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Where an electrician's salary goes furthest in Spain.

Same salary, same flat, five cities, ranked by how much of your take-home a 50 m² flat costs. Profile: single, no children, under 65, permanent contract, tax resident in that region, 12 payments, 2026 rules.

€27,531
average gross salary per year, skilled industrial trades (electricians included)

~€1,800
take-home per month, after social security and income tax

37%
of your pay goes on rent in Seville, the best of the five

64%
of your pay goes on rent in Madrid, the toughest of the five

The ranking: 50 m² flat vs. monthly take-home

#	CITY	RENT / M²	RENT	TAKE-HOME	LEFT	SHARE OF PAY
1	**Seville** Andalusia	€13.4	€670	€1,798	€1,128	**37%**
2	**Valencia** Valencian Community	€16.5	€825	€1,807	€982	**46%**
3	**Málaga** Andalusia	€16.7	€835	€1,798	€963	**46%**
4	**Barcelona** Catalonia	€20.5	€1,025	€1,792	€767	**57%**
5	**Madrid** Community of Madrid	€23.4	€1,170	€1,815	€645	**64%**

From gross to take-home

Gross salary	€27,531.44
Social security (your part): 6.50%	−€1,789.54
Taxable income Gross − social security − €2,000 fixed work expenses	€23,741.90
Income tax, national part Same in every region	−€2,116.78
Income tax, regional part Madrid €1,839.58 · Valencia €1,943.08 · Andalusia €2,053.23 · Catalonia €2,126.45	−€1.8k to €2.1k

Why the take-home changes by city

Income tax has a national part and a regional part, and each region sets its own scale and allowance. At this salary the gap is small: **about €24 a month** between Madrid (lowest tax) and Catalonia (highest). Rent is what really decides the ranking.

Electricians are on the shortage list

Spain's official list of hard-to-fill jobs (SEPE) includes **electricians** in almost every province, so the company **doesn't have to prove it couldn't hire locally** to sponsor your visa.

Your offer may pay more

€27,531 is a national average for skilled industrial trades, not an electrician-only figure (Spain doesn't publish one). **Plug your real offer into the same steps**: the ranking usually holds, the euros change.

12 or 14 payments?

Many contracts split the salary in **14 payments**: 12 months plus two extra ones. Same yearly total, smaller monthly amount: about €1,550 instead of €1,800.

Found an offer? Make sure it can sponsor you. Spainward finds jobs in Spain that sponsor visas and applies for you. General information, not tax or legal advice: rates and rents change, so check the official sources or a tax adviser before you decide.

Sources: INE, Encuesta Anual de Estructura Salarial 2024 (final, 28/05/2026), average annual pay, occupation group L (skilled workers in manufacturing industries, CNO-11 73–78, incl. 75 electricity and electrotechnology) · Ley 35/2006 del IRPF, art. 19, 20, 57, 63 · Orden PJC/297/2026 (2026 social security rates) · Madrid: Decreto Legislativo 1/2010, art. 1–2 · Catalonia: Código tributario, book six, art. 611-1 (Decreto-ley 5/2025) · Valencian Community: Ley 13/1997, art. 2 (as worded by Ley 5/2026, from 01/01/2026) and art. 2 bis · Andalusia: Ley 5/2021, art. 23 and 23 bis · SEPE, Catálogo de Ocupaciones de Difícil Cobertura, BOE 02/09/2026 · idealista, rental price report October 2026, city figures.

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