

Residents Travel Survey (ETR/FAMILITUR) First quarter 2024

Main results

- The number of trips made by residents in Spain increased by 15.0% in the first quarter and stands at 40.6 million.
- Total expenditure increased by 25.4% and exceeded 11,678 million euros.
- Andalusia, Catalonia and the Valencian Community were the main destinations.

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Residents in Spain made 40.6 million trips in the first quarter, 15.0% more than that recorded in the same period in 2023.

Trips whose main destination was the national territory increased by 13.7% and those abroad by 26.2%.

Trips and average duration by destination

	Trips			Average duration	
	Total	%	Annual variation (%)	Overnights	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	40,555,269	100.0	15.0	3.5	5.0
Spain	35,811,684	88.3	13.7	3.0	7.0
Abroad	4,743,585	11.7	26.2	7.2	-6.6

Trips by purpose and accommodation

Leisure, recreation and holiday trips increased by 24.0% in the first quarter. On the other hand, Visits to relatives or friends increased by 10.8%.

Trips for Business and other professional reasons fell by 14.2% whereas those made for Other reasons rose by 46.9%.

Trips by main purpose. Quarter I 2024

	Trips			Average duration	
	Total	%	Annual variation (%)	Overnights	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	40,555,269	100.0	15.0	3.5	5.0
Leisure, recreation and holidays	18,369,485	45.3	24.0	3.2	11.0
Visiting relatives and friends	15,555,291	38.4	10.8	3.9	1.9
Business and professional	3,880,996	9.6	-14.2	3.3	-4.0
Other reasons	2,749,496	6.8	46.9	3.8	16.8

By type of accommodation, domestic trips where residents stayed with relatives or friends increased by 10.8%. In foreign trips, hotel accommodation grew by 29.5%.

Main destinations and Autonomous Communities of origin

The main Autonomous Communities of destination for trips by residents in the first quarter were Andalusia (16.7% of the total), Cataluña (12.0%) and the Valencian Community (8.5%).

Trips by destination (abroad and autonomous communities). Quarter I 2024

	Trips		Overnights		Average duration
	Total	%	Total	%	Overnights
TOTAL	40,555,269	100.0	142,177,115	100.0	3.5
Abroad	4,743,585	11.7	33,973,094	23.9	7.2
Andalucía	6,785,264	16.7	21,070,812	14.8	3.1
Cataluña	4,880,466	12.0	12,808,870	9.0	2.6
Comunitat Valenciana	3,440,816	8.5	10,399,844	7.3	3.0
Castilla y León	3,437,873	8.5	10,913,427	7.7	3.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	3,167,482	7.8	8,768,794	6.2	2.8
Castilla - La Mancha	2,717,806	6.7	7,398,853	5.2	2.7
Galicia	2,085,507	5.1	7,493,888	5.3	3.6
Aragón	2,032,464	5.0	5,797,826	4.1	2.9
Canarias	1,341,802	3.3	5,324,140	3.7	4.0
Extremadura	1,126,443	2.8	4,082,255	2.9	3.6
País Vasco	1,012,927	2.5	3,009,660	2.1	3.0
Murcia, Región de	907,479	2.2	2,510,917	1.8	2.8
Asturias, Principado de	838,562	2.1	2,477,335	1.7	3.0
Cantabria	658,524	1.6	1,912,311	1.3	2.9
Balears, Illes	492,344	1.2	1,501,152	1.1	3.0
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	467,837	1.2	1,469,609	1.0	3.1
Rioja, La	385,134	0.9	1,127,443	0.8	2.9
Ceuta	-	-	-	-	-
Melilla	-	-	-	-	-

Note: the data marked with "-" do not have sufficient sampling support.

In terms of origin, trips made by residents in the Comunidad de Madrid accounted for 18.9% of the total. This was followed by Cataluña (16.9%) and Andalucía (15.8%).

Removing the effect of the size of each Autonomous Community, those who travelled the most were residents of the Comunidad de Madrid (1,082 trips per 1,000 inhabitants), Aragón (1,014) and Principado de Asturias (860).

Travel expenditure

The total travel expenditure in the first quarter reached 11,678.6 million euros, an increase of 25.4% compared with the same period in 2023. Total expenditure on domestic trips increased by 21.3% and on trips abroad by 33.0%.

The average daily expenditure was 82 euros – 67 euros for domestic trips and 129 euros for trips abroad.

Expenditure by destination. Quarter I 2024

	Total expenditure			Average expenditure per person		Daily average expenditure	
	Total (millions of euros)	%	Annual variation (%)	Total (euros)	Annual variation (%)	Total (euros)	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	11,678.6	100.0	25.4	288	9.0	82	3.9
Spain	7,295.1	62.5	21.3	204	6.7	67	-0.4
Abroad	4,383.6	37.5	33.0	924	5.4	129	12.9

By expenditure items, the highest expenditure on domestic trips was on bars and restaurants, with 26.5% of the total and an annual increase of 20.7%. For trips abroad, the highest expenditure was on transport, with 36.2% of the total and an increase of 39.0%.

Expenditure by item of expenditure according to destination. Quarter I 2024

	Total			Spain			Abroad		
	(millions of euros)	%	Annual variation (%)	(millions of euros)	%	Annual variation (%)	(millions of euros)	%	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,678.6	100.0	25.4	7,295.1	100.0	21.3	4,383.6	100.0	33.0
Expenditure on tourist package	773.5	6.6	30.2	212.5	2.9	30.0	561.0	12.8	30.3
Expenditure excluded on tourist package	10,905.1	93.4	25.1	7,082.6	97.1	21.0	3,822.6	87.2	33.4
- Expenditure on accommodation	2,575.0	22.0	22.6	1,703.3	23.3	20.2	871.7	19.9	27.7
- Expenditure on transport	3,314.4	28.4	25.3	1,726.6	23.7	14.9	1,587.7	36.2	39.0
- Expenditure on restaurants/cafés	2,633.7	22.6	24.1	1,936.5	26.5	20.7	697.1	15.9	34.4
- Other expenditure	2,382.1	20.4	28.7	1,716.1	23.5	29.1	665.9	15.2	27.7

By main destination, the highest average daily expenditures were recorded for trips to the Comunidad de Madrid (98 euros), Illes Balears (97) and Canarias (86). In turn, the lowest figures were in Castilla-La Mancha (49 euros), Extremadura (50) and Castilla y León (53).

By origin, the highest daily expenditures were made by residents in Cataluña (93 euros), Comunidad Foral de Navarra (91) and Cantabria (90). The smallest figures were in Castilla y León and Castilla-La Mancha (both 65 euros), and Extremadura (70).

Monthly data

March saw the highest number of trips this quarter (15.7 million), while the longest average duration was recorded in January (4.0 overnight stays).

Excursions

The population aged 15 and over made 49.3 million trips in the first quarter, an annual decrease of 5.8%. Of these, 95.7% were for personal reasons.

Revisions and data updates

The data published today are final. All the results of this operation are available at [INEbase](#).

Methodological note

The objective of the Residents Travel Survey (ETR/FAMILITUR) is to provide information on the trips and excursions carried out by the population resident in Spain, both within the country and abroad, and their main characteristics (duration, expenditure, reason, accommodation, etc.).

In addition, it provides annual information on the percentage of the population travelling for personal reasons and investigates the reasons given by those who do not travel.

Type of operation: quarterly continuous survey.

Population scope: population aged 15 and over living in family homes in Spain.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory.

Reference period of the results: month, quarter, year (depending on the variable).

Sample size: the effective monthly sample is around 8,200 persons, who provide information on the trips completed in the two months prior to the interview. The results of a reference month are obtained from around 16,400 questionnaires.


Sample type: stratified three-stage random sample from the Georeferenced Address Framework. The first-stage units are census sections, the second-stage units are dwellings (a person aged 15 or over has been selected within each dwelling).

Collection method: telephone and face-to-face interviews and online questionnaire.

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

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