

Spain's Digital Nomad Visa — Rapid Uptake Under the 2023 Startup Law, Concentrated in Barcelona

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Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Spain's 2023 Startup Law digital-nomad visa saw granted residence permits roughly double year-on-year, from 9,537 in 2023 to 19,771 in 2024, per the Ministry of Inclusion's migration observatory — with over 30% of recipients settling in Barcelona.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Spain \(Observatorio Permanente de la Inmigración\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[Genbeta](#) — 33% of 2024 digital nomad visa applicants settled in Barcelona — accessed 2026-08-30

[El Nacional](#) — Barcelona attracts a third of Spain's digital nomads: 3,361 permits in 2023 — accessed 2026-08-30

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