

Continuous Population Statistics (CPS) 1st October 2024. Provisional data

Main results

- The population of Spain increased by 134,890 during the third quarter of 2024 and reached 48,946,035 inhabitants by 1 October 2024.
- The main immigrant nationalities were Colombian, Moroccan, and Spanish.
- Comunitat Valenciana (0.54%), Comunidad de Madrid (0.46%), and Cataluña (0.39%) registered the highest population increases.

More information

- Resident population and population in family dwellings.
- Households and external migrations.
- Infographic.

The resident population in Spain increased by 134,890 in the third quarter, and stood at 48,946,035 inhabitants as of 1 October 2024. This is the highest-ever figure since records began.

In annual terms, estimated population growth was 425,801 people.

Evolution of the population in Spain

| Year | Date | Resident population | Variation from previous quarter | Annual variation (%) |
|------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2021 | 1st January | 47,400,798 | | |
| | 1st April | 47,356,065 | -44,733 | |
| | 1st July | 47,346,836 | -9,229 | |
| | 1st October | 47,424,595 | 77,759 | |
| 2022 | 1st January | 47,486,727 | 62,132 | 0.18 |
| | 1st April | 47,609,145 | 122,418 | 0.53 |
| | 1st July | 47,781,354 | 172,209 | 0.92 |
| | 1st October | 47,940,295 | 158,941 | 1.09 |
| 2023 | 1st January | 48,085,361 | 145,066 | 1.26 |
| | 1st April | 48,237,138 | 151,777 | 1.32 |
| | 1st July | 48,381,240 | 144,102 | 1.26 |
| | 1st October | 48,520,234 | 138,994 | 1.21 |
| 2024 | 1st January | 48,628,256 | 108,022 | 1.13 |
| | 1st April | 48,731,301 | 103,045 | 1.02 |
| | 1st July | 48,811,145 | 79,844 | 0.89 |
| | 1st October | 48,946,035 | 134,890 | 0.88 |

Provisional data since 1 April 2023

Population by nationality and place of birth

This growth in Spain's population was due to an increase in the number of people born abroad, since the number of people born in Spain decreased. The population born abroad (9,193,988 people) was greater than that of Spanish nationality, due to the processes of acquiring Spanish citizenship.

Thus, the number of foreigners rose by 101,568 during the quarter, reaching 6,735,487. The population of Spanish nationality fell by 33,322.

Evolution of the population in Spain

Third quarter of 2024

| | | Resident population 1st October 2024 | Quarterly variation | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | | Absolute | Relative (%) |
| TOTAL | | 48,946,035 | 134,890 | 0.28 |
| Citizenship | Spanish | 42,210,548 | 33,322 | 0.08 |
| | Foreigner | 6,735,487 | 101,568 | 1.53 |
| Country of birth | Spain | 39,752,047 | -3,442 | -0.01 |
| | Foreign | 9,193,988 | 138,332 | 1.53 |

Households

The number of households stood at 19,430,660 by 1 October 2024, with an increase of 52,913 during the third quarter of 2024.

Evolution of the number of households in Spain

| Año | Fecha | Number of households | Variation from previous quarter | Annual variation (%) |
|------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2021 | 1st January | 18,539,223 | | |
| | 1st April | 18,595,527 | 56,304 | |
| | 1st July | 18,668,644 | 73,117 | |
| | 1st October | 18,749,037 | 80,393 | |
| 2022 | 1st January | 18,821,499 | 72,462 | 1.52 |
| | 1st April | 18,876,038 | 54,539 | 1.51 |
| | 1st July | 18,951,473 | 75,435 | 1.51 |
| | 1st October | 19,028,923 | 77,450 | 1.49 |
| 2023 | 1st January | 19,102,518 | 73,595 | 1.49 |
| | 1st April | 19,170,049 | 67,531 | 1.56 |
| | 1st July | 19,239,844 | 69,795 | 1.52 |
| | 1st October | 19,284,738 | 44,894 | 1.34 |
| 2024 | 1st January | 19,316,426 | 31,688 | 1.12 |
| | 1st April | 19,348,621 | 32,195 | 0.93 |
| | 1st July | 19,377,747 | 29,126 | 0.72 |
| | 1st October | 19,430,660 | 52,913 | 0.76 |

Provisional data as of 1 April 2021

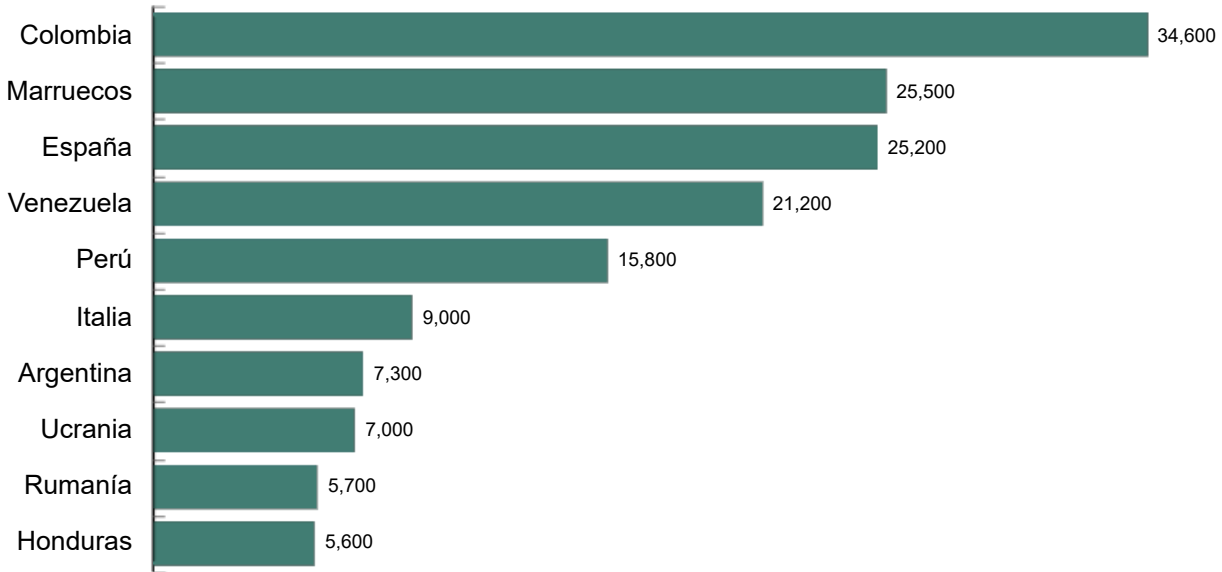
External migrations

The main nationalities of immigrants during the third quarter of 2024 were Colombian (with 34,600 arrivals in Spain), Moroccan (25,500), and Spanish (25,200).

On the other hand, the most numerous nationalities of emigrants were Spanish (with 10,100 departures), Moroccan (7,600), and Colombian (6,600).

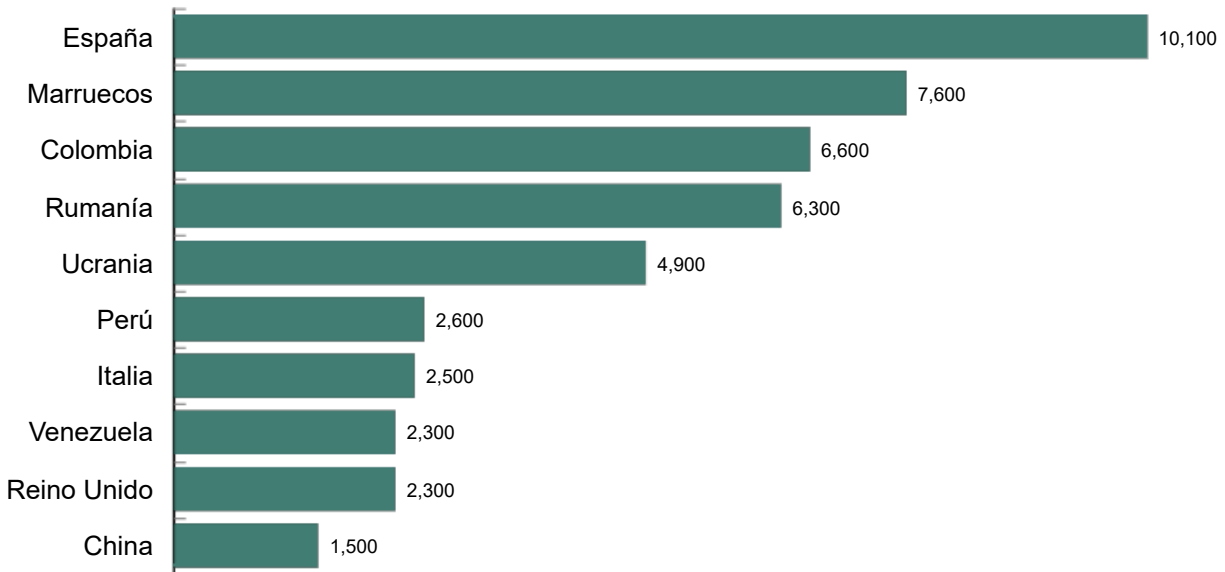
External migrations, main nationalities. Immigration

Third quarter of 2024



External migrations, main nationalities. Emigration

Third quarter of 2024



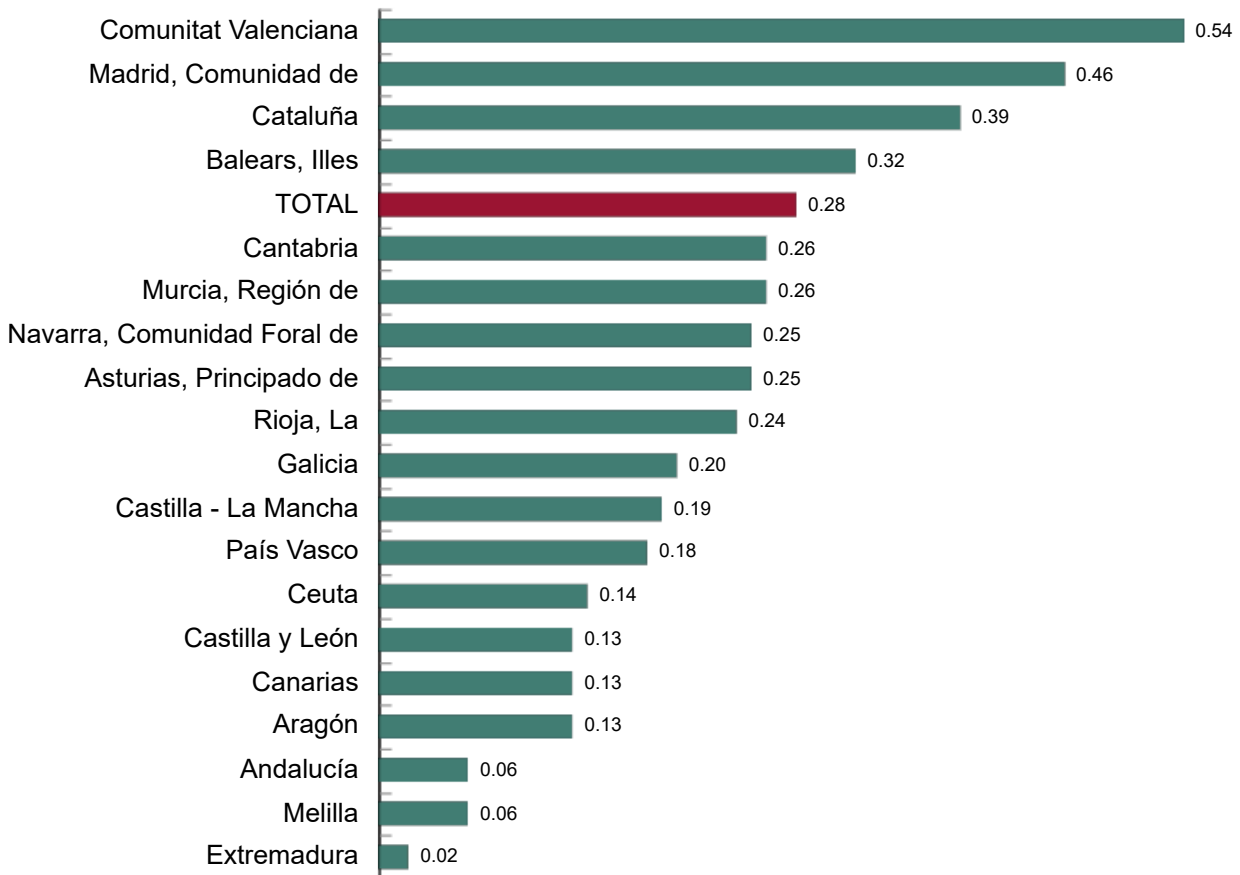
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Population by autonomous communities and cities

During the third quarter of 2024 the population grew in all the Autonomous Communities as well as in the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla. The greatest increases were registered in Comunitat Valenciana (0.54%), Comunidad de Madrid (0.46%), and Cataluña (0.39%)

Population evolution by Autonomous Communities and Cities

Variation between the third and second quarters of 2024. Percentage



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Data revisions and updates

The CPS data is provisional from the latest census published. Each quarter, the provisional series of the population is revised until a new population census is published at the end of the year, the moment at which the data become definitive. Similarly, the population data in family dwellings and households will be definitive when a new census of dwellings is published, the provisional data being updated every quarter.

The migration data only constitute in initial estimate and they will not be revised. The definitive statistics of migratory movements are published in the Statistics on Migrations and Changes of Residence.

All results of this operation are available on [INEbase](#).

Methodological note

The purpose of the Continuous Population Statistics (CPS) is to provide a quantitative measurement of the population habitually resident in Spain, of the population resident in family dwellings and of the number of households. The population series are disaggregated by sex, year of birth, age, country of nationality and country of birth. The series of households are disaggregated by household and number of numbers.

The CPS always contains two types of data: **definitive** (until the latest published census), and **provisional** (since the last published census).

In addition, the CPS offers a first estimate of the external migrations detected during the quarter, for the main nationalities and countries of birth. These series will not be revised.

Type of operation: statistics based on official data (mainly the continuous municipal register) and on other operations that have already been performed, such as censuses.

Population scope: population residing in Spain, population residing in family dwellings and households.

Geographical scope: national, autonomous communities and cities, provinces and islands.


Reference period for the results: 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October each year.

Frequency of dissemination: quarterly.

For more information, you can access the [methodology](#) and the [standardised methodological report](#).

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