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Migration is not a new phenomenon in Catalonia. For the past hundred years, the arrival of immigrants from around Spain has been a constant occurrence, albeit with varying intensity. Migration has always had both direct and indirect repercussions on population growth in Catalonia, just as it has contributed to the country's economic and social progress.

Statistics help us learn about social phenomena. The data allow us to not only quantify, but also evaluate and analyze our own evolution. With a steadfast desire to foster knowledge and comprehension of the phenomenon of migration in Catalonia, coinciding with the exhibition Immigration, Here and Now, we have published this selection of graphs as an aid to understanding the fundamental data.

The information focuses particularly on the most recent wave of migration, one marked by the majority of the immigrants being foreign nationals and by the rapid pace at which it occurred. In 2008, the foreign population has reached over one million inhabitants: the data give us an insight into the profile of this new immigration, the gender, age, places of origin and the influence on natural population movement. Population growth, distribution in the region and social conditions are part of the information included.

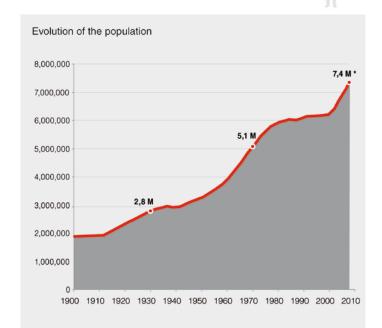
We trust that these data will prove beneficial to the aim of the exhibition: to learn more about immigration, which is to learn more about ourselves.

### **Population growth**

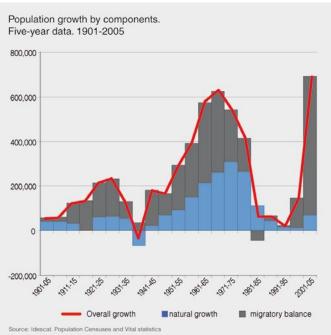
- From 2001-2008, the population of Catalonia underwent one of the largest growth phases in its history.
- Foreign immigration is the main component of the growth currently taking place among the Catalan population.
- In 2008, the number of foreign residents reached over one million inhabitants for the first time.

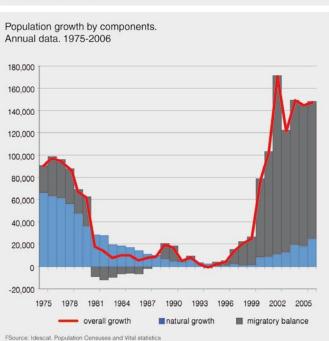
 Foreign nationals currently represent 15% of the resident population in Catalonia

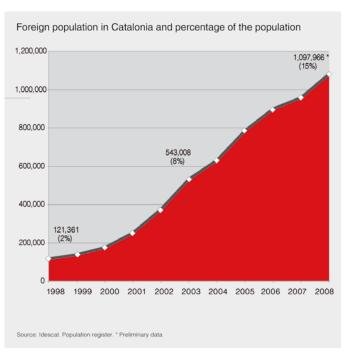
 Catalonia is home to 21% of Spain's total foreign population.

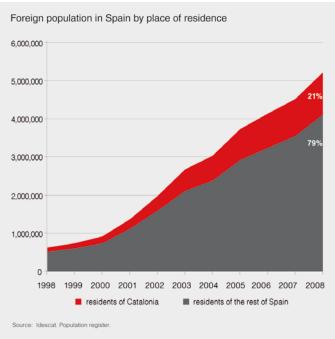


Source: Idescat. Population Censuses and Population register. \* 2008 Preliminary data



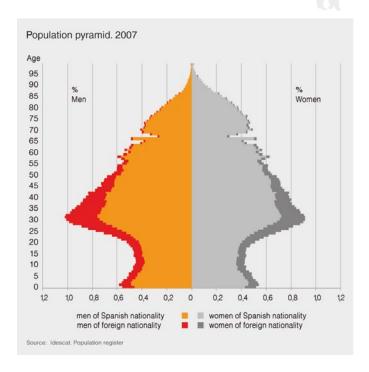


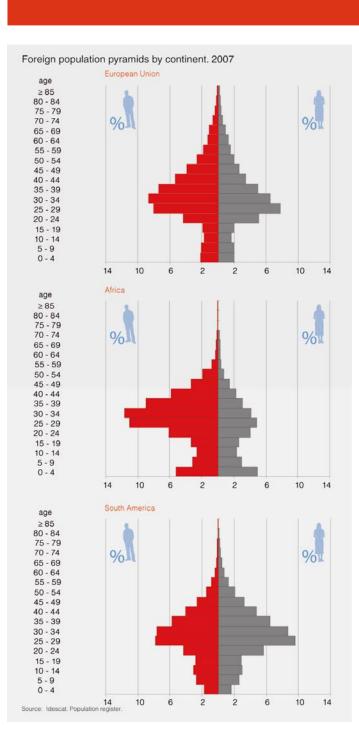


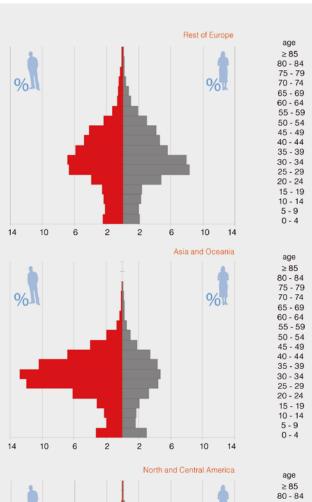


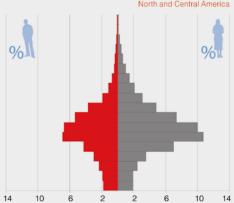
## Gender, age and origin

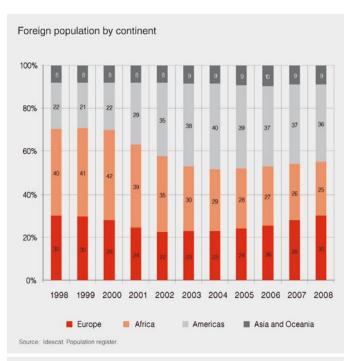
- The foreign population is concentrated in young working adults aged 15 to 44.
- The foreign population is predominantly male. with a ratio of 121 men per 100 women.
- The population originating from Asia and Africa is highly marked by the disproportionate number of men. Conversely, women are the majority among the population originating from South America.
- The Americas are the primary sender of foreign immigrants (36%). Europe is second (30%), while Africa ranks third (25%).
- The nationality most represented is Moroccan, followed by Romanian and Ecuadorian.

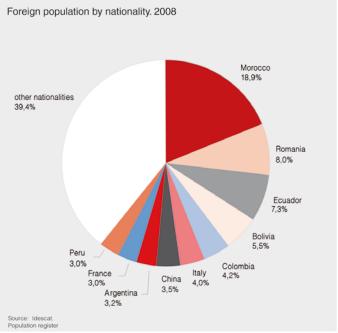










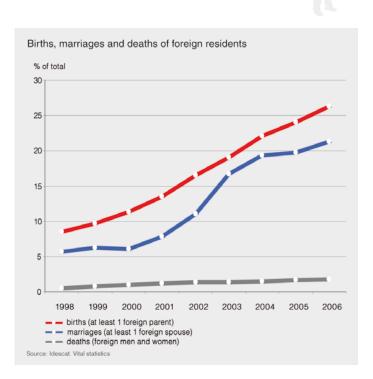


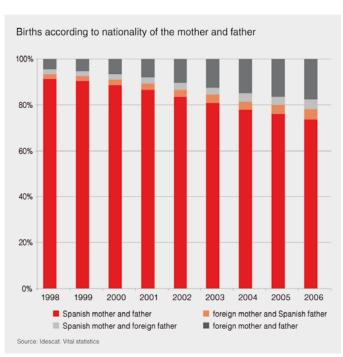
#### Foreign population by nationality. 2008

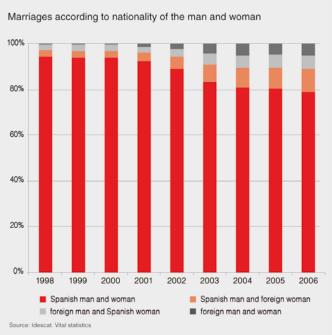
EUROPE	331,347	Cameroon	1,049
Romania	87,899	Egypt	800
Italy	43,678	Guinea-Bissau	779
France	33,459	Tunisia	477
Germany	22,911	Côte d'Ivoire	475
United Kingdom	20,639	Congo-Brazzaville	372
Portugal	15,453	Sierra Leone	196
Ukraine	15,027	Angola	193
Russia	13,837	South Africa	150
Poland	12,956	Cape Verde	79
Bulgaria	11,738	Liberia	71
Netherlands	9,706	Dem. Republic of the Congo	66
Belgium	5,492	Rest of Africa	1,129
Georgia	4,069		
Moldavia	3,851	AMERICAS	390,923
Armenia	3,509	Ecuador	80,350
Switzerland	3,289	Bolivia	60,534
Sweden	2,838	Colombia	46,006
Lithuania	2,509	Argentina	35,023
Slovak Republic	1,977	Peru	32,598
Czech Republic	1,897	Brazil	25,603
Ireland	1,702	Dominican Republic	19,295
Austria	1,501	Chile	16,371
Denmark	1,254	Uruguay	15,938
Greece	1,109	Paraguay	12,030
Byelorussia	1,085	Honduras	11,509
Hungary	998	Venezuela	9,295
Serbia	972	Cuba	8,924
Andorra	894	Mexico	7,286
Finland	748	United States of America	4,883
Norway	665	El Salvador	1,729
Turkey	595	Nicaragua	925
Albania	540	Canada	693
Croatia	489	Guatemala	627
Latvia	472	Panama	506
Bosnia and Herzegovina	427	Costa Rica	465
Iceland	269	Rest of the Americas	333
Slovenia	261		
Estonia	176	ASIA AND OCEANIA	99,950
Macedonia (fmr.Yug.Rep.)	158	China	38,367
Luxembourg	133	Pakistan	28,503
Cyprus	49	India	13,019
Malta	39	Philippines	8,350
Liechtenstein	5	Bangladesh	3,609
Rest of Europe	72	Japan	1,923
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AFRICA	275,746	Korea (Rep. of)	657
Morocco	207,194	Syria	519
Senegal	15,982	Iran	425
Gambia	15,141	Lebanon	389
Algeria	7,709	Australia	382
Mali	6,078	Jordan	247
Nigeria	5,945	Iraq	119
Guinea	4,110	Rest of Asia	2,548
Ghana	4,028	Rest of Oceania	114
Mauritania	2,045		
Equatorial Guinea	1,678		

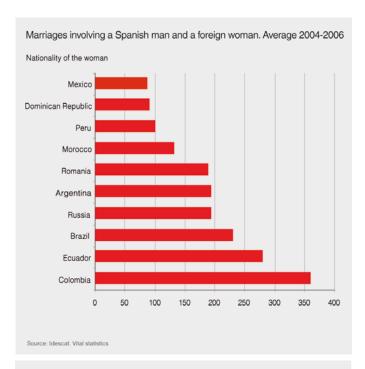
#### **Vital statistics**

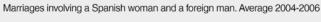
- The foreign population gets married and has children at younger ages.
- The foreign population has made a decisive contribution to the rise in number of births in recent years.
- One in four births corresponds to children of a foreign mother and/or father.
- One in five marriages involves at least one foreign spouse.
- Only 2% of deaths involve foreign residents.

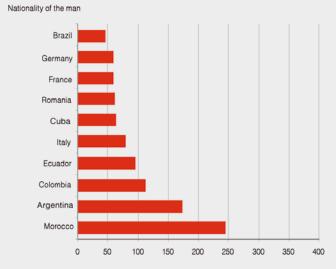




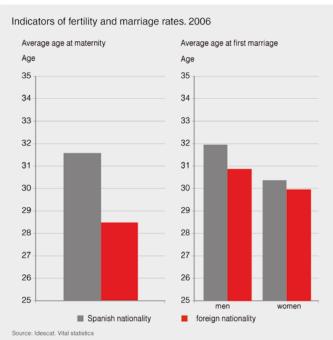


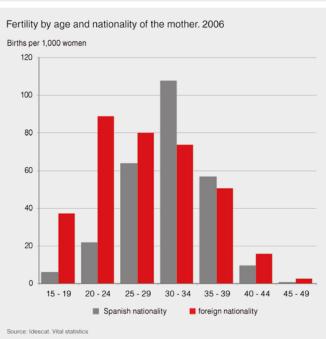






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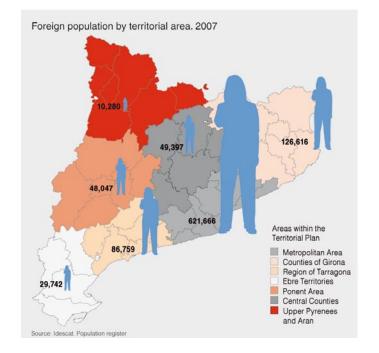




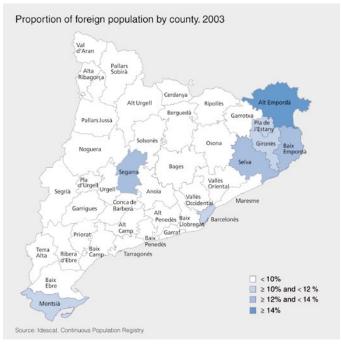
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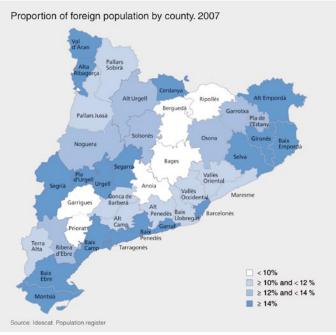
- The Metropolitan Area has the highest concentration of foreign residents: 6 of every 10.
- The percentage of foreign residents has increased throughout Catalonia: the number of counties with more than 10% foreign population went from 8 to 35 between 2003 and 2007.
- Most foreign residents live in municipalities with over 50,000 inhabitants.
- 44% of the Asian population in Catalonia lives in the city of Barcelona.

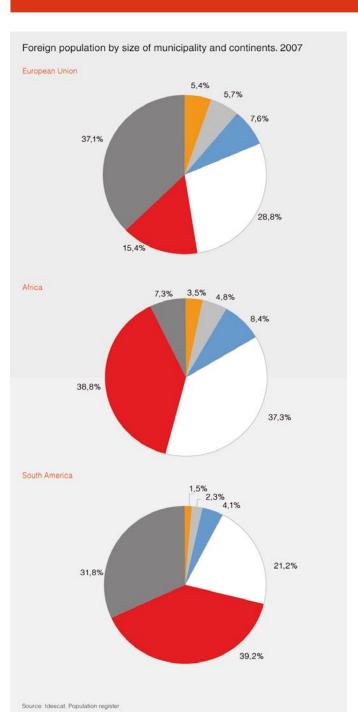
 More than half of the immigrants originating from Africa live in small or medium-sized municipalities.

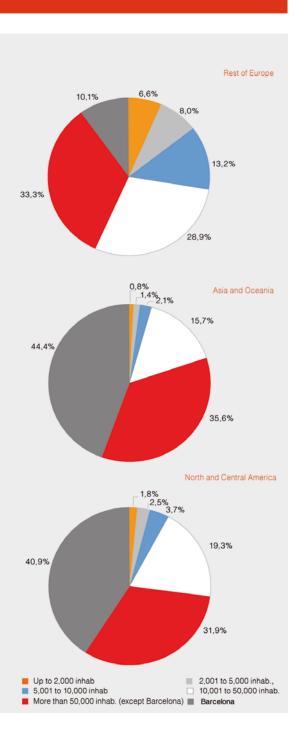






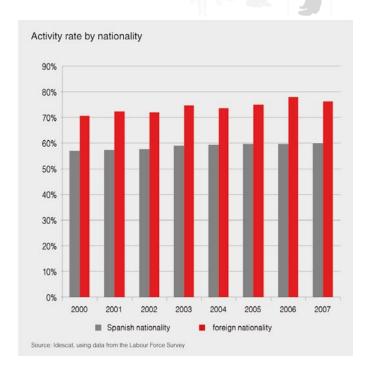


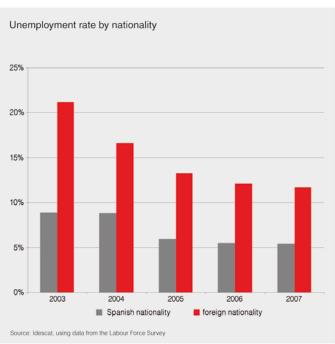


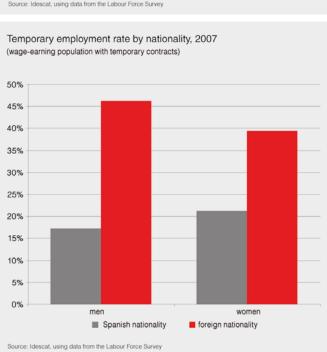


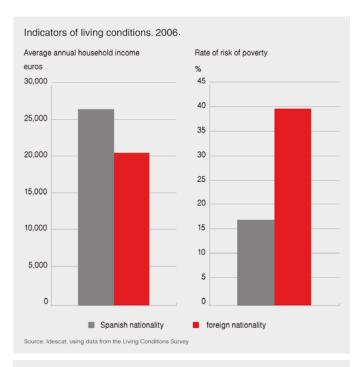
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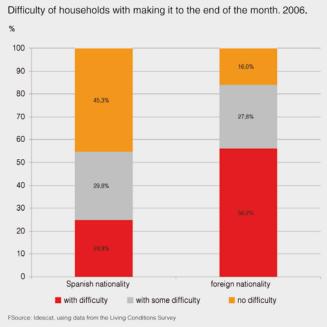
- The immigrant population has high activity rates, near 80%.
- The immigrant population has more job insecurity: more workers with temporary contracts and higher unemployment rates.
- 56% of the households of foreign residents have difficulties making it to the end of the month.
- 40% of the foreign population aged 16 or over is at risk of poverty.
- 15% of non-university students are of foreign nationality.

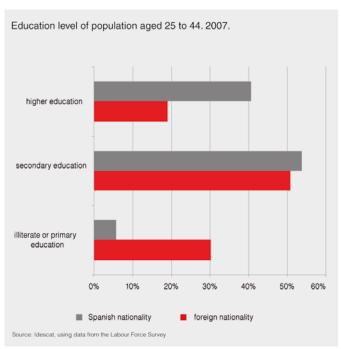


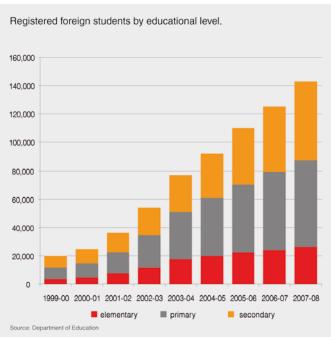


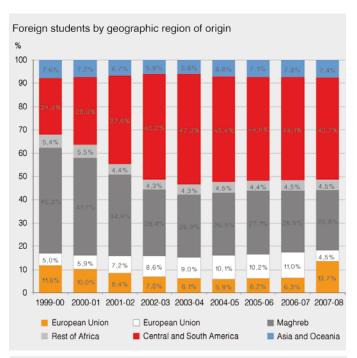


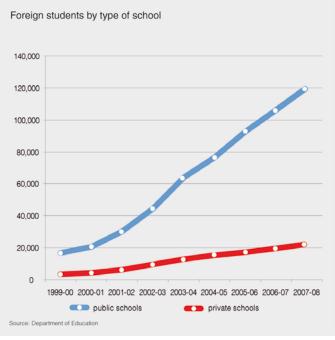












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