

Spain at the start of the 21st century

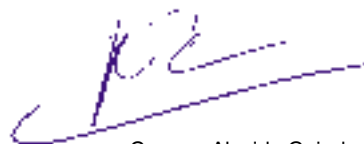
Population and Housing Census 2001

The first demographic censuses of the 21st century and the third millenium have been carried out referring to 1 November. The information from these censuses acquires a special importance in this way because it will be a very well used reference point over the next few decades.

Spain is moreover, undergoing significant change right now. The massive arrival of immigrants over the last few years, the huge increase in single family households, the growing incorporation of women into remunerated work, the temporary nature of employment, the progressive ageing of the population and the housing problem are some of the current subjects that may be analysed in details thanks to the information from these censuses.

The objective of this leaflet is specifically, to give people an idea of the potential utility of census data. It has been possible to consult definitive results on the INE web page (www.ine.es) since last February. This will be the main dissemination method for census information and helps the user, apart from consulting a list of preselected tables, **to create the crossing of variables that best adapt to their specific information needs.**

The INE is grateful for the collaboration of families interviewed and persons who have participated in carrying out these censuses without which this present publication would not have been possible. We expect that the effort and dedication of all those who have contributed to carrying out this major project will be rewarded with wide dissemination and intensive use of its results.



Carmen Alcaide Guindo
INE President