

**Statistical Use of Municipal Register to 1 January 2006
Definitive data**

**The resident population in Spain reached 44,708,964 persons as of
1 January 2006**

**The number of foreigners stands at 4,144,166, equivalent to 9.3% of
the total number of registered persons**

The total amount of residents in Spain is 44,708,964 persons, as of 1 January 2006, which translates into an increase of 600,434 persons as compared to data from 1 January 2005 (1.36%). This figure is comprised by **40,564,798 Spanish nationals and 4,144,166 foreigners, which represent 9.3% of the total.**

Between 1 January 2005 and 1 January 2006, the number of registered Spaniards increased by 186,878 persons (0.5%), while the number of foreigners increased by 413,556 (11.1%).

These definitive figures (as well as the provisional figures published in July 2006) comprise the results from applying for the first time, the expiration procedure of non community foreigner registrations lacking permanent residence permits which are not renewed every two years, established by virtue of the amendment of article 16 of Law 7/1985 Regulating Local Regime Basis, by Organic Law 14/2003, dated 20 November. For this reason, the outflow of foreigners leaving the country which had not been registered up to this year has been accounted for.

From now on the cancellation process due to expiration will be continuous, and cancellations will therefore be reflected in the annual data.

It is worth noticing that, in this occasion, the differences between provisional and definitive results are the result, fundamentally, of the novelty of the expiration process (applied since 22 December 2005) and fundamentally the amount of initially affected registrations (all registrations existing by December 2003 which had not been renewed before 22 December 2005). All this made necessary to enlarge the renewal period during the execution of the population figure calculation process, which began in March and was concluded by November, in order to **guarantee that definitive figures were as adjusted as possible to reality.**

Data by Autonomous Communities

The autonomous communities which have registered the higher population increases from 1 January 2005 and 1 January 2006 are Cataluña (with a 139,491 person increase), Andalucía (with 125,873), Comunidad Valenciana (with 114,459) and Madrid (with 44,040).

On the other hand, the communities with lower growth rates are Asturias (261), Ceuta (585), Melilla (1,383), Extremadura (2,494), La Rioja (5,293) and Galicia (5,326).

In relative terms, the greatest population increases were registered in Murcia (2.6%), Comunidad Valenciana (2.4%), Melilla (2.1%), Cataluña (2.0%) and Castilla-La Mancha (2.0%). The lower increases were registered in Asturias (0.02%), Galicia (0.2%), Extremadura (0.2%), País Vasco (0.4%) and Castilla y León (0.5%).

These data reflect that **population continues to increase in the Mediterranean coast, as well as in the Madrid and Cataluña autonomous communities**. For their part, interior and northern autonomous communities, in general, lose population weight in the territory as a whole.

Number of registered persons

	Population as of 1 January 2006	Population as of 1 January 2005	Relative Variation
	(Number of persons)	(Number of persons)	
Total Spain	44,708,964	44,108,530	1.36
Andalucía	7,975,672	7,849,799	1.60
Cataluña	7,134,697	6,995,206	1.99
Madrid (Comunidad de)	6,008,183	5,964,143	0.74
Comunidad Valenciana	4,806,908	4,692,449	2.44
Galicia	2,767,524	2,762,198	0.19
Castilla y León	2,523,020	2,510,849	0.48
País Vasco	2,133,684	2,124,846	0.42
Canarias	1,995,833	1,968,280	1.40
Castilla-La Mancha	1,932,261	1,894,667	1.98
Murcia (Región de)	1,370,306	1,335,792	2.58
Aragón	1,277,471	1,269,027	0.67
Extremadura	1,086,373	1,083,879	0.23
Asturias (Principado de)	1,076,896	1,076,635	0.02
Balears (Illes)	1,001,062	983,131	1.82
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	601,874	593,472	1.42
Cantabria	568,091	562,309	1.03
Rioja (La)	306,377	301,084	1.76
Ceuta	75,861	75,276	0.78
Melilla	66,871	65,488	2.11

Data on foreigners by autonomous communities

The percentage of foreigners in Spain has increased from 8.5% to 9.3% between 1 January 2005 and 1 January 2006. The communities with the greatest concentrations of foreigners are Balears (16.8%), Comunidad Valenciana (13.9%), Murcia (13.8%) and Madrid (13.3%). Cataluña, Canarias and La Rioja also exceed 10%.

On the other hand, the autonomous communities with the lowest percentages of foreigners are Extremadura (2.5%), Galicia (2.7%), Asturias (2.8%), País Vasco (4.0%), Ceuta (4.1%), Cantabria (4.2%) and Castilla y León (4.2%). In the remaining communities, the percentage of foreigners exceeds 5%.

The number of foreigners has increased in all autonomous communities and Ceuta and Melilla. The communities where the greatest increase in the number of foreigners has been

registered in absolute terms are Cataluña (114,853), Comunidad Valenciana (86,090) and Andalucía (68,721). The lowest increases have been registered in Ceuta (41), Melilla (1,091), Extremadura (2,126), Cantabria (3,287) and Asturias (3,461).

In relative terms, the greatest increases in foreign population took place in Melilla (37.7%), País Vasco (17.4%), Andalucía (16.4%), Castilla y León (16.3%), Cantabria (16%) y Castilla La Mancha (15.2%) and the lowest in Ceuta (1.4%), Comunidad de Madrid (2.5%), Canarias (5.0%), Galicia (6.3%) and Illes Balears (7.4%).

	Foreigners registered as of 1 January 2006		Foreigners registered as of 1 January 2005		Relative Variation
	Number of persons	% over community total	Number of persons	% over community total	
Total	4,144,166	9.27	3,730,610	8.46	11.09
Balears (Illes)	167,751	16.76	156,270	15.90	7.35
Comunidad Valenciana	668,075	13.90	581,985	12.40	14.79
Murcia (Región de)	189,053	13.80	165,016	12.35	14.57
Madrid (Comunidad de)	800,512	13.32	780,752	13.09	2.53
Cataluña	913,757	12.81	798,904	11.42	14.38
Canarias	233,447	11.70	222,260	11.29	5.03
Rioja (La)	35,037	11.44	31,075	10.32	12.75
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	55,444	9.21	49,882	8.41	11.15
Aragón	105,361	8.25	96,848	7.63	8.79
Castilla-La Mancha	132,725	6.87	115,223	6.08	15.19
Andalucía	488,928	6.13	420,207	5.35	16.35
Melilla	3,982	5.95	2,891	4.41	37.74
Castilla y León	106,159	4.21	91,318	3.64	16.25
Cantabria	23,834	4.20	20,547	3.65	16.00
Ceuta	3,078	4.06	3,037	4.03	1.35
País Vasco	85,542	4.01	72,894	3.43	17.35
Asturias (Principado de)	30,258	2.81	26,797	2.49	12.92
Galicia	73,756	2.67	69,363	2.51	6.33
Extremadura	27,467	2.53	25,341	2.34	8.39

Largest nationality groups

The largest group of foreigners is comprised by Moroccans (563,012), followed by Ecuadorians (461,310), Romanian (407,159), United Kingdom (274,722) and Colombians (265,141). It is also worth noting the number of Germans, exceeding 150,000, the 150,252 Argentinians and the 139,802 Bolivians.

Considering the largest nationality groups as of 1 January 2006, the foreign populations which increased the most as compared with the previous year are Romanian (89,793 new registrations), Moroccans (51,718), United Kingdom citizens (47,535), Bolivians (41,855) and Italians (20,414).

The lowest increases in the largest nationalities have been registered among Algerians (801), Venezuelans (2,055), Dominicans (3,937) and Ukrainians (4,226). For their part, it is worth mentioning the decrease registered among Ecuadorians (36,489 less), Colombians (6,098) and Argentinians (2,723).

Regarding relative increases among the largest nationality groups, the largest ones correspond to Bolivians (42.7%), Brazilians (33.9%), Romanians (28.3%) and the Polish

(25.6%). Increases exceeding 20% are registered among Portuguese, Italians and UK Citizens.

Largest nationality groups as of 1 January 2006

	Foreign population as of 1 January 2006		Foreign population as of 1 January 2005	
	Number of persons	% over foreigner total	Number of persons	% over foreigner total
Total	4,144,166	100.00	3,730,610	100.00
Morocco	563,012	13.59	511,294	13.71
Ecuador	461,310	11.13	497,799	13.34
Romania	407,159	9.82	317,366	8.51
United Kingdom	274,722	6.63	227,187	6.09
Colombia	265,141	6.40	271,239	7.27
Germany	150,490	3.63	133,588	3.58
Argentina	150,252	3.63	152,975	4.10
Bolivia	139,802	3.37	97,947	2.63
Italy	115,791	2.79	95,377	2.56
China	104,681	2.53	87,731	2.35
Bulgaria	101,617	2.45	93,037	2.49
Peru	95,903	2.31	85,029	2.28
France	90,021	2.17	77,791	2.09
Portugal	80,635	1.95	66,236	1.78
Brazil	72,441	1.75	54,115	1.45
Ukraine	69,893	1.69	65,667	1.76
Dominican Republic	61,071	1.47	57,134	1.53
Venezuela	51,261	1.24	49,206	1.32
Algeria	47,079	1.14	46,278	1.24
Poland	45,797	1.11	36,477	0.98

Foreign population by municipalities

Among the municipalities exceeding 10,000 inhabitants, **the six which have the largest percentages of foreigners belong to the Alicante province**, just as what happened a year before. In these municipalities (Rojales, Teulada, Calpe, L'Alfàs del Pi, Jávea and Torrevieja) over half of the inhabitants are foreigners.

Generally speaking, Community citizens are the prevailing group in municipalities with the largest percentages of foreigners. For example, in Rojales 56.8% of the population are foreigners of some country of the European Union, while only 12.7% are non Community citizens.

However, in several of the municipalities which have the greatest percentages of foreigners, the percentage of non-community citizens exceeds that of community citizens, such as Torrevieja and Castelló d'Empúries.

Municipalities with more than 10,000 inhabitants with the largest percentages of foreigners

Provinces	Municipalities	Population total	Total Foreigners	% Foreigners	European Union (25)	Non-community citizens
TOTAL		44,708,964	4,144,166	9.27	918,886	3,225,280
Alicante/Alacant	Rojales	15,987	11,096	69.41	9,072	2,024
Alicante/Alacant	Teulada	12,745	7,885	61.87	6,197	1,688
Alicante/Alacant	Calpe/Calp	26,382	15,761	59.74	11,744	4,017
Alicante/Alacant	Alfàs del Pi (l')	18,469	9,800	53.06	6,218	3,582
Alicante/Alacant	Jávea/Xàbia	29,279	15,428	52.69	10,936	4,492
Alicante/Alacant	Torreveija	92,034	46,337	50.35	22,804	23,533
Santa Cruz Tenerife	Santiago del Teide	11,379	5,644	49.60	4,850	794
Girona	Castelló d'Empúries	10,021	4,569	45.59	2,183	2,386
Santa Cruz Tenerife	Adeje	36,764	16,650	45.29	9,998	6,652
Alicante/Alacant	Nucia (la)	14,006	6,154	43.94	4,609	1,545

Municipalities with the largest percentages of foreigners aged 65 and over

Among municipalities with over 1,000 registered foreigners, **those in the Alicante province are also the ones which have the largest percentages of foreign population aged 65 and over.** Among the two first ones (Els Poblets and Calpe) over 37% belong to that age group.

Municipalities with the largest percentage of foreign population aged 65 and over are located in the provinces which have the greater number of registered Community citizens.

Municipalities with more than 1,000 foreigners with the largest percentages of persons aged 65 years and over

Provinces	Municipalities	Population as of 1-1-2006	Number of foreigners	Foreigners aged 65 or over	% over foreigner total
TOTAL		44,708,964	4,144,166	203,166	4.9
Alicante/Alacant	Poblets (els)	2,865	1,721	674	39.2
Alicante/Alacant	Calpe/Calp	26,382	15,761	5,933	37.6
Málaga	Torrox	14,925	4,929	1,746	35.4
Santa Cruz Tenerife	Santiago del Teide	11,379	5,644	1,980	35.1
Alicante/Alacant	Orba	2,361	1,177	395	33.6
Alicante/Alacant	Teulada	12,745	7,885	2,621	33.2
Santa Cruz Tenerife	Puerto de la Cruz	30,585	5,390	1,682	31.2
Alicante/Alacant	Benissa	12,424	5,400	1,636	30.3
Alicante/Alacant	San Fulgencio	9,597	7,096	2,106	29.7
Málaga	Nerja	20,361	5,363	1,564	29.2

Municipalities with larger percentages of foreigners aged 16 through 64

The foreign population aged 16 through 64, that is, the population in working age, is the majority in all municipalities which have more than 1,000 registered foreigners and represents 80.2% of the total number of foreigners in Spain.

Among the municipalities with 1,000 or more foreigners, the ones which have a greater share of the population in the 16 to 64 years of age interval are distributed throughout the whole national territory. The highest ranking municipalities belong to the Huelva, Valencia, Lleida and Albacete municipalities, with percentages exceeding 88%.

Municipalities with more than 1,000 foreigners and larger percentage of persons aged 16 through 64

Provinces	Municipalities	Population as of 1-1-2006	Number of foreigners	Foreigners aged 16 to 64	% over foreigner total
TOTAL		44,708,964	4,144,166	203,166	80.2
Huelva	Moguer	18,441	2,966	2,745	92.5
Valencia	Enguera	5,635	1,071	956	89.3
Huelva	Almonte	20,224	1,687	1500	88.9
Lleida	Vielha e Mijaran	5,239	1,039	922	88.7
Albacete	Villarrobledo	25,485	2,981	2,628	88.2
Valencia	Moncada	20,815	1,001	880	87.9
Castellón	Torreblanca	5,884	1,467	1,279	87.2
Ourense	Verín	13,944	1,379	1,202	87.2
Ciudad Real	Socuéllamos	12,918	1,680	1,464	87.1
Huelva	Cartaya	16,042	1,909	1,663	87.1

Municipalities with the largest percentages of foreign population younger than 16 years of age

Out of the 10 municipalities with over 1000 foreigners which have the largest percentage of persons younger than 16 years of age, six belong to Cataluña. Three of these six municipalities belong to Girona.

The greatest percentage is registered in Banyoles (28.8% as compared to a national average of 14.9%).

Municipalities with more than 1,000 foreigners and the largest percentages of persons younger than 16 years of age

Provinces	Municipalities	Population as of 1-1-2006	Number of foreigners	Foreigners aged under 16	% over foreigner total
TOTAL		44,708,964	4,144,166	616,635	14.9
Girona	Banyoles	17,309	3,291	947	28.8
Barcelona	Manlleu	19,979	4,083	1,099	26.9
Murcia	Unión (La)	16,082	1,441	384	26.6
Toledo	Sonseca	10,685	1,115	280	25.1
Girona	Salt	28,017	9,016	2,241	24.9
Lleida	Solsona	8,823	1,358	332	24.4
Almería	Mojonera (La)	7,847	2,101	510	24.3
Cáceres	Navalmoral de la Mata	17,099	1,822	433	23.8
Barcelona	Torelló	13,269	1,332	316	23.7
Girona	Bisbal d'Empordà (La)	9,261	1,462	332	22.7

For further information see INEbase-www.ine.es All press releases at: www.ine.es/prensa/prensa.htm

Press office: Telephone: 91 583 93 63 / 94 08 – Fax: 91 583 90 87 - gprensa@ine.es

Information area: Telephone: 91 583 91 00 – Fax: 91 583 91 58 – www.ine.es/infoine