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**Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics January 1st, 2019**  
Provisional data

**The population registered in Spain in the Continuous Register increases by 405,048 people during 2019, standing at 47.4 million**

**Of the total population, 88.6% have Spanish nationality and 11.4% have foreign nationality**

The total number of people registered in the Continuous Register<sup>1</sup> in Spain as at 01 January 2020 was 47,431,256 inhabitants, according to the Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics. This figure represents an increase of 405,048 people (0.9%) as compared with the data as at 01 January 2019<sup>2</sup>.

Of this total, 42,008,058 had Spanish nationality (88.6%) and 5,423,198 had foreign nationality (11.4%).

The figures published today are a provisional preview. The final figures, once the procedure to obtain them has been put into place (suspended while the high alert period continues), and following the favourable report from the Registration Council, will be presented to the Government of the Nation as soon as possible for approval by Royal Decree, which will be published in the Official State Gazette.

During 2019, the net number of Spaniards has increased by 18,728 people (0.04%) and the number of foreigners has increased by 386,320 (7.7%). Among the latter, those belonging to the European Union (EU-28) increased by 43,031 (2.3%) and those non-EU nationals grew by 343,289 persons (10.7%).

This is the fourth consecutive year in which the total population of Spain increased. By nationality, it should be noted that for the first time, the number of Spaniards reached 42 million. As for foreigners, their number grew for the third consecutive year, with the increase seen in 2019 being greater than that of previous years.

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<sup>1</sup> In this press release, the reference to the population and the registered population should always be understood as the population obtained from the Continuous Register, which is the coordination file of the municipal registers managed by the INE, and after applying the counting criteria established in the regulated procedure for obtaining the proposal of official population figures. The population refers to those persons who reside in Spain, that is to say, it does not include Spaniards resident abroad for whom the INE has a differentiated statistic, known as the *Statistics on the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad*.

<sup>2</sup> The variations produced with respect to the Continuous Register Statistics as at 01 January 2019 are due to different causes that are detailed in the Explanatory Note at the end of this press release.

## Population registered in the Continuous Register, by nationality

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	Population January 1st, 2020 (Provisional data)		Population January 1st, 2019 (Definitive data)		Absolute variation	Relative variation (in %)
	Number of persons	% as compared with the total	Number of persons	% as compared with the total		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,431,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,026,208</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>405,048</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Spaniards	42,008,058	88.6	41,989,330	89.3	18,728	0.0
Foreigners	5,423,198	11.4	5,036,878	10.7	386,320	7.7
EU-28	1,875,571	4.0	1,832,540	3.9	43,031	2.3
Non-EU	3,547,627	7.5	3,204,338	6.8	343,289	10.7

## Population registered in the Continuous Register by sex, place of birth and age

49.0% of the total number of people registered in the Continuous Register were men and 51.0% were women. There were more female among the Spaniards (51.1%), while there were more males among the foreign nationals (50.1%).

## Population registered in the Continuous Register, by sex

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	Total	% as compared with the total	Spaniards	% as compared with the total of Spaniards	Foreigners	% as compared with the total of foreigners
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>47,431,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>42,008,058</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,423,198</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Men	23,246,717	49.0	20,531,384	48.9	2,715,333	50.1
Women	24,184,539	51.0	21,476,674	51.1	2,707,865	49.9

84.8% of the registered population was born in Spain and 15.2% was born abroad. By nationality, 94.5% of Spaniards were born in Spain, whereas in the case of foreign nationals this figure was 9.6%.

## Distribution by birthplace and nationality

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

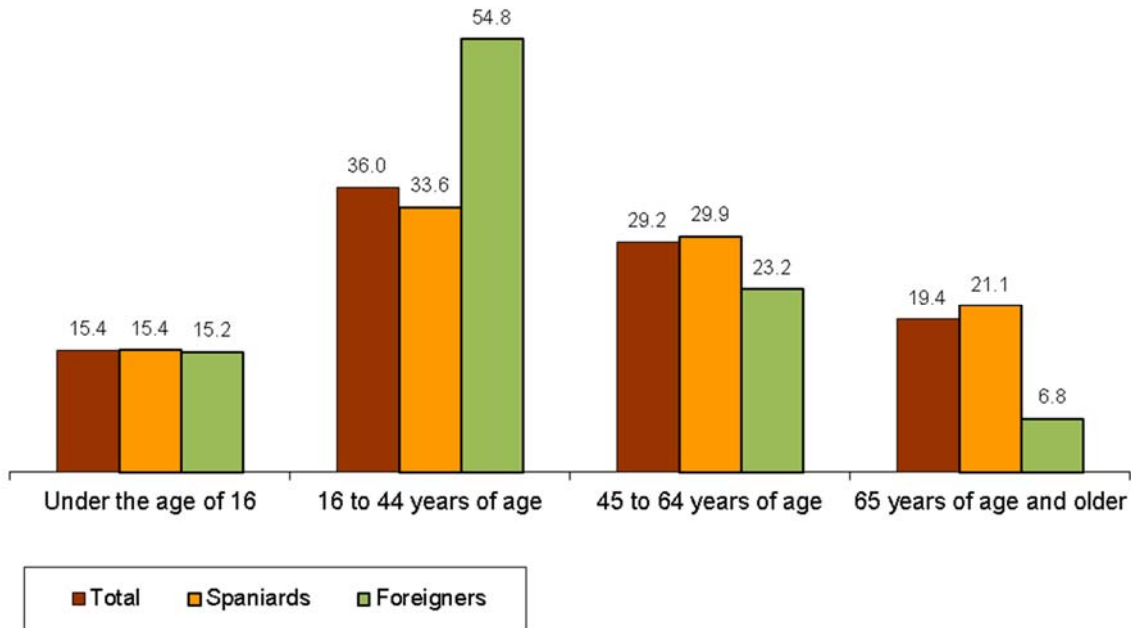
	Total	Born in Spain	% as compared with the total	Born abroad	% as compared with the total
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,431,256</b>	<b>40,209,894</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>7,221,362</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Spaniards	42,008,058	39,690,855	94.5	2,317,203	5.5
Foreigners	5,423,198	519,039	9.6	4,904,159	90.4

By age, 15.4% of the population was under 16, 36.0% was between 16 and 44, 29.2% was between 45 and 64, and 19.4% was 65 or older.

By nationality, the most significant differences in the percentage of age between Spaniards and foreigners were found in the group from 16 to 44 years old. Thus, 33.6% of Spaniards were in this age group, compared to 54.8% in the case of foreigners.

**Percentage of registered persons by nationality and age groups**

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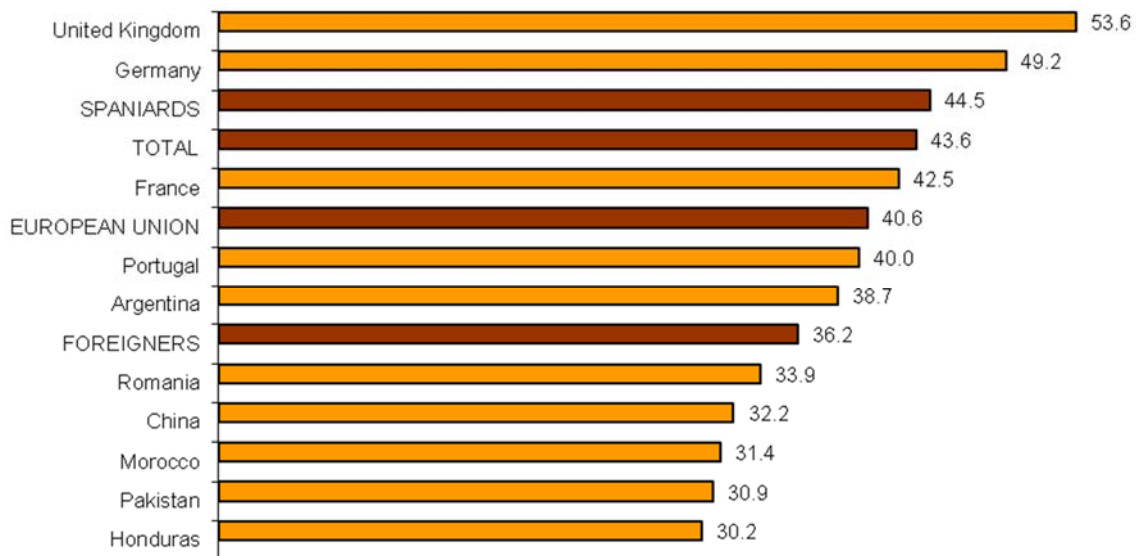


The average age of the population registered in the Continuous Register was 43.6 years old. For Spaniards it was 44.5 years of age and for foreign nationals 36.2 years (for citizens of countries belonging to the European Union it was 40.6 years of age).

The highest average ages among the main nationalities were found in the British citizens (53.6 years old), German citizens (49.2) and French citizens (42.5). In turn, the lowest were among Hondurans (30.2 years), Pakistanis (30.9) and Moroccans (31.4).

**Average age by countries (main nationalities)**

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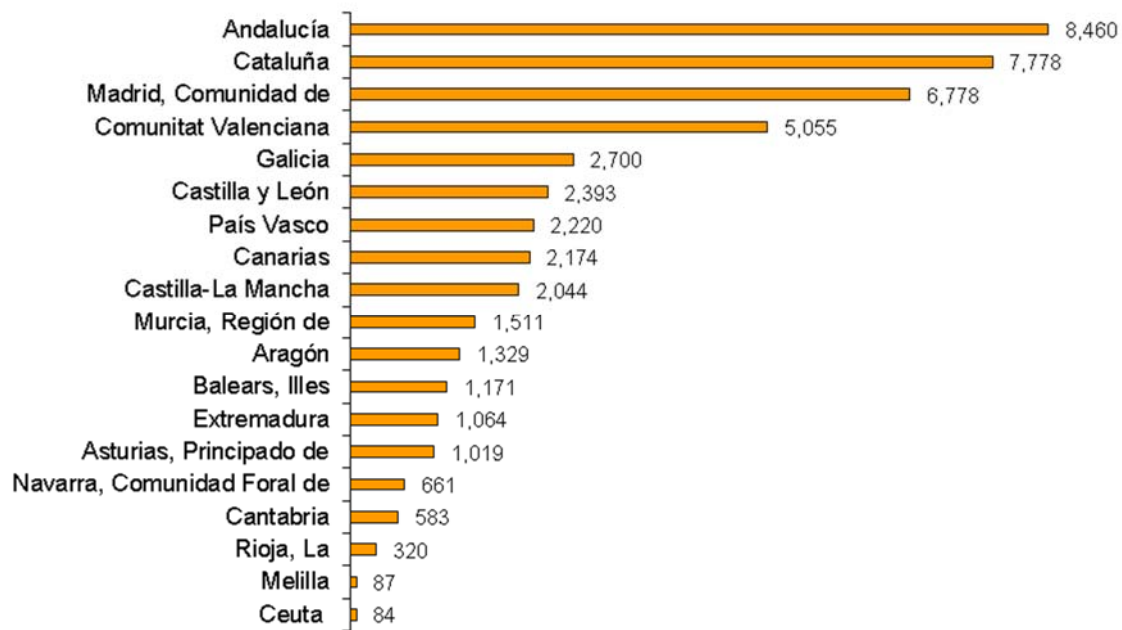
## Data by Autonomous Communities and Cities

The most populated Autonomous Communities as of January 1, 2020 were Andalucía, Cataluña and Comunidad de Madrid.

In turn, those with the lowest population were La Rioja, Cantabria and Comunidad Foral de Navarra.

## Registered population by Autonomous Communities and Cities (Thousands)

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020



In the past year, the registered population has increased in all autonomous communities, except for three.

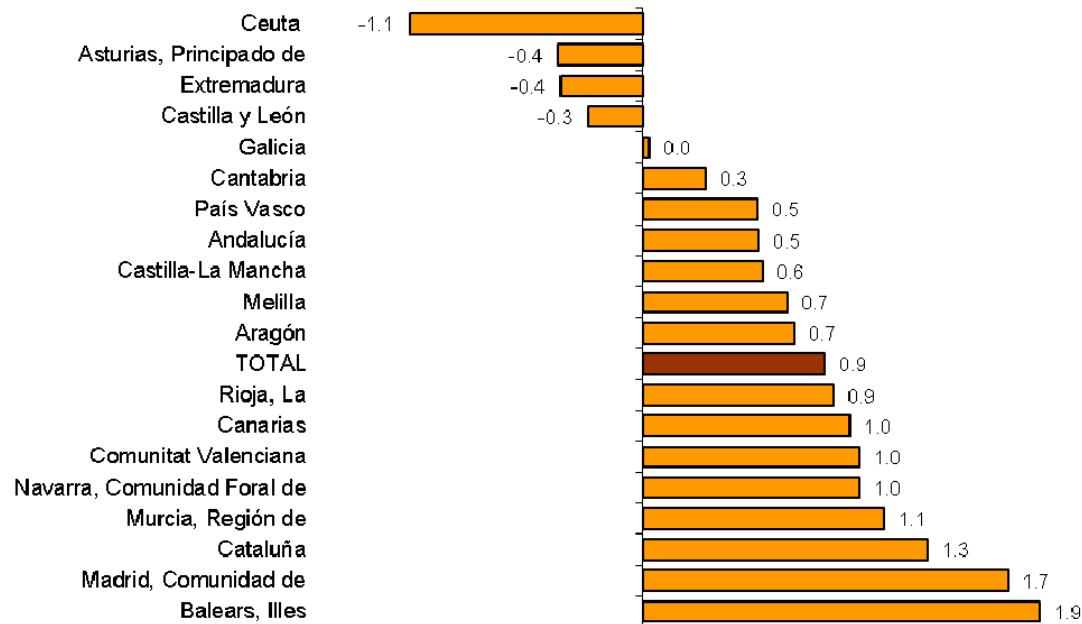
Comunidad de Madrid (114,988 more people), Cataluña (103,145 more) and Comunitat Valenciana (51,027 more) experienced the greatest population increases in absolute terms between 01 January 2019 and 01 January 2020.

In turn, decreases were recorded in Castilla y León (6,263 fewer people), Extremadura (4,135 fewer) and Principado de Asturias (4,094 fewer).

In relative terms, the largest population increases were recorded in Illes Balears (1.9%), Comunidad de Madrid (1.7%) and Cataluña (1.3%). In contrast, Principado de Asturias and Extremadura (both with -0.4%) and Castilla y León (-0.3%) showed decreases, along with the autonomous city of Ceuta (-1.1%).

## Registered population by Autonomous Communities and Cities

Relative variation (%) between 2019 and 2020



## Distribution of foreign citizens registered in the Continuous Register by Autonomous Communities and Cities

The proportion of foreign citizens over the total population registered in Spain stood at 11.4% as at 01 January 2020.

The Autonomous Communities with the highest proportion of foreign nationals were Illes Balears (18.8%), Cataluña (16.2%) and Comunitat Valenciana (14.8%). The Autonomous City of Melilla, with a population of foreign nationals of 15.3%, is also worth mentioning.

In contrast, the communities with the lowest proportion of foreign nationals were Extremadura (3.2%), Galicia (4.1%) and Principado de Asturias (4.4%).

In 2019, the number of foreign nationals increased in all Autonomous Communities and only decreased in the Autonomous City of Ceuta.

The Autonomous Communities registering the greatest increases of foreign nationals were Cataluña (99,586), Comunidad de Madrid (73,018) and Comunitat Valenciana (47,100).

In relative terms, the greatest increases in the population of foreign nationals were registered in Galicia (11.1%) and Comunidad Foral de Navarra and País Vasco (9.7% in both).

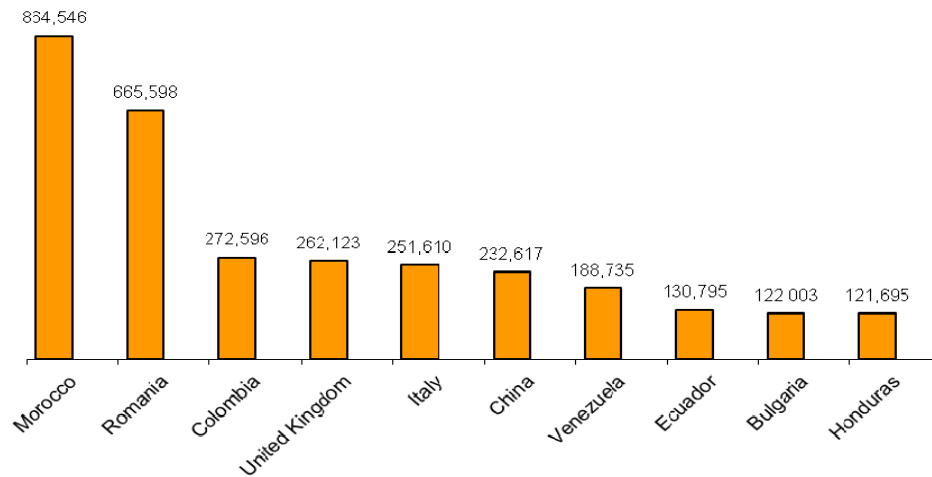
## Distribution of foreign citizens by nationality

The foreign nationals registered in the Continuous Register and belonging to the EU-28 reached 1,875,571. Among these, the most numerous were Romanians (665,598), British (262,123) and Italians (251,610).

Among the non-community foreign nationals, the most significant were Moroccan (864,546), Colombian (272,596) and Chinese (232,617) citizens.

## Foreign nationals registered by country (main nationalities)

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020



Among the main nationalities, the largest increases during 2019 were recorded among citizens from Colombia (65,877 more), and Morocco and Venezuela (50,959 in both).

The largest decreases were among those from Romania (-6,387), Bolivia (-3,217) and Ecuador (-1,019).

In relative terms, and among the nationalities with the highest number of foreigners, the greatest population increases were registered among the citizens of Venezuela (37.0%), Colombia (31.9%) and Peru (26.6%).

In turn, Bolivia (-3.4%), Romania (-1.0%) and Ecuador (-0.8%) showed the greatest decreases.

## Foreign nationals registered by country (main nationalities)

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	Foreign population January 1st, 2020 (Provisional Data)		Foreign population January 1st, 2019 (Definitive Data)		Absolute Variation	Relative Variation (in %)
	Number of persons	% of the total of foreigners	Number of persons	% of the total of foreigners		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,423,198</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,036,878</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>386,320</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Morocco	864,546	15.9	813,587	16.2	50,959	6.3
Romania	665,598	12.3	671,985	13.3	-6,387	-1.0
Colombia	272,596	5.0	206,719	4.1	65,877	31.9
United Kingdom	262,123	4.8	250,392	5.0	11,731	4.7
Italy	251,610	4.6	228,283	4.5	23,327	10.2
China	232,617	4.3	224,559	4.5	8,058	3.6
Venezuela	188,735	3.5	137,776	2.7	50,959	37.0
Ecuador	130,795	2.4	131,814	2.6	-1,019	-0.8
Bulgaria	122,003	2.2	122,813	2.4	-810	-0.7
Honduras	121,695	2.2	96,382	1.9	25,313	26.3
Ukraine	115,023	2.1	111,726	2.2	3,297	3.0
Germany	111,625	2.1	111,911	2.2	-286	-0.3
France	107,913	2.0	103,517	2.1	4,396	4.2
Peru	106,588	2.0	84,179	1.7	22,409	26.6
Brazil	98,480	1.8	90,304	1.8	8,176	9.1
Pakistan	97,599	1.8	88,935	1.8	8,664	9.7
Portugal	97,044	1.8	93,440	1.9	3,604	3.9
Bolivia	92,500	1.7	95,717	1.9	-3,217	-3.4
Argentina	88,894	1.6	77,649	1.5	11,245	14.5
Paraguay	86,895	1.6	80,218	1.6	6,677	8.3

By group of countries, the EU-28 citizens were the most numerous, representing 34.6% of the total foreign citizens. It is followed by Africa (22.0%).

## Foreign nationals registered by group of countries

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	January 1st, 2020 (Provisional Data)		January 1st, 2019 (Definitive Data)	
	Number of persons	% of the total of Spain	Number of persons	% of the total of Spain
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,423,198</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,036,878</b>	<b>100.0</b>
EU-28	1,875,571	34.6	1,832,540	36.4
Rest of Europe	298,557	5.5	285,300	5.7
Africa	1,191,378	22.0	1,122,409	22.3
North America	74,309	1.4	68,019	1.3
Central America and Caribe	355,437	6.5	296,773	5.9
South America	1,121,764	20.7	957,231	19.0
Asia	499,553	9.2	468,808	9.3
The rest	6,629	0.1	5,798	0.1

## Data of municipalities by sections

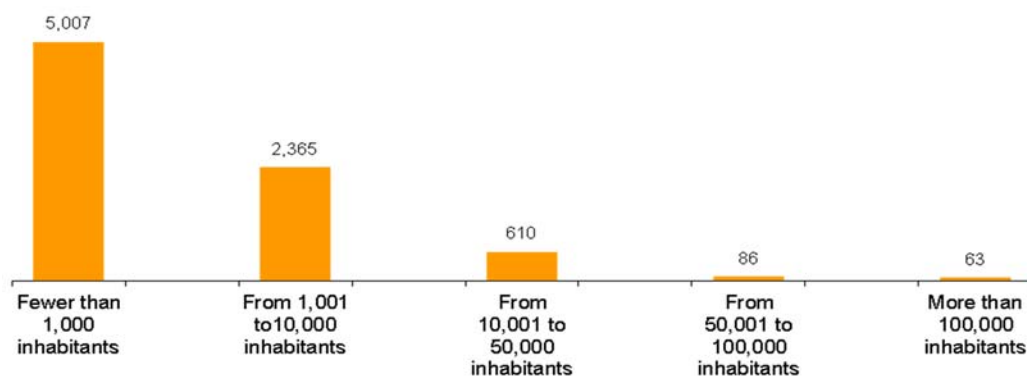
Among the 8,131 Spanish municipalities, 5,007 had a population lower than 1,000 inhabitants.

The Autonomous Communities with the greatest number of municipalities with less than 1,000 inhabitants were Castilla y León (with 2,009 municipalities), Castilla-La Mancha (642) and Aragón (628).

Conversely, the Autonomous Communities with the lowest number of municipalities with less than 1,000 inhabitants were Canarias (one municipality), Región de Murcia (two) and Illes Balears (six).

## Number of municipalities by size of municipality

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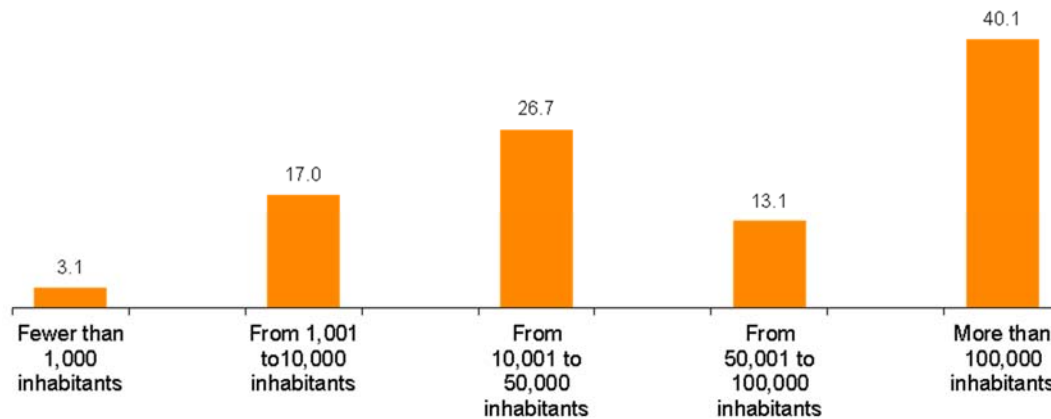
As regards larger municipalities, in Spain there are 63 municipalities with more than 100,000 inhabitants. Among them, 12 belonged to Andalucía, 11 to Cataluña and 10 to Comunidad de Madrid.

40.1% of the population registered in Spain resided in municipalities bigger than 100,000 inhabitants. By Autonomous Community, the greatest percentages were registered in Comunidad de Madrid (71.9%) and Aragón (51.3%). The lowest percentages corresponded to Castilla-La Mancha (8.5%) and Extremadura (14.2%).

In turn, 20.1% of the population resided in municipalities smaller than 10,000 inhabitants. By Autonomous Community, the highest percentages corresponded to Extremadura (50.2%), Castilla-La Mancha (43.7%) and Castilla y León (43.3%), while the lowest ones were recorded in Región de Murcia (3.8%) and Comunidad de Madrid (5.6%).

## Percentage of registered population by size of municipality

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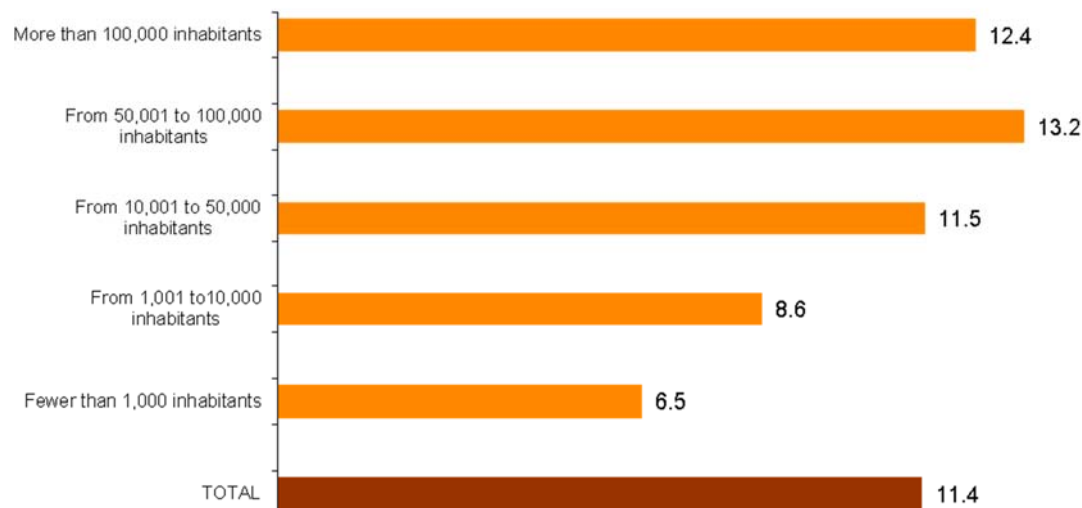
In the municipalities with less than 1,000 inhabitants, 6.5% of the population were foreign nationals. In the municipalities with more than 100,000 inhabitants, this percentage was 12.4%.

The highest percentage of foreign nationals (13.2%) was registered in municipalities with a population between 50,001 and 100,000 inhabitants.

## Percentage of registered foreigners by size of municipality

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

In Spain, there were 234 municipalities with a percentage of foreign nationals higher than 25.0%, as compared with its total population. In 19 of them this percentage exceeded 50%.



In more than half of the municipalities (4,303) the percentage of foreign nationals in relation to the total population did not exceed 5.0%.



## Data Review and Updates

The data published today is provisional. The final figures will be submitted to the Government of the Nation for approval by Royal Decree, which will be published in the Official State Gazette. All results are available on INEBase.

## Methodological note

The Continuous Register is the INE register database created to coordinate all municipal registers.

The Municipal Register is an administrative register where municipality residents are registered. Its data constitute proof of residence in the municipality and of the habitual residence therein. Every person living in Spain is obliged to register in the Municipal Register of the municipality in which they usually reside. Its creation, maintenance, revision and custody corresponds to the respective Municipal Councils, which must send monthly to the INE the variations that occur in their respective Registers, for coordination purposes to avoid duplicities between them.

The Continuous Register Statistics is a statistical operation that is compiled from the comprehensive exploitation of the basic variables contained in the file derived from the INE register database, following the process of obtaining the proposal of official population figures. This Progress Report lays out the initial proposal that will be communicated to the City Councils by the INE<sup>3</sup>. Data is provided on the population resident in Spain as at 1 January of each year, according to place of residence, sex, age, nationality and place of birth.

**Population scope:** population registered in Spain in the Continuous Register.

**Geographical scope:** national, Autonomous Communities and Cities, provinces, islands, municipalities and census tracts.

**Reference period of the results:** population data are provided as at 1 January of each year.

**Frequency of dissemination:** annual.

For more information you can access the methodological documents at:

[http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica\\_C&cid=1254736177012&menu=metodologia&idp=1254734710990](http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736177012&menu=metodologia&idp=1254734710990)

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<sup>3</sup> The communication has not yet been carried out, as a result of the high alert period decreed on March 14 for the COVID-19 crisis and due to the fact that administrative deadlines have been suspended.

## Annex. Tables

### National Data

#### 1. Population registered in the Continuous Register, by year

Data of the Continuous Municipal Register January 1 st

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020(P)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,190,493</b>	<b>47,265,321</b>	<b>47,129,783</b>	<b>46,771,341</b>	<b>46,624,382</b>	<b>46,557,008</b>	<b>46,572,132</b>	<b>46,722,980</b>	<b>47,026,208</b>	<b>47,431,256</b>
Spaniards	41,439,006	41,529,063	41,583,545	41,747,854	41,894,738	41,938,427	41,999,325	41,988,289	41,989,330	42,008,058
Foreigners	5,751,487	5,736,258	5,546,238	5,023,487	4,729,644	4,618,581	4,572,807	4,734,691	5,036,878	5,423,198
EU-28	2,397,014	2,445,242	2,360,978	2,056,903	1,947,110	1,844,592	1,777,989	1,789,686	1,832,540	1,875,571
Non-EU	3,354,473	3,291,016	3,185,260	2,966,584	2,782,534	2,773,989	2,794,818	2,945,005	3,204,338	3,547,627
% Foreigners	12.2	12.1	11.8	10.7	10.1	9.9	9.8	10.1	10.7	11.4

(P): Provisional data

#### 2. Population registered in the Continuous Register, by age

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	Total	% as compared with the total	Spaniards	% as compared with the total of Spaniards	Foreigners	% as compared with the total of foreigners
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,431,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>42,008,058</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,423,198</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Under the age of 16	7,312,312	15.4	6,487,966	15.4	824,346	15.2
16 to 44 years of age	17,063,140	36.0	14,093,661	33.6	2,969,479	54.8
45 to 64 years of age	13,838,340	29.2	12,579,610	29.9	1,258,730	23.2
65 years of age and older	9,217,464	19.4	8,846,821	21.1	370,643	6.8

#### 3. Foreign nationals registered by sex and group of countries

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	Total	Men	% as compared with group total of countries	Women	% as compared with group total of countries
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,423,198</b>	<b>2,715,333</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>2,707,865</b>	<b>49.9</b>
EU-28	1,875,571	937,881	50.0	937,690	50.0
Rest of Europe	298,557	124,982	41.9	173,575	58.1
Africa	1,191,378	711,032	59.7	480,346	40.3
North America	74,309	32,027	43.1	42,282	56.9
Central America and Caribbe	355,437	131,673	37.0	223,764	63.0
South America	1,121,764	496,348	44.2	625,416	55.8
Asia	499,553	277,580	55.6	221,973	44.4
The rest	6,629	3,810	57.5	2,819	42.5

## 4. Average age by countries (main nationalities) and sex

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	Both sexes	Men	Women
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>44.8</b>
SPANIARDS	44.5	43.1	45.9
FOREIGNERS	36.2	35.9	36.5
EUROPEAN UNION	40.6	40.7	40.4
United Kingdom	53.6	54.1	53.1
Germany	49.2	49.9	48.5
France	42.5	42.9	42.2
Portugal	40.0	40.5	39.4
Argentina	38.7	38.0	39.4
Romania	33.9	33.3	34.4
China	32.2	32.1	32.4
Morocco	31.4	32.1	30.5
Pakistan	30.9	32.4	27.3
Honduras	30.2	26.0	31.9

## Data by Autonomous Community and City

### 5. Population registered in the Continuous Register by Autonomous Communities and Cities

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Andalucía	8,460,261	8,414,240	46,021	0.5
Aragón	1,328,753	1,319,291	9,462	0.7
Asturias, Principado de	1,018,706	1,022,800	-4,094	-0.4
Balears, Illes	1,171,003	1,149,460	21,543	1.9
Canarias	2,174,474	2,153,389	21,085	1.0
Cantabria	582,796	581,078	1,718	0.3
Castilla y León	2,393,285	2,399,548	-6,263	-0.3
Castilla-La Mancha	2,044,408	2,032,863	11,545	0.6
Cataluña	7,778,362	7,675,217	103,145	1.3
Comunitat Valenciana	5,054,796	5,003,769	51,027	1.0
Extremadura	1,063,575	1,067,710	-4,135	-0.4
Galicia	2,700,269	2,699,499	770	0.0
Madrid, Comunidad de	6,778,382	6,663,394	114,988	1.7
Murcia, Región de	1,510,951	1,493,898	17,053	1.1
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	660,887	654,214	6,673	1.0
País Vasco	2,219,777	2,207,776	12,001	0.5
Rioja, La	319,653	316,798	2,855	0.9
Ceuta	83,842	84,777	-935	-1.1
Melilla	87,076	86,487	589	0.7

## 6. Foreign nationals registered in the Continuous Register by Autonomous Communities and Cities

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Andalucía	700,215	8.3	655,555	7.8	44,660	6.8
Aragón	161,531	12.2	149,299	11.3	12,232	8.2
Asturias, Principado de	45,279	4.4	41,626	4.1	3,653	8.8
Balears, Illes	219,684	18.8	204,987	17.8	14,697	7.2
Canarias	291,639	13.4	277,034	12.9	14,605	5.3
Cantabria	35,837	6.1	32,783	5.6	3,054	9.3
Castilla y León	140,374	5.9	129,794	5.4	10,580	8.2
Castilla-La Mancha	186,507	9.1	172,096	8.5	14,411	8.4
Cataluña	1,259,013	16.2	1,159,427	15.1	99,586	8.6
Comunitat Valenciana	750,513	14.8	703,413	14.1	47,100	6.7
Extremadura	34,560	3.2	32,623	3.1	1,937	5.9
Galicia	112,022	4.1	100,868	3.7	11,154	11.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	954,837	14.1	881,819	13.2	73,018	8.3
Murcia, Región de	222,022	14.7	211,239	14.1	10,783	5.1
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	70,467	10.7	64,219	9.8	6,248	9.7
País Vasco	179,678	8.1	163,808	7.4	15,870	9.7
Rioja, La	40,017	12.5	37,230	11.8	2,787	7.5
Ceuta	5,640	6.7	5,792	6.8	-152	-2.6
Melilla	13,363	15.3	13,266	15.3	97	0.7

## Data of municipalities by sections

### 7. Number of Municipalities by Size of Municipality and Autonomous Communities

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	TOTAL	Fewer than	From 1,001	From 10,001	From 50,001	More than
		1,000 inhabitants	to 10,000 inhabitants	to 50,000 inhabitants	to 100,000 inhabitants	100,000 inhabitants
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,131</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>63</b>
Andalucía	785	218	414	124	17	12
Aragón	731	628	89	12	1	1
Asturias, Principado de	78	18	41	15	2	2
Balears, Illes	67	6	37	21	2	1
Canarias	88	1	45	33	5	4
Cantabria	102	37	55	8	1	1
Castilla y León	2,248	2,009	216	14	5	4
Castilla-La Mancha	919	642	240	31	5	1
Cataluña	947	486	338	100	12	11
Comunitat Valenciana	542	224	218	85	11	4
Extremadura	388	218	157	10	2	1
Galicia	313	36	221	49	4	3
Madrid, Comunidad de	179	46	82	28	13	10
Murcia, Región de	45	2	12	27	2	2
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	272	189	71	11	0	1
País Vasco	251	101	106	38	2	4
Rioja, La	174	146	23	4	0	1
Ceuta	1	0	0	0	1	0
Melilla	1	0	0	0	1	0

## 8. Percentage of Population registered by Size of municipality and Autonomous Community

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	TOTAL	Fewer than 1,000 inhabitants	From 1,001 to 10,000 inhabitants	From 10,001 to 50,000 inhabitants	From 50,001 to 100,000 inhabitants	More than 100,000 inhabitants
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>40.1</b>
Andalucía	100	1.3	17.9	29.8	15.2	35.7
Aragón	100	11.0	18.2	15.5	4.1	51.3
Asturias, Principado de	100	0.9	13.6	24.6	12.7	48.3
Balears, Illes	100	0.3	14.3	40.5	8.8	36.1
Canarias	100	0.0	10.0	35.9	15.0	39.1
Cantabria	100	3.4	31.9	26.1	8.9	29.8
Castilla y León	100	18.3	25.0	12.5	13.1	31.1
Castilla-La Mancha	100	7.8	36.0	28.8	18.9	8.5
Cataluña	100	2.5	15.7	27.9	11.1	42.9
Comunitat Valenciana	100	1.7	15.6	37.2	14.9	30.6
Extremadura	100	9.8	40.4	21.0	14.6	14.2
Galicia	100	1.0	28.2	34.0	12.8	24.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	100	0.3	5.3	8.7	13.9	71.9
Murcia, Región de	100	0.1	3.7	40.4	11.2	44.7
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	100	8.3	33.5	27.4	..	30.9
País Vasco	100	2.1	16.6	34.7	6.3	40.3
Rioja, La	100	8.8	24.1	19.4	..	47.7
Ceuta	100	..	..	..	100.0	..
Melilla	100	..	..	..	100.0	..

## 9. Percentage of Foreign Nationals registered by Size of municipality and Autonomous Community

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	TOTAL	Fewer than 1,000 inhabitants	From 1,001 to 10,000 inhabitants	From 10,001 to 50,000 inhabitants	From 50,001 to 100,000 inhabitants	More than 100,000 inhabitants
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.4</b>
Andalucía	8.3	7.3	6.6	7.5	14.8	7.0
Aragón	12.2	8.9	14.3	13.6	10.9	11.8
Asturias, Principado de	4.4	2.1	3.5	2.7	3.6	5.9
Balears, Illes	18.8	21.0	15.4	19.3	29.2	16.9
Canarias	13.4	22.4	8.8	17.2	25.2	6.6
Cantabria	6.1	2.9	4.1	5.8	7.2	8.7
Castilla y León	5.9	4.3	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.1
Castilla-La Mancha	9.1	7.1	9.4	10.3	9.3	5.6
Cataluña	16.2	9.5	11.3	15.4	13.2	19.6
Comunitat Valenciana	14.8	11.5	13.9	14.7	18.5	13.9
Extremadura	3.2	1.9	2.8	4.7	3.0	3.6
Galicia	4.1	2.9	2.9	3.9	4.8	5.7
Madrid, Comunidad de	14.1	10.1	13.3	11.8	12.0	14.8
Murcia, Región de	14.7	4.9	10.4	17.3	16.9	12.2
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	10.7	5.0	11.4	10.6	..	11.4
País Vasco	8.1	5.3	6.7	7.2	8.7	9.5
Rioja, La	12.5	9.2	14.3	14.5	..	11.4
Ceuta	6.7	..	..	..	6.7	..
Melilla	15.3	..	..	..	15.3	..

**10. Number of municipalities by percentage of Foreign Nationals registered in the Continuous Register**

Provisional data. Preview of the Continuous Register Statistics as at 1 January 2020

	Total	0%-5%	5%-10%	10%-15%	15%-20%	20%-25%	25%-50%	+50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,131</b>	<b>4,303</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>19</b>
Andalucía	785	495	145	48	21	29	43	4
Aragón	731	263	237	109	68	35	19	0
Asturias, Principado de	78	69	9	0	0	0	0	0
Balears, Illes	67	0	6	17	23	11	10	0
Canarias	88	21	28	14	6	6	13	0
Cantabria	102	78	23	1	0	0	0	0
Castilla y León	2,248	1,651	355	146	54	19	22	1
Castilla-La Mancha	919	413	248	150	74	16	16	2
Cataluña	947	236	313	220	89	53	35	1
Comunitat Valenciana	542	130	187	104	42	27	41	11
Extremadura	388	352	30	3	1	1	1	0
Galicia	313	271	36	6	0	0	0	0
Madrid, Comunidad de	179	11	45	78	34	8	3	0
Murcia, Región de	45	4	14	12	5	4	6	0
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	272	135	73	41	15	7	1	0
País Vasco	251	103	113	32	3	0	0	0
Rioja, La	174	71	47	30	18	3	5	0
Ceuta	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Melilla	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

## Explanatory note

### Causes of the variation in the figures between two consecutive years

The procedure for obtaining the Population Figures resulting from the Revision of the Municipal Register as at 1 January comprises different phases, and is regulated by the Resolution of 20 July 2018<sup>4</sup> of the Presidency of the National Statistics Institute and the Directorate General of Regional and Local Cooperation by which technical instructions are issued to the Municipal Councils on the annual revision of the Municipal Register and on the procedure for obtaining the proposal of official population figures<sup>5</sup>.

Based on this procedure it must be clarified that the change produced regarding the previous figures, as at 01 January 2019, are mainly due to the following reasons:

#### 1. Natural increase registered in the Continuous Register

Difference between registrations due to birth and deregistrations due to death registered in the Continuous Register. They may be from the year 2019 or prior.

#### 2. Balance by Residential Variation Statistics

Difference between registrations and deregistrations due to changes of residence that may have any variation date prior to 01 January 2020. Those corresponding to the year 2019 will later make up the Residential Variations Statistics<sup>6</sup>.

#### 3. Balance of Expirations for Non-Community Foreign Nationals without a Permanent Residence Permit<sup>7</sup> (NCFNWPRP)

NCFNWPRP have the obligation, established in article 16.1 of Law 7/1985 Regulating the Bases of the Local Regime, to renew their registration every two years. If they do not do so, their registration must be cancelled due to expiry. If the registration is pending at the time of obtaining the population figures (that is, the INE has not received the renewal or deregistration sent by the Municipal Council), it is not recorded.

This is a consolidated procedure that has been in use since the year 2006. The balance is obtained as the difference between those registrations that had to be renewed during 2019, which have been cancelled due to expiration or have not been renewed, and those pending,

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<sup>4</sup> This Resolution applies from the revision to 1-1-2019, but it has not supposed a substantial change in the procedure for obtaining the proposed population figures. It incorporates only the actions that had been applied as a result of various Registration Council agreements, subsequent to the previous Resolution of 2005, and it primarily affects the requirement for file exchange through the IDA-Padrón internet application, and the establishment of an annual calendar.

<sup>5</sup> BOE 20-09-2018. RESOLUTION of 13 September 2018, of the Undersecretariat of the Ministry of the Presidency, Relations with the Courts and Equality by which the publication of the aforementioned Resolution is ordered.

<sup>6</sup> In the Methodology of the Residential Variations Statistics, the causes and types of variation that are incorporated can be verified: ([http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica\\_C&cid=1254736177013&menu=metodologia&iidp=1254734710990](http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736177013&menu=metodologia&iidp=1254734710990)).

<sup>7</sup> Formerly called *permanent* residence.

which were not included in the previous year, for which their renewal was received during 2019, and which have been recorded.

#### **4. Balance of checks for Community Foreign Nationals or Non-Community Foreign Nationals with Long-Term Residence Permit (non-NCFNWPRP)**

In 2009, by virtue of an agreement of the Registration Council, a procedure was established for the periodic verification of the continuity of residence in the municipality by the municipal councils for community or non-community foreign nationals with permanent residence permits, every 2 or 5 years, depending on whether or not they are registered in the Central Register of Foreign Nationals<sup>8</sup>.

Starting from the figures as at 1 January 2013, the Registration Council reported favourably on the application of a progressive criterion of not counting non-NCFNWPRP foreigners for whom the residence requested had not been confirmed, consisting of increasing annually the percentage of processing required, until it is applied without restrictions as from the figures as at 1 January 2017, so that since then none of the non-NCFNWPRP registrations pending verification are counted (that is, those for which there is no change in the INE that proves the continuity of the residence or the cancellation sent by the Municipal Council)<sup>9</sup>.

As with the NCFNWPRP procedure, the balance is obtained as the difference between the non-NCFNWPRP not counted because they have not yet been verified, or have been cancelled, corresponding to the year 2019 and those counted, pending from the previous year, for which the continuity of residence in 2019 has been verified.

#### **5. Balance of the Rest of Non-residential and Procedure Variations**

This balance is the difference between the rest of variations not considered in the previous sections, such as, registrations by omission and cancellations by undue registration of Spaniards who, unlike those of foreigners, are not included in the Residential Variations Statistics as they are not considered migratory movements but adjustment in the register, cancellations due to duplicates in the Register, registers that present incidences that impede their recording, etc.

#### **6. Changes in nationality**

In addition to the above, and considering the nationality, it must be borne in mind that variations in the number of Spaniards or in the number of foreigners have implicit all the changes of nationality that have been registered in the Continuous Register throughout the year, being much more numerous the changes of nationality from foreigners to Spaniards.

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<sup>8</sup> This procedure is currently regulated in section 7 of the Resolution of 30 January 2015 of the President of the National Statistics Institute and the Director General for the Coordination of Competencies with the Autonomous Communities and Local Entities, by which technical instructions are issued to the Municipal Councils on the management of the Municipal Register (BOE 24-3-2015 [http://www.boe.es/diario\\_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2015-3109](http://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2015-3109)).

<sup>9</sup> See section III. Information taken into account by the INE to obtain the proposed population figure of the Resolution of 20 July 2018.