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- Catalonia's GDP per capita (income per capita) has fallen below the European Union average, according to recent data published by the Spanish National Statistics Institute (INE).
- Traditionally Catalan income exceeded loosely European figures. However, the underperformance of the Catalan economy relative to the rest of the continent in the last five years has led to this situation in 2014, the last year for which information is available.
- It should be remarked that in the last years Catalonia has suffered a period of economic crisis and also a process of instability and uncertainty in Catalan politics. Certainly these both circumstances have had a negative effect on the Catalan Economy.
- An in-depth study of Catalonia's disaggregated figures shows clearly major contrasts in economic development and income between some Catalan areas and others.
- Six Catalan districts (called 'comarcas') located around the cities of Barcelona and Tarragona concentrate 70% of the wealth of Catalonia and enjoy an average per capita annual income of €30,828. The remaining 36 districts have an average per capita income of only €22,248, below the average income in Spain.
- According to the latest data available at the municipal level, there are many towns and municipalities in the least developed zones of Catalonia with a per capita income lower, for example, than Melilla or Extremadura.
- INE also released information about the disposable income per capita at regional level. These figures prove that Catalonia does not lose positions in the regional income ranking after paying taxes, refuting an assertion often repeated by Catalan nationalist parties.

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