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Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad

More than 1.47 million Spaniards are resident abroad at 1 January 2009

Argentina, France and Venezuela, the foreign countries in which the most persons of Spanish nationality are resident

The number of persons of Spanish nationality who were resident abroad reached 1,471,691 according to data from the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA) dated 1 January 2009, which the INE is publishing today for the first time. 51.0% of this figure was female, and 49.0% were male.

By continent, 59.0% of persons registered in the RSRA had affixed residence in Americas and 38.1% in Europe.

Population of Spanish nationality by continent and sex.

Continent	TOTAL	Males	Females
TOTAL	1,471,691	720,486	751,205
Europe *	560,408	275,557	284,851
Africa	12,834	6,748	6,086
America	868,564	422,558	446,006
Asia	15,005	8,057	6,948
Oceania	14,880	7,566	7,314

(*) Excluding Spain.

43.1% of Spaniards resident abroad were born in Spain. On the other hand, 51.4% were born in their current country of residence, and 4.3% in other countries.

Population of Spanish Nationality by continent and place of birth

	TOTAL	Place of birth			
		Spain	Country of residence	Other countries	No data recorded
TOTAL	1,471,691	633,750	755,923	63,808	18,210
Europe *	560,408	329,449	194,521	27,859	8,579
Africa	12,834	6,861	4,791	1,027	155
America	868,564	280,739	546,957	31,806	9,062
Asia	15,005	7,532	5,192	2,143	138
Oceania	14,880	9,169	4,462	973	276

(*) Excluding Spain.

Considering age, 13.6% of those included in the RSRA were under 16 years of age, 61.3% were between 16 and 64 years of age, and 25.1% were aged 65 or more years.

By continent, 54.3% of persons under the age of 16 years were resident in America and 41.4% in Europe. These percentages were similar to those for the 16 to 64 age group (55.1% were resident in America and 41.9% in Europe). It is worth noting that **71.2% of persons over 65 years of age were resident in America.**

Population of Spanish nationality by continent and age group.

Continent	TOTAL	Under 16 years	From 16 to 64 years old	From 65 years old and over
TOTAL	1,471,691	200,019	902,003	369,669
Europe *	560,408	82,735	378,036	99,637
Africa	12,834	3,475	7,752	1,607
America	868,564	108,468	496,937	263,159
Asia	15,005	4,000	9,636	1,369
Oceania	14,880	1,341	9,642	3,897

(*) Excluding Spain.

Distribution by country

The foreign countries in which the most persons of Spanish nationality were resident were Argentina (300,376), France (179,678) and Venezuela (158,122).

Population of Spanish by country *

Country of residence	Both sexes	Males	Females
Germany	103,063	51,729	51,334
Andorra	23,131	11,491	11,640
Argentina	300,376	139,868	160,508
Australia	14,532	7,391	7,141
Belgium	40,130	20,449	19,681
Brazil	78,505	40,562	37,943
Chile	30,709	15,023	15,686
Colombia	11,959	6,015	5,944
Cuba	42,592	18,192	24,400
United States of America	66,979	32,846	34,133
France	179,678	89,174	90,504
Italy	15,138	4,928	10,210
Mexico	69,571	35,925	33,646
Netherlands	18,005	9,152	8,853
United Kingdom	57,770	26,095	31,675
Dominican Republic	12,855	6,857	5,998
Switzerland	87,670	44,776	42,894
Uruguay	49,443	23,220	26,223
Venezuela	158,122	79,401	78,721

(*) The table shows all countries with more than 10,000 residents of Spanish nationality

Informative annex

The National Statistics Institute is publishing today for the first time, statistical data from the central file of the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA).

This administrative register contains details of **persons of Spanish nationality (regardless of whether or not this is their only nationality)** habitually resident outside Spain.

The Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad is constituted of existing data in the Registers of the Consular office or section corresponding to the habitual residence abroad.

The INE prepares and maintains a central file of Spaniards resident abroad with the con data submitted by the Consular offices and sections, commencing statistical use thereof with reference to 1 January 2009.

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