



2018 figures were good and in **2019**
the economy **remains strong**

+2.6%

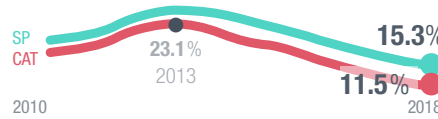
Economic growth (GDP)
(0.7 pp higher than eurozone)



👍 IN 2019 **+2.1%** (Q1 2019)

11.5%

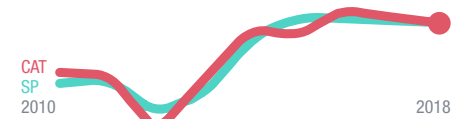
Unemployment rate
(lowest in 10 years)



👍 IN 2019 **11.2%** (Q2 2019)

+2.7%

Persons in employment
(compared to 2017)



👍 IN 2019 **+2.1%** (Q2 2019)

+1.7%

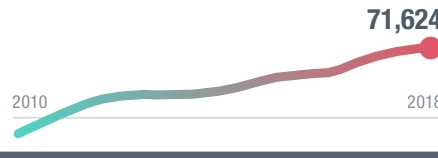
increase in number of companies



👍 IN 2019 **+2.6%** (Jan–May 2019)

8th

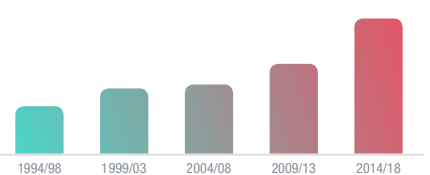
consecutive year of record exports



👍 IN 2019 **+2.6%** (Jan–May 2019)

+45%

Foreign investment
(compared to previous 5-year period)



Catalonia: best investment destination in southern Europe

(In 2018–19 / Financial Times)

No1

Barcelona is the leading start-up hub in southern Europe

(EU – Start-ups)

No1

Top port for Mediterranean cruises and third globally

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Bachelor's degrees among global top 50

(QS by Subject 2018)

No1



Barcelona: World's top city for international meeting participants

(ICCA, 2018)

28%



of H2020 research funding attracted by the Spanish state

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