

Health and environment scorecard

Spain

Summary score: **77**

Exposure score: 70 Health score: 82 Policy score: 80

The scores represent simple averages.

[See methods and results for additional information.](#)

The scores are out of 100.

Extent of the problem

Health impact

Policies

Air pollution

View actions and interventions



2 x the WHO air quality guideline value for PM_{2.5}

WHO Guideline (annual mean): 5 µg/m³

Annual country mean: **9** µg/m³



0%
Population without clean fuels and technology for cooking



13%
Deaths from stroke and ischaemic heart disease caused by air pollution¹

¹ Air pollution causes many other diseases and adverse health outcomes, only stroke and ischaemic heart disease have been chosen for this scorecard.



Existence of legal standards for PM_{2.5}
yes



Compliant with WHO Air Quality Guidelines
no



Existence of national policy on household energy
N/A

WASH

View actions and interventions



0%
Population without safe drinking water²



10%
Population without safe sanitation²

² Operationalised as using safely managed drinking water and sanitation services.



18%
Deaths from diarrhoea caused by unsafe drinking water, sanitation and inadequate personal hygiene

Sufficient funding for implementation of national plans

	Urban	Rural
Drinking water	N/A of what is needed	N/A of what is needed
Sanitation	N/A of what is needed	N/A of what is needed
WASH	Health care facilities N/A of what is needed	Schools N/A of what is needed

Climate change

View actions and interventions



81%
Fossil fuels and traditional use of biomass in total final energy consumption



Percentage of hot days³ in 2050 under a high emissions scenario⁴

N/A

³A 'hot day' is a day when maximum temperature exceeds the 90th percentile threshold for that time of year. The threshold is based on the period 1961-1990. Analysis by the Climatic Research Unit, University of East Anglia, 2018.



Heat deaths in 2050 compared to 1961-1990 period under a high emissions scenario⁴ in the 65+ age group

N/A

⁴ High emissions scenario RCP8.5 - Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5.

⁵ Existence of a recent national assessment and plan refers to having conducted a climate change and health vulnerability and adaptation assessment and/or a health national adaptation plan (HNAP) since January 2020.



Existence of recent national assessment and plan⁵

N/A **yes**
Vulnerability and adaptation assessment Health National Adaptation plan (HNAP)



Commitment to COP26 Health Programme

Climate resilient health systems **yes** Sustainable low carbon health systems **yes** Net zero commitment **yes**



Inclusion of health co-benefits in Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)
no

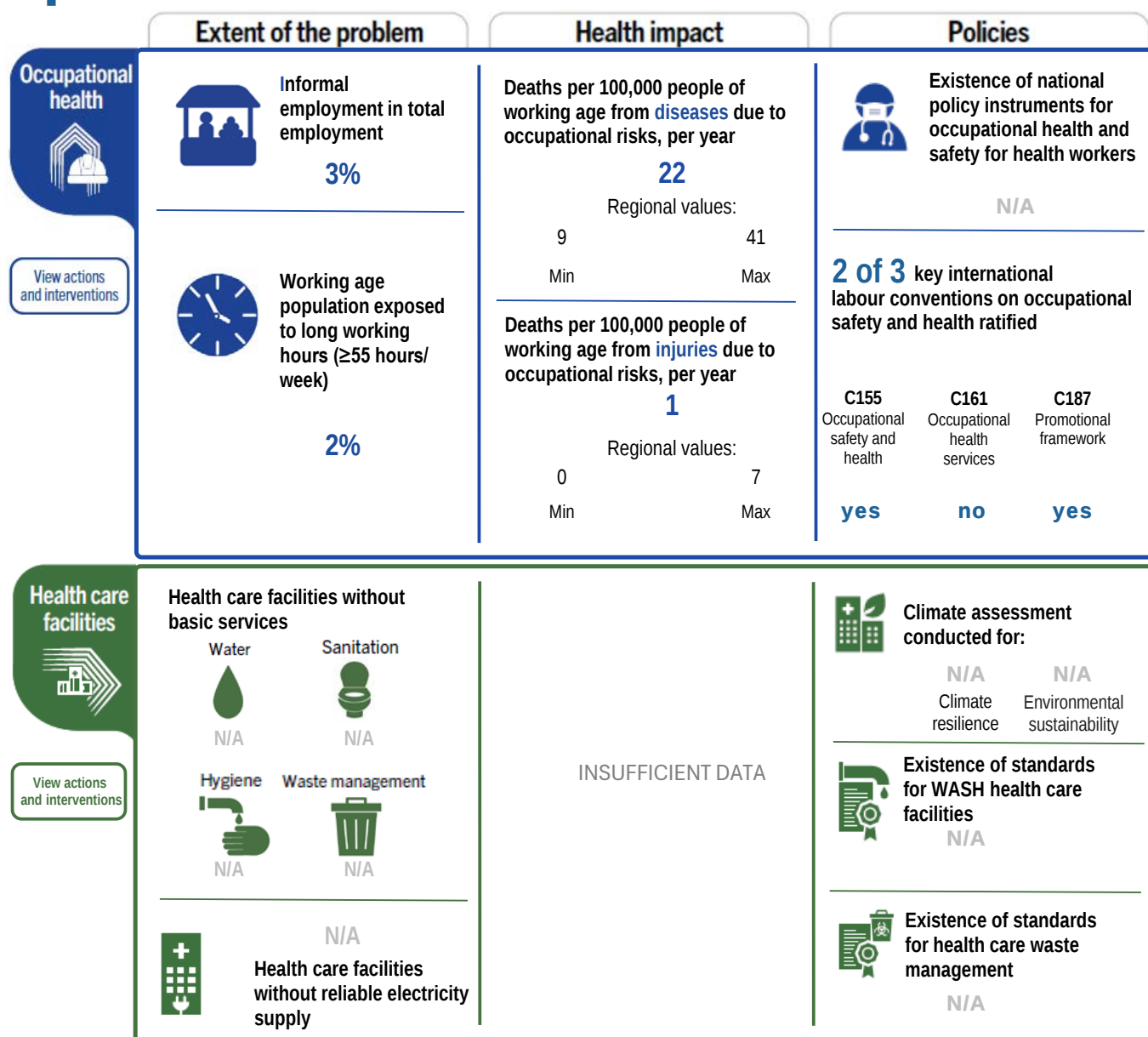
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	Extent of the problem	Health impact	Policies
Biodiversity  View actions and interventions	 Terrestrial and marine area protected 18 % Global target: Conserve 30% of land, waters and seas by 2030.	INSUFFICIENT DATA	 Post-COP15 National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan submitted yes
	Change in forest area 1990-2020  34 % Change in forest area (%)		
	 46 670 km² Change in forest area (km²)		
Chemicals  View actions and interventions	 Mean blood lead level in children under 5 years* 2 µg/dL International Health Regulations (IHR) capacity score for chemical events⁶ 100 % (out of 100%) ⁶Key informants report on attainment of a set of attributes for chemical events (core capacity 14) using a standard WHO instrument.	Poisoning deaths in 100,000 children under five, per year: <1	 Existence of legal limit on lead paint yes  Existence of a poison centre yes  Party to the Minamata Convention on Mercury yes
Radiation  View actions and interventions	International Health Regulations (IHR) capacity score for radiation emergencies⁷ 80 % (out of 100%) ⁷Key informants report on attainment of a set of attributes for radiation emergencies (core capacity 15) using a standard WHO instrument.	Deaths per 100,000 people from melanoma and other skin cancers, per year: 4 Number of deaths per 100,000 people from residential radon, per year:* 4	 Existence of standards on electromagnetic fields N/A  Existence of regulation of artificial tanning devices/sun beds yes  Existence of national radon regulations for dwellings yes

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Please access the reading guide [here](#)

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This scorecard is based on already published data (see references). It is a tool to measure and track the progress of Member States and is not intended for ranking. Update 2025.