

## **Abstract: *Administrative Sources in the Spanish Statistics System***

The paper provides a historical description of the use of administrative sources in the Spanish statistics system. The starting-point was the range of traditional uses (populations statistics tied to the Civil Registry; natural population change; causes of death; migrations; education, hospital and court statistics; labour market: registered employment and unemployment, etc.).

Later, there developed and became established an exhaustive record of residents in Spain in the form of the Municipal Register, an administrative record managed by municipalities which INE coordinates, evaluates and integrates to compile coordinated figures. The record has now become a Rolling Register, thus providing an administrative source of great statistical power. It is used to maintain the Electoral Roll (INE's being in charge of the Roll is unique in the European statistics field). The Municipal Register was also used to compile the latest Population Census of 2001: its data core may be regarded as an update of Rolling Municipal Register information. Finally, the Rolling Municipal Register provides a mixed frame of lists and areas for a wide range of social surveys (Labour Force Survey, Time Use Survey, National Health Survey, ICT-Households, Household Panel Survey and EU-SILC, Labour Market Survey, etc.).

Finally, the paper sets out recent advances in the use of Social Security sources (contributors database) and Tax Office sources. Use of tax-related sources began with the creation of the Central Companies Registry and has culminated with a comprehensive and far-reaching cooperation agreement – a particular highlight is that survey micro-data can be obtained for variables made mandatory under EC Regulations: LFS, EU-SILC, Pay Structure Survey, etc.