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Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics January 1st, 2021
Provisional data

**The population registered in Spain's Continuous Register
decreased in 106,146 persons by 2020, standing at 47.3 million**

**Of the total population, 88.6% have Spanish nationality and 11.4%
have foreign nationality**

The total number of people registered in the Continuous Register¹ in Spain as at 01 January 2021 was 47,344,649 inhabitants, according to the Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics. This figure represents a decrease of 106,146 people (-0.2%) as compared with the data as at 01 January 2020².

Of this total, 41,936,827 had Spanish nationality (88.6%) and 5,407,822 had foreign nationality (11.4%).

The figures published today are a provisional preview. The final figures, once the procedure for obtaining them is completed, and following the favourable report of the Registration Council, will be submitted to the National Government before the end of the year, for approval via a Royal Decree, which will be published in the Official State Gazette.

During 2020, the net number of Spaniards has fallen by 79,815 people (-0.2%) and the number of foreigners has decreased by 26,331 (-0.5%). Among the latter, those belonging to the European Union (EU-27) fell by 37,870 (-2.3%), while the non-EU grew by 11,539 people (0.3%).

This is the first year that the total population of Spain, registered in the Continuous Register, decreased, following four consecutive years of increases. The number of Spaniards fell from the 42 million that was reached for the first time last year. As for foreigners, while the number decreased, it remains above 5.4 million.

¹ In this press release, the reference to the population and the registered population should always be understood as the population obtained from the Continuous Register, which is the coordination file of the municipal registers managed by the INE, and after applying the counting criteria established in the regulated procedure for obtaining the proposal of official population figures. The population refers to those persons who reside in Spain, that is to say, it does not include Spaniards resident abroad for whom the INE has a differentiated statistic, known as the *Statistics on the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad*.

² The variations produced with respect to the Continuous Register Statistics as at 01 January 2020 are due to different causes that are detailed in the Explanatory Note at the end of this press release.

Population registered in the Continuous Register, by nationality

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | Population January 1st, 2021 (Provisional data) | | Population January 1st, 2020 (Definitive data) | | Absolute variation | Relative variation (in %) |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number of persons | % as compared with the total | Number of persons | % as compared with the total | | |
| TOTAL | 47,344,649 | 100.0 | 47,450,795 | 100.0 | -106,146 | -0.2 |
| Spaniards | 41,936,827 | 88.6 | 42,016,642 | 88.5 | -79,815 | -0.2 |
| Foreigners | 5,407,822 | 11.4 | 5,434,153 | 11.5 | -26,331 | -0.5 |
| EU-27 | 1,580,066 | 3.3 | 1,617,936 | 3.4 | -37,870 | -2.3 |
| Non-EU | 3,827,756 | 8.1 | 3,816,217 | 8.0 | 11,539 | 0.3 |

Population registered in the Continuous Register by sex, place of birth and age

49.0% of the total number of people registered in the Continuous Register were men and 51.0% were women. There were more female among the Spaniards (51.1%), while there were more males among the foreign nationals (50.1%).

Population registered in the Continuous Register by sex

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | Total | % as compared with the total | Spaniards | % as compared with the total of Spaniards | Foreigners | % as compared with the total of foreigners |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|--|
| Both sexes | 47,344,649 | 100.0 | 41,936,827 | 100.0 | 5,407,822 | 100.0 |
| Men | 23,203,891 | 49.0 | 20,493,545 | 48.9 | 2,710,346 | 50.1 |
| Women | 24,140,758 | 51.0 | 21,443,282 | 51.1 | 2,697,476 | 49.9 |

84.6% of the registered population was born in Spain and 15.4% was born abroad. By nationality, 94.3% of Spaniards were born in Spain, whereas in the case of foreign nationals this figure was 9.7%.

Distribution by birthplace and nationality

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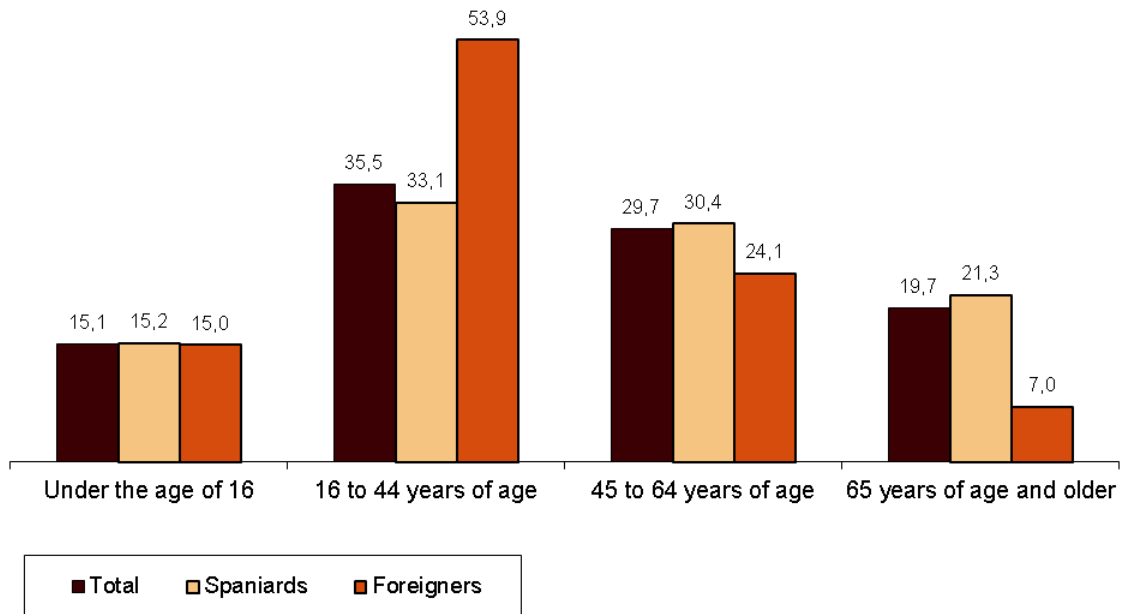
| | Total | Born in Spain | % as compared with the total | Born abroad | % as compared with the total |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| TOTAL | 47,344,649 | 40,051,756 | 84.6 | 7,292,893 | 15.4 |
| Spaniards | 41,936,827 | 39,529,175 | 94.3 | 2,407,652 | 5.7 |
| Foreigners | 5,407,822 | 522,581 | 9.7 | 4,885,241 | 90.3 |

By age, 15.1% of the population was under 16, 35.5% was between 16 and 44, 29.7% was between 45 and 64, and 19.7% was 65 or older.

By nationality, the most significant differences in the percentage of age between Spaniards and foreigners were found in the group from 16 to 44 years old. Thus, 33.1% of Spaniards were in this age group, compared to 53.9% in the case of foreigners.

Percentage of registered persons by nationality and age groups

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

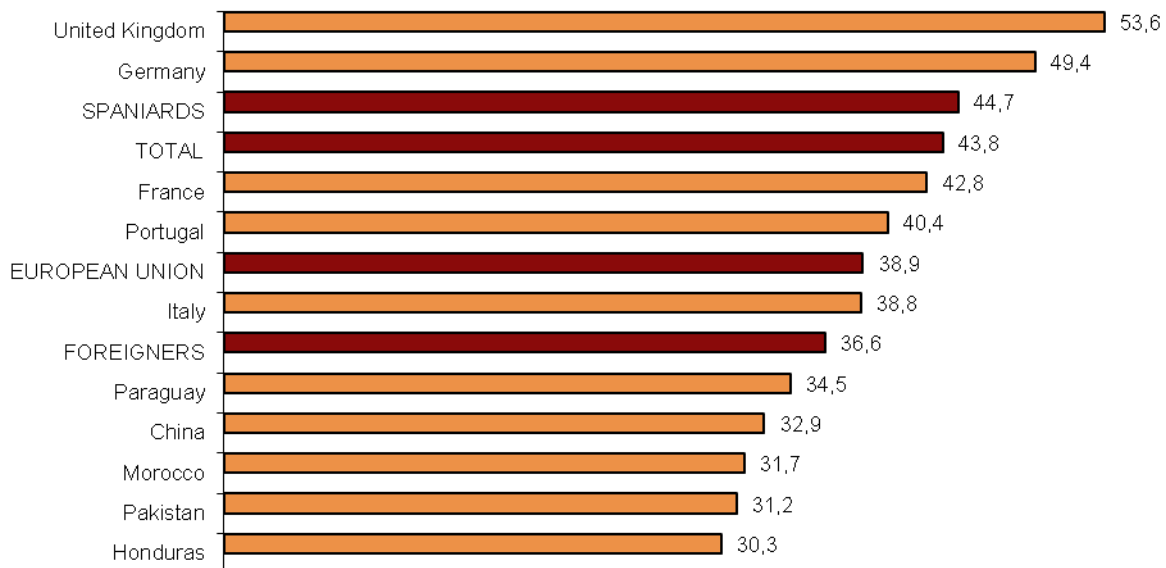


The average age of the population registered in the Continuous Register was 43.8 years old. For Spaniards it was 44.7 years of age and for foreign nationals 36.6 years (for citizens of countries belonging to the European Union it was 38.9 years of age).

The highest average ages among the main nationalities were found in the British citizens (53.6 years old), German citizens (49.4) and French citizens (42.8). In turn, the lowest were among Hondurans (30.3 years), Pakistanis (31.2) and Moroccans (31.7).

Average age by countries (main nationalities)

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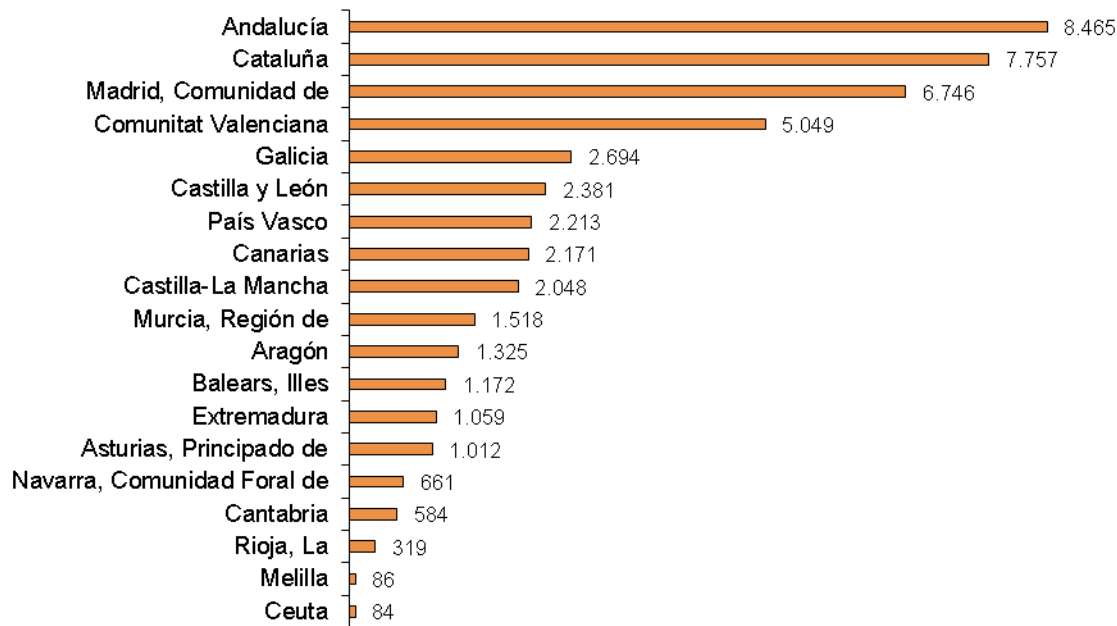
Data by Autonomous Communities and Cities

The most populated Autonomous Communities as of January 1, 2021 were Andalucía, Cataluña and Comunidad de Madrid.

In turn, those with the lowest population were La Rioja, Cantabria and Comunidad Foral de Navarra.

Registered population by Autonomous Communities and Cities (Thousands)

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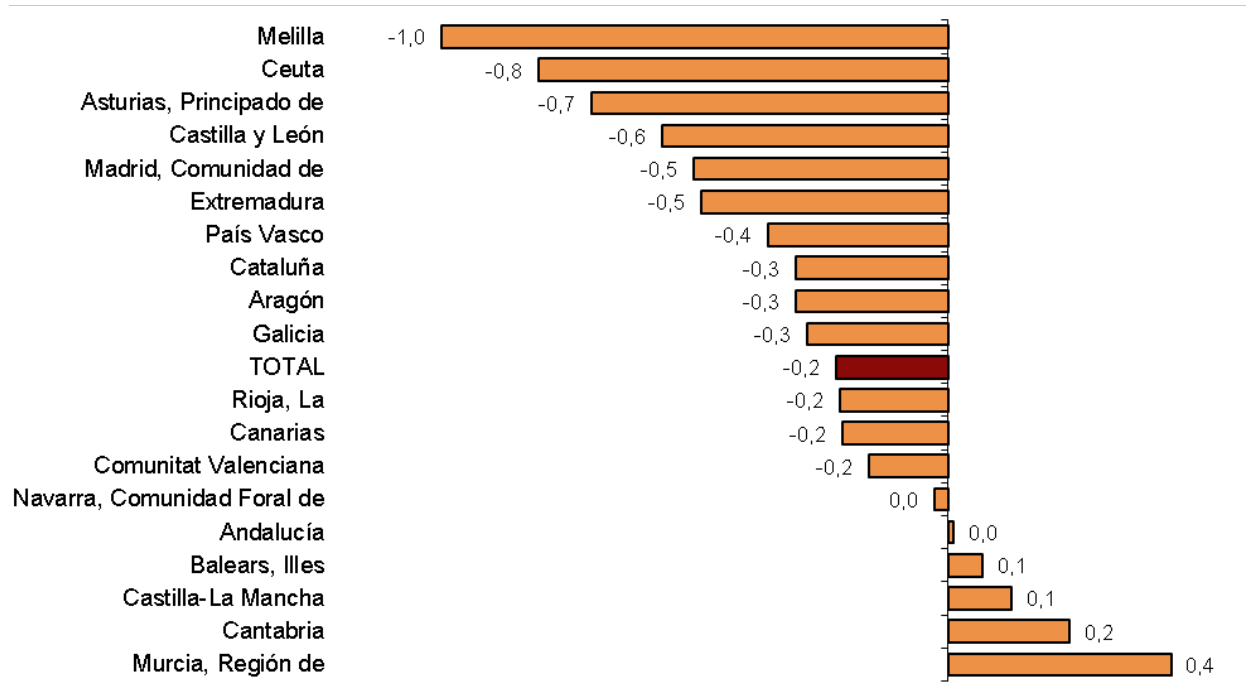
In the past year, the registered population has decreased in most of the autonomous communities, and has only increased in five of them. Comunidad de Madrid (34,297 less people), Cataluña (23,551 less) and Castilla y León (13,637 less) experienced the greatest population decreases in absolute terms between 01 January 2020 and 01 January 2021.

On the other hand, the largest increases in population occurred in the Región de Murcia (6,687 more people), Castilla-La Mancha (2,571 more) and Cantabria (1,403 more).

In relative terms, the largest population declines were recorded in the autonomous cities of Melilla (-1.0%) and Ceuta (-0.8%), in Principado de Asturias (-0.7%), Castilla y León (-0.6%), Comunidad de Madrid and Extremadura (both with -0.5%). In turn, Región de Murcia (-38.9%) and Cantabria (0.2%) showed the largest decreases.

Registered population by Autonomous Communities and Cities

Relative variation (%) between 2020 and 2021



Distribution of foreign citizens registered in the Continuous Register by Autonomous Communities and Cities

The proportion of foreign citizens over the total population residing in Spain stood at 11.4% January 1st, 2017.

The Autonomous Communities with the highest proportion of foreign nationals were Illes Balears (18.7%), Cataluña (16.1%) and Comunitat Valenciana (14.7%).

In contrast, the communities with the lowest proportion of foreign nationals were Extremadura (3.3%), Galicia (4.2%) and Principado de Asturias (4.5%).

In 2020, the number of foreign nationals increased in eight Autonomous Communities and decreased in the rest.

The Autonomous Communities registering the greatest increases of foreign nationals were Andalucía (5,107), Castilla y León (1,766) and País Vasco (1,448).

In relative terms, the greatest increases of foreign population were registered in Castilla y León (7.2%), Galicia (0.9%) and País Vasco (0.8%).

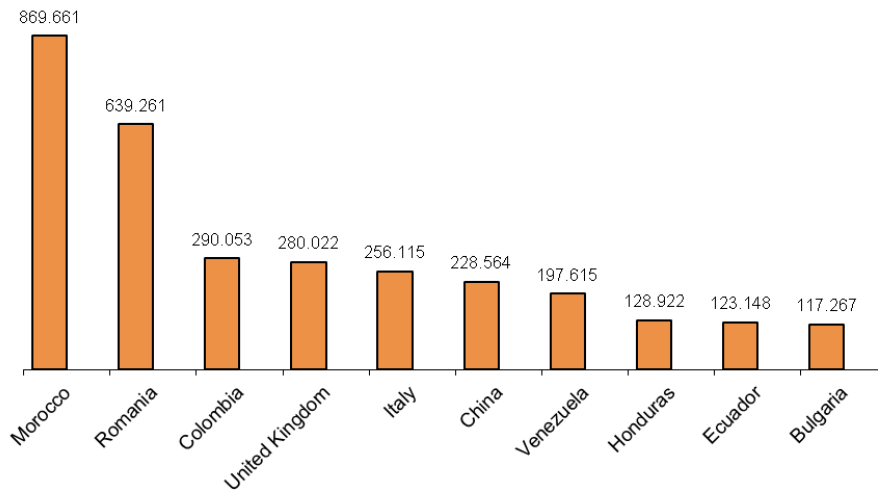
Distribution of foreign citizens by nationality

The foreign nationals registered in the Continuous Register and belonging to the EU-27 reached 1,580,066. Among these, the most numerous were Romanians (639,261), Italians (256,115) and Bulgarians (117,267).

Among the non-community foreign nationals, the most significant were Moroccan (869,661), Colombian (290,053) and British (280,022) citizens.

Foreign nationals registered by country (main nationalities)

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021



Among the main nationalities, the largest increases during 2020 were recorded among citizens of United Kingdom (17,137 more), Colombia (17,003 more) and Venezuela (8,505 more).

The largest decreases were among those from Romania (-28,117), Bolivia (-7,944) and Ecuador (-7,771).

In relative terms, and among the nationalities with the highest number of foreigners, the greatest population increases were registered among the citizens of United Kingdom (6.5%), Colombia (6.2%) and Honduras (5.7%).

In turn, Bolivia (-8.6%), Ecuador (-5.9%) and Romania (-4.2%) recorded the greatest decreases.

Foreign nationals registered by country (main nationalities)

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | Foreign population January 1st, 2021 (Provisional Data) | | Foreign population January 1st, 2020 (Definitive Data) | | Absolute Variation | Relative Variation (in %) |
|----------------|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| | Number of persons | % of the total of foreigners | Number of persons | % of the total of foreigners | | |
| TOTAL | 5,407,822 | 100.0 | 5,434,153 | 100.0 | -26,331 | -0.5 |
| Morocco | 869,661 | 16.1 | 865,945 | 15.9 | 3,716 | 0.4 |
| Romania | 639,261 | 11.8 | 667,378 | 12.3 | -28,117 | -4.2 |
| Colombia | 290,053 | 5.4 | 273,050 | 5.0 | 17,003 | 6.2 |
| United Kingdom | 280,022 | 5.2 | 262,885 | 4.8 | 17,137 | 6.5 |
| Italy | 256,115 | 4.7 | 252,008 | 4.6 | 4,107 | 1.6 |
| China | 228,564 | 4.2 | 232,807 | 4.3 | -4,243 | -1.8 |
| Venezuela | 197,615 | 3.7 | 189,110 | 3.5 | 8,505 | 4.5 |
| Honduras | 128,922 | 2.4 | 121,963 | 2.2 | 6,959 | 5.7 |
| Ecuador | 123,148 | 2.3 | 130,919 | 2.4 | -7,771 | -5.9 |
| Bulgaria | 117,267 | 2.2 | 122,375 | 2.3 | -5,108 | -4.2 |
| Ukraine | 111,430 | 2.1 | 115,186 | 2.1 | -3,756 | -3.3 |
| Peru | 111,234 | 2.1 | 106,712 | 2.0 | 4,522 | 4.2 |
| Germany | 108,568 | 2.0 | 111,937 | 2.1 | -3,369 | -3.0 |
| France | 108,503 | 2.0 | 108,275 | 2.0 | 228 | 0.2 |
| Pakistan | 98,896 | 1.8 | 97,705 | 1.8 | 1,191 | 1.2 |
| Portugal | 96,195 | 1.8 | 97,628 | 1.8 | -1,433 | -1.5 |
| Brazil | 94,812 | 1.8 | 98,655 | 1.8 | -3,843 | -3.9 |
| Argentina | 88,997 | 1.6 | 89,029 | 1.6 | -32 | 0.0 |
| Paraguay | 85,277 | 1.6 | 87,045 | 1.6 | -1,768 | -2.0 |
| Bolivia | 84,686 | 1.6 | 92,630 | 1.7 | -7,944 | -8.6 |

By group of countries, the EU-27 citizens were the most numerous, representing 29.2% of the total foreign citizens. It is followed by Africa (22.1%).

Foreign nationals registered by group of countries

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| | January 1st, 2021 (Provisional Data) | | January 1st, 2020 (Definitive Data) | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | Number of persons | % of the total of Spain | Number of persons | % of the total of Spain |
| TOTAL | 5,407,822 | 100.0 | 5,434,153 | 100.0 |
| EU-27 | 1,580,066 | 29.2 | 1,617,936 | 29.8 |
| Rest of Europe | 568,197 | 10.5 | 562,062 | 10.3 |
| Africa | 1,193,758 | 22.1 | 1,193,407 | 22.0 |
| North America | 72,042 | 1.3 | 74,468 | 1.4 |
| Central America and the Caribbean | 361,781 | 6.7 | 356,102 | 6.5 |
| South America | 1,130,408 | 20.9 | 1,123,517 | 20.7 |
| Asia | 494,710 | 9.1 | 500,009 | 9.2 |
| The rest | 6,860 | 0.1 | 6,652 | 0.1 |

Data of municipalities by sections

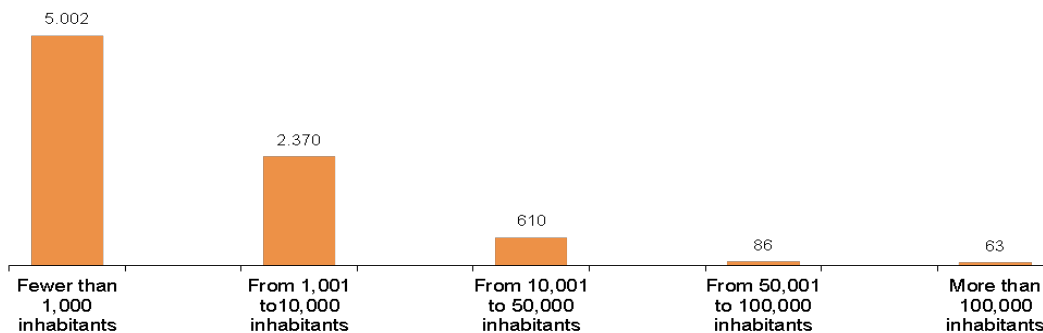
Among the 8,131 Spanish municipalities, 5,002 had a population lower than 1,000 inhabitants.

The Autonomous Communities with the greatest number of municipalities with less than 1,000 inhabitants were Castilla y León (with 2,009 municipalities), Castilla-La Mancha (641) and Aragón (630).

Conversely, the Autonomous Communities with the lowest number of municipalities with less than 1,000 inhabitants were Canarias (one municipality), Región de Murcia (two) and Illes Balears (six).

Number of municipalities by size of municipality

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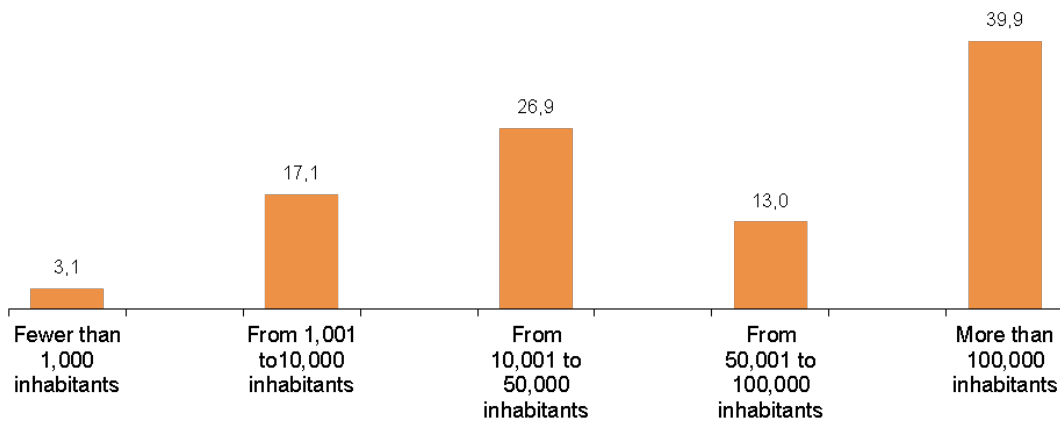
As regards larger municipalities, in Spain there are 63 municipalities with more than 100,000 inhabitants. Among them, 12 belonged to Andalucía, 11 to Cataluña and 10 to Comunidad de Madrid.

39.9% of the population registered in Spain resided in municipalities bigger than 100,000 inhabitants. By Autonomous Community, the greatest percentages were registered in Comunidad de Madrid (71.5%) and Aragón (50.9%). The lowest percentages corresponded to Castilla-La Mancha (8.4%) and Extremadura (14.2%).

In turn, 20.2% of the population resided in municipalities smaller than 10,000 inhabitants. By Autonomous Community, the highest percentages corresponded to Extremadura (50.2%), Castilla-La Mancha (44.0%) and Castilla y León (43.6%), while the lowest ones were recorded in Región de Murcia (3.8%) and Comunidad de Madrid (5.8%).

Percentage of registered population by size of municipality

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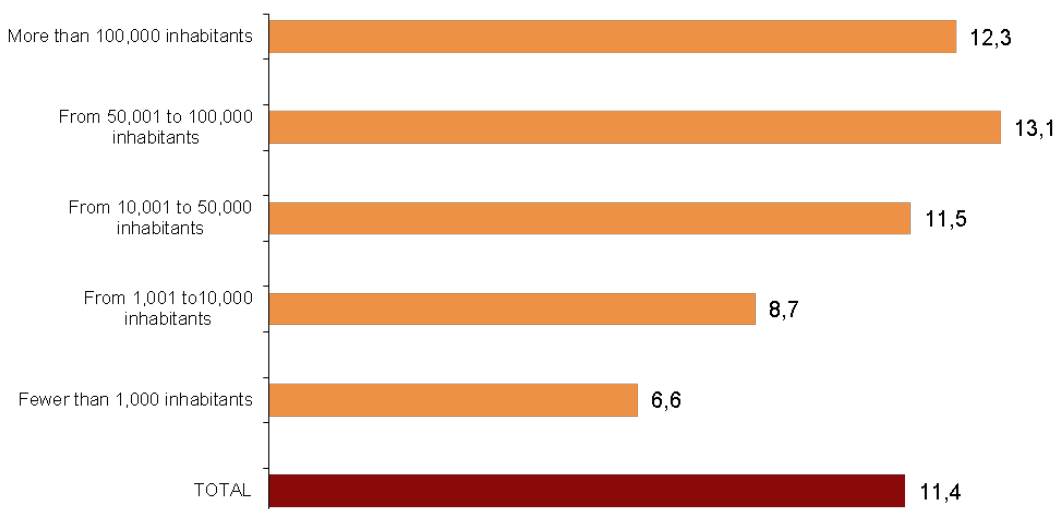


In the municipalities with less than 1,000 inhabitants, 6.6% of the population were foreign nationals. In the municipalities with more than 100,000 inhabitants, this percentage was 12.3%.

The highest percentage of foreign nationals (13.1%) was registered in municipalities with a population between 50,001 and 100,000 inhabitants.

Percentage of registered foreigners by size of municipality

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In Spain, there were 239 municipalities with a percentage of foreign nationals higher than 25.0%, as compared with its total population. In 18 of them this percentage exceeded 50%.

In more than half of the municipalities (4,172) the percentage of foreign nationals in relation to the total population did not exceed 5.0%.

Data Review and Updates

The data published today is provisional. The final figures will be submitted to the Government of the Nation for approval by Royal Decree, which will be published in the Official State Gazette. All results are available on INEBase.

Methodological note

The Continuous Register is the INE register database created to coordinate all municipal registers.

The Municipal Register is an administrative register where municipality residents are registered. Its data constitute proof of residence in the municipality and of the habitual residence therein. Every person living in Spain is obliged to register in the Municipal Register of the municipality in which they usually reside. Its creation, maintenance, revision and custody corresponds to the respective Municipal Councils, which must send monthly to the INE the variations that occur in their respective Registers, for coordination purposes to avoid duplicities between them.

The Continuous Register Statistics is a statistical operation that is compiled from the comprehensive exploitation of the basic variables contained in the file derived from the INE register database, following the process of obtaining the proposal of official population figures. This Preview publishes the initial proposal communicated by the INE to the Municipal Councils. Data is provided on the population resident in Spain as at 1 January of each year, according to place of residence, sex, age, nationality and place of birth.

Population scope: population registered in Spain in the Continuous Register.

Geographical scope: national, Autonomous Communities and Cities, provinces, islands, municipalities and census tracts.

Reference period of the results: population data are provided as at 1 January of each year.

Frequency of dissemination: annual.

For more information you can access the methodological documents at:

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Annex 2. Tables

National Data

1. Population registered in the Continuous Register, by year

Data of the Continuous Municipal Register January 1 st

| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021(P) |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL | 47,265,321 | 47,129,783 | 46,771,341 | 46,624,382 | 46,557,008 | 46,572,132 | 46,722,980 | 47,026,208 | 47,450,795 | 47,344,649 |
| Spaniards | 41,529,063 | 41,583,545 | 41,747,854 | 41,894,738 | 41,938,427 | 41,999,325 | 41,988,289 | 41,989,330 | 42,016,642 | 41,936,827 |
| Foreigners | 5,736,258 | 5,546,238 | 5,023,487 | 4,729,644 | 4,618,581 | 4,572,807 | 4,734,691 | 5,036,878 | 5,434,153 | 5,407,822 |
| EU | 2,445,242 | 2,360,978 | 2,056,903 | 1,947,110 | 1,844,592 | 1,777,989 | 1,789,686 | 1,832,540 | 1,880,821 | 1,580,066 |
| no EU | 3,291,016 | 3,185,260 | 2,966,584 | 2,782,534 | 2,773,989 | 2,794,818 | 2,945,005 | 3,204,338 | 3,553,332 | 3,827,756 |
| % Foreigners | 12.1 | 11.8 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 11.5 | 11.4 |

(P): Provisional data

Note: As of 2021, due to Brexit, the UK is excluded from the EU and included in non-EU.

2. Population registered in the Continuous Register, by age

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | Total | % as compared with the total | Spaniards | % as compared with the total of Spaniards | Foreigners | % as compared with the total of foreigners |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|--|
| TOTAL | 47,344,649 | 100.0 | 41,936,827 | 100.0 | 5,407,822 | 100.0 |
| Under the age of 16 | 7,171,904 | 15.1 | 6,361,094 | 15.2 | 810,810 | 15.0 |
| 16 to 44 years of age | 16,798,808 | 35.5 | 13,885,655 | 33.1 | 2,913,153 | 53.9 |
| 45 to 64 years of age | 14,066,426 | 29.7 | 12,763,121 | 30.4 | 1,303,305 | 24.1 |
| 65 years of age and older | 9,307,511 | 19.7 | 8,926,957 | 21.3 | 380,554 | 7.0 |

3. Foreign nationals registered by sex and group of countries

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | Total | Men | % as compared with group total of countries | Women | % as compared with group total of countries |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| TOTAL | 5,407,822 | 2,710,346 | 50.1 | 2,697,476 | 49.9 |
| EU-27 | 1,580,066 | 787,920 | 49.9 | 792,146 | 50.1 |
| Rest of Europe | 568,197 | 263,466 | 46.4 | 304,731 | 53.6 |
| Africa | 1,193,758 | 711,909 | 59.6 | 481,849 | 40.4 |
| North America | 72,042 | 30,951 | 43.0 | 41,091 | 57.0 |
| Central America and the Caribbean | 361,781 | 135,706 | 37.5 | 226,075 | 62.5 |
| South America | 1,130,408 | 503,128 | 44.5 | 627,280 | 55.5 |
| Asia | 494,710 | 273,345 | 55.3 | 221,365 | 44.7 |
| The rest | 6,860 | 3,921 | 57.2 | 2,939 | 42.8 |

4. Average age by countries (main nationalities) and sex

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | Both sexes | Men | Women |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| TOTAL | 43.8 | 42.5 | 45.1 |
| SPANIARDS | 44.7 | 43.3 | 46.1 |
| FOREIGNERS | 36.6 | 36.3 | 36.9 |
| EUROPEAN UNION | 38.9 | 39.0 | 38.8 |
| United Kingdom | 53.6 | 54.0 | 53.2 |
| Germany | 49.4 | 50.1 | 48.8 |
| France | 42.8 | 43.2 | 42.4 |
| Portugal | 40.4 | 40.8 | 39.7 |
| Italy | 38.8 | 39.5 | 37.9 |
| Paraguay | 34.5 | 31.4 | 36.0 |
| China | 32.9 | 32.7 | 33.1 |
| Morocco | 31.7 | 32.4 | 30.8 |
| Pakistan | 31.2 | 32.5 | 27.9 |
| Honduras | 30.3 | 26.4 | 32.0 |

Data by Autonomous Communities and Cities

5. Population registered in the Continuous Register by Autonomous Communities and Cities

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| | January 1st, 2021 (Provisional Data) | January 1st, 2020 (Definitive Data) | Absolute Variation | Relative Variation (%) |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| TOTAL | 47,344,649 | 47,450,795 | -106,146 | -0.2 |
| Andalucía | 8,465,236 | 8,464,411 | 825 | 0.0 |
| Aragón | 1,325,371 | 1,329,391 | -4,020 | -0.3 |
| Asturias, Principado de | 1,011,560 | 1,018,784 | -7,224 | -0.7 |
| Balears, Illes | 1,172,333 | 1,171,543 | 790 | 0.1 |
| Canarias | 2,171,364 | 2,175,952 | -4,588 | -0.2 |
| Cantabria | 584,308 | 582,905 | 1,403 | 0.2 |
| Castilla y León | 2,381,281 | 2,394,918 | -13,637 | -0.6 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 2,047,792 | 2,045,221 | 2,571 | 0.1 |
| Cataluña | 7,756,928 | 7,780,479 | -23,551 | -0.3 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 5,049,415 | 5,057,353 | -7,938 | -0.2 |
| Extremadura | 1,058,763 | 1,063,987 | -5,224 | -0.5 |
| Galicia | 2,694,245 | 2,701,819 | -7,574 | -0.3 |
| Madrid, Comunidad de | 6,745,591 | 6,779,888 | -34,297 | -0.5 |
| Murcia, Región de | 1,517,938 | 1,511,251 | 6,687 | 0.4 |
| Navarra, Comunidad Foral de | 661,023 | 661,197 | -174 | 0.0 |
| País Vasco | 2,212,561 | 2,220,504 | -7,943 | -0.4 |
| Rioja, La | 319,224 | 319,914 | -690 | -0.2 |
| Ceuta | 83,517 | 84,202 | -685 | -0.8 |
| Melilla | 86,199 | 87,076 | -877 | -1.0 |

6. Foreign nationals registered in the Continuous Register by Autonomous Communities and Cities

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|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| | Number of persons | % of the total of the Community | Number of persons | % of the total of the Community | | |
| TOTAL | 5,407,822 | 11.4 | 5,434,153 | 11.5 | -26,331 | -0.5 |
| Andalucía | 707,125 | 8.4 | 702,018 | 8.3 | 5,107 | 0.7 |
| Aragón | 161,614 | 12.2 | 162,048 | 12.2 | -434 | -0.3 |
| Asturias, Principado de | 45,246 | 4.5 | 45,321 | 4.4 | -75 | -0.2 |
| Balears, Illes | 219,773 | 18.7 | 220,035 | 18.8 | -262 | -0.1 |
| Canarias | 286,551 | 13.2 | 292,542 | 13.4 | -5,991 | -2.0 |
| Cantabria | 36,008 | 6.2 | 35,896 | 6.2 | 112 | 0.3 |
| Castilla y León | 142,923 | 6.0 | 141,157 | 5.9 | 1,766 | 1.3 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 188,336 | 9.2 | 186,954 | 9.1 | 1,382 | 0.7 |
| Cataluña | 1,245,038 | 16.1 | 1,260,619 | 16.2 | -15,581 | -1.2 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 743,597 | 14.7 | 752,131 | 14.9 | -8,534 | -1.1 |
| Extremadura | 34,631 | 3.3 | 34,667 | 3.3 | -36 | -0.1 |
| Galicia | 113,614 | 4.2 | 112,638 | 4.2 | 976 | 0.9 |
| Madrid, Comunidad de | 950,368 | 14.1 | 955,714 | 14.1 | -5,346 | -0.6 |
| Murcia, Región de | 221,887 | 14.6 | 222,217 | 14.7 | -330 | -0.1 |
| Navarra, Comunidad Foral de | 71,065 | 10.8 | 70,666 | 10.7 | 399 | 0.6 |
| País Vasco | 181,700 | 8.2 | 180,252 | 8.1 | 1,448 | 0.8 |
| Rioja, La | 40,393 | 12.7 | 40,210 | 12.6 | 183 | 0.5 |
| Ceuta | 5,367 | 6.4 | 5,705 | 6.8 | -338 | -5.9 |
| Melilla | 12,586 | 14.6 | 13,363 | 15.3 | -777 | -5.8 |

Data of municipalities by sections

7. Number of Municipalities by Size of Municipality and Autonomous Communities

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | TOTAL | Fewer than 1,000 inhabitants | From 1,001 to 10,000 inhabitants | From 10,001 to 50,000 inhabitants | From 50,001 to 100,000 inhabitants | More than 100,000 inhabitants |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | 8,131 | 5,002 | 2,370 | 610 | 86 | 63 |
| Andalucía | 785 | 219 | 413 | 124 | 17 | 12 |
| Aragón | 731 | 630 | 87 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Asturias, Principado de | 78 | 18 | 41 | 15 | 2 | 2 |
| Balears, Illes | 67 | 6 | 37 | 21 | 2 | 1 |
| Canarias | 88 | 1 | 45 | 33 | 5 | 4 |
| Cantabria | 102 | 37 | 55 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Castilla y León | 2,248 | 2,009 | 216 | 14 | 5 | 4 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 919 | 641 | 241 | 31 | 5 | 1 |
| Cataluña | 947 | 486 | 338 | 100 | 12 | 11 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 542 | 221 | 220 | 86 | 11 | 4 |
| Extremadura | 388 | 218 | 157 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| Galicia | 313 | 37 | 221 | 48 | 4 | 3 |
| Madrid, Comunidad de | 179 | 44 | 84 | 28 | 13 | 10 |
| Murcia, Región de | 45 | 2 | 12 | 27 | 2 | 2 |
| Navarra, Comunidad Foral de | 272 | 189 | 71 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| País Vasco | 251 | 100 | 107 | 38 | 2 | 4 |
| Rioja, La | 174 | 144 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Ceuta | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Melilla | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

8. Percentage of Population registered by Size of municipality and Autonomous Community

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | TOTAL | Fewer than 1,000 inhabitants | From 1,001 to 10,000 inhabitants | From 10,001 to 50,000 inhabitants | From 50,001 to 100,000 inhabitants | More than 100,000 inhabitants |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | 100 | 3.1 | 17.1 | 26.9 | 13.0 | 39.9 |
| Andalucía | 100 | 1.4 | 17.9 | 30.0 | 15.2 | 35.5 |
| Aragón | 100 | 11.4 | 18.2 | 15.5 | 4.0 | 50.9 |
| Asturias, Principado de | 100 | 0.9 | 13.7 | 24.6 | 12.7 | 48.1 |
| Balears, Illes | 100 | 0.3 | 14.5 | 40.7 | 8.7 | 35.8 |
| Canarias | 100 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 35.9 | 15.0 | 39.1 |
| Cantabria | 100 | 3.4 | 32.1 | 26.2 | 8.8 | 29.5 |
| Castilla y León | 100 | 18.4 | 25.2 | 12.5 | 13.0 | 30.9 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 100 | 7.7 | 36.3 | 28.8 | 18.8 | 8.4 |
| Cataluña | 100 | 2.5 | 15.9 | 28.0 | 11.1 | 42.5 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 100 | 1.7 | 15.6 | 37.5 | 14.9 | 30.3 |
| Extremadura | 100 | 9.8 | 40.4 | 21.0 | 14.6 | 14.2 |
| Galicia | 100 | 1.0 | 28.6 | 33.8 | 12.7 | 23.9 |
| Madrid, Comunidad de | 100 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 8.8 | 13.9 | 71.5 |
| Murcia, Región de | 100 | 0.1 | 3.7 | 40.4 | 11.2 | 44.6 |
| Navarra, Comunidad Foral de | 100 | 8.3 | 33.6 | 27.4 | .. | 30.7 |
| País Vasco | 100 | 2.1 | 16.8 | 34.7 | 6.3 | 40.1 |
| Rioja, La | 100 | 8.4 | 24.9 | 19.5 | .. | 47.2 |
| Ceuta | 100 | .. | .. | .. | 100.0 | .. |
| Melilla | 100 | .. | .. | .. | 100.0 | .. |

9. Percentage of Foreign Nationals registered by Size of municipality and Autonomous Community

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | TOTAL | Fewer than 1,000 inhabitants | From 1,001 to 10,000 inhabitants | From 10,001 to 50,000 inhabitants | From 50,001 to 100,000 inhabitants | More than 100,000 inhabitants |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | 11.4 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 11.5 | 13.1 | 12.3 |
| Andalucía | 8.4 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 14.7 | 7.0 |
| Aragón | 12.2 | 9.3 | 14.6 | 13.9 | 11.1 | 11.6 |
| Asturias, Principado de | 4.5 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 5.9 |
| Balears, Illes | 18.7 | 21.8 | 15.3 | 19.5 | 29.1 | 16.8 |
| Canarias | 13.2 | 19.7 | 8.8 | 17.0 | 24.7 | 6.5 |
| Cantabria | 6.2 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 8.7 |
| Castilla y León | 6.0 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.3 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 9.2 | 7.2 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 5.5 |
| Cataluña | 16.1 | 9.7 | 11.3 | 15.4 | 13.1 | 19.4 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 14.7 | 11.2 | 14.2 | 14.7 | 18.4 | 13.5 |
| Extremadura | 3.3 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 3.6 |
| Galicia | 4.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.7 |
| Madrid, Comunidad de | 14.1 | 9.9 | 13.2 | 11.6 | 11.8 | 14.9 |
| Murcia, Región de | 14.6 | 5.4 | 10.6 | 17.2 | 17.0 | 12.0 |
| Navarra, Comunidad Foral de | 10.8 | 5.1 | 11.7 | 10.7 | .. | 11.3 |
| País Vasco | 8.2 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 9.6 |
| Rioja, La | 12.7 | 9.5 | 14.4 | 14.7 | .. | 11.5 |
| Ceuta | 6.4 | .. | .. | .. | 6.4 | .. |
| Melilla | 14.6 | .. | .. | .. | 14.6 | .. |

10. Number of municipalities by percentage of Foreign Nationals registered in the Continuous Register

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2021

| | Total | 0%-5% | 5%-10% | 10%-15% | 15%-20% | 20%-25% | 25%-50% | +50% |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| TOTAL | 8,131 | 4,172 | 2,021 | 1,013 | 462 | 224 | 221 | 18 |
| Andalucía | 785 | 477 | 145 | 69 | 15 | 28 | 47 | 4 |
| Aragón | 731 | 241 | 261 | 113 | 57 | 37 | 22 | 0 |
| Asturias, Principado de | 78 | 69 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Baleares, Illes | 67 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 23 | 10 | 11 | 0 |
| Canarias | 88 | 22 | 27 | 13 | 8 | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| Cantabria | 102 | 76 | 24 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Castilla y León | 2,248 | 1,613 | 402 | 138 | 56 | 17 | 22 | 0 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 919 | 410 | 258 | 136 | 77 | 20 | 16 | 2 |
| Cataluña | 947 | 224 | 315 | 225 | 91 | 58 | 33 | 1 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 542 | 117 | 196 | 103 | 48 | 23 | 44 | 11 |
| Extremadura | 388 | 348 | 34 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Galicia | 313 | 269 | 38 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Madrid, Comunidad de | 179 | 6 | 52 | 70 | 40 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Murcia, Región de | 45 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Navarra, Comunidad Foral de | 272 | 129 | 74 | 42 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| País Vasco | 251 | 94 | 120 | 33 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rioja, La | 174 | 72 | 46 | 30 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Ceuta | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Melilla | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Explanatory note

Causes of the variation in the figures between two consecutive years

The procedure for obtaining the Population Figures resulting from the Revision of the Municipal Register as at 1 January comprises different phases, and is regulated by the Resolution of 20 July 2018³ of the Presidency of the National Statistics Institute and the Directorate General of Regional and Local Cooperation by which technical instructions are issued to the Municipal Councils on the annual revision of the Municipal Register and on the procedure for obtaining the proposal of official population figures⁴.

Based on this procedure it must be clarified that the change produced regarding the previous figures, as at 01 January 2020, are mainly due to the following reasons:

1. Natural increase registered in the Continuous Register

Difference between registrations due to birth and deregistrations due to death registered in the Continuous Register. They may be from the year 2020 or prior.

2. Balance by Residential Variation Statistics

Difference between registrations and deregistrations due to changes of residence that may have any variation date prior to 01 January 2021. Those corresponding to the year 2020 will later make up the Residential Variations Statistics⁵.

3. Balance of Expirations for Non-Community Foreign Nationals without a Permanent Residence Permit⁶ (NCFNWPRP)

NCFNWPRP have the obligation, established in article 16.1 of Law 7/1985 Regulating the Bases of the Local Regime, to renew their registration every two years. If they do not do so, their registration must be cancelled due to expiry. If the registration is pending at the time of obtaining the population figures (that is, the INE has not received the renewal or deregistration sent by the Municipal Council), it is not recorded.

This is a consolidated procedure that has been in use since the year 2006. The balance is obtained as the difference between those registrations that had to be renewed during 2020, which have been cancelled due to expiration or have not been renewed, and those pending, which were not included in the previous year, for which their renewal was received during 2020, and which have been recorded.

³ This Resolution applies from the revision to 1-1-2019, but it has not supposed a substantial change in the procedure for obtaining the proposed population figures. It incorporates only the actions that had been applied as a result of various Registration Council agreements, subsequent to the previous Resolution of 2005, and it primarily affects the requirement for file exchange through the IDA-Padrón internet application, and the establishment of an annual calendar.

⁴ BOE 20-09-2018. RESOLUTION of 13 September 2018, of the Undersecretariat of the Ministry of the Presidency, Relations with the Courts and Equality by which the publication of the aforementioned Resolution is ordered.

⁵ In the Methodology of the Residential Variations Statistics, the causes and types of variation that are incorporated can be verified: (http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736177013&menu=metodologia&idp=1254734710990).

⁶ Formerly called *permanent* residence.

4. Balance of checks for Community Foreign Nationals or Non-Community Foreign Nationals with Long-Term Residence Permit (non-NCFNWPRP)

In 2009, by virtue of an agreement of the Registration Council, a procedure was established for the periodic verification of the continuity of residence in the municipality by the municipal councils for community or non-community foreign nationals with permanent residence permits, every 2 or 5 years, depending on whether or not they are registered in the Central Register of Foreign Nationals⁷.

Starting from the figures as at 1 January 2013, the Registration Council reported favourably on the application of a progressive criterion of not counting non-NCFNWPRP foreigners for whom the residence requested had not been confirmed, consisting of increasing annually the percentage of processing required, until it is applied without restrictions as from the figures as at 1 January 2017, so that since then none of the non-NCFNWPRP registrations pending verification are counted (that is, those for which there is no change in the INE that proves the continuity of the residence or the cancellation sent by the Municipal Council)⁸.

As with the NCFNWPRP procedure, the balance is obtained as the difference between the non-NCFNWPRP not counted because they have not yet been verified, or have been cancelled, corresponding to the year 2020 and those counted, pending from the previous year, for which the continuity of residence in 2020 has been verified.

5. Balance of the Rest of Non-residential and Procedure Variations

This balance is the difference between the rest of variations not considered in the previous sections, such as, registrations by omission and cancellations by undue registration of Spaniards who, unlike those of foreigners, are not included in the Residential Variations Statistics as they are not considered migratory movements but adjustment in the register, cancellations due to duplicates in the Register, registers that present incidences that impede their recording, etc.

6. Changes in nationality

In addition to the above, and considering the nationality, it must be borne in mind that variations in the number of Spaniards or in the number of foreigners have implicit all the changes of nationality that have been registered in the Continuous Register throughout the year, being much more numerous the changes of nationality from foreigners to Spaniards.

⁷ This procedure is currently regulated in section 7 of the Resolution of February 17, 2020 of the Presidency of the National Institute of Statistics and of the General Directorate of Autonomous and Local Cooperation, by which technical instructions are issued to the City Councils on the management of the municipal Register (BOE 04-29-2020, https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2020-4784).

⁸ See section III. Information taken into account by the INE to obtain the proposed population figure of the Resolution of 20 July 2018.