Illiterate: persons who are not capable of reading or writing.
Without studies: persons who know how to read and write, but have attended less than five years of school.
First level: persons who have attended primary education or five academic years of basic general education or equivalent.


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The structure of the Spanish educational system has been subjected to notable changes in the last years. The population censuses facilitate the analysis of the current level of teaching and education of the population in relation to multiple variables.
The Spanish population 16 years old and over is characterised by the increase in their degree of training. The average rate of illiteracy is reduced to only $2.6 \%$, although the difference between sexes and by age groups continues to be significant.
There is a displacement of the proportion of the population towards secondary and higher education.

## Persons 16 years and older according to level of studies by sex (\%)



## Education and studies

Persons 16 years and over according to level of studies. Relative variation between 1991 and 2001


## Population 16 and over according to level of studies



## Most qualified

In the last decade, the number of university graduates has increased by nearly six points and, for the first time, the percentage of women with university studies is much higher than for men.
The Comunidad de Madrid has the highest concentration of university graduates, $20.4 \%$; followed by Cataluña (15.8\%) and Andalucía (14.7\%). The municipalities with the greatest level of studies are concentrated on the outskirts of Madrid.


## Persons 16 years and over with third level

 training (\%)

Persons 16 years and over with level of third level training (\%)


## Municipalities with greater percentage of population of 16 s and over with <br> third level

Municipalities with more than 10,000 inhabitants.

| Province | Municipality | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Madrid | Las Rozas de Madrid | 45,8 |
| Madrid | Majadahonda | 43,8 |
| Madrid | Pozuelo de Alarcón | 43,4 |
| Madrid | Torrelodones | 43,3 |
| Madrid | Tres Cantos | 43,1 |
| Madrid | Boadilla del Monte | 42,5 |
| Madrid | Villanueva de la Cañada | 38,4 |
| Vizcaya | Getxo | 36,9 |
| Barcelona | Sant Cugat del Vallès | 36,4 |
| Sevilla | Tomares | 29,3 |

As for third level studies in Spain, 52.5\% of students are women. In the EU, with the exception of Germany (49\%) this trend is maintained. Sweden reaches the highest value with 59\% of student women.

## Studies and work activity

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## Labour market

Despite the fact that the feminine activity rate has been increasing lately much quicker than the masculine equivalent, there is still a substantial difference in favour of men. The unemployment rate also shows a disadvantaged situation for women.

The Canaries and the Balearics archipelago, together with the Community of Madrid, have the highest activity rates, compared to Asturias and Castilla y León.
The rate of activity registered in Spain was $56 \%$, the highest value in six percentage points compared to that registered in 1991. This increase is due mainly to the feminine activity rate, which is 10 points higher than a decade ago.

## Activity rate (\%)



[^0]Work activity, by age group and sex


## Evolution of activity rates

 by sex (\%)

Denmark and Sweden, with $72 \%$, have the highest levels of feminine activity within the EU. Italy and Greece, with $41 \%$, the lowest.

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Evolution of unemployment rates by sex (\%)


The rate of unemployment in other words, the relation between the total unemployed and the total active population, is $14 \%$, which is much less than the $19 \%$ registered in 1991. The rate of females is much higher than that for males.

Municipalities according to rate of activity
Municipalities with more than 10,000 inhabitants.

| Province | Municipality | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Las Palmas | Pájara | 83.6 |
| Madrid | Rivas-Vaciamadrid | 75.0 |
| Almería | Vícar | 73.9 |
| Las Palmas | La Oliva | 73.7 |
| Almería | El Ejido | 72.9 |
| España |  | 55.6 |
| Asturias | Mieres | 39.6 |
| Asturias | San Martín del Rey Aurelio | 38.4 |
| León | Laviana | 38.1 |
| Asturias | Villablino | 38.1 |
| Asturias | Aller | 35.7 |

## Unemployment rate (\%)



Andalucía has the highest unemployment rate, mainly in Cádiz (29\%), followed by Ceuta, Melilla and Extremadura. At the other extreme, Navarra does not reach 10\%.

## Municipalities according to rate of unemployment

Municipalities with more than 10,000 inhabitants.

| Province | Municipality | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Granada | Illora | 51.3 |
| Cádiz | Barbate | 43.0 |
| Cádiz | Villamartín | 39.4 |
| Córdoba | Priego de Córdoba | 37.2 |
| Sevilla | Lora del Río | 35.6 |
| España |  | 14.2 |
| Toledo | Consuegra | 5.6 |
| Valencia | L'Alcúdia | 5.5 |
| Las Palmas | Pájara | 5.4 |
| Toledo | Madridejos | 5.2 |
| Guipúzcoa | Onati | 4.9 |

On a municipal level, the differences are substantial: Pájara, in Las Palmas, is the most active municipality while Illora, in Granada, has the highest unemployment rate (one out of every two working age persons is unemployed).

## Evolution of the active population <br> by economic sectors (\%)



There is a significant loss of active persons in the agriculture sector which in 2001 represented just $6.3 \%$ of the active population. In turn, there was a strong increase in the tertiary sector, which, exceeded 63\%.
Since 1991, agriculture has lost half a million from the active population, while services have gained 2.7 million.

As of 65 years, $79 \%$ of the population receive some type of pension. There is one main difference by sex, for this group of persons according to their relation with activity. In this way, $89 \%$ of males receive a retirement pension compared with just $35 \%$ of females.

Persons 65 and over according to relation with activity and sex

|  | Absolute values |  |  | Percentages |  |  | Studies |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females |  |
| TOTAL | 6,796,936 | 2,884,590 | 3,912,346 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |
| Students | 24,325 | 6,256 | 18,069 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 |  |
| Employed | 190,648 | 104,245 | 86,403 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 2.2 | and work |
| Unemployed who have worked before | 12,977 | 5,892 | 7,085 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ctivity |
| Invalidity pensioners | 217,581 | 103,602 | 113,979 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.9 | activity |
| Widowhood or orphanhood pensions | 1,246,007 | 32,222 | 1,213,785 | 18.3 | 1.1 | 31.0 |  |
| Retirement pensions | 3,932,475 | 2,571,163 | 1,361,312 | 57.9 | 89.1 | 34.8 |  |
| Carrying out or sharing household tasks | 1,047,951 | 34,445 | 1,013,506 | 15.4 | 1.2 | 25.9 |  |
| Another situation (independently wealthy) | 124,972 | 26,765 | 98,207 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 33 |

Daily trips: number of single and return trips that the population makes in order to go to work or place of study.

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## From home to work...

The means of transport used to go to work is preferably private transport ( $64 \%$ ) compared to public ( $16 \%$ ). The size of the municipality is related to the use of one or other method of transport, the time used to go to work and number of trips made.
$42 \%$ of employed persons make two or more trips daily to go to work and the average time used is 22 minutes.

Special reference to employed persons from the Comunidad de Madrid, where $343,000(15 \%)$ take between 45 minutes and one hour to go to work and another 239,000 (11\%) take more than one hour.

## Means of transport (combinations) of persons Employed 16 years old and over



Type of displacement in employed persons. 16 years old and over


Employees 16 and over who walk to their place of work (\%)


Type of displacement in students 16 years old and over who do not work


## Average time for

 displacement of students 16 and over who do not work (minutes)

## ...and the place of study

Students usually use public transport (44\%) as a means of transport to go to the place of study. Only $23 \%$ of them use private transport; there is also a numerous group who go walking (33\%).
In the provinces of Soria, Albacete and Ciudad Real, six out of every ten students go walking, while in Madrid, Las Palmas and Baleares this is one in four.

As a majority, $66 \%$ only make one daily journey and the average time used to go to the centre of study is 25 minutes.

Percentage displacement time for students 16 and over who do not work


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[^0]:    Activity rate: quotient between active population and population 16 and over

