

# Sin Nosotras: Latin American Women Immigrants in Spain

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# Current Immigration Statistics

	Foreigners	Percentage	Women	Percentage	Men	Percentage
Total	5,747,734	100.0	2,729,799	47.5	3,017,935	52.5
Latin Americans	1,760,030	30.6	970,161	55.1	789,869	44.9

Table 1: Latin American Population in Spain According to the Spanish Census, 2010. 10

	Foreigners	Percentage	Women	Percentage	Men	Percentage
Nationalities						
Ecuador	399,586	7.0	201,811	50.5	197,775	49.5
Colombia	292,641	5.1	161,810	55.3	130,831	44.7
Bolivia	213,169	3.7	122,221	57.3	90,948	42.7
Peru	140,182	2.4	71,095	50.7	69,087	49.3
Argentina	132,249	2.3	66,742	50.5	65,507	49.5
Brazil	117,808	2.0	73,526	62.4	44,282	37.6
Dominican Republic	91,212	1.6	52,385	57.4	38,827	42.6
Paraguay	85,687	1.5	57,418	67.0	28,269	33.0
Venezuela	60,399	1.1	35,221	58.3	25,178	41.7
Cuba	54,954	1.0	30,188	54.9	24,766	45.1
Uruguay	46,865	0.8	23,536	50.2	23,329	49.8
Chile	44,570	0.8	22,520	50.5	22,050	49.5
Other LA Countries	80,708	1.4	51,688	64.0	29,020	36.0

Table 2: Latin American Population in Spain Divided by Sex and Nationality According to the Spanish Census, 2010. 10

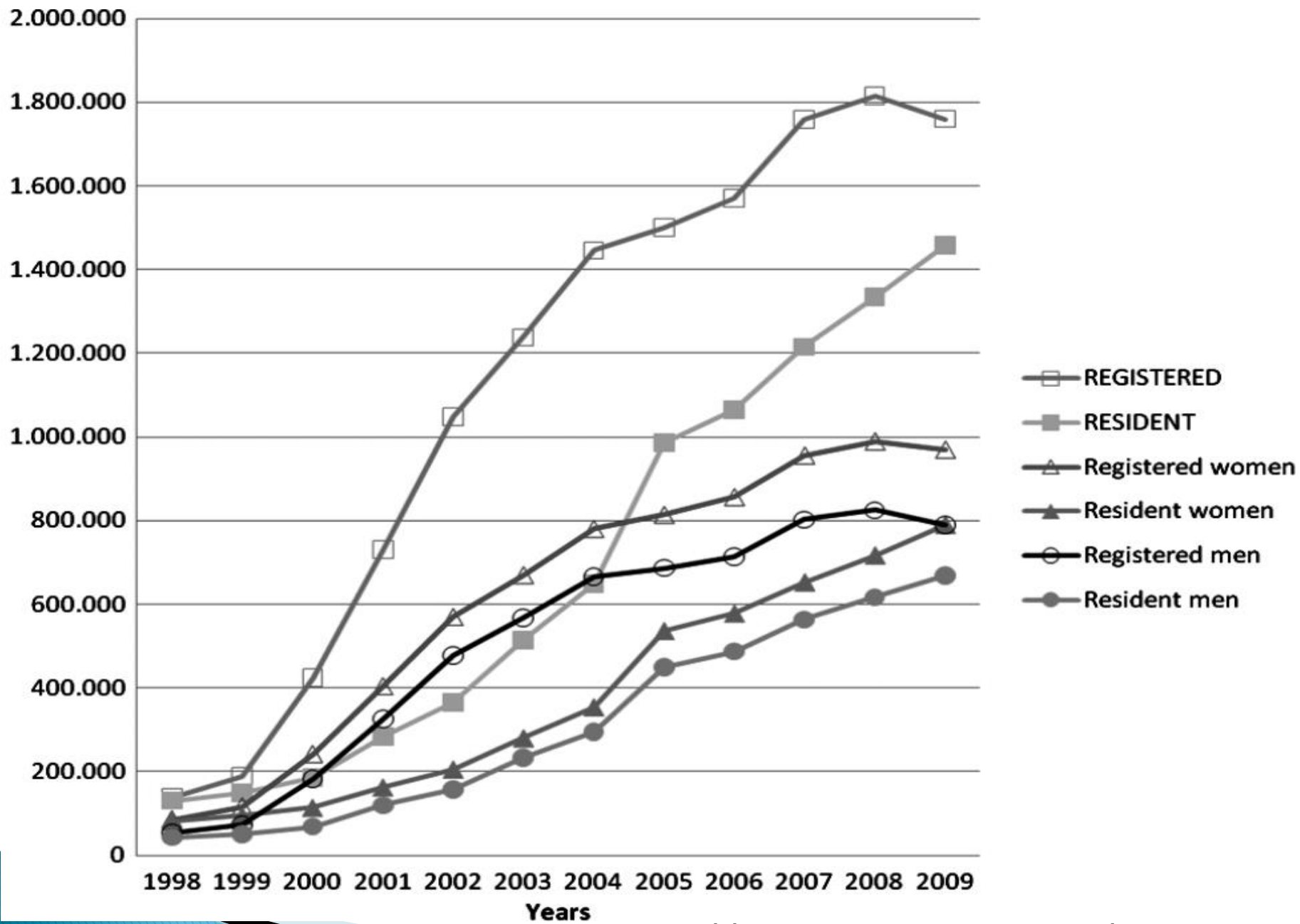
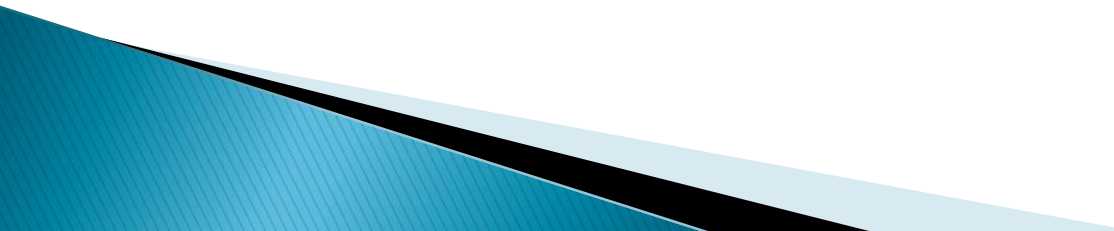


Table 3: Latin American Population In Spain from Spanish Census 1998-2009 <sup>10</sup>

# History of Immigration Between Latin America and Spain

- ▶ 3.5 million Spaniards migrated to Uruguay, Argentina, Cuba and Brazil between 1846 and 1932
- ▶ Mexico, Cuba, Chile, and Dominican Republic offered refuge to 50,000 Spaniards in the 1930s
- ▶ 1960s–45,000 Latin American refugees settled in Spain (76% of refugee population)
- ▶ Between 1956 and 1983, 45.5% of 40,000 foreign nationals that acquired citizenship were from Latin America.

# Waves of Immigrant Women

- ▶ Dominican immigrants mid-1980s to 1993
  - ▶ Peruvian immigrants 1991–2001
  - ▶ Two waves preceded mass migration from Ecuador, Colombia, and Bolivia in the late 1990s and early 2000s
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# Spanish Immigration Legislation

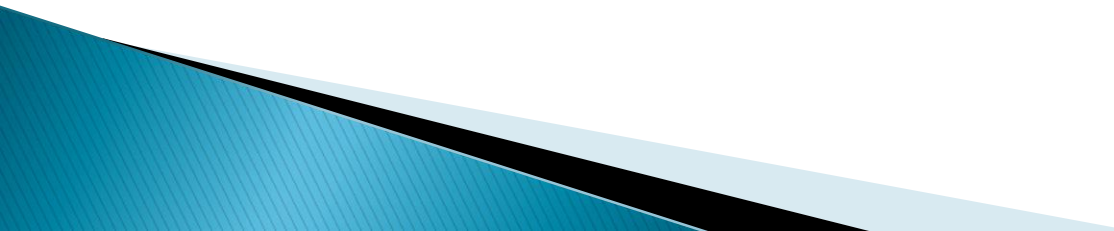
- ▶ 1985
  - “Código de Extranjería” or “Law on Aliens”
- ▶ Law 4/2000
  - “Spanish Law on the Rights and Liberties of Aliens and their Social Integration”
- ▶ Law 4/2000 modified by Law 8/2000

# Change in the Perception of Immigration

- ▶ 1985 Ley de Extranjería
- ▶ Influence of Political Parties
  - Partido Socialista Obrero Español (Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, PSOE)
    - 1982, 1986, 1989, 1993, 2004, 2008
  - Partido Popular (People's Party, PP)
    - 1996, 2000, 2011



# Potential Resolutions

- ▶ Stratified Path to Spanish Citizenship
  - ▶ Emphasis on Family Reunification Option
  - ▶ Improved Associations
  - ▶ Diminished Need for Illegal Immigration Papers (as a result)
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