

Catalonia statistics

2023

	2022	2023	Growth rate (%)	Spain 2023	Cat/Spain 2023 (%)
TOTAL POPULATION JANUARY 1st.	7,761,823	7,901,963	1.8	48,085,361	16.4
Foreign population	1,235,672	1,361,981	10.2	6,089,620	22.4
EMPLOYED POPULATION	3,514,300	3,652,100	3.9	21,005,500	17.4
UNEMPLOYED POPULATION	376,800	363,900	-3.4	2,894,000	12.6
EMPLOYED BY PRIVATE SECTOR	2,521,600	2,633,600	4.4	14,296,900	18.4
Permanent job	2,135,800	2,325,000	8.9	12,326,600	18.9
Temporary job	385,800	308,500	-20.0	1,970,300	15.7
Unemployment rate (unemployed/labor force, %)*	9.7	9.3	-0.4	12.1	-
Employment rate (employed/population +16, %)*	55.0	55.8	0.8	51.8	-
Activity rate (active pop./population + 16, %)*	60.9	61.5	0.6	59.0	-
GDP PER CAPITA (€)¹	34,381	37,013	7.7	30,402	121.7
GDP CURRENT PRICES (MILLIONS €)¹	270,710	292,474	8.0	1,461,899	20.0
INFLATION RATE ANNUAL AVERAGE (%)*	8.0	3.4	-4.6	3.5	-
WAGE COST PER WORKER AND MONTH (€)	2,286	2,401	5.0	2,217	108.3
FOREIGN TRADE					
Exports of goods (millions €) ²	94,410	100,769	6.1	383,669	26.3
EU-27	57,106	62,023	8.6	240,389	25.8
Rest of the world	37,305	38,746	3.9	143,299	27.0
Imports of goods (millions €) ²	112,758	110,557	-1.7	424,249	26.1
EU-27	56,762	57,596	1.5	209,337	27.5
Rest of the world	55,996	52,961	-5.4	214,911	24.6
Trade balance (Exp-Imp) (millions €) ²	-18,348	-9,788	-46.7	-40,580	24.1
Total number of exporting companies	48,472	48,523	0.1	137,547	35.3
Number of regular exporting companies ³	17,196	17,581	2.2	52,779	33.3
Number of regular exporting companies >50,000 € ³	7,715	7,882	2.2	26,696	29.5
Direct foreign investment (millions €)	3,937	4,644	18.0	28,215	16.5
Investment abroad (millions €)	871	365	-58.1	18,655	2.0
NUMBER OF COMPANIES⁴	634,223	591,734	-6.7	3,732,601	15.9
1-9 employees	235,893	234,794	-0.5	1,488,445	15.8
10-49 employees	23,238	24,139	3.9	174,317	13.8
50-199 employees	3,949	4,041	2.3	27,261	14.8
200 or more employees	1,339	1,358	1.4	6,476	21.0
Without employees	369,804	327,402	-11.5	2,036,102	16.1
INDUSTRY					
Number of companies ⁴	35,688	33,205	-7.0	177,865	18.7
Number of employees	604,300	615,600	1.9	2,792,900	22.0
CONSTRUCTION					
Number of companies ⁴	76,493	67,816	-11.3	376,996	18.0
Number of employees	215,700	211,500	-1.9	1,361,200	15.5
Dwellings under construction	20,495	18,404	-10.2	132,733	13.9
New housing stock unsold ⁵	78,670	79,721	1.3	444,546	17.9
Public works tenders (millions €)	3,141	3,896	24.0	22,238	17.5
Free housing price (€/m ²)	2,144	2,197	2.5	1,809	-
Public housing price (€/m ²)	1,201	1,207	0.5	1,165	-
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE					
Number of companies ⁴	109,785	67,816	-38.2	577,250	11.7
Number of employees	483,450	506,675	4.8	3,103,325	16.3

* Growth rate in percentage points.

(1) GDP for Catalonia is based on Idescat calculations. Instead, Spain's GDP comes from INE.

(2) Variation rates calculated from provisional data of the previous year.

(3) Regulars: companies that have exported during the last four years.

(4) Companies with head offices in Catalonia. Data referred to 1st of January.

(5) Data referred to the years 2021 and 2022, instead of 2022 and 2023.

Source: Idescat, INE, Bank of Spain, Ministry of Infrastructure, DataComex, ICEX and Generalitat de Catalunya.

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TOURISM					
Hotels	2,125	2,152	1.3	14,427	14.9
Campsites	188	189	0.5	827	22.9
Rural tourism accomodations	1,865	1,833	-1.7	16,801	10.9
Travellers (thousands)	19,096	21,265	11.4	112,019	19.0
Overnight stays in hotel establishments (thousands)	53,110	58,820	10.8	347,119	16.9
Domestic tourism	17,189	17,228	0.2	120,038	14.4
Foreign tourism	35,921	41,592	15.8	200,329	20.8
Foreign tourism expenditure (milions €)	16,479	20,878	26.7	108,663	19.2
Expenditure by tourist-day-travel (€)	188	207	10.1	175	118.3
FINANCIAL SECTOR					
Number of employees (financial and insurance sector)	79,175	84,825	7.1	447,000	19.0
Total bank credit (millions €) ⁶	207,560	201,238	-3.0	1,201,952	16.7
Public sector	5,497	5,940	8.1	75,167	7.9
Private sector	202,063	195,298	-3.3	1,124,896	17.4
Total deposit bank (millions €) ⁶	216,059	216,883	0.4	1,509,637	14.4
PUBLIC SECTOR					
Number of employees	471,600	489,500	3.8	3,542,400	13.8
Public sector consumption (millions €) ⁷	48,376	50,725	4.9	307,213	16.5
Regional Government debt (milions €) ⁶	84,518	85,986	1.7	325,234	26.4
Tax collection - Central Government (millions €) ⁸	49,435	53,544	8.3	271,935	19.7
Tax collection - Regional Government (millions €) ⁹	5,101	4,740	-7.1	-	-
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION					
R&D expenditure (millions €) ⁵	4,079	4,827	18.3	19,325	25.0
Universities and public administrations	1,591	1,786	12.3	8,356	21.4
Companies	2,488	3,022	21.5	10,902	27.7
R&D employment ⁵	55,885	58,771	5.2	263,407	22.3
Application for national patents ¹⁰	171	162	-5.3	1,231	13.2
EDUCATION					
Total active population (thousands)	3,891	4,016	3.2	23,415	17.2
Illiterates and primary education	201	205	2.2	1,284	16.0
First stage of secondary education	951	955	0.4	6,294	15.2
Second stage of secondary education	924	947	2.5	5,760	16.4
Higher education	1,816	1,909	5.1	10,562	18.1
Early school leaving rate ⁵ (%) [*]	16.9	14,0	-2.9	13.9	-
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES					
Airports - Passengers totals (thousands)	43,828	52,494	19.8	282,529	18.6
Airport - Goods (tons)	155,794	167,454	7.5	1,154,661	14.5
Port - Goods (thousands of tons)	98,453	98,927	0.5	528,204	18.7
Port - Freight ships (number)	11,034	11,190	1.4	164,215	6.8
Port - Cruises (number)	843	861	2.1	4,501	19.1
Port - Ships (thousands of passangers)	3,995	5,419	35.6	39,252	13.8

* Growth rate in percentage points.

(5) Data referred to the years 2021 and 2022, instead of 2022 and 2023.

(6) Data referred to december.

(7) Includes the consumption expenditure of non-profit institutions serving households.

(8) Includes: Income tax, Income tax non-residents, VAT, Corporates taxes, and other special taxes.

(9) It includes 100% ceded taxes and own taxes: inheritance and donations, inheritance, taxes on gambling.

(10) Percentatge of young people between 18 and 24 years old, that have left school without finishing secondary education degree. Spain's data referred to the year 2022.

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