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**USPA NEWS** - Spain created 1700 new jobs every working day last year. This was revealed by the Labour Force Survey (EPA for its acronym in Spanish) in 2014, according to which in that period 433,900 jobs were created.

The unemployment rate remained at the end of last year at 23.7% of the workforce, one point below the government forecast and two points lower than a year earlier. According to the Government, "these data show that the reforms and reducing imbalances with the efforts of Spanish society are giving results in solving the unemployment problem, the main objective of economic policy."

The total number of unemployed in Spain was, on December 31 last, of 5,457,700 people. Despite the good survey data, unemployment rose in the fourth trimester of 2014 at 30,100 people, up 0.4%. Agriculture, industry and construction accounted for most new jobs, which went to workers over 50 years, one of the most difficult groups found in recent years in search of employment in Spain.

The Government also highlights the increase recorded in the, 110,900 more permanent employment contracts, whereas temporary employment declined last year to 24,2%. According to the Minister for Employment, Fatima Banez, "our country is already starting the recovery in employment and quality jobs." But the representative of the Government not obviated the importance of the unemployment rate still supports Spain, one of the highest in the European Union, noting that his department will continue to work to reduce it.

From a year ago, the number of households with all members unemployed has fallen by 159,600, while those who have occupied all his assets grew by 422,600. Regarding 2013, the labor force decreased by 44,000 people, which responds to the declining population of working age (16-64), which is explained by the aging population. But the EPA the fourth quarter of 2014 confirms that there has been a shift in the labor market situation in Spain

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