

GROWING UP UNDOCUMENTED IN SPAIN

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Save the Children

Edad	Total de niños y niñas en situación irregular	Tasa de irregularidad por franja de edad	Peso sobre el total
0-4	55.327	27,3%	37,7%
5-9	28.441	14,8%	19,4%
10-14	22.268	14,7%	15,2%
15-19	40.738	23,5%	27,8%
Total	146.773	20,4%	

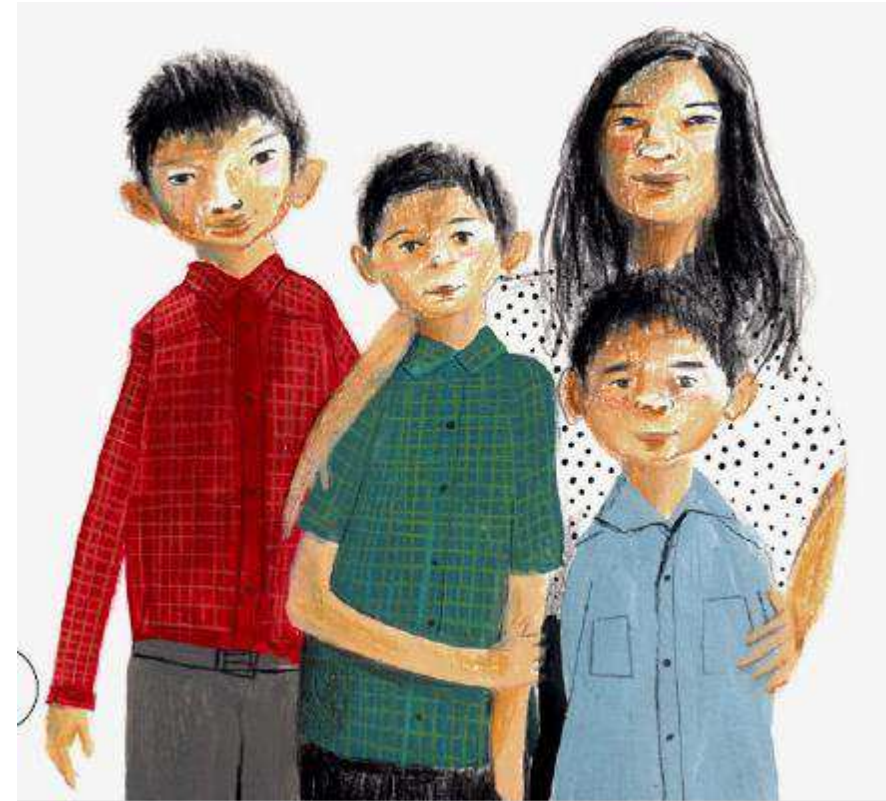
- Almost 147.000 in 2019.
- **One in five** migrant children.
- About **half undocumented children is younger than 10 years old** and almost **40% is younger than 5** (about 55.000).
- About **1 third was older than 15**.

Nacionalidad	Total de niños y niñas migrantes	Total de niños y niñas en situación de irregularidad	Tasa de irregularidad por nacionalidad
Marruecos	241.484	10.173	4,2%
Argelia	17.374	2.374	13,7%
Nigeria	10.249	982	9,6%
Senegal	12.063	646	5,4%
ÁFRICA	309.251	18.334	5,9%
Colombia	40.812	25.226	61,8%
Honduras	23.080	15.653	67,8%
Venezuela	34.182	14.817	43,3%
Perú	16.121	11.436	70,9%
Brasil	14.793	9.239	62,5%
Argentina	10.693	6.468	60,5%
Bolivia	15.995	2.124	13,3%
Ecuador	18.544	-	-
AMÉRICA S. y C.	228.821	104.184	45,5%
ASIA	117.470	1.043	0,9%
Ucrania	21.021	4.923	23,4%
Rusia	16.547	3.941	23,8%
EUROPA (no UE)	55.471	19.102	34,4%
EE. UU.	6.802	2.645	38,9%
México	2.997	1.193	39,8%
NORTEAMÉRICA	10.543	4.110	39,0%
Total	721.556	146.773	20,4%

- One in six undocumented children in Spain comes from **Colombia**.
- The most alarming numbers are those of **Honduras and Peru (about 70%) and Brazil, Argentina and Colombia (higher than 60%)**.
- Top five nationalities for **asylum seekers** in Spain: Colombia Venezuela Honduras and Nicaragua. **Existing link between asylum rejections and irregularity.**
- While **Africa is the continent of origin of 43% of the migrant children** currently living in our country, only **13% of them are in irregular situation.**

LIFE FOR UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN IN SPAIN

- Lower rent and higher risk of poverty and social exclusion than nationals.
- Effective access to the **Right to education** can be breached because of the lack of a residence permit or a Foreigner Identification number.
- Participation in **non-mandatory education** (0-3 years old, university, vocational training).
- Effective access **to protection and justice** as well as **decent housing**.
- Fear of deportation, not knowing the local language and absence of personal networks may obstruct **infant protection**.



The way in which a society behaves with vulnerable groups establishes its collective dignity.

Even in the most polarized context, a child does not cease to be a child.

Protection and welfare for each and every child establishes a scale of civilization and democracy quality in societies.

Undocumented families with children should be regularized and their access to social protection guaranteed.

