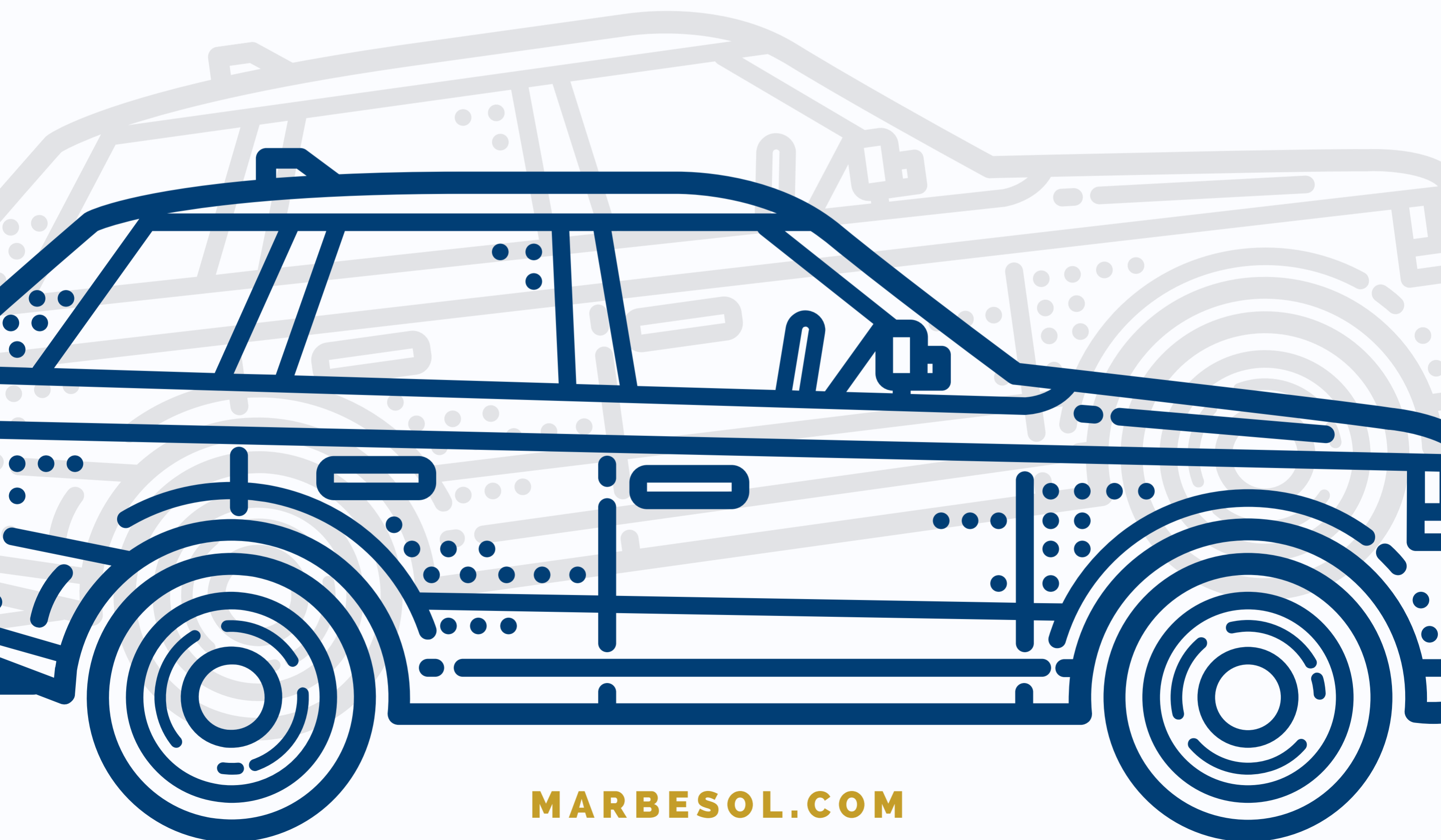


ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC OFFENCES IN SPANISH ROADS

FROM 2012 TO 2017

A report by Marbesol rent a car based on statistical data from the Spanish Department for Transport (DGT) on traffic road offences



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SPANISH HOTSPOTS FOR TRAFFIC FINES IN 2017

Following the trend in the last years, speeding has remained the **most frequent traffic offence** in Spain throughout 2017. In most cases, fixed speed cameras are placed at high-risk road segments, to force drivers reduce their speed and lower the risk of accidents. However, there are also some tricky spots, where **astuce** and **staying alert** still play a fundamental role.

In the following pages, we will list and analyse the traffic hotspots in Spain where a driver is more likely to be penalised.



* Data collected from January to October 2017

SPANISH ROADS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FINES

A-44 In Bailen. Installed in a road descending from Granada to Jaen, the detector at Puerto Carretero registered 55,304 fines in 2017. A-44 is known for its bumpy surface - so-called 'toboganes'. Fortunately, renovation works have been announced by the government in March.

N-VI in Segovia. During 2017, the speed limit was breached 55,000 times in the area of "Alto del Leon" - the road segment registering the second highest number of fines. Local authorities have drawn attention to the high number of drivers who fail the roadside tests in this road.

A-7 in Malaga. Although the 'Autopista del Mediterraneo' extends from Algeciras to Barcelona, its most conflictive spots are located in Malaga. Cameras in Rincon de la Victoria and Cerrado de Calderón reported 47,000 and 43,376 drivers respectively.

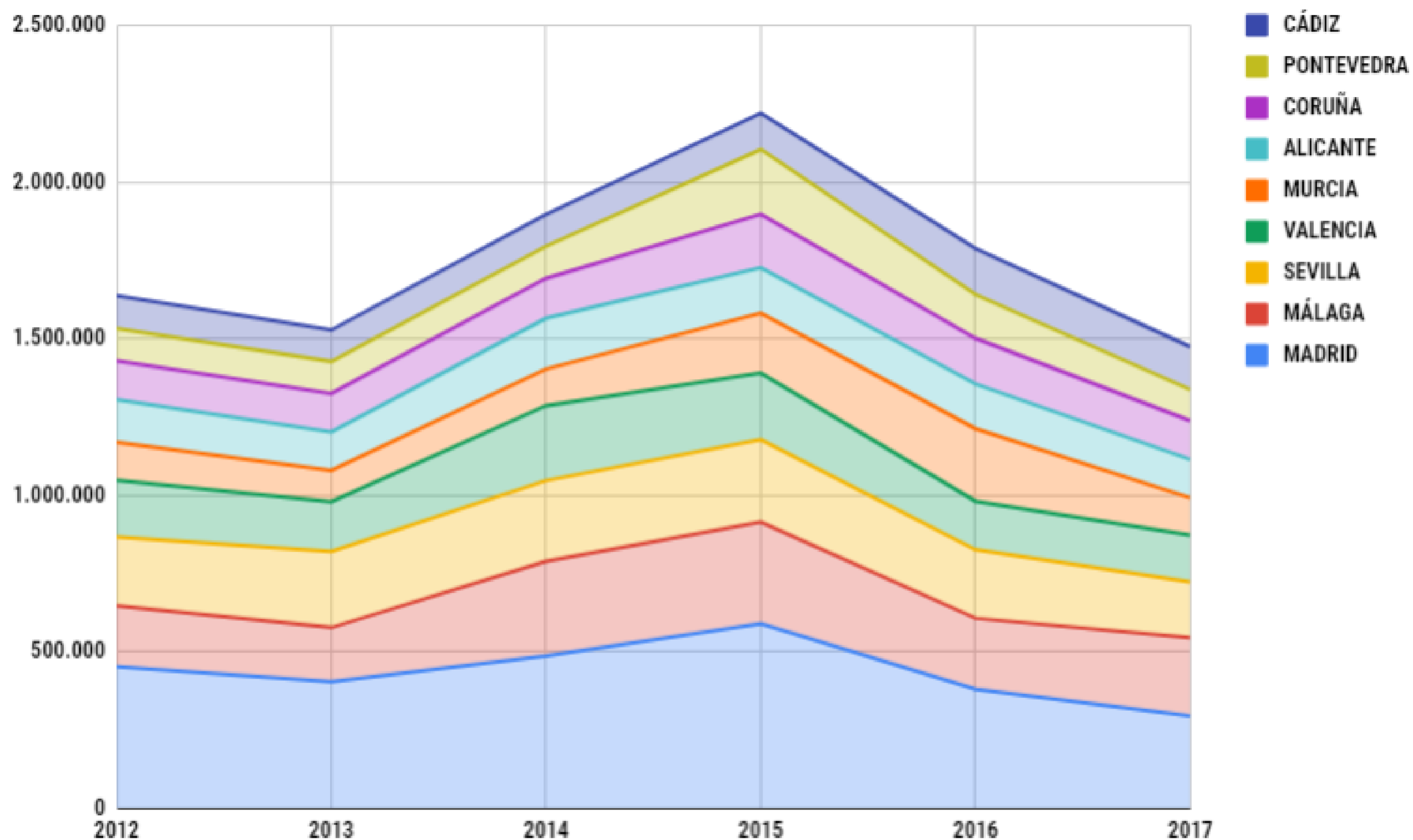
N-240 in Huesca. The road segment between Huesca and Barbastro (Estrecho Quinto) is an easy trap for distracted drivers. Excessive speeding in straight segments appears to be the main cause of its 33,834 road offences.

A-4 in Cordoba. The curves at 'Cuesta del Espino' between Cordoba and Madrid are feared by many drivers. After bringing down the speed limit to 100 km/h, traffic fines have been reduced to 30,912 traffic fines.

TF-13 in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Although it was considered to be the most dangerous road on the Canary Islands, the detector installed at Vía de Ronda has limited speeding offences to 30,152.

M-305 in Toledo. This dual-carriage road between Seseña and Aranjuez with dangerous curves registered 24,950 fines.

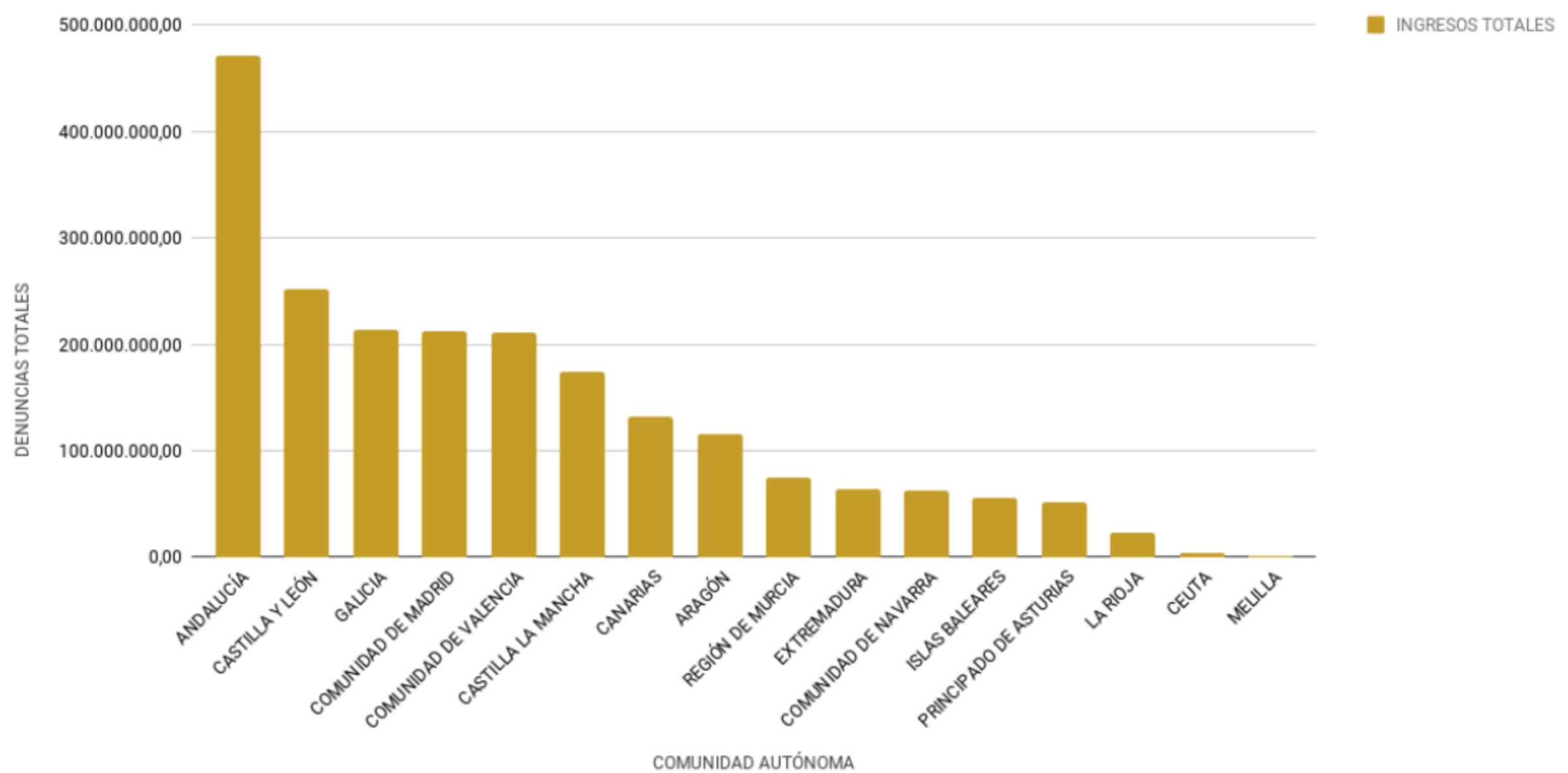
TRAFFIC ROAD PENALTIES BY PROVINCE



Analysing the total sum of road traffic offences **from 2012 to 2017**, we can see an increase in road fines during the years of the **Spanish crisis** starting in 2013. As we get closer to 2017, this trend diminishes. When comparing the different **Spanish regions**, Andalusia shows the highest number of traffic fines, with Cadiz, Seville and Malaga at the top of the list, followed by Galicia (Pontevedra and La Coruña).

AÑO/CIUDAD	MADRID	MÁLAGA	SEVILLA	VALENCIA	MURCIA	ALICANTE	CORUÑA	PONTEVEDRA	CÁDIZ
2012	451.417	194.807	219.042	181.530	120.542	136.670	124.743	103.159	105.005
2013	403.052	173.219	243.605	158.568	99.915	123.150	122.837	101.998	100.594
2014	485.797	301.783	258.547	239.131	117.159	161.971	127.616	102.379	101.757
2015	588.955	324.426	263.516	212.482	191.777	144.279	170.770	207.451	115.441
2016	379.441	226.532	218.791	154.852	232.012	143.014	145.634	140.162	146.218
2017	293.781	250.468	177.441	150.196	118.901	122.648	123.170	99.354	137.404

HOW MUCH REVENUE DID TRAFFIC PENALTIES GENERATE?



Between **2012** and **2017**, Andalusia was also the Spanish region to generate the highest amount of revenue through traffic fines (470,933,15.47€), nearly double as much as the second region and third on the list: Castile y Leon and Galicia, which generated 252,143,338.35€ and 213,858,542 € respectively.

COMUNIDAD AUTÓNOMA	INGRESOS TOTALES
ANDALUCÍA	470.933.155,47
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	252.143.338,35
GALICIA	213.858.542,48
COMUNIDAD DE MADRID	212.082.037,57
COMUNIDAD DE VALENCIA	211.233.176,30
CASTILLA LA MANCHA	173.659.186,84
CANARIAS	132.028.376,04
ARAGÓN	115.709.187,27
REGIÓN DE MURCIA	74.465.813,14
EXTREMADURA	64.030.914,86
COMUNIDAD DE NAVARRA	62.982.899,60
ISLAS BALEARES	55.425.508,09
PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS	51.976.412,07
LA RIOJA	23.626.804,84
CEUTA	3.660.765,66
MELILLA	1.879.617,18

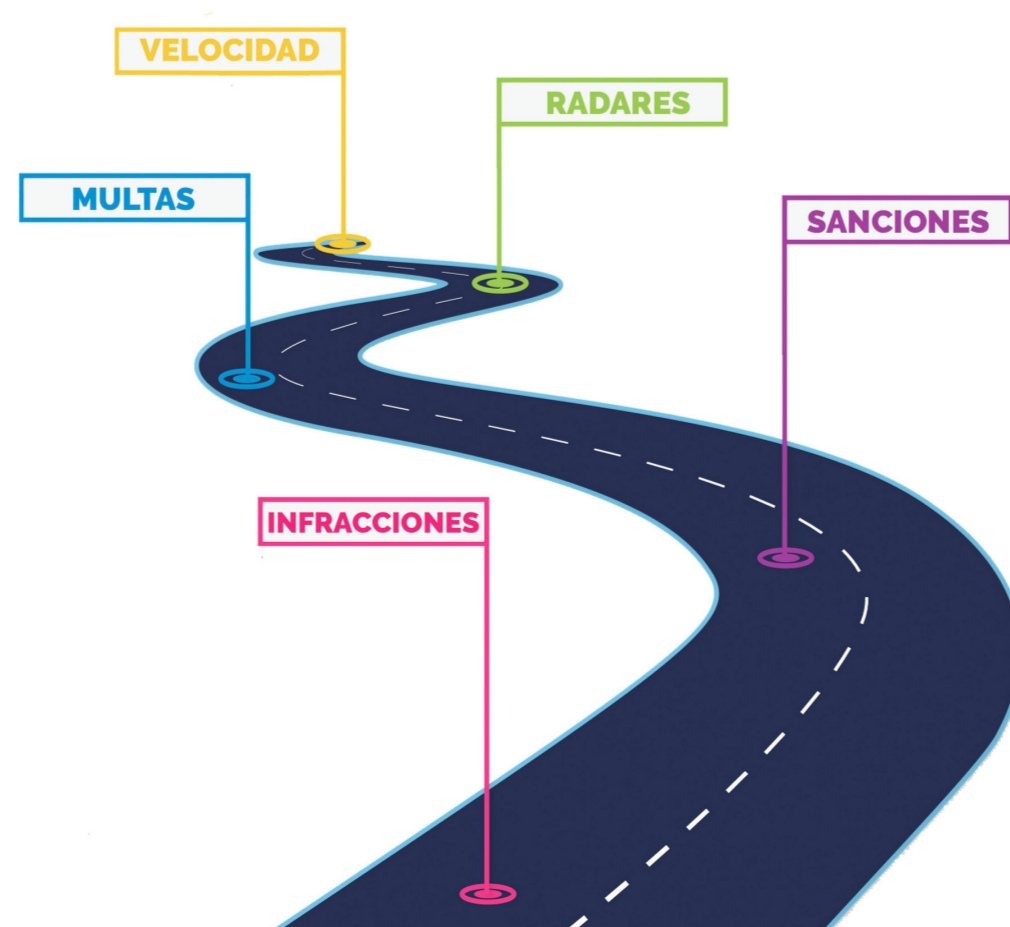
WHAT ARE THE NATIONAL SPEED LIMITS IN SPAIN?

Although there are counted exceptions, single carriageway roads in Spain have a general speed limit of **90 km/h**. If the road footpath is wider than 1.5 mts, the threshold is raised to **100 km/h**. In turn, motorways allow up to **120 km/h**. In urban areas, the limit is **50 km/h**.

Indeed, the best way to avoid paying traffic fines is not to exceed of the applicable national limit by more than 10%. Fines which have been rightfully imposed should be payed within 2 weeks, so as to reduce the due amount. However, drivers who don't consider a penalty fair are advised to appeal.

Depending on the type of offence, the Traffic Authority has a 3 to 6-month period to notify the fine. If during this period, the ticket hasn't reached the offender, it will be considered invalid. Fines may range between from 100 to 600 euros.

In any event, the **Marbesol** team advises to strictly follow the traffic laws, so that you can arrive at your final destination nice and safely.





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