

José María Aznar

Chief of the Government of Spain

José María Aznar was born in Madrid on Feb. 25, 1953, and received a law degree from the Complutense University of Madrid.

During his early career, Mr. Aznar was an inspector of state finances. From 1982 to 1987, he was secretary general of the Popular Alliance party and member of the legislature for Ávila. He was president of the autonomous community of Castile and Leon from 1987 until 1989, when he became national vice-president of the Popular Party.

In 1989, Mr. Aznar became the Popular Party's candidate for the presidency of the government and was named party president.

He was elected to represent Madrid in the national legislature and was president of the Popular Parliamentary Group.

Mr. Aznar became Chief of the Government of Spain on May 5, 1996. He was re-elected in general elections of March 12, 2000.

Mr. Aznar is married and has three children.