



STATISTIC

# The resident population increased by 4.3% and now exceeds 84,500 people

Growth is concentrated in Andorra la Vella, Encamp, Canillo, Escaldes-Engordany and La Massana



►► An aerial view of the central valley.



►► Vehicles in the Tàpia tunnel.

## The number of visitors increased by 6.1%

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A total of 692,368 visitors entered the country in October, of which 44,341 were hikers (64.2%) and 247,927 were tourists (35.8%). The number of visitors has increased by 6.1%, compared to the month of October last year; tourists have increased by 4.2%, while hikers have presented an increase of 7.2%. In the last 12 months, visitors have increased by 13.5% in relation to the same period of the previous year. By nationality, visitors from other origins have risen by 27.1%, followed by Spanish and French visitors, who have shown increases of 14.9% and 8.1% respectively. ≡

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The resident population in the Principality until October amounts to 84,516 people, which represents an increase of 4.3%, 3,459 more people than in October 2022. As can be seen in the data published by the Department of Statistics last Monday, this growth is mainly concentrated in the parishes of Andorra la Vella (3.3%), Encamp (5.2%), Canillo (12.4%), Escaldes-Engordany (3.7%) and La Massana (4.3%). The parishes that have grown least in the last year have been Ordino (4%) and Sant Julià de Lòria (2%). In the month of October 2023, the estimated deviation in relation to the same month in 2022 has increased in the parishes of Ordino (0.7%), La Massana (0.3%) and Sant Julià de Lòria (0.2%), while it remains stable in Andorra la Vella (0.0%) and decreases in Canillo (2.2%), Escaldes-Engordany (0.3%) and Encamp (0.3%).

By nationality, the annual increase measured in October is concentrated in the group of other nationalities with a total of 2,871 people (29.3%), followed by people of

Spanish nationality, with 358 people (1.8%); of those of French nationality, with 175 people (4.8%), and of Andorran nationality, with 162 people (0.4%). People with Portuguese nationality registered a decrease of 107 people (1.2%) compared to the same month of the previous year.

73.1% of the population, moreover, is concentrated between the ages of 15 and 64, and the population under 15 represents 11.8%, while the population over 64 represents the remaining 15.1%.

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Regarding the data of the population registered in the municipal censuses as of October 31st (89,787 people), there is an increase of 4.2% compared to the population registered in the same month of 2022 (86,174 people).

Since December 2009, the Department of Statistics has estimated the resident population in the Principality on a monthly basis based on communal censuses and cross-checking with other available administrative records. Otherwise, the Principality of Andorra has communal registers through which the registered population figure derived from additions and subtractions in the different municipalities obtained directly.

It should be noted that the population data registered in the municipalities is in the process of continuous review, given that since March 2012 the Government established a monthly exchange of information with the municipalities so that they can update their census data. For this reason, the variations in the registered population data are motivated, among others, by administrative purges.

At the same time, Statistics point out that it must be taken into

account that the population estimates do not include a validation process for residents with Andorran nationality as complete as that which can be applied to the case of residents of other nationalities. ≡

### the figures

**3.3%** more residents in Andorra la Vella

**5.2%** more residents in Encamp

**12.4%** more residents in Canillo

**3.7%** more residents in Escaldes-Engordany

**4.3%** more residents in La Massana

**4%** more residents in Ordino

## 5.9% more vehicles compared to the previous year

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In the month of October, 358,214 vehicles entered the Principality, which represents a positive percentage change compared to October of the previous year of 5.9%. The total of passenger cars has shown an increase of 5.1% and that of heavy vehicles by 38.6%. For their part, passenger cars from Spain have had a positive variation of 6.8%, while for those from France, there has been a percentage variation of 1.9%. Regarding heavy vehicles, there was a positive percentage change of 39.1% for the Spanish-Andorran border, and 33.8% for the Franco-Andorran border. ≡

CULTURE

# The living nativity scene and the Flavors of Advent lead Christmas in Escaldes

The parish of Escaldes-Engordany recovers the living nativity scene for these festivities

The Parc de la Mola will host from December 1st to 10th a new edition of Flavours of advent.

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The junior consul, Quim Dolsa, and the Minister of Cultural Life, Valentí Closa, presented on Monday morning the activities that will take place in the parish of Escaldes-Engordany this Christmas. And the fact is that the parish enters, from 6.00 p.m. this Friday, November 24th, a 'Fantastical Christmas' in which different actions will take place, among them, the living nativity scene, the Flavors of Advent, and the lighting of Christmas lights that will mark the beginning of this festive cycle. This year the lighting will be carried out by the neighboring parish, Andorra la Vella, and will start at 18.00 on De la Unió street. Then, on the Escalde side, as was done last year, there will be a show that will start in De la Unió street and end in Coprínceps square. The councilor explained that it will be the same show that was already held, in which there will be musical accompaniment that will accompany the attendees to the square, where an a cappella carol will be sung, around 6:15 p.m., while hot chocolate and ginger cookies will be offered to all those who want to share this Christmas exit in Escaldes-Engordany.

The Minister of Cultural Life stated that they are «very happy» with the return of the living nativity scene, during the 22nd and 23rd of December in the Prat de Roure room, which after a four-year hiatus returns with an innovative format and more immersive that includes audiovisual. This year, it has decided to represent a nativity scene that will recover some of the most iconic scenes from its history. Tickets must be purchased through the Municipality website at a price of 3 euros.

Another of the strong points of this Christmas will be the proposal of Flavors of Advent which will be held in Parc de la Mola. There will be a Christmas village with five booths, three food trucks, 14 artisans, four restaurateurs and a who-



► Quim Dolsa, and Valentí Closa, during the press conference.



**Valentí Closa**  
COUNSELOR OF CULTURAL LIFE  
«Christmas begins, a time when many cultural events have an echo that they don't at other times of the year»

le artistic production that accompanies the day. As a novelty this year there will also be a small lyrical gala, which will be on Monday 4th at 19.00 hours, and groups and people from the country will perform to give them a boost.

On December 2nd, a series of Christmas activities aimed at the children of the parish will begin, starting with the Advent Storytelling; on the 6th there will be a street show on Carlemany Avenue; on Thursday, December 7th, there will be the traditional card of glitter and colors for Santa Claus, create your own snowman, and a musical puppet show: the Happy Fir. On January 4th, the Royal Page will be announced and cards will be collected, and on January 5th

**unmissable**

**friday 24/11**  
lighting, 6:00 p.m.  
concert and chocolate bar, 6.15 p.m.

**thursday 07/12**  
letter to Santa, 5:30 p.m.

**thursday 04/01**  
announcement of the Royal Page, 6.30 p.m.

**friday 05/01**  
letter collection, 12:00 p.m.  
cavalcade of the kings, 6.30 p.m.

there will be the long-awaited Cavalcade of the Kings of the Orient, at 6.30pm.

Quim Dolsa explained that for the Municipality, organizing Christmas activities «is one of those things we like to do, because they are events that have a lot to do with culture and education. It is an investment in the future of this scoundrel and, therefore, of our society». The consul also detailed that, although there are many children's activities, there will also be events, which he described as a «wink» for the elderly people of the parish, since topics such as the Escaldes before, «so that people remember where we come from and where we want to go», detailed the minor consul of the parish. ≡

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