A 3D perspective view of a grid of white and yellow cubes. The cubes are arranged in a staggered pattern. Several yellow cubes are scattered throughout the grid, each featuring a different religious icon or symbol. The icons include a figure in a boat, a figure holding a staff, a figure with a cross, and a figure with a staff and a cross. The background is a dark, semi-transparent gradient.

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Why do you need a new analysis of the religious fact?

- *In Spain we have lived for many years trapped in a religion that did not provide answers to anything. For this reason people have sought answers. I think it is very positive what is happening at present. It is a process that at the moment is unstoppable due to the dissatisfaction and the desire to know other religious points of view the Spanish people.*

A Buddhist . Castilla y León (Spain). February 2012

Pluralism and Coexistence Foundation



- The Foundation is a governmental organisation created by a decree of Spanish Council of Ministers at the proposal of the Ministry of Justice in December of 2004.



Pluralism and Coexistence Foundation

- *The aims of the Foundation are:*
 - To promote religious freedom by supporting projects of those religious denomination which have a cooperation agreement with the Spanish Government.
 - To act as a forum for reflection and debate on religious freedom and on the latter's impact on the creation of a suitable framework for co-existence.
 - To promote the normalisation of religious phenomenon throughout society.



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- Their primary focus is on three areas in order to achieve these aims:
 - on minority religions by supporting their representative bodies and activities as well as their communities' churches and grass-roots organisations;
 - on mainstream society as the driving force behind public opinion and the focus of social cohesion and co-existence;
 - and on the public administrations as policy-makers, guarantors of rights and managers of diversity and plurality nation-wide.



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- Comunidad Valenciana (2007)
- Madrid (2007)
- Canarias (2008)
- Castilla La Mancha (2009)
- Aragón (2009)
- Andalucía (2010)
- País Vasco (2010)
- Murcia (2011)
- Navarra (2012)
- **Castilla y León (2012)**
- **Extremadura (2012)**



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- The objectives of the study have been to:
 - Take a photograph of the religious reality of Castilla y Leónn.
 - Describe and analyze the current religious diversity.
 - Point out issues for analysis and discussions.

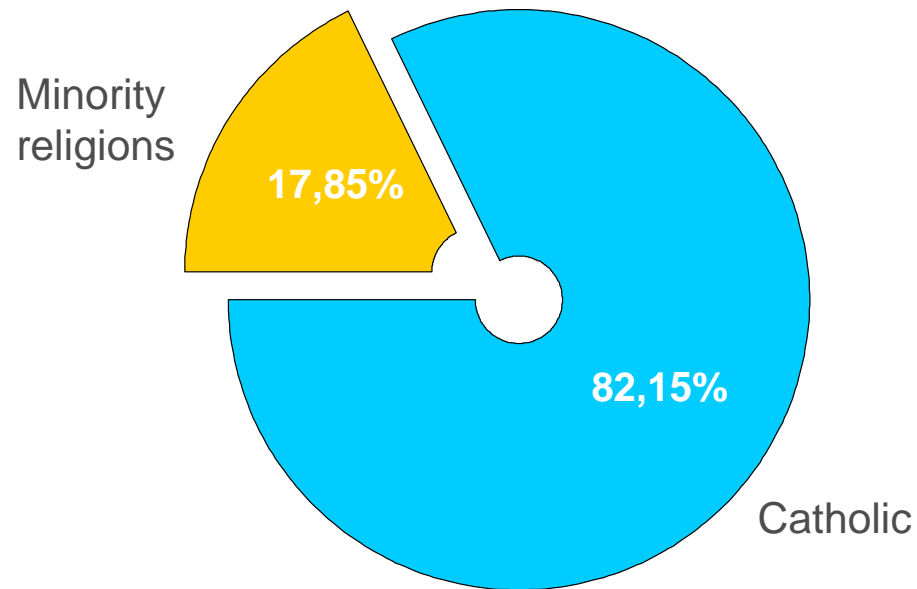


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- a documentary analysis of studies in research already developed on some of these religious faiths;
- the analysis of data in records and directories of the Ministry of Justice;
- the databases of the Center for Sociological Research, the Institute of Youth, of the National Institute of Statistics, of the Office of Sociology and from statistics of the Spanish Episcopal Conference as well as those minority religions that maintain periodic records of their yearly activities.
- studies of the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, the BBVA Foundation, the World Values Survey,
- the exploration of official websites and non-official religious communities,
- interviews conducted personally with the representatives of the religious minorities of Castilla y León.

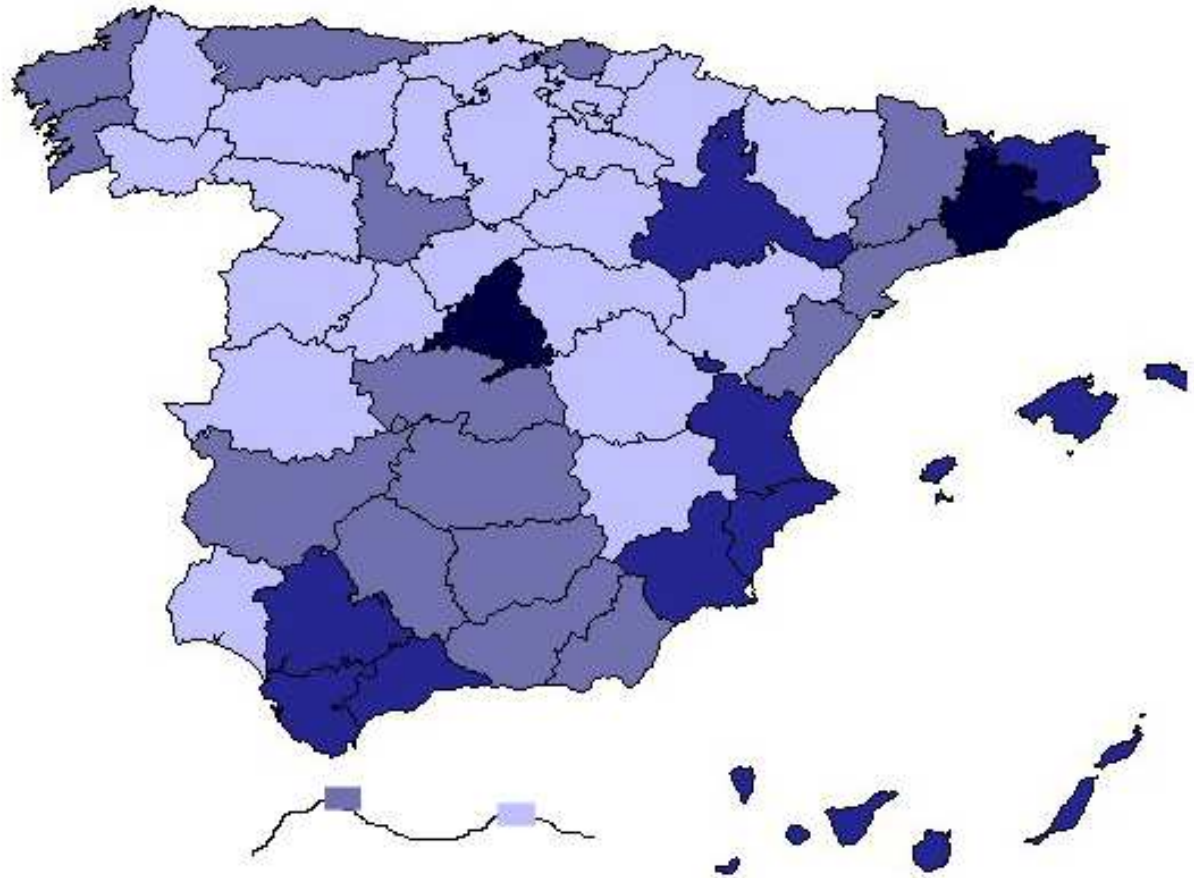
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Places of worship in Spain



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Minority religions in Spain. Places of worship.



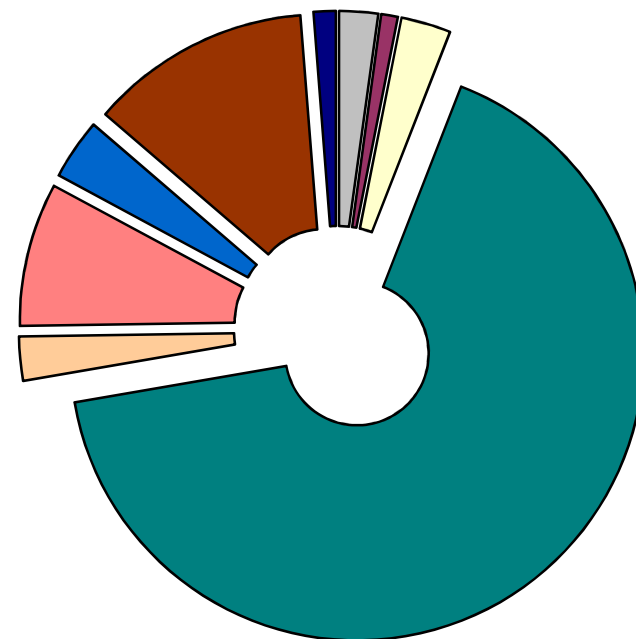
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Minority religions in Castilla y León. Places of worship.



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Segovia	Soria	Valladolid	Zamora	Total
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- █ Anglicans
- █ Buddhist
- █ Evangelical
- █ Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- █ Muslims
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- █ Other religions

Mapa del pluralismo religioso en Valladolid (El mapa puede tardar unos minutos en aparecer)



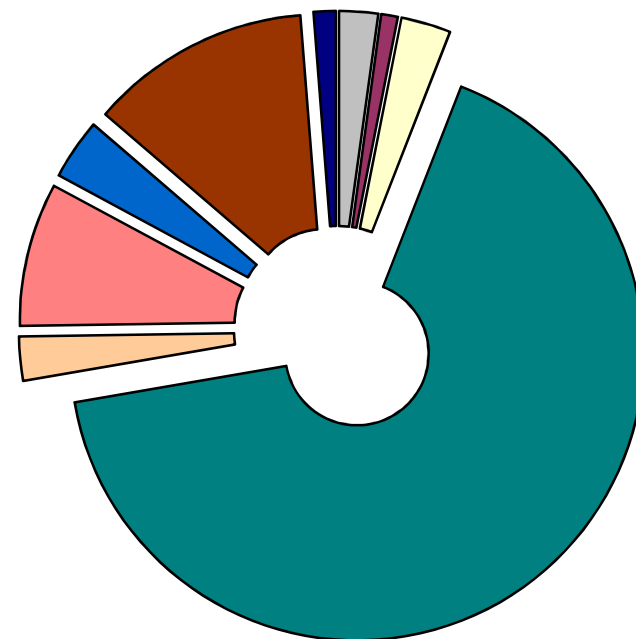
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- This study has been the product of two years of investigation and analysis of religious pluralism in Castilla y León.
- It has been the first step in the construction of a sociological map in which to situate the realities of religious order among the minority groups.
- All minority religions studied in this work have gone through several stages of invisibility, visibility, legitimization and recognition.
- Immigration has affected both the increase of the population of the communities and the challenges and issues they face.
- Another issue that should receive focus in future studies is how the new Spanish socio-economic reality affects these minorities.



Thank you for your attention

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