# **Spain Immigration Detention Data Profile**



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Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2018)	7,855
Detained asylum seekers (2016)	769
Detained minors (2018)	93
Persons expelled (2018)	12,560
International migrants (2019)	6,104,203
New asylum applications (2019)	118,252
Number of immigration detainees on a given day (2020)	0

### **NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE**

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <a href="https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/europe/spain">https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/europe/spain</a>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

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### **STATISTICS**

**Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics** 

	id incarceration st	Observation Date			Observation Date
	7,855	2018		Morocco, Algeria,	
	8,814	2017		Guinea, Senegal, Gambia	2018
	7,597	2016		Algeria, Morocco,	
	6,930	2015		Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Gambia	2017
Total number of	7,286	2014	Top nationalities of		
immigration detainees by year	9,020	2013	detainees		
	11,325	2012			
	13,241	2011			
	11,915	2010			
	17,203	2009			
	769	2016		93	2018
Number of detained			Total number of	48	2017
asylum seekers			detained minors	51	2016
				19	2015
	78,280	2018		0.12	2015
	44,625	2017		0.14	2013
	37,295	2016		0.19	2010
Number of apprehensions of non-	42,605	2015	Immigration detainees as a percentage of total		
citizens	47,885	2014	international migrant population		
	46,195	2013			
	52,485	2012			
	68,825	2011			
	8	2015		866	2019
Number of dedicated long-term immigration	7	2012	Estimated capacity of dedicated long-term	1,589	2018
detention centres			immigration detention centres	1,472	2016
	30.11.02		2,548	2012	
	3	2012		12,560	2018
				10,785	2017
				61,538	2016
Number of ad hoc			Number of persons removed/returned	13,315	2015
facilities			(voluntary returns and deportations)	15,150	2014
				17,285	2013
				18,865	2012
				23,350	2011

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	11,730	2018		35.9	2014
Number of	9,470	2017	Percentage of persons removed in relation to		
deportations/forced returns only	9,280	2016	total number of people placed in removal		
returns only	10,960	2015	procedures		
	12,295	2014			
Criminal prison	60,420	2017	Percentage of foreign	28.4	2017
population			prisoners	31.2	2013
Prison population rate	130	2017			
(per 100,000 of national population)	144	2013			
Demographics and immi	igration-related sta	atistics			
		Observation Date			<b>Observation Date</b>
	46,800,000	2020		6,104,203	2019
	46,572,030	2017		5,947,000	2017
Population	46,122,000	2015	International migrants	5,853,000	2015
	46,800,000	2012		6,466,600	2013
	40,300,000	2000		6,280,000	2010
International migrants	12.8	2017	Estimated number of	400,000 - 700,000	2012
as a percentage of the population	12.7	2015	undocumented migrants		
population	13.8	2013	inigrants		
	57,751	2019		0.28	2016
	20,457	2018		0.13	2014
	17,561	2017		0.1	2012
Refugees	12,943	2016	Ratio of refugees per	0.1	2011
1101019000	6,457	2015	1000 inhabitants		
	4,637	2014			
	5,698	2014			
	4,510	2012			
	118,252	2019		10.6	2014
	117,800	2019			
	55,570	2018			
Table of a	16,493	2016	B. f		
Total number of new asylum applications	5,900	2014	Refugee recognition rate		
	5,947	2014			
	4,510	2013			
	2,579	2012			
	2,580	2012			

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	2,455	2018
	1,596	2017
Stateless persons	1,011	2016
	440	2015
	270	2014

DOMESTIC LAW						
LEGAL TRADITION						
Legal tradition		Name		Observati	on Date	
Legal tradition		Civil law		201	3	
LAWS AND REGULATIONS						
Constitutional	Yes/No	Constitution and Articles		Year Adopted	Last Year A	Amended
guarantees?	Yes	Constitución Española, Article	17	1978	201	.1
LAWS AND REGULATIONS						
		Name			Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Ley Orgánica 2/2009, de 11 de diciembre, de reforma de la Ley Orgánica 4/2000, de 11 de enero, sobre derechos y libertades de los extranjeros en España y su integración social, (Organic Law 2/2009, of 11 December, amending Organic Law 4/2000 of 11 January, on the rights and liberties of foreign persons in Spain and their social integration)					
Core pieces of national legislation	7/2011, de 20 de abril, por el que se 000, sobre derechos y libertades de al, tras su reforma por Ley Orgánica ulation of Organic Law 4/2000 of 11 ons in Spain and their social integra 2/2009)	los exti 2/2009 January	ranjeros en España y su (Royal Decree 557/2011, c , on the rights and libertie:	of 2011		
	Circular 6/2014, de la Dirección General de la Policía-Comisaría General de Extranjería y Fronteras, de 11 de julio de 2014. Criterios para solicitar el ingreso de ciudadanos extranjeros en Centros de Internamiento (Circular 6/2014 establishing certain criteria for detention in CIE to proceed)			2014		
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LAWS AND REGULATIONS						
		Name		Year Adopted	Last Year Amended	
	Código Per	nal y legislación complementaria		1995	2016	
Additional legislation	Real Decreto 162/2014, de 14 funcionamiento y régimen inte (Royal Decree 162/2014 of internal regim	xtranjeros,	2014			
	Organic Law 1/1992, o	on Protection of Public Safety (articles 9-1	.1)		2013	
	subsidiaria, (Asylum Law 12/20	e, reguladora del derecho de asilo y de la 109 of 30 October, regulating the right to subsidiary protection)			2014	
		de marzo, de protección de la seguridad c on the protection of citizen security)	iudadana	2015		
LAWS AND REGULATIONS						
		Name			Year Published	
Regulations, standards, guidelines	Protocolo Marco sobre deteri	minadas actuaciones en relación con los l Acompañados.	Menores Ext	ranjeros No	2014	
	Protocolo Marco o	le Protección de Víctimas de Trata de Ser	es Humanos	3	2011	
GROUNDS FOR ADMINIST	RATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELAT	ED DETENTION				
		Name		Observati	on Date	
	Detention to preven	t unauthorised entry at the border		2009		
	Detention for	unauthorised entry or stay		2009		
Immigration-status- related grounds	Detention	n to prevent absconding		2009		
	Detention for failing to	o respect a voluntary removal order		2009		
	Detent	ion to effect removal		2009		
	Detentio	n for unauthorised exit		200	9	
GROUNDS FOR ADMINIST	RATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELAT	ED DETENTION				
Non-immigration- status-related grounds providing for		Name		Observatio	n Date	
administrative detention in immigration legislation.	Detention on public o	2009	)			
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMM	IIGRATION-RELATED OFFENC	ES				
Does the country provide specific criminal penalties for	Fines Incarceration			Observation Date		
immigration-related violations?	Yes	2009				
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMM	IIGRATION-RELATED OFFENC	ES				
Has the country decriminalized	Has the country decrir	ninalized immigration-related violati	ons?	Observ	ation Date	
immigration-related violations?		No			2009	

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LENGTH OF DETENTION							
Maximum length for							
administrative	Number of Days		Observation Date				
immigration detention in law.	60				20	009	
LENGTH OF DETENTION							
Maximum length of time in custody prior to	Number of Days				Observa	tion Date	
issuance of a detention order	3				20	013	
LENGTH OF DETENTION							
	Number of Days				Observa	tion Date	
Average length of	26				20	18	
detention	24				20	)16	
	18				20	011	
LENGTH OF DETENTION							
Maximum length of	Number of Days		Observation Date				
detention for asylum- seekers	10		2013				
PROCEDURAL STANDARDS	5						
	Name		In	Law	In Practic	e Observation Date	
	Information to detainees			Yes	No	2015	
	Right to legal counsel			Yes		2009	
Provision of basic	Access to free interpretation servic	es		Yes		2009	
procedural standards	Access to consular assistance			Yes		2009	
	Independent review of detention			Yes		2009	
	Complaints mechanism regarding detention	conditions		Yes		2009	
	Access to asylum procedures			Yes		2009	
NON-CUSTODIAL MEASURES (ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION)							
	Name	In Law		In F	Practice	Observation Date	
	Designated non-secure housing				Yes	2020	
	Registration (deposit of documents)	Yes		Yes		2014	
Types of non-custodial measures	Release on bail	No			No	2014	
measures	Electronic monitoring	No			No	2014	
	Electronic monitoring			infrequently		2013	
	Supervised release and/or reporting	Yes		infre	equently	2013	

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VULNERABLE PERSONS						
	Name	In Law		In Practice	Observation Date	
	Accompanied minors	Provided	d	No	2020	
	Unaccompanied minors	Prohibited		No	2015	
Is the detention of vulnerable persons	Unaccompanied minors	Prohibite	d	No	2013	
provided in law? Are	Accompanied minors	Provided	i l	Yes	2013	
they detained in practice?	Asylum seekers			No	2013	
	Pregnant women			Yes	2013	
	Refugees			No	2013	
	Stateless persons	Not mentio	ned	Yes	2013	
MANDATORY DETENTION						
	Filter	Naı	me Observation Date			
Mandatory detention	No			2016		
	No	N	0		2013	
EXPEDITED REMOVAL ANI	O RE-ENTRY BAN					
Expedited/fast track	Name		Observation Date			
removal	Yes		2015			
EXPEDITED REMOVAL AND RE-ENTRY BAN						
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Re-entry ban	Yes		2013			

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	Update Status	Observation Date
	In October, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) issued a ruling on a deportation case in Spain that would limit the country's ability to enforce removal decisions in certain cases based on provisions of the EU Return Directive. The court in Spain's Castilla-La Mancha region had asked the CJEU whether authorities could rely on provisions in the Directive to effect a removal in lieu of the more stringent requirements provided in Spain la law, which requires the existence of aggravating icrumstances—in addition to irregular status—to justify the procedure. The CJEU tound that the court had to rely on the provisions of the national law in the particular case and not the Directive. According to the CJEU, the national authority cannot rely on a "deportation order" to exple a migrant in an irregular situation if national law imposes a fine or only provides for return when there are serious violations. In consequence, the ruling obliges the government to apply the Spanish Immigration Law, which imposes a fine in cases of irregular stay and only contemplates the explusion of foreigners in an irregular situation when there are aggravating circumstances. In 2019, the Spanish Ministry of the Interior expelled 4,677 people from the country and returned a further 6,476 to their countries of origin. According to Eurostain State of the country and returned a further 6,476 to their countries of origin. According to Eurostain State of the country and returned a further 6,476 to their countries of origin, According to Eurostain State of the country and returned a further 6,476 to their countries of origin. According to Eurostain State of the country and returned a further 6,476 to their countries of origin, According to Eurostain State of the country and returned a further 6,476 to their countries of origin, according to Eurostain State of the country and returned a further 6,476 to their countries of origin, according to Eurostain State of the exploration of the according to Eurostain State State State State State	2020
	While migrant arrivals to Mainland Spain have decreased this year, the number of migrants and asylum seekers arriving in the Canary Islands has significantly increased. According to UNHCR, as of 18 October 24,259 arrivals had been registered in Spain, of whom 9,199 were registered in the Canary Islands. (In all of 2019, 2,698 migrants arrived in the Canaries.) This shift appears to have been spurred by Morocco's efforts to block routes to the north of the country (and thus prevent irregular boat journeys to southern Spain) and the economic repercussions of the pandemic pushing greater numbers to move. According to the 100M Missing Migrants Project, the irregular maritime route to the Canaries has been the most dangerous in the European region so far this year. During january-July 2020, one death was recorded for approximately every 20 arrivals. Most recently, more than 100 migrants were feared dead after an explosion sank a fishing boat attempting the route from Senegal. The surge in arrivals—in addition to COVID-related deportation flight cancellations and Spain's refunctance to transfer migrants to the mainland—has led to growing migratory pressure on the Islands. A representative of the Spanish Commission to Help Refugees said, "Blocking people from leaving the Canaries has turned the Islands into an open-air prison," According to observers, reception facilities on the islands are full, and non-nationals have en jaced in churches, schools, and makeshift accommodation at docks and ports. In October, ECRE reported that more than 1,000 migrants and asylum seekers were staying at Arguineguin Pier (Gran Canaria), where initial registration and health checks (including COVID-19 tests) are carried out. Most were residing in tents provided by the Red Cross, but approximately 200 were forced to sleep in the open. Local media reports have suggested as a ship to provide additional initial accommodation. Spanish nevershapers have also reported that authorities a ship to provide additional initial accommodation. Spanish	2020
	In Melilla, more than 1,400 refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants-including 150 women and 143 children-have again been confined in the enclave's overcrowded CETI (Center for Temporary Stay of Immigrants) following a Covid-19 diagnosis. On 21 August, the facility was closed with no-one permitted to enter or exit-despite a judge's decision on 24 August to overturn the government's closure of this nominally open facility. As observers have highlighted since the start of the pandemic, conditions inside the centre are extremely unhealthy, with detaines or practice social distancing or implement recommended sanitation measures (for more on conditions in CETIs, see our 15 May update). This, combined with the news that a detainee had tested positive for the virus, prompted rising fears amongst the centre's confined population, and on 25 August some of the centre's detainees or constructed peaceful protests in which they requested transfers to the maintand. In response however, ricit police fired rubber bullets and tear gas on the protestors. According to Solidary Wheels, an independent group present in Melilla, several protestors were injured and 33 were arrested and had their phones confiscated. The government's spokesman also announced that as punishment, those arrested would not be transferred to the maintand. With the CETI operating beyond its capacity, hundreds of non-nationals in Melilla have been placed in improvised spaces such as the city's bullinging, which were also closed on 21 August. However, according to Amnesty international the conditions in the balling, and urged authorities to find alternative forms of accommodation of those held inside. According to Solidary Wheels, when new arrivals were placed in international provisions and the conditions in the facility, and urged authorities to find alternative forms of accommodation of those held inside. According to Solidary Wheels, when new arrivals the solidary wheels are according to solidary wheels, when new arrivals to solidary wheels, and the provision	2020
	Responding to the Global Detention Project's Covid-19 survey, the Permanent Observatory for Immigration, part of the Ministry of Labour and Immigration, and acting as European Migration Network (EMN) contact, reported that no moratorium on new immigration detention orders was established, but that immigration in Spain's immigration detention or this platform; EMN Spain said that when persons were released from immigration detention, authorities verified for the detainee had access to support, either from their families or NGOs. People who are detained in police facilities for entering the territory irregularly and subsequently released are given specific quarantine orders and are tested for Covid-19 soil that Milling parts arriving irregularly into the country are tested for Covid-19 and placed in quarantine.	2020
Latest Update	After the release of immigration detainees from detention centres (Centros de Internamiento de Extranjeros or CIEs), there has been considerable discussion on the future of the country's detention policies. The Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucia (APDH) reports that "since (CEIs have been closed and detainees released, no catastrophe has ensued" and the organisation unged the country not to re-open the centres. In addition, Spanish policie have conceded that it will be difficult to re-detain people released from immigration detention after the Cody-19 crisis recedes (see 26 May Spain update on this piatform). Lavanguardia has reported since the closure of CIEs in Spain, departure points of boats carrying migrants have been changed as Moroccow as maintainement of its population, making it hard for boats to leave. Boats are currently leaving from Algeria and arriving in Almera, Murcia, and Baleares. While at the end of 2018, the Spanish ormbustamish ormbustamish combustamish or the 7.85 people detained in Spains' CIE, 2,801 were Moroccan nationals are a cataloguary of the	2020
	Spain's decision to temporarily shut its "foreigner internment centres" (CIEs)which were empty as of 6 Mayin response to the Covid-19 crisis has raised questions about the treatment of released detainees. In late March the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security, and Migration announced that it would work in coordination with the Inmigration and Border police to accommodate all those released from CIEs. As of 20 March, the CIE in March and Some were released to the 40 detainment where more textured to their current of the Inmigration and some were released receives. Those who were not returned home were directed to social securities. The summer of the CIE of t	2020
	For the first time in its history, Spain reported that its long-term immigration detention centres—Centros de Internamiento de Extranjeros—were emptied, a result of measures implemented in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The final four detainees were released on 5-6 May from the Algeciras detention centre. The Interior Ministry had been progressively releasing detainees for the past 50 days due to the border closures, flights being suspended, and Spanish legislation prohibiting detention of over 60 days prior to deportation. The Campaña Por el Cierro de los Centros de Internamiento para Extranjeros celebrated the release but highlighted that detainees were left without support or place of residence, and were not referred to reception centres. As the Global Detention Project reports in its new report on Spain, published today, despite Spain's quick and progressive response to the Covid crisis, "enormous questions remain, including what it so happen to these facilities if it the crisis eventually passes, how are former detainees being care for, and what is being done to protect the thousands of people stranded in Spain's Moroccan enclaves, where nominally open' reception centres were placed under lockdown." (See: https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/europe/spain) Temporary Stay Centres (Centros de Estancia Temporal de Inmigrantes, 'CETIS') in the enclaves of Meilila and Ceuta remain open and have been placed under lockdown, effectively turning the nominally "open' centres into detention sites. On 17 April, it was reported that 1,650 persons were detained in the Meilila CETI for a total Grid 782 places, thus running at more than 200 percent of its capacity. Usually, perdict transfers to the peninsula would be undertaken to allevised overcrowding, but due to the state of emergency, these have been suspended. 57 asylum seekers are also being held in Meilila in a temporary 'shelter' made up of tents. A complaint has been lodged before the Spanish State Attorney General by lawyers perpesenting the asylu	2020
	Spain's Defensor del Pueblo (Ombudsman) released a statement on 17 April that expressed concern about the overpopulation at detention centres in Ceuta and Melilia (called "Centros de estancia temporal para inmigrantes"). The Ombudsman highlighted the plight of children at these facilities, as reports indicate that a large number of them are held there. The Ombudsman office also reported that it is monitoring the situation in the country's prisons to ensure that adequate measures are being implemented to protect the health of prisoners and staff. As of 11 April 2020, Sp prisoners had tested positive for Covid-19. However, prison staff have reported that figures may be much higher given the lack of testing. The Ministry of the Interior released responses to FAQ's as regards asylum applications. At the moment, it is not possible to apply for asylum given that applications have to be made in person and facilities are currently closed. However, the Ministry has stated that the principle of non-refoulement remains guaranteed protection. In addition, temporary documentation held by asylum seekers, expiring during the state of emergency, is automatically extended until the end of the latter, Issuit Refugee Service-Spain (RS) reported that by the end of March 2020, the country's ClEs were at 10 percent of their total capacity. On 9 April 2020, only 3 detainees remained at the Algeciras ClE. These detainees were not released due to their criminal records and their detention was extended until mid-May, IRS also reported that between 15 March - 15 April, 829 people entered Spain irregularly, by land and by sea. 551 arrived at the Canary Islands, 1941 to the Peninsula and the Balearic Islands, 83 arrived at Mellia and 1 to Ceuta.	2020
	Spain was one of the first countries in Europe to release immigration detainees amidst the Covid-19 crisis, to date. However the GDP has found little information detailing the situation that released detainees now face, or the level of support that they are receiving. As flights were grounded and movement halted, it was quickly apparent that expulsion would no longer be possible, prompting Francisco Fernández Marugán, the Spanish Ombudsman, to comment on 19 March that in these circumstances, "Immigration detention contents given that returns could not longer be undertaken; and the Interior Ministry advised that detainees who cannot be deported or who have been detained for longer than the maximum period (60 days) should be released. Eligith detainees were released from Valencia CE on 15 March, while the Barcelona CIE was temporarily shut and all detainees released. Detainees were also released from Malche, Tarife, and Madrid CIE; but reports indicate that many detainees remain in the Madrid facility. On 20 March 2020, the Spanish government adopted measures that guarantee that migrants and refugees in the country may benefit from the country system. The Secretary of State for Migration has temporarily suspended the requirement to have a valid residence permit in order to receive aid from the state, where renewing the permit is impossible. On 30 March, riots broke out in several prisons in Valencia, including Villena, Fontcalent and Picassent prisons. Prisoners were protesting against the suspension of visits. The Picassent prison houses 2,000 prisoners, many of whom reportedly suffer from chronic health conditions or are immunodeficient. On 1 April 2020, a Judge ordered the release of all detainees in the Las Palmas CIE after several detainees contracting Covid-19. This messaure was adopted due to the conditions of overcrowding and the impossibility of maintaining distance between detainees in the canary Islands were closed and no detainees remain. There are still 22 persons in CIE; to in a valence of the priso	2020

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Relevant international treaties and date of ratification						
	Name	Ratification Year				
	OP ICESCR, Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	2010				
	OP CRC Communications Procedure	2013				
	ICPED, International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	2009				
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2007				
	OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2006				
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	2002				
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2002				
International treaties	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons	1997				
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1990				
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	1987				
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1984				
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1978				
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1978				
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1977				
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1977				
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1970				
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1968				
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	17/19					
Relevant international tre	eaties and date of ratification					
	Name	Acceptance Year				
	CAT, declaration under article 22 of the Convention	2013				
	CRC, [Third] Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child establishing a communications procedure, 2011	2013				
Individual complaints procedure	ICESCR, Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2008	2010				
procedure	CRPD, Optional Protocol to o the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2007				
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999	2001				
	ICERD, declaration under article 14 of the Convention	1998				
	ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966	1985				

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Relevant international treaties and date of ratification					
	Number	Observation Date			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	7 / 8				
	7 / 8				

#### Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Case Details	Observation Date
Treaty bodies decisions on individual complaints	Committee on the Rights of the Child	N.B.F v. Spain Num. 11/2017, individual communication concerning the age assessment procedure of an unaccompanied minor in Spain and subsequent placement in immigration detention	2018

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### Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year
	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	40. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt specific measures to promote the social integration of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, in order to ensure their enjoyment of their economic, social and cultural rights, in particular access to employment, education, housing and health. The Committee also urges the State party to step up its efforts to ensure adequate living conditions for migrants and asylum seekers in temporary migrant reception centres in Ceuta and Melilla.	2018
	Committee on the Rights of the Child	43. [] The Committee urges the State party to: [] (c). Establish adequate reception facilities for children, principally in the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla and for those children arriving in Andalusia by sea, with specialized legal assistance, adequately trained interpreters and child-friendly services and expedite the processing and transfer of asylumseeking children and their families []; (e) Build the capacity of border guards and relevant professionals to adequately identify children and their specific protection needs, taking into account their age, gender and diversity, and ensure a swift transfer too adequate reception centres.	2018
Relevant	Human Rights Committee	15. [] The State party should adopt all necessary measures to avoid the persistent use of detention for asylum seekers, and ensure that the detention of foreigners is always reasonable, necessary and proportionate, in the light of their individual circumstances, and that detention is resorted to for the shortest period possible and only where existing alternatives have been duly considered and deemed inappropriate. It should also take all necessary measures to ensure that all complaints of torture or ill-treatment are investigated promptly, thoroughly and independently and that those responsible are brought to justice. 16. [] The State party should ensure that sanitary facilities are available in all centres, in accordance with article 10 of the Covenant and the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.	2015
recommendations issued by treaty bodies	Committee against Torture	16. As a matter of urgency the State party should step up its efforts to reduce overcrowding in temporary migrant holding centres and take all necessary measures to improve the material condition of the facilities there, particularly those designed for people with special needs such as single women and women with children. It should also ensure the physical and psychological integrity of all individuals in those centres. The Committee also encourages the State party to facilitate oversight activities by NGOs in the centres.	2015
	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Amend those provisions of Circular No. 1/2010 that could be interpreted as allowing indiscriminate detention and the restriction of the rights of foreign citizens in Spain. Guarantee the protection of the basic rights of migrants who have left a migrant holding centre pending expulsion proceedings, and guarantee their judicial protection and access to effective remedies, including the right to appeal against an expulsion order. Draw up regulations for the migrant holding centres, in order to harmonize the way in which they operate and thus ensure that persons detained in such centres have access to adequate living conditions, information, legal aid and medical care, and also that non-governmental organizations offering support have access to such centres.	2011
	Committee on the Rights of the Child	Take all necessary measures to prevent irregular procedures in the expulsion of unaccompanied children. Establish child-friendly reception centres for children, with effective mechanisms to receive and address complaints from children in custody, and effectively investigate reported cases of ill-treatment of children.	2010
	Human Rights Committee	Ensure the decision-making process in matters concerning the detention and expulsion of foreigners complies fully with the procedure set out by law, and that humanitarian reasons can always be invoked in asylum proceedings. Ensure that every unaccompanied child receives free legal assistance for the duration of the administrative proceedings, and, more generally, the expulsion proceedings. Take into account the best interests of the child in any such proceedings. Establish a monitoring mechanism for the reception centres to ensure that minors are not subjected to abuse.	2009

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	Name	Name							
	CPCSE, Convention on the Protection of Children again Sexual Abuse	nst Sexual Exploitation and	2010						
	ECHR, Convention for the Protection of Human Rights (commonly known as the European Convention		1979						
	ECHRP7, Protocol 7 to the European Convention on H protocol 11)	2009							
Regional legal instruments	ECHRP1, Protocol 1 to the European Convention on H protocol 11)	1990							
	ECHRP12, Protocol 12 to the European Convent	2008							
	ECPT, European Convention for the Prevention of Tortur Treatment of Punishment	1989							
	CATHB, Convention on Action against Trafficki	2009							
	ECCF, European Convention on Consul	1987							
	Procedures Directive	Procedures Directive							
	Reception Directive	Reception Directive							
	Return Directive		2009						
ional treaties, regu	ations, and directives								
	Name	Reservat	tion Year						
Regional treaty reservations	ECHR Article 5	20	07						
	ECHR Article 6	20	07						

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### Regional treaties, regulations, and directives

	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year	Observation Date
	European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)	Ill-treatment: ensure prompt investigations of allegations; remind law enforcement officials that any form of ill-treatment of detainees – whether physical or verbal – is unacceptable and will be the subject of severe penalties; keep records of instances of ill-treatment to be transmitted to the relevant authorities; medical examination of persons returned to detention after an abortive deportation operation; staff in CIEs to address detainees by their names and not detention numbers.	2013	2013
Recommendations issued by regional human rights mechanisms	European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)	Conditions of detention: reduce occupancy rates to a minimum of 4m² living space per detainee; equip every cell with a table and some chairs and a wash basin; adapt the provision of food to cultural specificities; ensure sufficient products for personal hygiene and that of the cells; ensure ready access to a proper toilet facility at all times, including at night; introduce a range of purposeful activities; ensure the presence of nursing staff in light of the size of the detainee population; medical examinations to be conducted out of the hearing and – unless the doctor concerned requests otherwise in a particular case – out of the sight of non-medical staff; provide psychological and psychiatric assistance; staff should not carry truncheons openly within the detention centre; visiting rooms should be child-friendly and enable detainees to meet openly with family and friends; visiting time should be increased to at least one hour every week.	2013	2013
	European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)	Either improve significantly the conditions of detention, including through the provision of an outdoor exercise yard, or ensure that nobody is detained longer than 24 hours at the detention area for foreigners at Barajas International Airport.	2011	2011

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Bilateral/Multilateral agr	eements linked to readmissions
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Bilateral/multilateral agreements linked to readmission

Name	Year in Force	Observation Date				
Algeria	2004	2017				
Algeria	2012	2017				
Albania	2011	2017				
Bulgaria	1999	2017				
Brazil	2011	2017				
Cameroon	2011	2017				
Croatia	2011	2017				
Cape Verde	2008	2017				
Turkey	2009	2017				
Estonia	2000	2017				
France	2003	2017				
Gambia	2008	2017				
Guinea	2007	2017				
Guinea-Bissau	2008	2017				
ltaly	2001	2017				
Latvia	2000	2017				
Lithuania	2000	2017				
Macedonia	2006	2017				
Mali	2009	2017				
Mauritania	2003	2017				
Morocco	2012	2017				
Poland	2004	2017				
Portugal	1995	2017				
Russian Federation	2011	2017				
Senegal	2008	2017				
Serbia	2011	2017				
Slovakia	1999	2017				
Switzerland	2005	2017				
Bulgaria	1995	2017				
France	1989	2017				
Romania	1997	2017				
Niger	2008	2008				
Albania (EU agreement)	2006	2006				
Colombia	2002	2002				

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Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms												
Visits by special Name Year of Visit Observ												
procedures of the Human Rights Council	2013											
Non treaty-based interna	tional human rights mechanisms											
Relevant	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observ	ation Date								
recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic	No	2017										
Review	Yes	2015		2017								

INSTITUTIONAL IN	DICATORS						
Governing structures							
Federal or centralized	Federal (	or central	ized governing system			Obser	vation Date
governing system		Fede	ral system				2013
Governing structures							
Centralized or decentralized	Centralized	or decen	tralized immigration auth	nority		Obs	servation Date
immigration authority	(	Centralized	immigration authority				2013
Institutions responsible f	or immigration deter	ntion					
	Agency		Ministry	Minis	stry T	ypology	Observation Date
	Cuerpo Nacional de	Policía	Ministerio del Interior	Interior	or Ho	me Affairs	2013
	Cuerpo Nacional de	Policía	Ministerio del Interior	Interior	or Ho	me Affairs	2012
Custodial authority	Cuerpo Nacional de	Policía	Ministerio del Interior	Interior	or Ho	me Affairs	2011
	Cuerpo Nacional de	Policía	Ministerio del Interior	Interior	or Ho	me Affairs	2009
	Cuerpo Nacional de	Policía	Ministerio del Interior	Interior	or Ho	me Affairs	2008
	Cuerpo Nacional de	Policía	Ministerio del Interior	Interior	or Ho	me Affairs	2007
Institutions responsible f	or immigration deter	ntion					
	Name	Agency	N	linistry			Observation D
Apprehending authorities	National police	Police					2016
	National Police Force	Police	Ministry of In	terior (Hom	ne Affa	airs)	2011

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Institutions	esponsibl	e for imm	igration d	etention											
					Entity	Name				E	ntity 1	уре	Observ	ation D	ate
			U	nidad Cent	ral de Expu	lsiones y F	Repatriacion	nes		G	overnm	ental		2016	
			Central L	Init for Exp	ulsion and F	Repatriatio	n, Ministry	of Inte	rior	G	overnm	ental		2013	
			Mini	G	overnm	ental		2013							
Detention Manage				Comisión (	G	overnm	ental		2013						
J			Mini	G	overnm	ental		2012							
			Mini	sterio del I	nterior/Dire	ccion Gen	eral de la P	olicia		G	overnm	ental		2011	
			Mini	sterio del I	nterior/Dire	ccion Gen	eral de la P	olicia		G	overnm	ental		2009	
			Mini	sterio del I	nterior/Dire	ccion Gen	eral de la P	olicia		G	overnm	ental		2007	
Institutions I	esponsibl	e for imm	igration d	etention											
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				Yes		De	edicated im	ımigrati	on dete	ntion fa	cilities			2013	
Institutions I	esponsibl	e for imm	igration o	etention											
Types of detention facilities used in practice	Immigration detention centre (Administrative)	Immigration field office (Administrative)	Transit centre (Administrative)	Reception centre (Administrative)	Offshore detention centre (Administrative)	Hospital (Administrative)	Border guard (Administrative)	Police station (Criminal)	National penitentiary (Criminal)	Local prison (Criminal)	Juvenile detention centre (Criminal)	Informal camp (Ad hoc)	Immigration detention centre (Ad hoc)	(Ad I hoc)	ervation Date 2015 2015
Detention m	onitoring i	institutio	าร												2013
			Inst	itution			Ir	nstituti	on Typ	e			Observation Date		
			uropean Co Prevention			International or Regional Bodies (IRBs)						2013			
Authorized institu		g	Defenso	r del Puebl	o	National Human Rights Institution (or Ombudsperson) (NHRI)					rson)	2013			
			Defenso	r del Puebl	О	OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)						)	2013		
		Ara	rteko - Def V	ensoría del ′asco	Pueblo	National	National Human Rights Institution (or Ombudsperson) (NHRI) 20:					2013			
Detention m	onitoring i	institutio	าร												
Is the natio	ition (NHR		Is the NHRI recognized as independent by the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions?										Observ	ation D	ate
recogni indepe						Yes								2013	
Detention m	onitoring i	institutio	ns												
Does NHRI	rry out vis	its in pra	ctice?				Obse	rvatio	on Date						
visi					Yes							2013	3		
Detention m	onitoring i	institutio	ns												
Does NH			Does I	NHRI have	capacity	to receive	e complaiı	nts?			Ob	serva	ition Da	te	
capacity t compla					Yes							2	013		

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Does NHRI publicly	Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration deten	tion?	Obse	ervation Date		
release reports on immigration detention?	Yes			2013		
Detention monitoring inst				2013		
peterition momenting inst			Observatio	n Data		
Does national	Does NPM carry out visits in practice?	•				
preventive mechanism (NPM) carry out visits?	Yes Yes		201:	-		
Detention monitoring inst	112		201.	<b>)</b>		
Does NPM have			Observa	ation Date		
capacity to receive	Does NPM have capacity to receive complaints?					
complaints?	Yes			013		
Detention monitoring inst	itutions					
Does NPM publicly	Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration deten	tion?	Obse	ervation Date		
release reports on immigration detention?	Yes			2015		
ininingration detention:	Yes		2013			
Detention monitoring inst	itutions					
Do NGOs carry out	Do NGOs regularly carry our visits?	0	bservatio	n Date		
visits?			2013	2013		
Detention monitoring inst	itutions					
Do NGOs publish	Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention?		Observ	Observation Date		
reports on immigration detention?	Yes		2013			
Detention monitoring inst	itutions					
Do international and/or regional bodies (IRBs)	Do international and/or regional bodies (IRB) regularly visit detention facilities?	immigration-	related	Observation Da		
visit immigration- related detention	Yes			2014		
facilities?	Yes			2013		
Detention monitoring inst	itutions					
De IDDe washliche weneut	Do IRBs publicly report their findings from detention insp	ections?	Obs	servation Date		
Do IRBs publicly report their findings from	Yes			2014		
inspections?	Yes			2013		
Outsourcing and privatisa	tion					
Types of	Types of Privatisation/Outsourcing		Observati	on Date		
Types of privatisation/outsourcin	Other detention facility or detainee services		201	5		
g			2015			

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Outsourcing and privatisation																			
Detention contractors and other non-state entities	Name of entity	Type of entity	Detainee transport	Food services	Health care	Social services	Laundry services		.egal nselling	Manag	jement	Owne detent facili	tion	Recreation	n Secui	rity 1	Telephone service	Translation services	Observation Date
entities	entities Clínicas F Madrid pr				Yes														2015
Expenditures																			
Estimated annual			Estima annual k dete operat U	for		ing and tenance		Secu	rity	Staff	fing	Foo	od Me	dical	Tra	ansport		rvation ate	
	budget for detention operations		9,80	3,772		`	Yes .						Ye	es '	′es		Yes	20	)13
			10,6	61,100		`	Yes .		Yes Yes					20	011				
			8,60	5,950		`	Yes						Ye	es '	⁄es			20	010
Foreign sources	of fun	ding	for dete	ntion o	perati	ions													
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Does the cou	ntrv						Yes										2017	,	
receive exte	rnaĺ		Yes 2016													i			
Sources or run	ug.		Yes 2015												1				
							Yes										2014		
Foreign sources	of fun	ding	for dete	ntion o	perati	ions													
						De	escripti	on o	of non	-stat	e ass	istan	ice						ervation Date
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