

Catalonia statistics

2024

	2023	2024	Growth rate (%)	Spain 2024	Cat/Spain 2024 (%)
TOTAL POPULATION JANUARY 1st.	7,901,963	8,012,231	1.4	48,619,695	16.5
Foreign population	1,361,981	1,444,192	6.0	6,502,282	22.2
EMPLOYED POPULATION	3,734,525	3,827,100	2.5	21,653,900	17.7
UNEMPLOYED POPULATION	384,400	373,600	-2.8	2,770,700	13.5
EMPLOYED BY PRIVATE SECTOR	2,698,400	2,833,050	5.0	14,879,550	19.0
Permanent job	2,372,000	2,537,550	7.0	12,975,875	19.6
Temporary job	326,400	295,475	-9.5	1,903,675	15.5
Unemployment rate (unemployed/labor force, %)*	9.3	8.9	-0.4	11.3	-
Employment rate (employed/population +16, %)*	55.8	56.1	0.3	52.1	-
Activity rate (active pop./population + 16, %)*	61.5	61.6	0.1	58.8	-
GDP PER CAPITA (€)¹	37,519	39,531	5.4	32,736	120.8
GDP CURRENT PRICES (MILLIONS €)¹	296,477	316,728	6.8	1,591,627	19.9
INFLATION RATE ANNUAL AVERAGE (%)*	3.4	2.8	-0.6	2.8	-
WAGE COST PER WORKER AND MONTH (€)	2,401	2,482	3.3	2,302	107.8
FOREIGN TRADE					
Exports of goods (millions €) ²	100,456	100,133	-0.5	384,465	26.0
EU-27	61,061	59,789	-2.1	232,459	25.7
Rest of the world	39,395	40,344	1.8	152,006	26.5
Imports of goods (millions €) ²	110,251	110,753	0.7	424,741	26.1
EU-27	55,633	56,694	2.3	203,529	27.9
Rest of the world	54,618	54,059	-0.9	221,211	24.4
Trade balance (Exp-Imp) (millions €) ²	-9,795	-10,620	8.4	-40,276	26.4
Total number of exporting companies	47,312	47,389	0.2	132,412	35.8
Number of regular exporting companies ³	17,552	18,345	4.5	54,509	33.7
Number of regular exporting companies >50,000 € ³	10,209	10,592	3.8	25,136	42.1
Direct foreign investment (millions €)	4,992	4,923	-1.4	36,813	13.4
Investment abroad (millions €)	679	4,437	553.4	31,843	13.9
NUMBER OF COMPANIES⁴	591,734	602,706	1.9	3,255,276	18.5
1-9 employees	234,794	273,658	16.6	1,403,401	19.5
10-49 employees	24,139	25,257	4.6	133,269	19.0
50-199 employees	4,041	4,178	3.4	19,694	21.2
200 or more employees	1,358	1,421	4.6	6,433	22.1
Without employees	327,402	298,192	-8.9	1,692,479	17.6
INDUSTRY					
Number of companies ⁴	33,205	32,884	-1.0	175,806	18.7
Number of employees	627,800	636,800	1.4	2,886,800	22.1
CONSTRUCTION					
Number of companies ⁴	67,258	67,968	1.1	383,622	17.7
Number of employees	227,600	236,500	3.9	1,463,800	16.2
Dwellings under construction	18,404	20,210	9.8	154,357	13.1
New housing stock unsold ⁵	79,721	82,529	3.5	447,691	18.4
Public works tenders (millions €)	4,182	4,463	6.7	29,533	15.1
Free housing price (€/m ²)	2,197	2,306	5.0	1,914	-
Public housing price (€/m ²)	1,207	1,213	0.5	1,169	-
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE					
Number of companies ⁴	99,106	98,064	-1.1	566,148	17.3
Number of employees	520,600	523,425	0.5	3,129,000	16.7

* 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.

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

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TOURISM					
Hotels	2,159	2,144	-0.7	14,620	14.7
Campsites	190	191	0.5	856	22.3
Rural tourism accomodations	1,845	1,802	-2.3	16,656	10.8
Travellers (thousands)	21,207	21,573	1.7	116,323	18.5
Overnight stays in hotel establishments (thousands)	58,690	60,654	3.3	363,692	16.7
Domestic tourism	17,280	16,581	-4.0	121,985	13.6
Foreign tourism	41,411	44,073	6.4	241,707	18.2
Foreign tourism expenditure (milions €)	21,248	23,752	11.8	126,142	18.8
Expenditure by tourist-day-travel (€)	205	208	1.5	184	113.4
FINANCIAL SECTOR					
Number of employees (financial and insurance sector)	86,825	76,375	-12.0	449,950	17.0
Total bank credit (millions €) ⁶	201,238	201,664	0.2	1,204,641	16.7
Public sector	5,940	5,765	-2.9	73,820	7.8
Private sector	195,298	195,900	0.3	1,130,821	17.3
Total deposit bank (millions €) ⁶	216,883	227,006	4.7	1,627,706	13.9
PUBLIC SECTOR					
Number of employees	479,100	473,550	-1.2	3,560,225	13.3
Public sector consumption (millions €) ⁷	52,884	56,190	6.3	325,825	17.2
Regional Government debt (milions €) ⁶	85,986	89,035	3.5	335,977	26.5
Tax collection - Central Government (millions €) ⁸	53,544	57,194	6.8	294,734	19.4
Tax collection - Regional Government (millions €) ⁹	4,740	5,286	11.5	-	-
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION					
R&D expenditure (millions €) ⁵	4,829	5,375	11.3	22,379	24.0
Universities and public administrations	1,786	1,895	6.1	9,764	19.4
Companies	3,043	3,480	14.4	12,616	27.6
R&D employment ⁵	58,794	60,423	2.8	282,415	21.4
Application for national patents	148	165	11.5	1,296	12.7
EDUCATION					
Total active population (thousands)	4,119	4,201	2.0	24,425	17.2
Illiterates and primary education	230	190	-17.4	1,238	15.3
First stage of secondary education	993	994	0.1	6,415	15.5
Second stage of secondary education	975	1,005	3.1	5,913	17.0
Higher education	1,920.9	2,011.6	4.7	10,859.7	18.5
Early school leaving rate ⁵ (%) ^{*,10}	14.8	13.7	-1.1	13.0	-
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES					
Airports - Passengers totals (thousands)	52,494	58,186	10.8	308,900	18.8
Airport - Goods (tons)	156,831	182,081	16.1	1,280,646	14.2
Port - Goods (thousands of tons)	96,699	101,557	5.0	557,784	18.2
Port - Freight ships (number)	11,190	10,710	-4.3	166,129	6.4
Port - Cruises (number)	861	854	-0.8	4,700	18.2
Port - Ships (thousands of passangers)	5,413	5,528	2.1	40,850	13.5
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* Growth rate in percentage points.

(5) Data referred to the years 2022 and 2023, instead of 2023 and 2024.

(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.

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