



SUMMARY MIGRATORY BALANCE 2024



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2024 is the second year in the historical series in a row of such a big arrival in the south borders of Spain since 2018. In total, 64.048 people have arrived by sea and land, of whom 75% arrived via the Canary Islands route.

From the 175 people per day arrived during the entire 2024 via illegal routes in the territory of the Spanish state, 128 arrived via the Canary Islands, 15 via Andalucia, 24 via the Levante route, 8 in Ceuta or Melilla.

If we analyze the data by route, the arrivals' increase in the Canary route, is inversely proportional to the the arrivals' decrease on the routes of Peninsula, with the exception of the Levante route, which has experienced an increase due to the arrivals in the Balearic Islands. But this is not new; we have been clearly seeing how since 2019, which coincides precisely with the reinforcement of the agreements with Moroccans after the arrival of 64.120 people in 2018 for migratory control in the north of the country, the strait route and the accesses to the cities of Ceuta and Melilla have been shielded.

However, despite this slight upturn in the arrivals in the Southern Borders of Spain and according to FRONTEX, there has been a decrease of 18% in the total of entries at the borders of South Europe.

Can a country like Spain, the 5th European power, really not manage/handle the reception of 175 per day? Data shows the alarm about immigration is not based on real data.

It's shameful, the spectacle we have witnessed this summer, where migrant children and people displaced from the Canary Islands to the

mainland were traded and used as political instruments. It has been regrettable to confirm that this has contributed to the increase in xenophobic and racist discourse, making migration rise from the 4th to the 1st concern of Spaniards in the July CIS survey.

What is real are the 2,465 people who have lost their lives or disappeared at Spain's southern border. At [APDHA](#) we have been able to document that of these almost 2,500 people, more than 75% have done so on the Canary route, a route that is the deadliest, which has become almost the only possible route for people from West Africa. Great tragedies have been documented this year such as several and numerous shipwrecks just after leaving Senegal or Mauritania and the discovery of a cayuco in the Dominican Republic with at least 14 mummified people.

Although migration on the Spanish Southern Border continues to be highly male, it is curious to see how women continue to be the great victims of migration policies; If women comprise only 5% of the total arrivals, they represent 11% of the deaths.

Likewise, we must keep pointing out that departures from Algeria and access to Spanish territory through the Levante or Almeria have cost nearly 400 lives. Also, 115 people have lost their lives or disappeared in the Autonomous Cities, the majority of them being young Moroccans trying to swim to Ceuta or Melilla.

It is precisely in the last 5 years that the highest number of deaths in our seas and oceans has been registered. Out of the 19.363 victims of migration policies and practices, [APDHA](#) has been able to document around 11.000 of them in the last 37 years.

The militarization and externalization of borders in third countries has worsened the situation of people seeking access to a safe territory. An increasingly restrictive asylum system and practices that systematically violate human rights, such as hot returns along with people dying at our borders, are the failure of European migration policies.

To address the current crisis of migration management, it is necessary to have a complete and urgent reform that focuses on the respect of human dignity and human rights.