41.1	15,956,628	38.4	3,420,035	59.9
45 to 64 years old	12,147,033	25.7	11,090,398	26.7	1,056,635	18.5
65 years old and over	8,221,047	17.4	7,866,993	19.0	354,054	6.2

Data by Autonomous City and Community

The Autonomous Communities that registered the greatest increases in population in absolute terms, between 1 January 2011 and 1 January 2012, were Cataluña (with 25,985 persons more), Andalucía (with 13,579) and País Vasco (with 7,116).

Conversely, five Communities experienced a decrease in population: Galicia (-16,509 personas), Castilla y León (-15,050 persons), Canarias (-11,720 persons), Principado de Asturias (-4,397 persons) and Extremadura (-2,662 persons).

Population by Autonomous City and Community

Provisional data

	At 1 January 2012 (provisional data)	At 1 January 2011 (final data)	Absolute variation	Relative variation
Total	47,212,990	47,190,493	22,497	0.0
Andalucía	8,437,681	8,424,102	13,579	0.2
Aragón	1,346,884	1,346,293	591	0.0
Asturias, Principado de	1,077,090	1,081,487	-4,397	-0.4
Balears, Illes	1,118,654	1,113,114	5,540	0.5
Canarias	2,115,049	2,126,769	-11,720	-0.6
Cantabria	593,620	593,121	499	0.1
Castilla y León	2,543,413	2,558,463	-15,050	-0.6
Castilla-La Mancha	2,119,942	2,115,334	4,608	0.2
Cataluña	7,565,603	7,539,618	25,985	0.3
Comunitat Valenciana	5,123,511	5,117,190	6,321	0.1
Extremadura	1,106,705	1,109,367	-2,662	-0.2
Galicia	2,778,913	2,795,422	-16,509	-0.6
Madrid, Comunidad de	6,489,768	6,489,680	88	0.0
Murcia, Región de	1,472,837	1,470,069	2,768	0.2
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	643,713	642,051	1,662	0.3
País Vasco	2,191,722	2,184,606	7,116	0.3
Rioja, La	323,302	322,955	347	0.1
Ceuta	83,820	82,376	1,444	1.8
Melilla	80,763	78,476	2,287	2.9

In relative terms, the greatest increases in population were produced in the autonomous cities of Melilla (2.9%) and Ceuta (1.8%), as well as in Illes Balears (0.5%).

In turn, the greatest decreases in population, in relative terms, were recorded in Canarias, Castilla y León and Galicia (the three with -0.6%).

Distribution of foreign citizens by Autonomous City and Community

The proportion of foreign citizens over the total population residing in Spain stood at 12.1%.

The Autonomous Communities with the highest proportions of foreign nationals were Illes Balears (21.6%), Comunitat Valenciana (17.2%) and Región de Murcia (with 16.1%).

Conversely, those with the lowest proportions of foreign nationals were Extremadura (3.8%), Galicia (4.0%) and Principado de Asturias (4.7%).

Foreign population by Autonomous City and Community

Provisional data

	At 1 January 2012 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2011 (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	5,711,040	12.1	5,751,487	12.2	-40,447	-0.7
Balears, Illes	242,138	21.6	242,812	21.8	-674	-0.3
Comunitat Valenciana	879,166	17.2	880,782	17.2	-1,616	-0.2
Murcia, Región de	237,067	16.1	240,863	16.4	-3,796	-1.6
Cataluña	1,183,907	15.6	1,185,852	15.7	-1,945	-0.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	1,009,926	15.6	1,067,585	16.5	-57,659	-5.4
Canarias	309,674	14.6	307,009	14.4	2,665	0.9
Rioja, La	46,185	14.3	46,288	14.3	-103	-0.2
Melilla	11,261	13.9	10,033	12.8	1,228	12.2
Aragón	170,956	12.7	171,193	12.7	-237	-0.1
Castilla-La Mancha	235,249	11.1	232,735	11.0	2,514	1.1
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	69,148	10.7	71,600	11.2	-2,452	-3.4
Andalucía	743,620	8.8	730,155	8.7	13,465	1.8
País Vasco	151,162	6.9	145,256	6.6	5,906	4.1
Castilla y León	172,298	6.8	172,816	6.8	-518	-0.3
Ceuta	5,657	6.7	4,928	6.0	729	14.8
Cantabria	39,214	6.6	38,994	6.6	220	0.6
Asturias, Principado de	50,762	4.7	50,399	4.7	363	0.7
Galicia	111,332	4.0	110,468	4.0	864	0.8
Extremadura	42,318	3.8	41,719	3.8	599	1.4

The Autonomous Communities producing the greatest increases in foreign nationals, in absolute terms, during the year 2011, were Andalucía (13,465), País Vasco (5,906) and Canarias (2,665).

Conversely, the number of foreign nationals decreased the most in Comunidad de Madrid (-57,659), Region de Murcia (-3,796) and Comunidad Foral de Navarra (-2,452).

In relative terms, the greatest increases in foreign population were produced in the autonomous cities of Ceuta (14.8%) and Melilla (12.2%), and in País Vasco (4.1%). The greatest decreases were recorded in Comunidad de Madrid (-5.4%) and Comunidad Foral de Navarra (-3.4%).

Distribution of foreign citizens by nationality

The foreign nationals residing in Spain and belonging to the EU-27 reached 2,440,852. **The most numerous among these were the Rumanian citizens (895,970)**, followed by those from the United Kingdom (397,535) and Germany (196,729).

Among the group of non-European-Union foreign nationals, Moroccan citizens were the most numerous (783,137), followed by Ecuadorians (306,380) and Colombians (244,670).

Foreign population by country (main nationalities)

Provisional data

	Foreign population at 1 January 2012 (provisional data)		Foreign population at 1 January 2011 (final data)		Absolute variation	Relative variation (%)
	Number of	% of the total nationals	Number of	% of the total nationals		
Total	5,711,040	100.0	5,751,487	100.0	-40,447	-0.7
Rumania	895,970	15.7	865,707	15.1	30,263	3.5
Morocco	783,137	13.7	773,995	13.5	9,142	1.2
United Kingdom	397,535	7.0	391,194	6.8	6,341	1.6
Ecuador	306,380	5.4	360,710	6.3	-54,330	-15.1
Colombia	244,670	4.3	273,176	4.7	-28,506	-10.4
Germany	196,729	3.4	195,987	3.4	742	0.4
Italy	191,713	3.4	187,993	3.3	3,720	2.0
Bolivia	184,706	3.2	199,080	3.5	-14,374	-7.2
Bulgaria	176,216	3.1	172,926	3.0	3,290	1.9
China	175,813	3.1	167,132	2.9	8,681	5.2
Portugal	138,501	2.4	140,824	2.4	-2,323	-1.6
Peru	121,851	2.1	132,552	2.3	-10,701	-8.1
France	121,513	2.1	122,503	2.1	-990	-0.8
Argentina	108,390	1.9	120,738	2.1	-12,348	-10.2
Brazil	99,043	1.7	107,596	1.9	-8,553	-7.9
Dominican Republic	92,231	1.6	91,148	1.6	1,083	1.2
Ukraine	88,438	1.5	86,316	1.5	2,122	2.5
Paraguay	87,536	1.5	87,906	1.5	-370	-0.4
Poland	84,197	1.5	85,956	1.5	-1,759	-2.0
Pakistan	79,626	1.4	70,165	1.2	9,461	13.5

In 2011, the number of Rumanian citizens experienced the most substantial growth in absolute terms, with an increase of 30,263 persons. Other important growth was recorded in the number of Pakistani citizens (9,461), Moroccan citizens (9,142) and Chinese citizens (8,681).

Conversely, the greatest decreases were recorded among citizens from Ecuador (-54,330 fewer), Colombia (-28,506) and Bolivia (-14,374).

The greatest relative increases, among the nationalities with the highest number of registered persons, corresponded to Pakistani citizens (13.5%), Chinese citizens (5.2%) and Rumanian citizens (3.5%). In turn, the greatest decreases were recorded among citizens from Ecuador (-15.1%), Colombia (-10.4%) and Argentina (-10.2%).

By group of countries, the EU-27 citizens were the most numerous, representing 42.7% of the total foreign citizens, followed by citizens from South America, who accounted for 22.6% of the total foreign nationals.

Foreign population by group of countries

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	At 1 January 2012 (provisional data)		At 1 January 2011 (final data)	
	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain	Number of persons	% of the total in Spain
Total	5,711,040	100.0	5,751,487	100.0
EU-27	2,440,852	42.7	2,395,358	41.6
Rest of Europe	244,227	4.3	235,920	4.1
Africa	1,094,426	19.1	1,084,793	18.8
North America	56,263	1.0	54,903	1.0
Central America and the Caribbean	216,622	3.8	207,375	3.6
South America	1,289,103	22.6	1,426,380	24.8
Asia	366,420	6.4	343,731	6.0
Other	3,127	0.1	3,027	0.1

In terms of distribution by sex within the foreign group, the proportion of females was greatest among American nationalities. In turn, there were more males in most of the African and Asian nationalities.

Foreign population by sex and group of countries at 1 January 2012

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	Total	Males	% of the total for the group of countries	Females	% of the total for the group of countries
Total	5,711,040	2,964,231	51.9	2,746,809	48.1
EU-27	2,440,852	1,274,772	52.2	1,166,080	47.8
Rest of Europe	244,227	106,146	43.5	138,081	56.5
Africa	1,094,426	680,249	62.2	414,177	37.8
North America	56,263	25,268	44.9	30,995	55.1
Central America and the Caribbean	216,622	84,895	39.2	131,727	60.8
South America	1,289,103	573,169	44.5	715,934	55.5
Asia	366,420	217,957	59.5	148,463	40.5
Other	3,127	1,775	56.8	1,352	43.2

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