



# SPAIN



## INTRODUCTION

Spain's powerful world empire of the 16th and 17th centuries ultimately yielded command of the seas to England. A peaceful transition to democracy following the death of dictator Francisco FRANCO in 1975, and rapid economic modernization gave Spain a dynamic and rapidly growing economy, and made it a global champion of freedom and human rights.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

King FELIPE VI

### Head of Government

President of the Government (Prime Minister-equivalent) Pedro SANCHEZ Perez-Castejon

### Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

### Capital

Madrid

### Legislature

bicameral General Courts consists of Senate (265 seats) and Congress of Deputies (350 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 505,370 sq km  
Land: 498,980 sq km  
Water: 6,390 sq km

### Climate

temperate; clear, hot summers in interior, more moderate and cloudy along coast; cloudy, cold winters in interior, partly cloudy and cool along coast

### Natural Resources

coal, lignite, iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, uranium, tungsten, mercury, pyrites, magnesite, fluor spar, gypsum, sepiolite, kaolin, potash, hydropower, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

high-income core EU economy; diversified trade portfolio; continental tourism locale; high government spending and debt; prone to political financing corruption; negatively impacted by COVID-19; important port and customs infrastructure; key clothing/footwear supplier

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$1.715 trillion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$36,200 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - textiles, apparel/footwear, food/beverages, metals/metal manufactures, chemicals, shipbuilding, automobiles, machine tools, tourism, clay and refractory products

**Agricultural products** - barley, milk, wheat, olives, grapes, tomatoes, pork, maize, oranges, sugar beets

**Exports** \$392.9 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, refined petroleum, packaged medicines, delivery trucks, clothing/apparel (2019)

**partners:** France 15%, Germany 11%, Portugal 8%, Italy 8%, UK 7%, US 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$373.7 billion (2020 est.)

crude petroleum, cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, natural gas, refined petroleum (2019)

**partners:** Germany 13%, France 11%, China 8%, Italy 7% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

47.3 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.03% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Spanish 84.8%, Moroccan 1.7%, Romanian 1.2%, other 12.3% (2021 est.)

### Language

Castilian Spanish (official nationwide) 74%, Catalan (official in Catalonia, the Balearic Islands, and the Valencian Community) 17%, Galician (official in Galicia) 7%, Basque (official in the Basque Country and in the Basque-speaking area of Navarre) 2%, Aranese (official in the northwest corner of Catalonia (Vall d'Aran) along with Catalan, <5,000 speakers)

### Religion

Roman Catholic 58.2%, atheist 16.2%, agnostic 10.8%, other 2.7%, non-believer 10.5%, unspecified 1.7% (2021 est.)

