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## Household Projections Years 2024-2039

### Main results

- The number of households in Spain would grow by more than 3.7 million in the next 15 years if current demographic trends continue.
- In 2039 there would be 7.7 million single-person households, or 33.5% of the total.
- The number of households would increase in all communities.

### More information

- [Household projections](#)
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- [Household data](#) from the Continuous Population Statistics

The 2024 - 2039 Household Projection reflects the result that the continuation of current demographic trends would have on the number of households. Due to its construction method, its results are consistent with those of the [Population Projections](#) released today.

According to this projection, the number of households residing in Spain would increase by 3,691,151 (19.1%) between 2024 and 2039, reaching a total of 23,001,927. During the same period, the resident population in Spain would increase by 5,137,447 persons (10.6%).

This would imply a reduction in the number of people living in each household. Thus, the average household size would decrease from the current 2.50 to 2.32 persons in 2039.

### Household Projection in Spain (2024-2039)

Year	Household number at 1 January	Absolute growth (5 years)	Annual average relative growth (%)
2024	19,310,776	1,667,063	1.73
2029	20,977,839	1,140,804	1.09
2034	22,118,643	883,284	0.80
2039	23,001,927		

### Evolution of the number of households by size

Between 2024 and 2039, the smallest households (of one or two persons) would grow, and to a lesser extent, those of three persons, while those of four persons or more would experience a reduction.

Projected number of households by size (2024-2039)

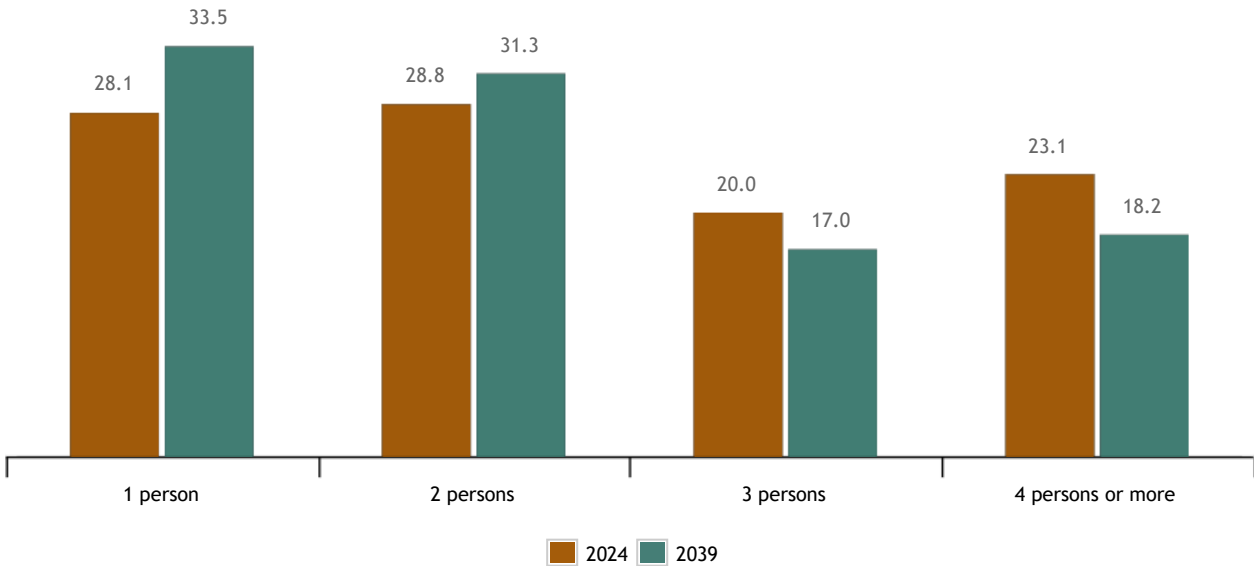
	1 January 2024	1 January 2039	Growth 2024-2039	
			Absolute	Relative (%)
TOTAL	19,310,776	23,001,927	3,691,151	19.11
1 person	5,433,969	7,708,869	2,274,900	41.86
2 persons	5,554,171	7,202,370	1,648,199	29.67
3 persons	3,867,242	3,911,568	44,326	1.15
4 persons or more	4,455,394	4,179,120	-276,274	-6.20
Population living in households	48,245,087	53,268,297	5,023,210	10.41
Average size of households	2.50	2.32	-0.18	-7.31

Single-person households would show the greatest increase in the next 15 years, in both absolute and relative values. In 2039, the number of single-person households would come to 7.7 million (33.5% of the total), an increase of 41.9% compared to 2024.

The number of people living alone would increase from representing 11.2% of the total population in 2024, to 14.3% in 2039.

Household consisting of two persons would reach 7.2 million in 2039 (31.3% of the total), with an increase of 29.7% since 2024, no longer being the most frequent type, and surpassed by single-person households.

Evolution of the proportion of households by size (2024-2039)



On the other hand, households with three persons would maintain positive growth rates throughout the 2024-2039 period, although with limited growth (1.1%), thereby losing importance compared to other sizes, decreasing from representing 20.0% of households in 2024 to 17.0% of 2039.

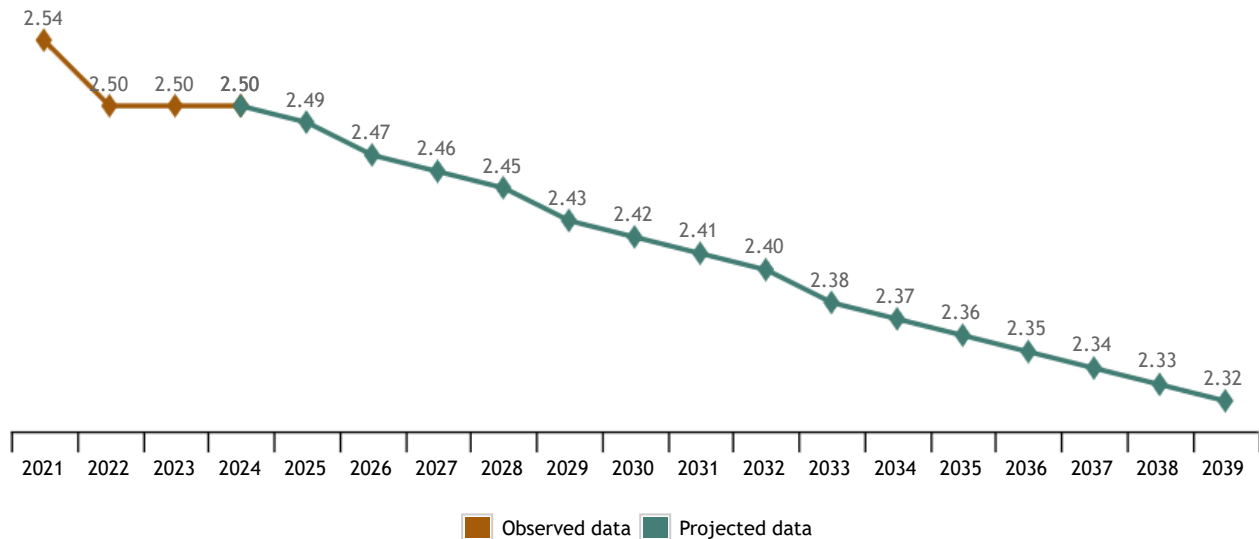
Finally, households with four or more members would decrease by 6.2%, from 4.5 million in 2024 to 4.2 million in 2039.

## Evolution of average household size

The average number of persons per household has maintained a downward trend since the last censuses. It fell from nearly four persons in 1970 to 2.9 in 2001, and has continued to decline since then, reaching 2.54 in 2021.

This downward trend is expected to continue throughout the projected period, going from an average size of 2.50 persons per household in 2024 to 2.32 in 2039.

### Observed (2021-2024) and projected (2025-2039) evolution of average household size



The data observed up to 1 January 2024 comes from the Continuous Population Statistics.

## Household projection by autonomous communities

The number of households would increase in all autonomous communities throughout the 2024-2039 period.

The largest increases in relative terms would be registered in Región de Murcia (28.8%), Comunitat Valenciana (25.8%) and Cataluña (22.9%).

The average household size would decrease in all communities. The largest decreases would be registered in Extremadura, Galicia and Andalucía. And the most moderate in Illes Balears, Comunidad de Madrid, and Comunitat Valenciana.

With regard to the percentage of single-person households, Castilla y León would be in the lead (with 41.9% of the total in 2039), followed by Principado de Asturias (40.5%) and Extremadura (38.3%). On the other hand, Illes Balears would be the community with the smallest percentage of single-person households (28.9%), followed by Región de Murcia (29.5%) and Comunidad de Madrid (30.4%).

Projection of the number of households by autonomous communities (2024-2039)

	Total households		Growth 2024-2039		Average household size		% of one-person households	
	2024	2039	Absoluto	Relativo (%)	2024	2039	2024	2039
TOTAL	19,310,776	23,001,927	3,691,151	19.1	2.50	2.32	0.3	0.3
Andalucía	3,373,700	4,027,872	654,172	19.4	2.54	2.30	0.3	0.3
Aragón	560,053	665,262	105,209	18.8	2.39	2.16	0.3	0.4
Asturias, Principado de	453,830	474,487	20,657	4.6	2.21	2.02	0.3	0.4
Balears, Illes	460,787	564,879	104,092	22.6	2.65	2.57	0.3	0.3
Canarias	854,743	1,022,430	167,687	19.6	2.60	2.44	0.3	0.3
Cantabria	245,182	275,097	29,915	12.2	2.39	2.19	0.3	0.4
Castilla y León	1,052,258	1,151,673	99,415	9.4	2.25	2.04	0.4	0.4
Castilla - La Mancha	832,720	998,372	165,652	19.9	2.51	2.31	0.3	0.3
Cataluña	3,129,957	3,847,064	717,107	22.9	2.54	2.38	0.3	0.3
Comunitat Valenciana	2,140,660	2,692,997	552,337	25.8	2.47	2.33	0.3	0.3
Extremadura	443,342	480,957	37,615	8.5	2.36	2.10	0.3	0.4
Galicia	1,120,110	1,237,671	117,561	10.5	2.40	2.16	0.3	0.4
Madrid, Comunidad de	2,675,520	3,251,492	575,972	21.5	2.60	2.46	0.3	0.3
Murcia, Región de	570,133	734,602	164,469	28.8	2.74	2.49	0.2	0.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	266,735	319,209	52,474	19.7	2.52	2.34	0.3	0.3
País Vasco	942,076	1,038,395	96,319	10.2	2.34	2.16	0.3	0.4
Rioja, La	136,342	159,499	23,157	17.0	2.36	2.17	0.3	0.4
Ceuta	26,088	28,318	2,230	8.5	3.13	2.70	0.2	0.3
Melilla	26,540	31,651	5,111	19.3	3.19	2.69	0.2	0.3

Revisions and data updates

The data published today update the Household Projection 2024-2039, the results of which are no longer representative. All results of this operation are available on [INEBase](#).

## Methodological note

The Household Projection provides a statistical simulation of the number of future households in Spain as a whole, in each autonomous community, and in each province, should the currently observed demographic trends continue, as well as household distribution by size. The results are fully consistent with those of the Population Projections.

This operation provides results for the following 15 years, taking as a starting point the number of households on 1 January 2024.

The numbers provided by the Continuous Population Statistics for the years prior to elaboration of the projection are used as a statistical tool, which allows us to obtain the evolution of the proportion of people, according to characteristics of sex, age and province of residence, residing in households with one, two, three, four or five or more members.

There is no international regulatory standard in regard to household projections, so any projections made by other international organizations would respond to their own purposes, methodologies, and assumptions, and their results would not generally coincide with each other or with those of this operation.

**Operation type:** synthesis statistics, prepared from results from different sources on past and present demographic evolution.

**Population scope:** households in the national territory, with household defined as the person or group of persons who habitually reside in a family dwelling.

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

**Reference period of the results:** household data is provided as of 1 January of the 15 years following the year of compilation.

**Dissemination frequency:** biennial from 2014 onwards.

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

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