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*(Data updated on November 5 2018)<sup>1</sup>*

## Household Projections 2018

**If current trends were maintained, the number of households in Spain would grow by almost 1.8 million over the next 15 years**

**In 2033 there would be more than 5.8 million single-person households, accounting for 28.8% of the total**

**The number of households would increase in all Autonomous Communities, except in Castilla y León and Principado de Asturias**

The Household Projection 2018-2033 reflects the result that the continuation of current demographic trends would have on the number of households. Due to the way it is constructed, its results are consistent with those of the Population Projections also disseminated today.

According to this projection, the number of households resident in Spain would increase by 1,779,101 (9.6%) between 2018 and 2033, reaching the figure of 20,282,642. During the same period, the population resident in family dwellings would increase by 2,247,173 persons (4.9%).

This would mean a decrease in the number of people living in each household. Thus, the average household size would decrease from the current 2.50 to 2.39 persons per household in 2033.

### **Household Projections (2018-2033). Total Spain**

Year	Household No. As of Jan 1st	Absolute growth	Annual average relative growth (%)
2018	18,503,541	677,708	0.73
2023	19,181,248	621,987	0.65
2028	19,803,235	479,407	0.48
2033	20,282,642		

<sup>1</sup> The projection of households 2018-2033 has been modified due to the correction applied in the population projections 2018-2068, from which it is built. However, the results are not hardly altered. The modification assumes that, in 2033, the estimated number of households would go from the 20,325,088 published previously, to 20,282,642 (0.2% of difference). This modification affects most of the data included in this press release.

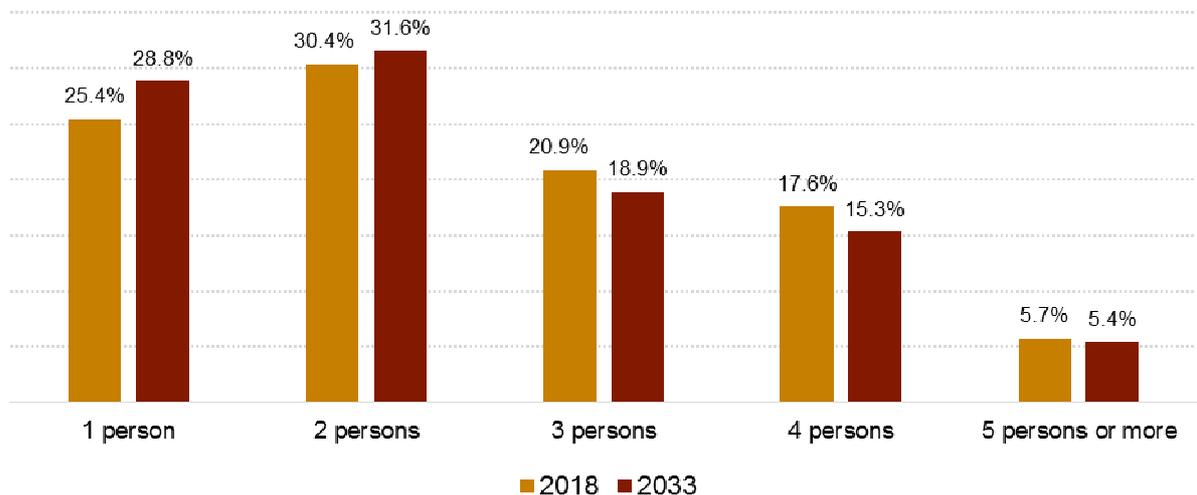
## Evolution of the number of households by size

Between 2018 and 2033 the smallest households (one or two persons) would continue to grow, while those of three and four persons would decrease slightly. On the other hand, those of five or more people would reverse the trend of recent years and begin to grow.

### Projected Number of Households by size (2018-2033)

	January 1st 2018	January 1st 2033	Growth 2018-2033	
			Absolute	Relative (%)
total households	18,503,541	20,282,642	1,779,101	9.6
1 person	4,705,381	5,839,672	1,134,291	24.1
2 persons	5,621,911	6,405,148	783,237	13.9
3 persons	3,862,043	3,834,693	-27,349	-0.7
4 persons	3,256,789	3,102,274	-154,515	-4.7
5 persons or more	1,057,417	1,100,854	43,437	4.1
Population living in households	46,176,391	48,423,565	2,247,173	4.9
Average size of households	2.50	2.39	-0.11	-4.3

### Evolution of proportion of households by size (2018-2033)



Single-households would show the largest increase in the next 15 years, both in absolute and relative values. In 2033, the number of single-person households would exceed 5.8 million (28.8% of the total number of households), an increase of 24.1% compared to the beginning of 2018.

The number of people living alone would increase from 10.1% of the total population in 2018 to 11.9% in 2033.

Two-person households would still be the most frequent type in 2033. They would reach 6.4 million (31.6% of the total), an increase of 13.9% since 2018.

On the other hand, households with three and four persons would maintain negative growth rates throughout the 2018-2033 period, with those with three persons decreasing the least.

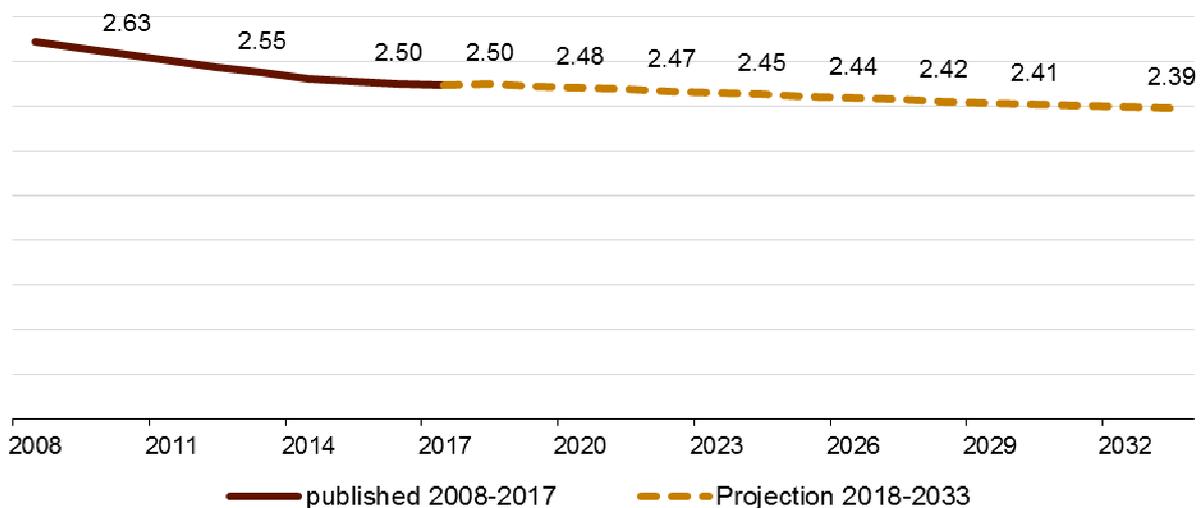
Households with five or more members would grow slightly from 1.06 million in 2018 to 1.1 million in 2033 (an increase of 4.1%).

## Evolution of the average household size

The average number of persons per household has maintained a downward trend since the last censuses. It has fallen from almost four people in 1970 to 2.9 in 2001 and has continued to fall since then.

This trend would continue throughout the projected period, from an average size of 2.50 persons per household in 2018 to 2.39 in 2033.

## Projected evolution of average household size (2008-2033)



## Household projection by Autonomous Community

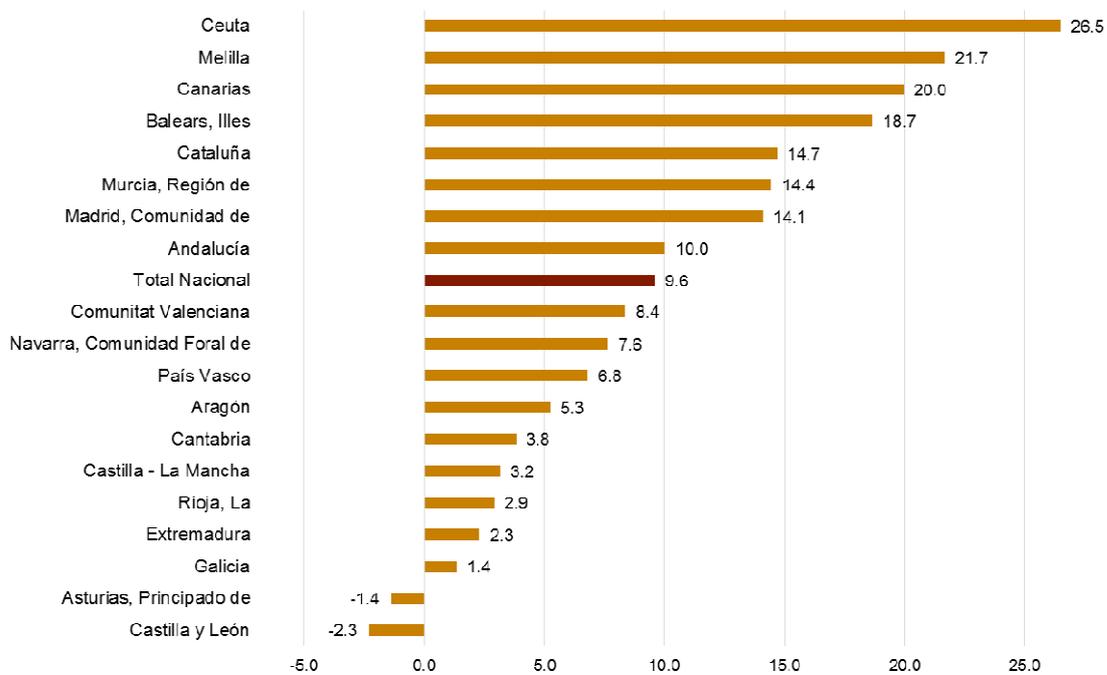
The number of households would increase in all Autonomous Communities throughout the 2018-2033 period, except in Castilla y León (-2.3%) and Principado de Asturias (-1.4%).

The greatest increases in the number of households would take place in the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta (25.6%), Melilla (21.7%) and in Canarias (20.0%) and Illes Balears (18.7%).

The average household size would decrease in all the Autonomous Communities, except in Illes Balears. The greatest decreases would be registered in the Autonomous City of Ceuta and in Extremadura and Principado de Asturias. On the other hand, the most moderate decreases would occur in Comunidad Foral de Navarra, Comunidad de Madrid and Canarias.

With regard to the percentage of single-person households, Principado de Asturias would be in the lead (with 35.6% of the total in the year 2033), followed by Castilla y León (34.0%) and País Vasco (32.3%). The Autonomous City of Melilla would be the territory with the lowest percentage of single-person households (20.9%), followed by Illes Balears (24.2%) and Región de Murcia (24.3%).

**Projected growth in number of Households by Autonomous communities. Percentages**



**Projected Number of Households by autonomous communities (2018-2033)**

	Total Households		Growth 2018-2033		Average Household Size		% of one-person households	
	2018	2033	Absolute	Relative (%)	2018	2033	2018	2033
Total Spain	18,503,541	20,282,642	1,779,101	9.6	2.50	2.39	25.4	28.8
Andalucía	3,205,765	3,527,107	321,341	10.0	2.60	2.44	23.3	27.0
Aragón	536,524	564,738	28,214	5.3	2.40	2.27	27.3	30.9
Asturias, Principado de	453,451	447,047	-6,404	-1.4	2.24	2.08	30.0	35.6
Balears, Illes	452,493	536,896	84,403	18.7	2.56	2.63	23.5	24.2
Canarias	839,882	1,007,521	167,639	20.0	2.58	2.50	23.7	25.1
Cantabria	239,961	249,115	9,154	3.8	2.40	2.23	27.7	31.9
Castilla y León	1,016,567	993,029	-23,538	-2.3	2.33	2.17	29.1	34.0
Castilla - La Mancha	780,675	805,392	24,717	3.2	2.57	2.40	23.9	28.0
Cataluña	3,004,281	3,445,343	441,062	14.7	2.46	2.35	26.0	30.9
Comunitat Valenciana	1,992,114	2,159,088	166,974	8.4	2.46	2.39	25.8	28.3
Extremadura	428,175	438,072	9,897	2.3	2.47	2.25	26.0	31.1
Galicia	1,083,061	1,097,747	14,685	1.4	2.47	2.31	25.4	29.4
Madrid, Comunidad de	2,589,061	2,954,363	365,302	14.1	2.50	2.48	25.7	27.0
Murcia, Región de	539,087	616,940	77,853	14.4	2.72	2.56	20.7	24.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	255,840	275,409	19,569	7.6	2.48	2.47	26.7	27.5
País Vasco	903,439	964,974	61,535	6.8	2.38	2.24	27.6	32.3
Rioja, La	129,498	133,262	3,764	2.9	2.39	2.31	28.4	30.8
Ceuta	27,111	34,291	7,181	26.5	3.12	2.67	19.0	30.5
Melilla	26,556	32,308	5,752	21.7	3.15	3.04	18.0	20.9

**Review and update of data**

The data published today update the Household Projection 2016-2031, the results of which are no longer representative.

**Methodological note**

The Household Projection provides a statistical simulation of the number of future households in Spain, in each Autonomous Community and in each province, and of their distribution by size, in the event that the demographic trends currently observed are continued. The results are fully consistent with those of the Population Projections.

This operation provides results for the following 15 years. The estimated number of households as at 1 January of each year is taken as a reference. The starting point is the number of households according to the 2011 Population and Housing Census.

As a source of information, we carry out a statistical exploitation of the municipal registers of the years prior to the year of compilation, which allows us to obtain the proportion of persons, according to their characteristics of sex, age and province of residence, who live in households with one, two, three, four or five or more members.

There are no international regulatory standards for household projections, so any projections produced by other international agencies would serve their own purposes, methodologies

and assumptions, and their results would generally not coincide with each other or with those of this operation.

**Type of operation:** summary and analysis statistics, compiled from results from different sources on past and present demographic evolution.

**Population scope:** households in the national territory, being the household 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 are provided as at 1 January of the 15 years following the year of compilation.

**Frequency of dissemination:** biennial as of 2014.

For more information you can access the methodology at:

[https://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica\\_C&cid=1254736176954&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735572981](https://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736176954&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735572981)

And the standardised methodological report at:

<https://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30276>

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