

Catalonia statistics

2025

	2024	2025	Growth rate (%)	Spain 2025	Cat/Spain 2025 (%)
TOTAL POPULATION JANUARY 1ST.¹	8,124,126	8,208,894	1.0	49,570,725	16.6
Foreign population ¹	1,522,819	1,580,598	3.8	7,243,561	21.8
EMPLOYED POPULATION	3,827,075	3,914,700	2.3	22,221,100	17.6
UNEMPLOYED POPULATION	373,600	357,000	-4.4	2,608,100	13.7
EMPLOYED BY PRIVATE SECTOR	2,833,050	2,896,725	2.2	15,387,450	18.8
Permanent job	2,537,550	2,600,400	2.5	13,461,925	19.3
Temporary job	295,475	296,300	0.3	1,925,500	15.4
Unemployment rate (unemployed/labor force, %)*	8.9	8.4	-0.5	10.5	-
Employment rate (employed/population +16, %)*	56.1	56.6	0.5	52.8	-
Activity rate (active pop./population + 16, %)*	61.6	61.8	0.2	59.0	-
GDP PER CAPITA (€)²	395,032	40,781	4.5	34,035	119.8
GDP CURRENT PRICES (MILLIONS €)²	317,101	334,765	5.6	1,687,152	19.8
INFLATION RATE ANNUAL AVERAGE (%)³	2.8	2.4	-0.4	2.7	-
WAGE COST PER WORKER AND MONTH (€)	2,482	2,554	2.9	2,377	107.5
FOREIGN TRADE					
Exports of goods (millions €) ³	100,133	100,779	0.6	387,092	26.0
EU-28	59,789	60,290	0.8	233,738	25.8
Rest of the world	40,344	40,489	0.4	153,354	26.4
Imports of goods (millions €) ³	110,753	114,360	3.3	444,146	25.7
EU-28	56,694	60,135	6.1	216,035	27.8
Rest of the world	54,059	54,225	0.3	228,112	23.8
Trade balance (Exp-Imp) (millions €) ³	-10,620	-13,581	27.9	-57,055	23.8
Total number of exporting companies	47,389	45,405	-4.2	127,084	35.7
Number of regular exporting companies ⁴	18,345	18,196	-0.8	53,691	33.9
Number of regular exporting companies >50,000 € ⁴	8,309	8,555	3.0	28,749	29.8
Direct foreign investment (millions €)	5,260	4,510	-14.2	30,764	14.7
Investment abroad (millions €)	7,479	3,437	-54.1	17,298	19.9
NUMBER OF COMPANIES⁵	602,706	610,062	1.2	3,310,824	18.4
1-9 employees	273,658	237,805	-13.1	1,348,909	17.6
10-49 employees	25,257	25,124	-0.5	134,826	18.6
50-199 employees	4,178	4,214	0.9	19,888	21.2
200 or more employees	1,421	1,500	5.6	6,758	22.2
Without employees	298,192	341,419	14.5	1,800,443	19.0
INDUSTRY					
Number of companies ⁵	31,964	31,229	-2.3	172,765	18.1
Number of employees	636,800	659,700	3.6	3,005,500	21.9
CONSTRUCTION					
Number of companies ⁵	67,968	68,134	0.2	389,146	17.5
Number of employees	236,500	249,000	5.3	1,530,000	16.3
Dwellings under construction	20,210	19,315	-4.4	166,426	11.6
New housing stock unsold ⁶	79,721	82,529	3.5	447,691	18.4
Public works tenders (millions €)	4,238	5,465	28.9	33,143	16.5
Free housing price (€/m ²)	2,306	2,536	9.9	2,128	-
Public housing price (€/m ²)	1,213	1,243	2.5	1,189	-
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE					
Number of companies ⁵	98,064	95,847	-2.3	555,871	17.2
Number of employees	523,425	556,200	6.3	3,221,950	17.3

* Growth rate in percentage points.

(1) Data as of January 1 of the following year.

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

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

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

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

(6) Data referred to the years 2023 and 2024, instead of 2024 and 2025.

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

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TOURISM					
Hotels	2,161	2,160	0.0	14,677	14.7
Campsites	191	198	3.7	862	23.0
Rural tourism accomodations	1,806	1,736	-3.9	16,220	10.7
Travellers (thousands)	21,596	22,601	4.7	118,393	19.1
Overnight stays in hotel establishments (thousands)	60,427	60,693	0.4	366,591	16.6
Domestic tourism	16,553	16,750	1.2	121,740	13.8
Foreign tourism	43,874	43,943	0.2	244,851	17.9
Foreign tourism expenditure (milions €)	23,752	24,815	4.5	134,745	18.4
Expenditure by tourist-day-travel (€)	208	217	4.3	193	112.6
FINANCIAL SECTOR					
Number of employees (financial and insurance sector)	76,375	75,450	-1.2	468,900	16.1
Total bank credit (millions €) ⁷	201,664	213,211	5.7	1,255,541	17.0
Public sector	5,765	7,639	32.5	82,368	9.3
Private sector	195,900	205,572	4.9	1,173,173	17.5
Total deposit bank (millions €) ⁷	227,006	241,450	6.4	1,722,464	14.0
PUBLIC SECTOR					
Number of employees	473,550	468,375	-1.1	3,548,775	13.2
Public sector consumption (millions €) ⁸	59,843	63,489	6.1	342,565	18.5
Regional Government debt (millions €) ⁷	89,035	90,082	1.2	341,642	26.4
Tax collection - Central Government (millions €) ⁹	57,194	61,222	7.0	325,356	18.8
Tax collection - Regional Government (millions €) ¹⁰	5,286	5,856	10.8	-	-
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION					
R&D expenditure (millions €) ⁶	5,375	5,487	2.1	23,931	22.9
Universities and public adm.	1,895	2,127	12.2	10,526	20.2
Companies	3,480	3,360	-3.5	13,405	25.1
R&D employment ⁶	60,423	66,008	9.2	295,290	22.4
Application for national patents ¹¹	165	208	26.1	1,450	14.3
EDUCATION					
Total active population (thousands)	4,201	4,272	1.7	24,829	17.2
Illiterates and primary education	190	220	16.2	1,276	17.3
First stage of secondary education	994	958	-3.6	6,402	15.0
Second stage of secondary education	1,005	1,001	-0.4	6,013	16.6
Higher education	2,012	2,092	4.0	11,138	18.8
Early school leaving rate (%) ^{*11}	13.7	13.5	-0.2	12.8	-
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES					
Airports - Passengers totals (thousands)	58,186	61,010	4.9	321,126	19.0
Airport - Goods (tons)	181,699	198,533	9.3	1,354,314	14.7
Port - Goods (thousands of tons)	99,496	96,956	-2.6	541,158	17.9
Port - Freight ships (number)	10,710	10,539	-1.6	162,865	6.5
Port - Cruises (number)	854	957	12.1	5,373	17.8
Port - Ships (thousands of passangers)	5,528	5,917	7.0	42,507	13.9
Port - Cruises (thousands of passangers)	3,792	4,129	8.9	14,106	29.3

* Growth rate in percentage points.

(7) Data referred to december.

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

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

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

(11) Percentatge of young people between 18 and 24 years old, that have left school without finishing secondary education degree.

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