

# Growing population of immigrant workers in Spain becoming homeless

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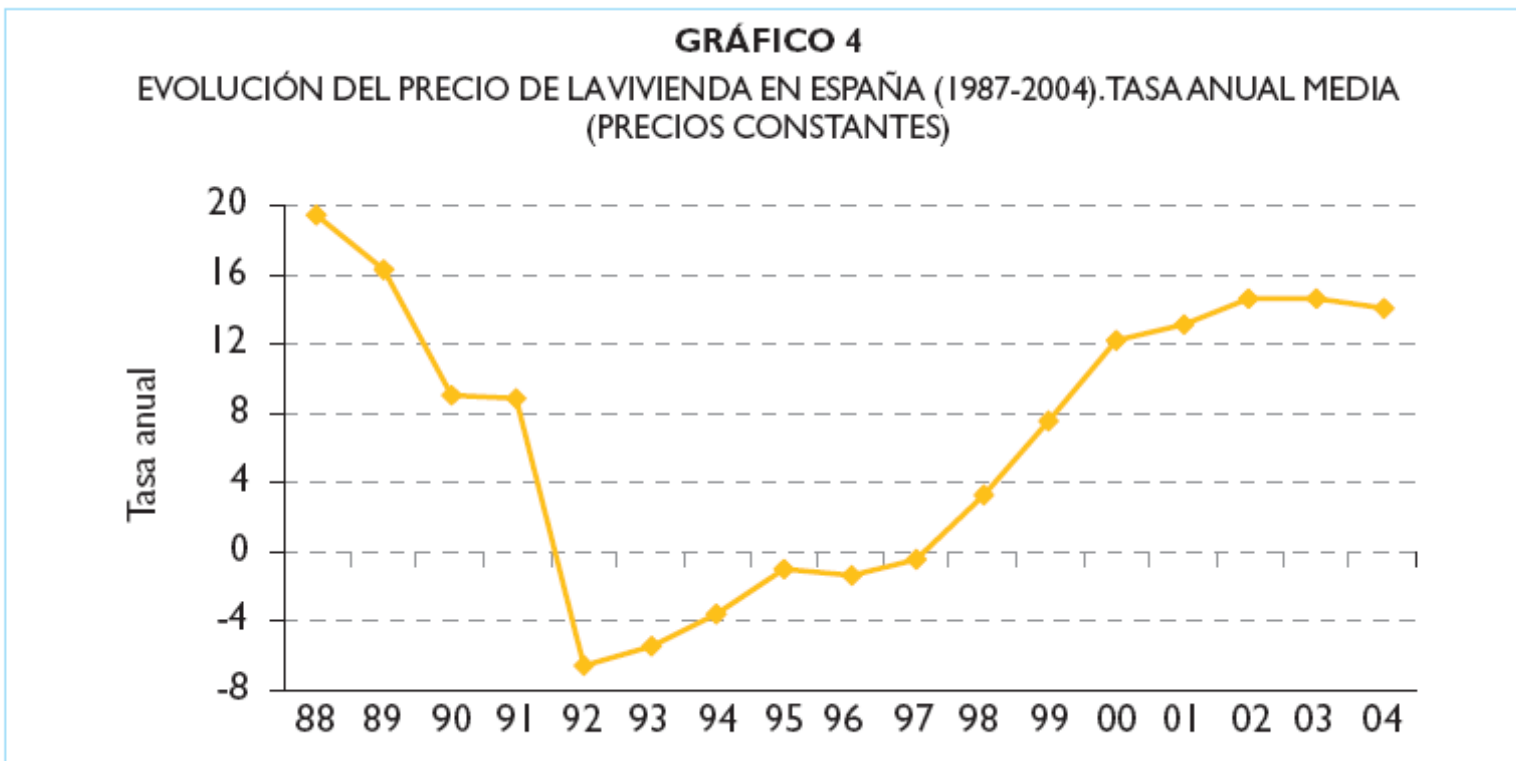
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# Key facts in regards to housig

- During 2005, there were more houses built in Spain than in Germany, France and UK alltogether
- Spain holds the highest number of unoccupied houses in Europe (15% of total)
- Despite all that, Housing prices won't stop increasing

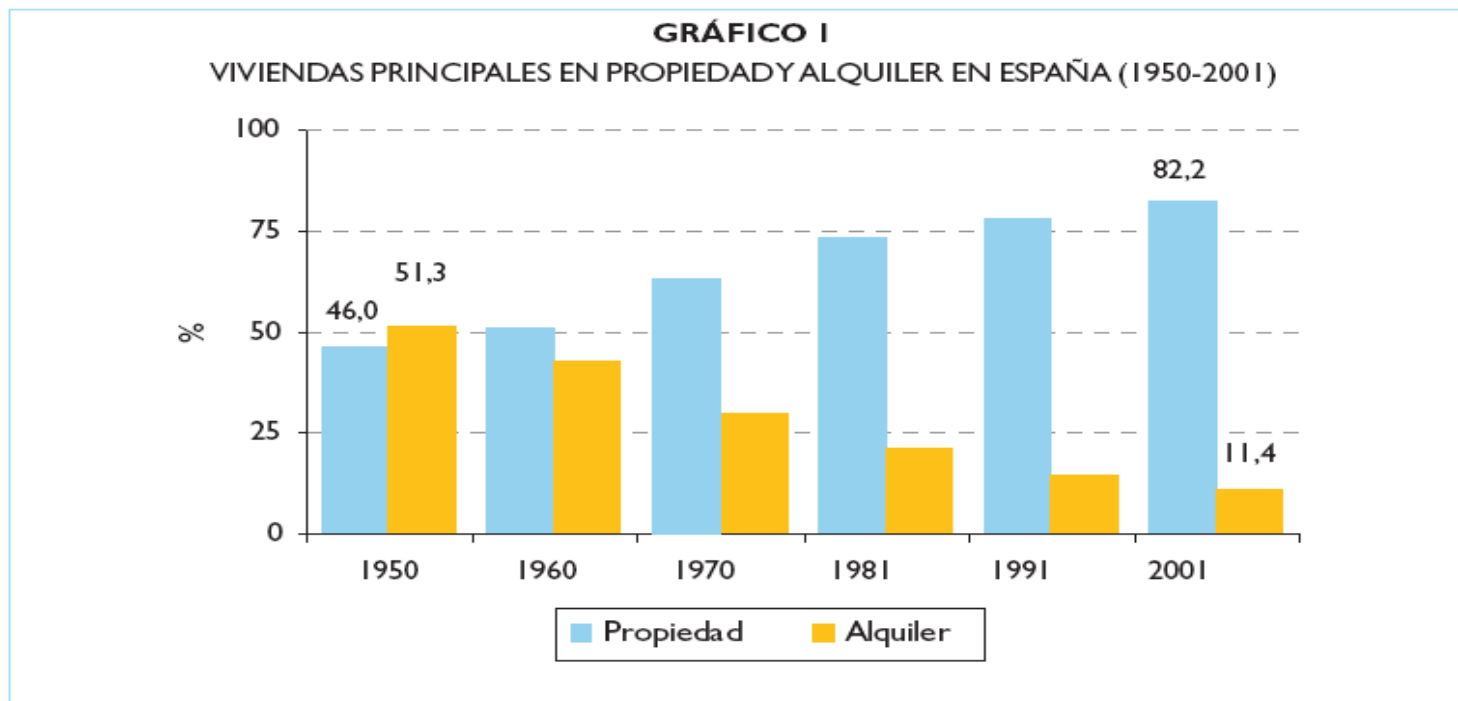
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FUENTE: Elaboración propia a partir de Ministerio de Vivienda, en [www.mviv.es](http://www.mviv.es), 2005.

# Key facts in regards to housig

- Low proportion of houses to rent



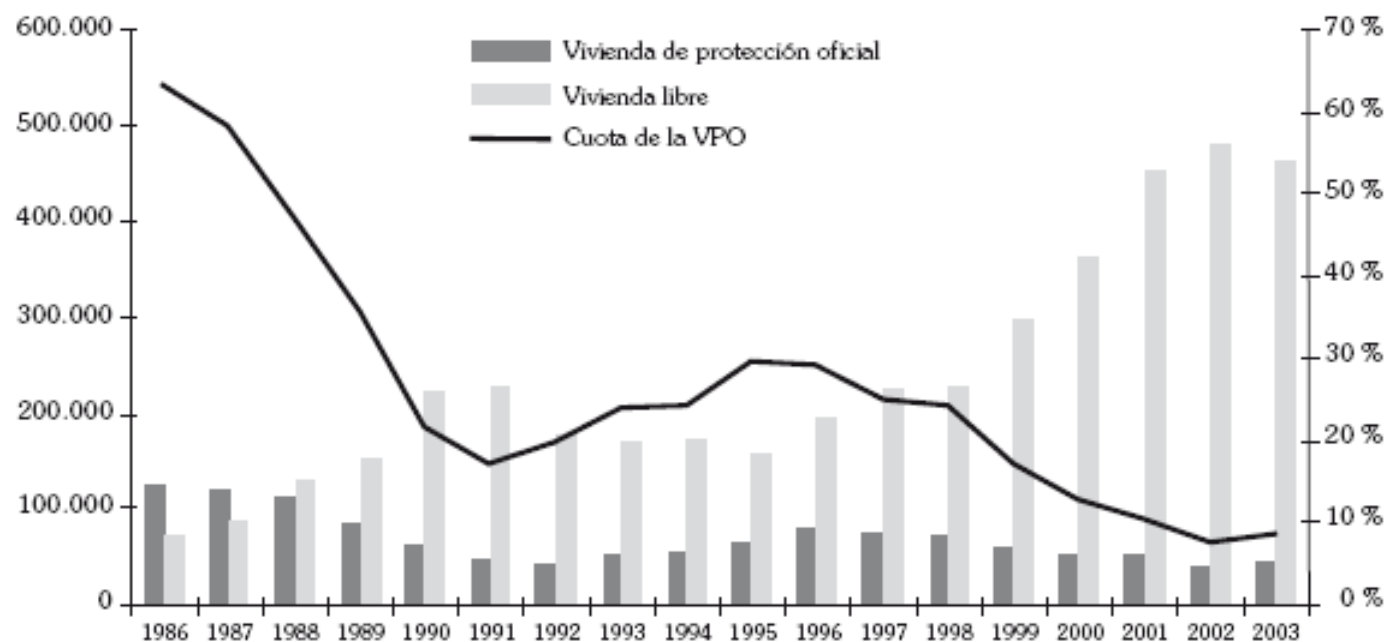
FUENTE: Censos de población (1950-2001).

# Key facts in regards to housig

- Government protected houses are under 12% of houses built
- Government protected houses assigned to lowest income families (rental) is of 2%

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Gráfico 44: Evolución de la construcción de vivienda en España según el tipo de promoción



# Key facts in regards to housig

- Immigration Laws regard housing not as a right, but as an obligation
- There are contradictions amongst competent bodies
- Social racism

# Key facts in regards to employment

- High importance of black economy
- Crucial division by work sectors
  - Men: agriculture, catering and building (70% of new jobs between 2003 and 2007)
  - Women: house workers, catering and care

# Key facts in regards to employment

**TABLA 23**  
DISTRIBUCIÓN DEL EMPLEO POR SECTORES SEGÚN SEXO

		Total población en España	Extranjeros de fuera de la U.nión Europea
Ambos sexos	Agricultura	4,6	6,2
	Industria	16,6	11,1
	Construcción	13,1	24,6
	Servicios	65,7	58,1
Hombres	Agricultura	5,7	8,4
	Industria	21,1	14,9
	Construcción	21,0	42,3
	Servicios	52,2	34,4
Mujeres	Agricultura	3,1	3,4
	Industria	10,0	6,0
	Construcción	1,7	0,9
	Servicios	85,2	89,7

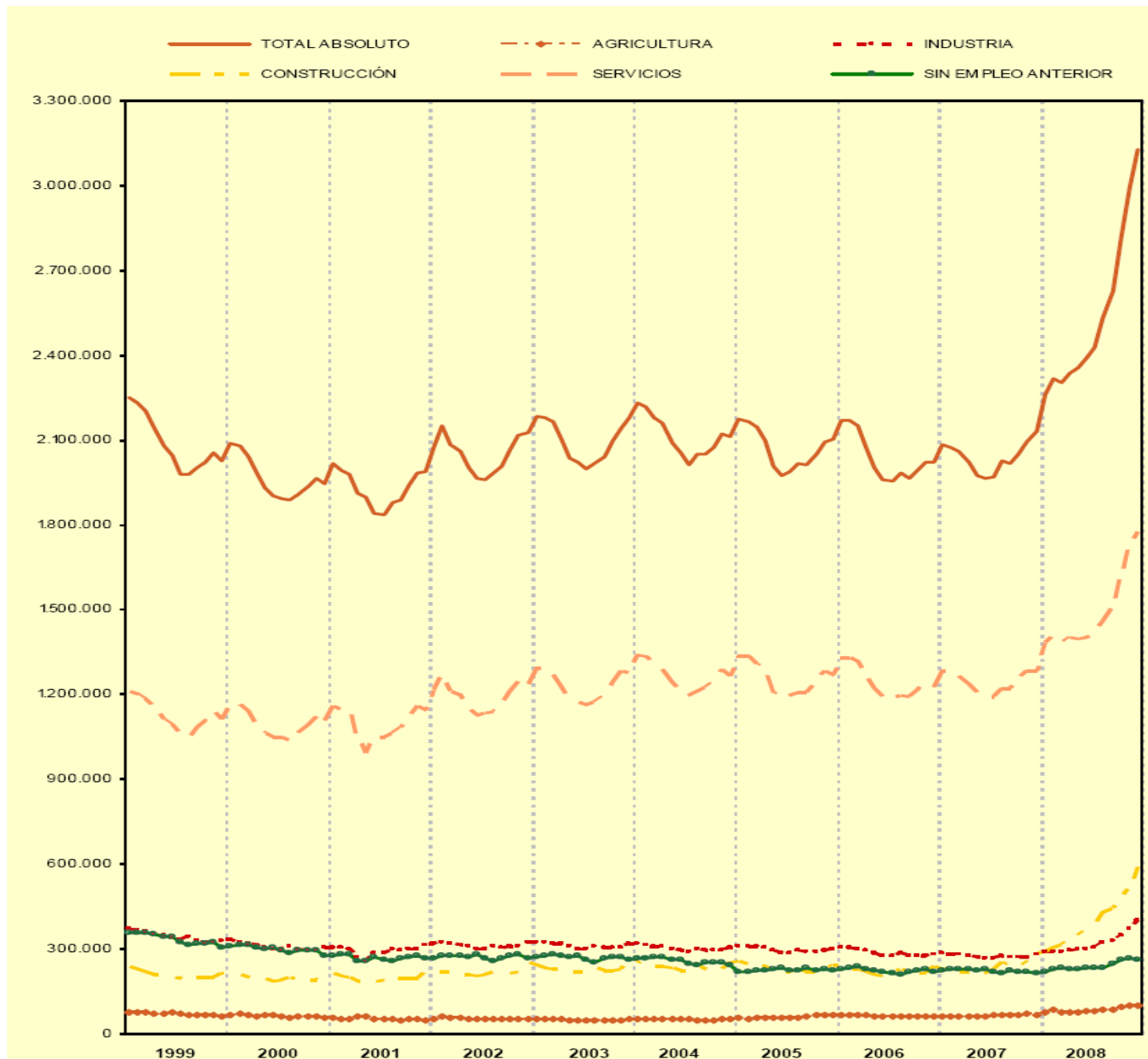
Elaboración propia.

FUENTE: EPA cuarto trimestre 2006.

# Key facts in regards to employment

- Work sectors highly linked to work insecurity and instability
- Work sectors linked to high housing vulnerability
- 4 million of unemployed workers in Spain (17% unemployment)
- 1 of every 3 jobs destroyed in Europe happen in Spain
- 30% of unemployed workers are immigrants

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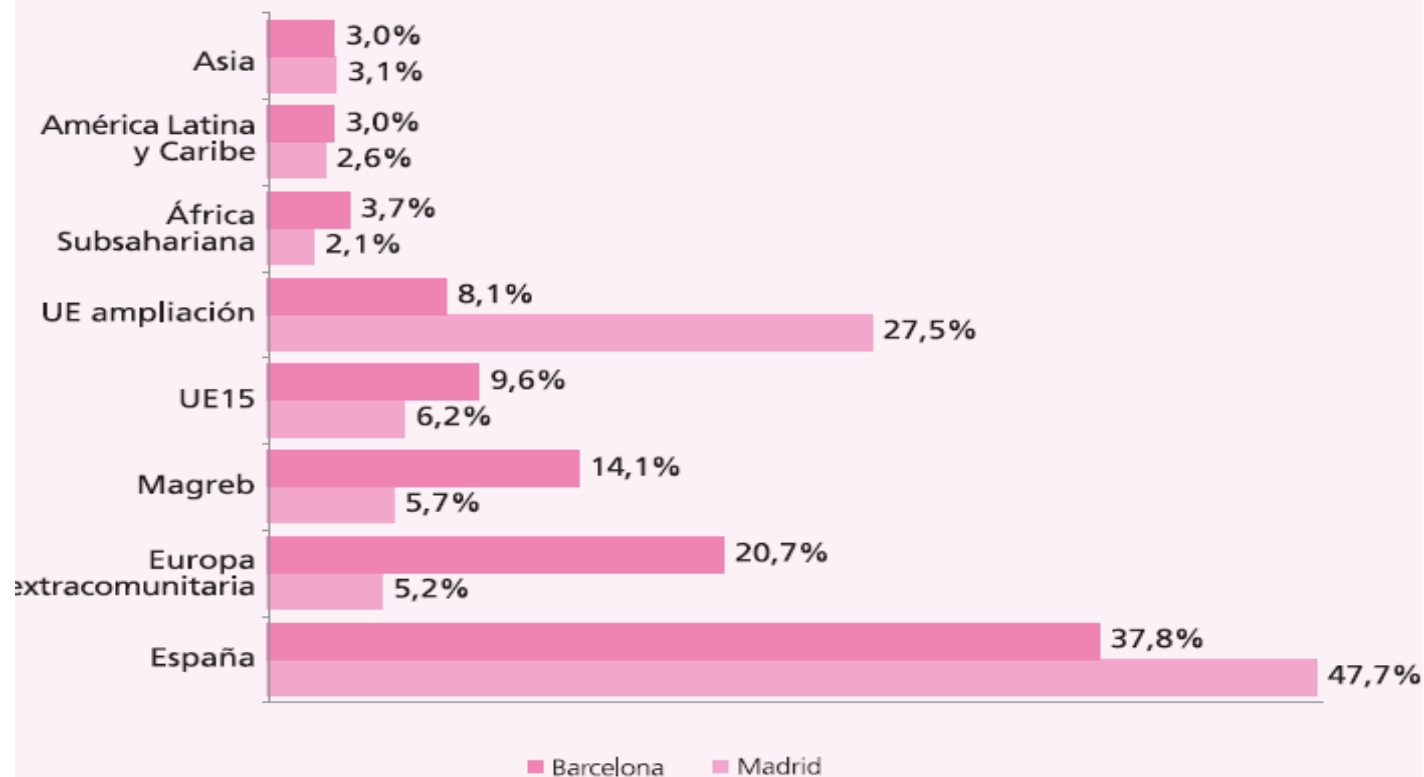
- Acquired irregularity in regards to their permits
- Less social networks and support to overcome difficulties
- Policies that lead to Social racism

# Raise of homeless immigrant workers

- Latest research in Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao talk about 53-65% of homeless being immigrants
- Those numbers only apply to the first 3 categories of ETHOS typology

# Raise of homeless immigrant workers

Gráfico 4.3. Distribución de las personas sin techo por nacionalidades en Madrid y en Barcelona



# Raise of homeless immigrant workers

- Raise of housing vulnerability
- Answers given by sectors
- Raise of demand for social resources without having finished a previous re-organization
- Avoid it becoming chronic

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