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**Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics January 1st, 2022**  
Provisional data

**The population registered in Spain in the Continuous Register increases by 50,490 people during 2021, standing at 47.4 million**

**Of the total population, 88.4% have Spanish nationality and 11.6% have foreign nationality**

The total number of people registered in the Continuous Register<sup>1</sup> in Spain as at 01 January 2022 was 47,435,597 inhabitants, according to the Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics. This figure represents an increase of 50,490 people (+0.1%) as compared with the data as at 01 January 2021<sup>2</sup>.

Of this total, 41,923,039 had Spanish nationality (88.4%) and 5,512,558 had foreign nationality (11.6%).

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 2021, the net number of Spaniards has fallen by 21,920 people (-0.1%) while the number of foreigners has increased by 72,410 (1.3%). Among the latter, those belonging to the European Union (EU) grew by 13,400 (0.8%) and those non-EU nationals grew by 59,010 persons (1.5%).

The number of Spaniards registered in the Register remains below 42 million. On the other hand, the number of foreigners exceeded 5.5 million.

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<sup>1</sup> 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*.

<sup>2</sup> The variations produced with respect to the Continuous Register Statistics as at 01 January 2021 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, 2022 (Provisional data)		Population January 1st, 2021 (Definitive data)		Absolute variation	Relative variation (in %)
	Number of persons	% as compared with the total	Number of persons	% as compared with the total		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,435,597</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,385,107</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50,490</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Spaniards	41,923,039	88.4	41,944,959	88.5	-21,920	-0.1
Foreigners	5,512,558	11.6	5,440,148	11.5	72,410	1.3
EU	1,605,384	3.4	1,591,984	3.4	13,400	0.8
Non-EU	3,907,174	8.2	3,848,164	8.1	59,010	1.5

## 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 2022

	Total	% as compared with the total	Spaniards	% as compared with the total of Spaniards	Foreigners	% as compared with the total of foreigners
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>47,435,597</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41,923,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,512,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Men	23,246,007	49.0	20,482,372	48.9	2,763,635	50.1
Women	24,189,590	51.0	21,440,667	51.1	2,748,923	49.9

84.2% of the registered population was born in Spain and 15.8% was born abroad. By nationality, 94.0% of Spaniards were born in Spain, whereas in the case of foreign nationals this figure was 9.4%.

### Distribution by place of birth and nationality

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2022

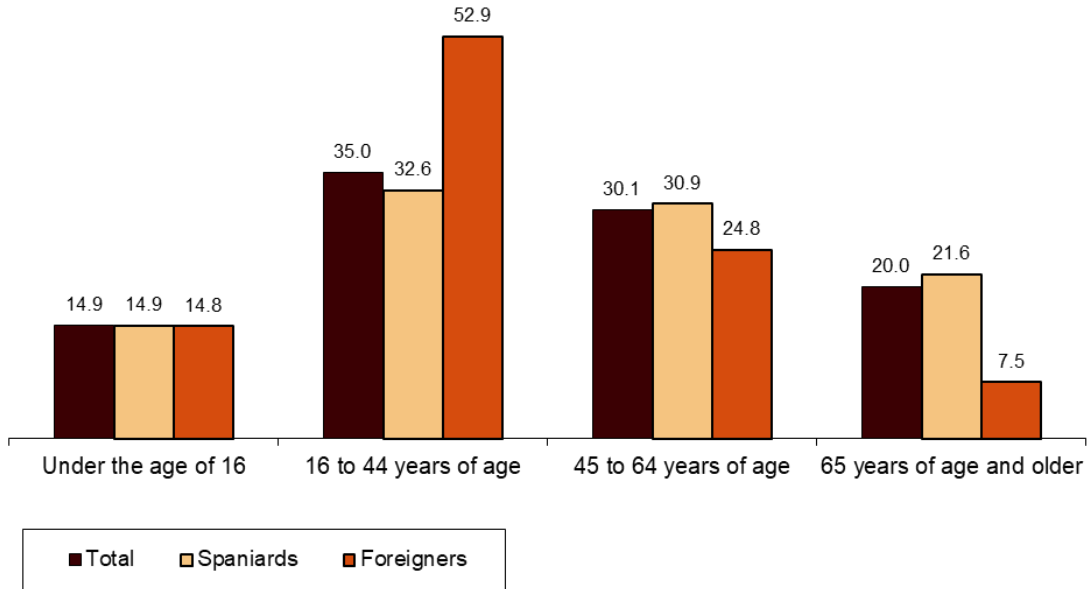
	Total	Born in Spain	% as compared with the total	Born abroad	% as compared with the total
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,435,597</b>	<b>39,928,727</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>7,506,870</b>	<b>15.8</b>
Spaniards	41,923,039	39,408,051	94.0	2,514,988	6.0
Foreigners	5,512,558	520,676	9.4	4,991,882	90.6

By age, 14.9% of the population was younger than 16 years of age, 35.0% was between 16 and 44, 30.1% was between 45 and 64, and 20% was 65 years old 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, 32.6% of Spaniards were in this age group, compared to 52.9% 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

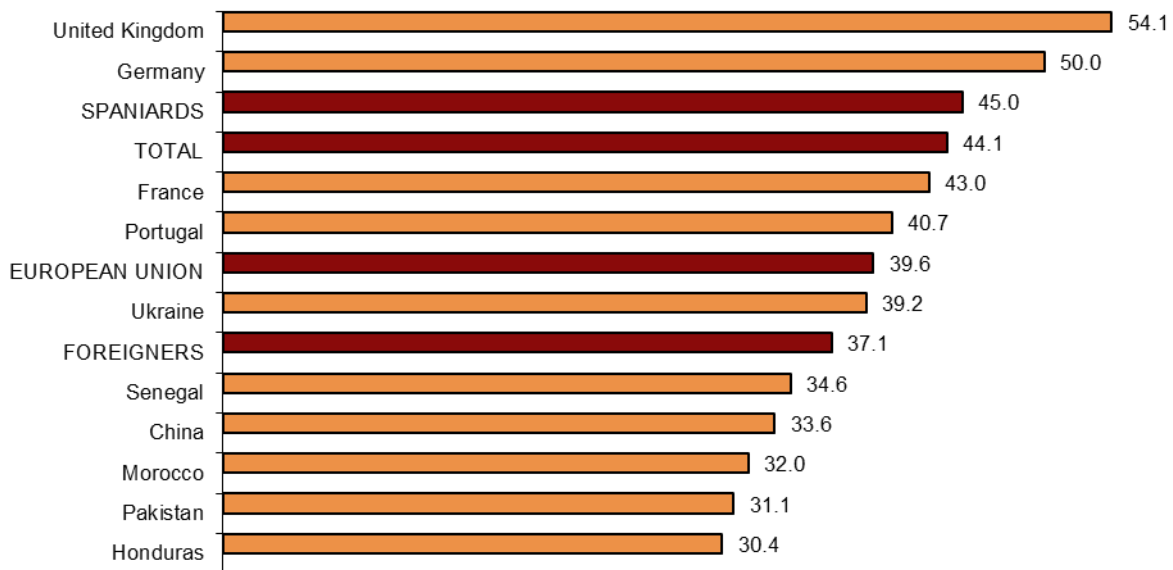


The average age of the population registered in the Continuous Register was 44.1 years old. For Spaniards it was 45.0 years of age and for foreign nationals 37.1 years (for citizens of countries belonging to the European Union it stood at 39.6 years of age).

The highest average ages among the main nationalities were found in citizens of the United Kingdom (54.1 years old), Germany (50.0) and France (43.0). Conversely, the lowest average ages corresponded to nationals of Honduras (30.4 years), Pakistan (31.1) and Morocco (32.0).

**Average age by countries (main nationalities)**

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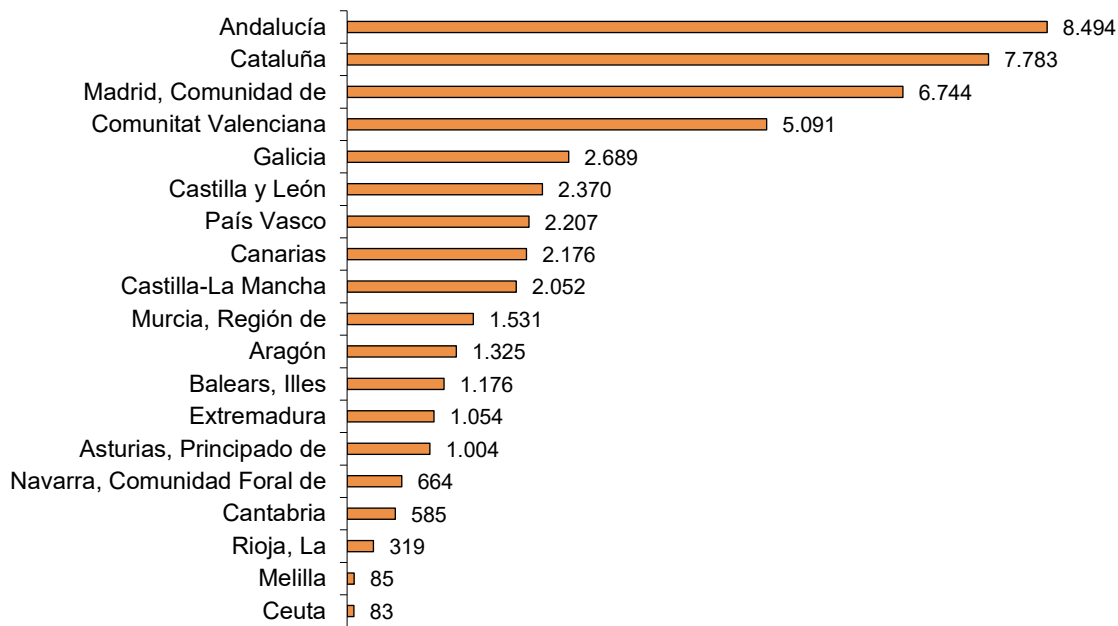
## Data by Autonomous Communities and Cities

The most populated Autonomous Communities as of January 1, 2022 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)

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



In the last year, the registered population has increased in nine Autonomous Communities and has decreased in eight. The greatest increases took place in Comunitat Valenciana (32,701 more people), Andalucía (21,748 more) and Cataluña (19,940 more).

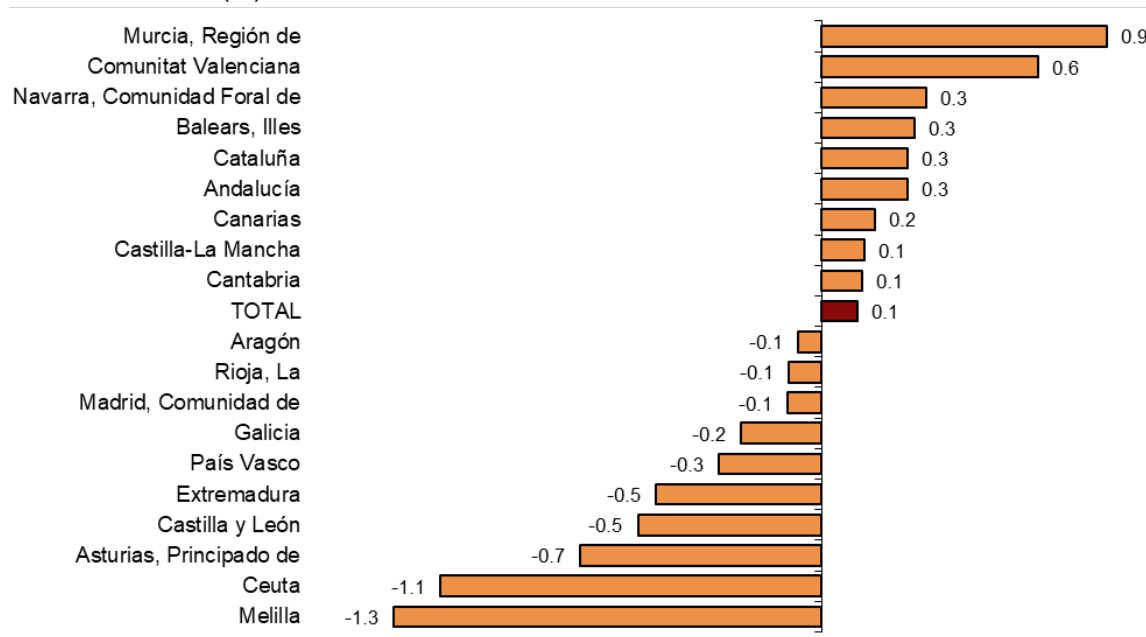
For its part, the main decreases of the registered population in absolute terms between January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022 occurred in Castilla y León (13,075 fewer people), Principado de Asturias (7,293 fewer), Comunidad de Madrid (6,795 fewer) and País Vasco (6,792 fewer).

In relative terms, the greatest increases in population took place in the Región de Murcia (0.9%), the Comunitat Valenciana (0.6%) and Comunidad Foral de Navarra, Illes Balears, Cataluña and Andalucía (0.3% in all of them).

In relative terms, the largest population declines took place in the autonomous cities of Melilla (-1.3%) and Ceuta (-1.1%), in Principado de Asturias (-0.7%), Castilla y León and Extremadura (both with -0.5%).

### Registered population by Autonomous Communities and Cities

Relative variation (%) between 2021 and 2022



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

The proportion of foreign citizens over the total population registered in Spain stood at 11.6% as at 01 January 2022.

The Autonomous Communities with the highest proportion of foreign nationals were Illes Balears (18.8%), Cataluña (16.2%) and Comunitat Valenciana (15.3%).

In contrast, the communities with the lowest proportion of foreign nationals were Extremadura (3.3%), Galicia (4.4%) and Principado de Asturias (4.5%).

During 2021, the number of foreigners increased in most autonomous communities and decreased in two, as well as in Ceuta y Melilla.

The Communities registering the greatest increases of foreign nationals are Comunitat Valenciana (27.039), Andalucía (25.642) and Cataluña (12.470).

In relative terms, the greatest increases of foreign population were registered in Andalucía and Comunitat Valenciana (both with 3.6%) and Galicia (2.9%). The greatest decreases were recorded in the autonomous cities of Ceuta (-9.6%) and Melilla (-7.4%).

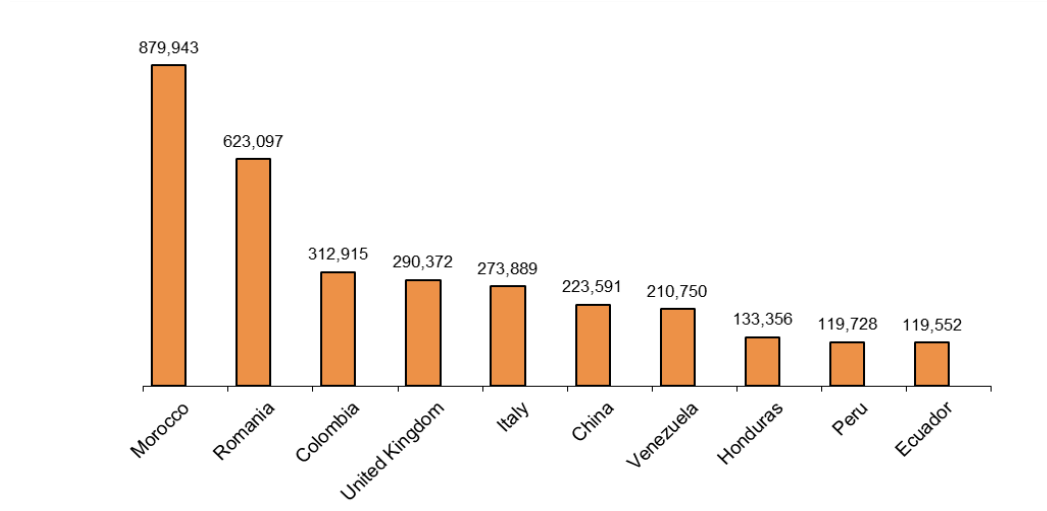
### Distribution of foreign citizens by nationality

The foreign nationals registered in the Continuous Register and belonging to the EU reached 1,605,384. Among these, the most numerous were Romanians (623,097), Italians (273,889) and Germans (115,099).

Among the non-community foreign nationals, the most significant were Moroccan (879,943), Colombian (312,915) and British (290,372) citizens. Citizens of Ukraine (110,977) are also in the top 20.

## 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 2021 were recorded among citizens of Colombia (21,164 more), Italy (16,633 more) and Venezuela (11,672).

The largest decreases were among those from Romania (-21,376), China (-5,663) and Brasil (-4,898).

In relative terms, and among the nationalities with the highest number of foreigners, the greatest population increases were registered among the citizens of Argentina (8.2%), Colombia (7.3%) and Peru (7.2%).

In turn, Brasil (-5.1%), Bulgaria (-3.9%) and Ecuador (-3.4%) showed the greatest decreases.

## Foreign nationals registered by country (main nationalities)

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	Foreign population January 1st, 2022 (Provisional Data)		Foreign population January 1st, 2021 (Definitive Data)		Absolute Variation	Relative Variation (in %)
	Number of persons	% of the total of foreigners	Number of persons	% of the total of foreigners		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,512,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,440,148</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>72,410</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Morocco	879,943	16.0	872,759	16.0	7,184	0.8
Romania	623,097	11.3	644,473	11.8	-21,376	-3.3
Colombia	312,915	5.7	291,751	5.4	21,164	7.3
United Kingdom	290,372	5.3	282,124	5.2	8,248	2.9
Italy	273,889	5.0	257,256	4.7	16,633	6.5
China	223,591	4.1	229,254	4.2	-5,663	-2.5
Venezuela	210,750	3.8	199,078	3.7	11,672	5.9
Honduras	133,356	2.4	130,119	2.4	3,237	2.5
Peru	119,728	2.2	111,681	2.1	8,047	7.2
Ecuador	119,552	2.2	123,736	2.3	-4,184	-3.4
Germany	115,099	2.1	109,556	2.0	5,543	5.1
France	114,046	2.1	109,397	2.0	4,649	4.2
Bulgaria	113,554	2.1	118,120	2.2	-4,566	-3.9
Ukraine	110,977	2.0	112,034	2.1	-1,057	-0.9
Pakistan	100,276	1.8	99,352	1.8	924	0.9
Portugal	97,896	1.8	97,187	1.8	709	0.7
Argentina	96,841	1.8	89,472	1.6	7,369	8.2
Brazil	90,535	1.6	95,433	1.8	-4,898	-5.1
Paraguay	83,538	1.5	85,866	1.6	-2,328	-2.7
Senegal	82,963	1.5	78,550	1.4	4,413	5.6

By group of countries, the EU citizens were the most numerous, representing 29.1% of the total foreign citizens. They are followed by those from Africa (22.0%) and South America (21.2%).

## Foreign nationals registered by group of countries

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	January 1st, 2022 (Provisional Data)		January 1st, 2021 (Definitive Data)	
	Number of persons	% of the total of Spain	Number of persons	% of the total of Spain
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,512,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,440,148</b>	<b>100.0</b>
EUROPEAN UNION	1,605,384	29.1	1,591,984	29.3
Rest of Europe	583,922	10.6	572,085	10.5
Africa	1,213,094	22.0	1,198,573	22.0
North America	76,257	1.4	72,551	1.3
Central America and the Caribbean	366,550	6.6	364,263	6.7
South America	1,168,174	21.2	1,137,165	20.9
Asia	491,990	8.9	496,639	9.1
The rest	7,187	0.1	6,888	0.1

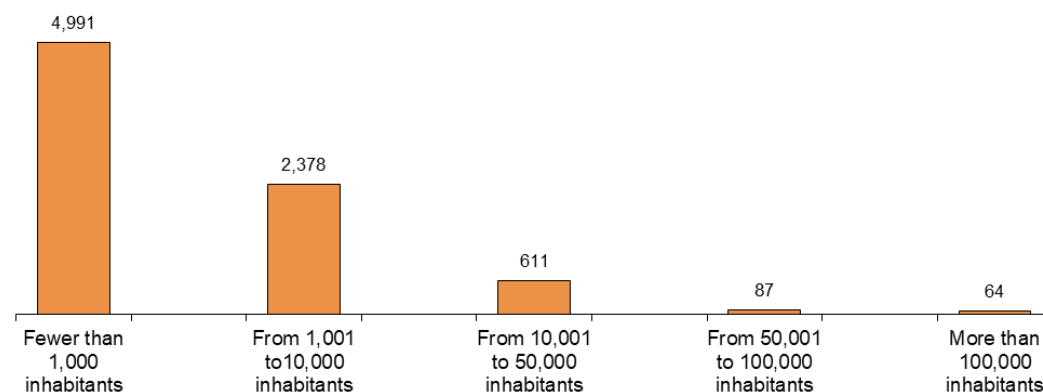
## Data of municipalities by sections

Among the 8,131 Spanish municipalities, 4,991 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 2,011 municipalities), Castilla-La Mancha (637) and Aragón (627). On the other hand, the ones with the least were Canarias (one municipality), Región de Murcia (two) and Illes Balears (six).

## Number of municipalities by size of municipality

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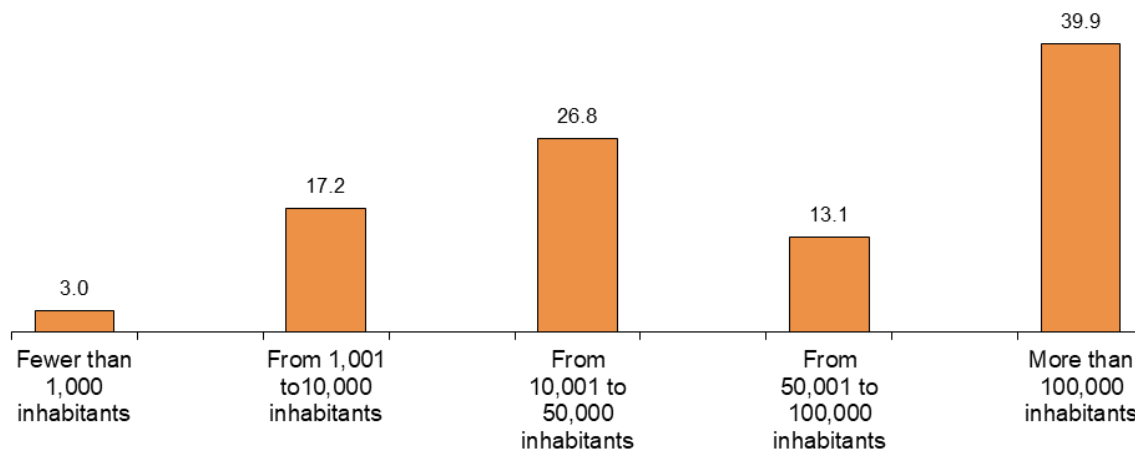
As regards larger municipalities, in Spain there are 64 municipalities with more than 100,000 inhabitants. Among them, 13 belonged to Andalucía, 11 to Cataluña and 10 to Comunidad de Madrid.

A total of 39.9% of the population registered resided in municipalities bigger than 100,000 inhabitants. The greatest percentages were registered in Comunidad de Madrid (71.1%) and Aragón (50.8%). The lowest percentages were in Castilla-La Mancha (8.4%) and Extremadura (14.2%).

A total of 20.2% of the population resided in municipalities smaller than 10,000 inhabitants. The highest percentages were found in Extremadura (50.1%), Castilla-La Mancha (44.2%) and Castilla y León (44.1%). And the lowest in the Región de Murcia (-15.0%), and Comunidad de Madrid (5.7%).

**Percentage of registered population by size of municipality**

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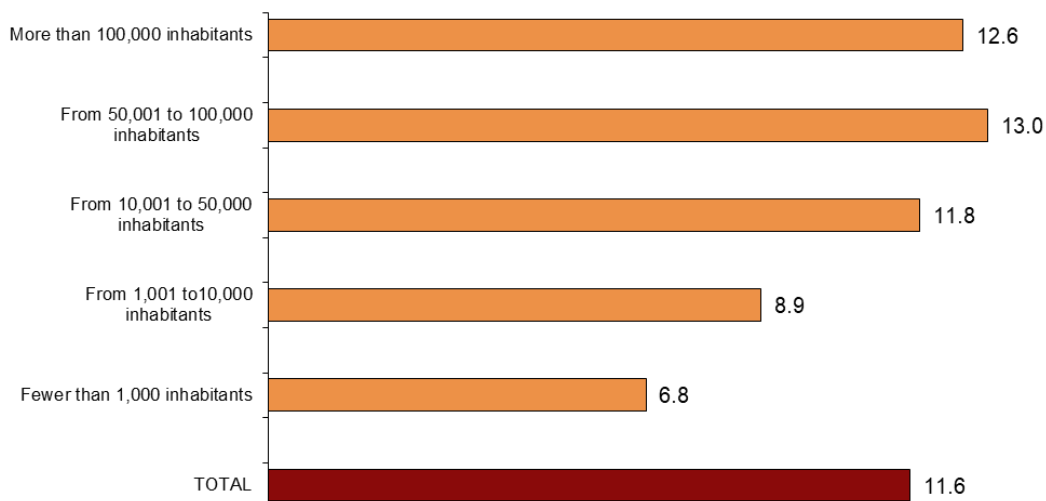


In the municipalities with less than 1,000 inhabitants, 6.8% of the population were foreign nationals. In the municipalities with more than 100,000 inhabitants, this percentage was 12.6%.

The highest percentage of foreign nationals (13.0%) was registered in municipalities with a population between 50,001 and 100,000 inhabitants.

**Percentage of registered foreigners by size of municipality**

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2022



In Spain, there were 253 municipalities with a percentage of foreign nationals higher than 25.0%, as compared with its total population. In 20 of them this percentage exceeded 50%.

In more than half of the municipalities (4,117) 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.

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[http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica\\_C&cid=1254736177012&menu=metodologia&idp=1254734710990](http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736177012&menu=metodologia&idp=1254734710990)

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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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022(P)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,129,783</b>	<b>46,771,341</b>	<b>46,624,382</b>	<b>46,557,008</b>	<b>46,572,132</b>	<b>46,722,980</b>	<b>47,026,208</b>	<b>47,450,795</b>	<b>47,385,107</b>	<b>47,435,597</b>
Spaniards	41,583,545	41,747,854	41,894,738	41,938,427	41,999,325	41,988,289	41,989,330	42,016,642	41,944,959	41,923,039
Foreigners	5,546,238	5,023,487	4,729,644	4,618,581	4,572,807	4,734,691	5,036,878	5,434,153	5,440,148	5,512,558
EU	2,360,978	2,056,903	1,947,110	1,844,592	1,777,989	1,789,686	1,832,540	1,880,821	1,591,984	1,605,384
no EU	3,185,260	2,966,584	2,782,534	2,773,989	2,794,818	2,945,005	3,204,338	3,553,332	3,848,164	3,907,174
% Foreigners	11.8	10.7	10.1	9.9	9.8	10.1	10.7	11.5	11.5	11.6

(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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,435,597</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41,923,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,512,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Under the age of 16	7,057,712	14.9	6,242,556	14.9	815,156	14.8
16 to 44 years of age	16,591,613	35.0	13,677,328	32.6	2,914,285	52.9
45 to 64 years of age	14,310,406	30.1	12,939,487	30.9	1,370,919	24.8
65 years of age and older	9,475,866	20.0	9,063,668	21.6	412,198	7.5

#### 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,512,558</b>	<b>2,763,635</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>2,748,923</b>	<b>49.9</b>
EUROPEAN UNION	1,605,384	799,299	49.8	806,085	50.2
Rest of Europe	583,922	272,055	46.6	311,867	53.4
Africa	1,213,094	726,022	59.8	487,072	40.2
North America	76,257	32,729	42.9	43,528	57.1
Central America and the Caribbean	366,550	139,696	38.1	226,854	61.9
South America	1,168,174	521,182	44.6	646,992	55.4
Asia	491,990	268,447	54.6	223,543	45.4
The rest	7,187	4,205	58.5	2,982	41.5

## 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>45.4</b>
SPANIARDS	45.0	43.6	46.4
FOREIGNERS	37.1	36.7	37.4
EUROPEAN UNION	39.6	39.6	39.5
United Kingdom	54.1	54.4	53.7
Germany	50.0	50.6	49.5
France	43.0	43.4	42.6
Portugal	40.7	41.2	40.1
Ukraine	39.2	36.9	40.9
Senegal	34.6	36.0	29.6
China	33.6	33.4	33.8
Morocco	32.0	32.6	31.2
Pakistan	31.1	32.4	28.4
Honduras	30.4	26.4	32.2

## Data by Autonomous Communities and Cities

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

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Andalucía	8,494,155	8,472,407	21,748	0.3
Aragón	1,325,342	1,326,261	-919	-0.1
Asturias, Principado de	1,004,499	1,011,792	-7,293	-0.7
Balears, Illes	1,176,254	1,173,008	3,246	0.3
Canarias	2,176,412	2,172,944	3,468	0.2
Cantabria	585,222	584,507	715	0.1
Castilla y León	2,370,064	2,383,139	-13,075	-0.5
Castilla-La Mancha	2,052,193	2,049,562	2,631	0.1
Cataluña	7,783,302	7,763,362	19,940	0.3
Comunitat Valenciana	5,090,839	5,058,138	32,701	0.6
Extremadura	1,054,245	1,059,501	-5,256	-0.5
Galicia	2,689,152	2,695,645	-6,493	-0.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	6,744,456	6,751,251	-6,795	-0.1
Murcia, Región de	1,531,439	1,518,486	12,953	0.9
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	663,612	661,537	2,075	0.3
País Vasco	2,207,201	2,213,993	-6,792	-0.3
Rioja, La	319,485	319,796	-311	-0.1
Ceuta	82,566	83,517	-951	-1.1
Melilla	85,159	86,261	-1,102	-1.3

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

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Andalucía	737,558	8.7	711,916	8.4	25,642	3.6
Aragón	163,973	12.4	162,349	12.2	1,624	1.0
Asturias, Principado de	45,466	4.5	45,445	4.5	21	0.0
Balears, Illes	221,653	18.8	220,297	18.8	1,356	0.6
Canarias	287,458	13.2	287,826	13.2	-368	-0.1
Cantabria	37,081	6.3	36,167	6.2	914	2.5
Castilla y León	144,925	6.1	144,110	6.0	815	0.6
Castilla-La Mancha	192,723	9.4	189,567	9.2	3,156	1.7
Cataluña	1,263,135	16.2	1,250,665	16.1	12,470	1.0
Comunitat Valenciana	778,655	15.3	751,616	14.9	27,039	3.6
Extremadura	34,947	3.3	34,886	3.3	61	0.2
Galicia	117,824	4.4	114,534	4.2	3,290	2.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	945,933	14.0	955,122	14.1	-9,189	-1.0
Murcia, Región de	226,431	14.8	222,324	14.6	4,107	1.8
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	73,113	11.0	71,441	10.8	1,672	2.3
País Vasco	183,731	8.3	183,014	8.3	717	0.4
Rioja, La	41,430	13.0	40,891	12.8	539	1.3
Ceuta	4,850	5.9	5,367	6.4	-517	-9.6
Melilla	11,672	13.7	12,611	14.6	-939	-7.4

## 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,131</b>	<b>4,991</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>64</b>
Andalucía	785	217	415	123	17	13
Aragón	731	627	90	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	36	56	8	1	1
Castilla y León	2,248	2,011	215	13	5	4
Castilla-La Mancha	919	637	245	31	5	1
Cataluña	947	484	339	101	12	11
Comunitat Valenciana	542	222	218	87	11	4
Extremadura	388	218	157	10	2	1
Galicia	313	38	219	49	4	3
Madrid, Comunidad de	179	44	83	28	14	10
Murcia, Región de	45	2	12	27	2	2
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	272	188	72	11	0	1
País Vasco	251	98	109	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>39.9</b>
Andalucía	100	1.3	17.9	29.5	14.8	36.5
Aragón	100	11.2	18.5	15.5	4.0	50.8
Asturias, Principado de	100	0.9	13.7	24.6	12.7	48.1
Balears, Illes	100	0.3	14.7	40.8	8.8	35.4
Canarias	100	0.0	10.1	36.0	15.0	38.9
Cantabria	100	3.2	32.5	26.3	8.7	29.3
Castilla y León	100	18.5	25.6	12.1	12.9	30.9
Castilla-La Mancha	100	7.6	36.6	28.7	18.7	8.4
Cataluña	100	2.5	15.9	28.2	11.1	42.3
Comunitat Valenciana	100	1.7	15.5	37.8	14.8	30.2
Extremadura	100	9.8	40.3	21.0	14.7	14.2
Galicia	100	1.0	28.2	34.3	12.7	23.8
Madrid, Comunidad de	100	0.3	5.4	8.3	14.9	71.1
Murcia, Región de	100	0.1	3.7	40.6	11.2	44.4
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	100	8.1	33.8	27.4	..	30.7
País Vasco	100	2.0	16.9	34.7	6.3	40.1
Rioja, La	100	8.4	25.2	19.5	..	46.9
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.6</b>
Andalucía	8.7	7.8	7.1	7.9	14.0	7.9
Aragón	12.4	9.6	14.9	14.2	11.1	11.6
Asturias, Principado de	4.5	2.6	3.5	2.8	3.7	5.9
Balears, Illes	18.8	23.1	15.6	19.6	29.4	16.6
Canarias	13.2	19.3	9.0	16.9	24.5	6.5
Cantabria	6.3	3.1	4.3	5.9	7.6	9.0
Castilla y León	6.1	4.6	6.4	6.9	6.1	6.4
Castilla-La Mancha	9.4	7.4	9.8	10.5	9.5	5.7
Cataluña	16.2	9.8	11.5	15.5	13.2	19.7
Comunitat Valenciana	15.3	11.9	14.5	15.3	18.7	14.2
Extremadura	3.3	2.0	2.9	4.8	3.1	3.5
Galicia	4.4	3.4	3.0	4.2	5.0	5.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	14.0	9.6	13.1	12.0	11.6	14.9
Murcia, Región de	14.8	5.7	11.3	17.5	17.5	11.9
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	11.0	5.0	12.2	11.0	..	11.3
País Vasco	8.3	5.7	6.8	7.5	8.5	9.7
Rioja, La	13.0	10.2	14.9	15.1	..	11.5
Ceuta	5.9	..	..	..	5.9	..
Melilla	13.7	..	..	..	13.7	..

**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%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,131</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>20</b>
Andalucía	785	466	151	61	30	21	51	5
Aragón	731	246	237	123	67	31	27	0
Asturias, Principado de	78	69	9	0	0	0	0	0
Balears, Illes	67	0	7	16	20	14	10	0
Canarias	88	20	30	13	7	4	14	0
Cantabria	102	72	28	2	0	0	0	0
Castilla y León	2,248	1,609	383	150	61	21	23	1
Castilla-La Mancha	919	387	266	155	71	22	16	2
Cataluña	947	211	318	230	95	58	34	1
Comunitat Valenciana	542	110	194	107	46	29	45	11
Extremadura	388	349	32	3	2	1	1	0
Galicia	313	260	48	4	1	0	0	0
Madrid, Comunidad de	179	9	55	64	41	9	1	0
Murcia, Región de	45	3	12	14	6	5	5	0
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	272	137	67	39	20	8	1	0
País Vasco	251	97	115	34	5	0	0	0
Rioja, La	174	72	38	38	16	5	5	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 2018<sup>3</sup> 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 figures<sup>4</sup>.

Based on this procedure it must be clarified that the change produced regarding the previous figures, as at 01 January 2021, 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 2021 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 2022. Those corresponding to the year 2021 will later make up the Residential Variations Statistics<sup>5</sup>.

#### 3. Balance of Expirations for Non-Community Foreign Nationals without a Permanent Residence Permit<sup>6</sup> (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 2021, 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 2021, and which have been recorded.

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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](http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736177013&menu=metodologia&idp=1254734710990)).

<sup>6</sup> 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 Nationals<sup>7</sup>.

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)<sup>8</sup>.

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 2021 and those counted, pending from the previous year, for which the continuity of residence in 2021 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.

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<sup>7</sup> 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](https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2020-4784)).

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