

Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad at 1 January 2011

The Spanish population resident abroad increases 8.2%, reaching 1.7 million persons

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

The number of persons with Spanish nationality resident abroad reached **1,702,778**, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA) dated 1 January 2011. This represents **an increase of 8.2%** (128,655 persons), as compared with the data at 1 January 2010.

By sex, 51.1% of persons with Spanish nationality resident abroad were female and 48.9% were male, percentages similar to those for 1 January 2010.

By continent, 61.6% of persons registered in the RSRA had established residence in America, 35.4% in Europe and 3.0% in the rest of the world.

The greatest increase in registered persons, as compared with the data at 1 January 2010, was recorded in America, with 102,764 more registered persons.

In relative terms, the greatest increases were in America and Asia, in both cases with an increase of 10.9%.

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and sex

At 1 January 2011				At 1 January 2010		
Continent	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female
TOTAL	1,702,778	833,207	869,571	1,574,123	770,555	803,568
Europe *	602,178	295,638	306,540	580,063	284,967	295,096
Africa	14,917	7,994	6,923	14,160	7,462	6,698
America	1,049,465	510,517	538,948	946,701	460,759	485,942
Asia	19,310	10,491	8,819	17,416	9,356	8,060
Oceania	16,908	8,567	8,341	15,783	8,011	7,772

(*) Excluding Spain.

Absolute variation				Relative variation		
Continent	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female
TOTAL	128,655	62,652	66,003	8.2	8.1	8.2
Europe *	22,115	10,671	11,444	3.8	3.7	3.9
Africa	757	532	225	5.4	7.1	3.4
America	102,764	49,758	53,006	10.9	10.8	10.9
Asia	1,894	1,135	759	10.9	12.1	9.4
Oceania	1,125	556	569	7.1	6.9	7.3

By place of birth, 37.6% of Spaniards resident abroad were born in Spain, 56.8% were born in their current country of residence and 4.8% in other countries.

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and place of birth

Continent	TOTAL	Place of birth			
		Spain	Country of residence	Other countries	No data recorded
TOTAL	1,702,778	641,122	966,559	81,676	13,421
Europe *	602,178	333,209	227,372	35,124	6,473
Africa	14,917	7,658	5,870	1,280	109
America	1,049,465	281,379	720,487	41,053	6,546
Asia	19,310	9,162	7,126	2,919	103
Oceania	16,908	9,714	5,704	1,300	190

(*) Excluding Spain.

Considering **age**, 14.3% of those registered in the RSRA were aged under 16 years old, 61.9% were aged 16 to 64 years old, and 23.7% were aged 65 years old or over.

By continent, 53.9% of persons under the age of 16 years were resident in America and 41.1% in Europe. These percentages were similar to those for the group aged 16 to 64 years old: 59.4% were resident in America and 37.5% in Europe.

It was worth noting that **71.8% of persons aged 65 years old and over were resident in America, whereas only 26.3% were resident in Europe.**

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and age group

Continent	TOTAL	Under 16 years old	16 to 64 years old	65 years old and over
TOTAL	1,702,778	243,557	1,054,639	404,582
Europe *	602,178	100,209	395,751	106,218
Africa	14,917	4,475	8,798	1,644
America	1,049,465	131,351	627,323	290,791
Asia	19,310	5,646	12,082	1,582
Oceania	16,908	1,876	10,685	4,347

(*) Excluding Spain.

Distribution by country

The foreign countries in which the most persons with Spanish nationality resided were Argentina (345,866), France (189,909), Venezuela (173,456) and Germany (108,469).

In turn, worth noting was the increase of 43.3% in the Spanish population resident in Cuba, as compared with the data at 1 January 2010.

Population with Spanish nationality by country *

Country of residence	Data at 1 January 2011			Data at 1 January 2010		Variation	
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Absolute	Relative	
Germany	108,469	54,229	54,240	105,916	2,553	2.4	
Andorra	23,605	11,665	11,940	23,296	309	1.3	
Argentina	345,866	161,441	184,425	322,002	23,864	7.4	
Australia	16,379	8,308	8,071	15,323	1,056	6.9	
Belgium	45,485	23,179	22,306	43,397	2,088	4.8	
Brazil	92,260	47,231	45,029	82,189	10,071	12.3	
Canada	11,539	6,008	5,531	10,817	722	6.7	
Chile	40,492	19,965	20,527	33,725	6,767	20.1	
Colombia	14,688	7,364	7,324	13,241	1,447	10.9	
Cuba	75,433	33,432	42,001	52,638	22,795	43.3	
Ecuador	10,147	5,152	4,995	7,524	2,623	34.9	
The United States of America	79,495	39,204	40,291	72,730	6,765	9.3	
France	189,909	93,974	95,935	183,277	6,632	3.6	
Italy	18,116	6,228	11,888	17,421	695	4.0	
Mexico	86,658	44,451	42,207	77,069	9,589	12.4	
The Netherlands	19,350	9,735	9,615	18,724	626	3.3	
Peru	13,180	6,568	6,612	10,889	2,291	21.0	
The United Kingdom	64,317	29,317	35,000	60,368	3,949	6.5	
The Dominican Republic	14,808	7,835	6,973	13,880	928	6.7	
Switzerland	93,262	47,470	45,792	90,142	3,120	3.5	
Uruguay	58,623	27,482	31,141	54,544	4,079	7.5	
Venezuela	173,456	87,203	86,253	167,311	6,145	3.7	

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

Informative annex

Persons of Spanish nationality (whether or not this is their only nationality) who are usually resident outside Spain, are registered in the central file of the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA), with the data submitted by the relevant consular registration Offices and Sections, from the Registers of Spaniards residents abroad.

Statistical use of the RSRA only enables obtaining the classification of registered persons, considering the classification variables of the file.

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