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**Statistics of Spaniards Resident Abroad
at 01 January 2017**

The Spanish population resident abroad increases 4.4% in 2016

United Kingdom, the United States of America, and France are the countries that register the highest increase of population with Spanish nationality

In 2016, over two out of three new registrations corresponded to persons born outside Spain

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent

The number of persons with Spanish nationality resident abroad reached 2,406,611 at 01 January 2017, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA). This figure represents an increase of 4.4% (101,581 persons) as compared with the data at 01 January 2016.

By continent, 62.5% of persons registered have affixed residence in the Americas, 34.2% in Europe and 3.4% in the rest of the world.

The increase of registered persons as compared with the data at 01 January 2016 was concentrated in America (48,612 more registered) and Europe (46,479 more).

In relative terms, the larger increase took place in Asia (11.2%).

**Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad
by continent**

Continent	Data 1 January 2017	Data 1 January 2016	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
TOTAL	2,406,611	2,305,030	101,581	4.4
Europe(*)	822,264	775,785	46,479	6.0
Africa	21,441	19,731	1,710	8.7
America	1,503,036	1,454,424	48,612	3.3
Asia	38,024	34,190	3,834	11.2
Oceania	21,846	20,900	946	4.5

(*) Excluding Spain

Population with Spanish Nationality by continent and place of birth

33.0% of Spanish residents abroad were born in Spain, 59.1% were born in their current country of residence and 7.6% 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	2,406,611	794,209	1,422,784	182,144	7,474
Europe(*)	822,264	425,919	303,369	89,202	3,774
Africa	21,441	8,585	10,910	1,861	85
America	1,503,036	328,459	1,087,915	83,244	3,418
Asia	38,024	19,099	13,169	5,701	55
Oceania	21,846	12,147	7,421	2,136	142

(*) Excluding Spain

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and age group

15.4% of those registered in the RSRA at 01 January 2017 were under 16 years of age, 63% were between 16 and 64 years of age, and 21.6% were aged 65 or more years old.

By continent, 52.2% of persons under the age of 16 years were residents in America and 41.9% in Europe.

In the age group from 16 to 64 years old, 61.1% were resident in America and 35.6% in Europe.

With respect to people over 65 years old, 73.8% have established residence in America and 24.4% in Europe.

Population with Spanish Nationality by continent and place of birth

Continent	TOTAL	Place of birth		
		Under 16 years old	From 16 to 64 years of age	Aged 65 years old and over
TOTAL	2,406,611	371,033	1,516,902	518,676
Europe(*)	822,264	155,616	540,197	126,451
Africa	21,441	8,399	11,241	1,801
America	1,503,036	193,819	926,513	382,704
Asia	38,024	10,404	25,141	2,479
Oceania	21,846	2,795	13,810	5,241

(*) Excluding Spain

Population with Spanish Nationality registered in 2016 by continent and place of birth

Most of new registrations during 2016 correspond to residents in America (53.7% of the total) and persons born in their current country of residence (49.7%).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered in 2016 by continent and place of birth

Continent	TOTAL	Place of birth			
		Spain	Country of residence	Other countries	No data recorded
TOTAL	178,998	65,954	88,892	24,137	15
Europe(*)	69,165	37,958	16,266	14,930	11
Africa	4,710	1,662	2,800	248	-
America	96,174	21,707	66,427	8,036	4
Asia	7,553	3,743	3,028	782	-
Oceania	1,396	884	371	141	-

(*) Excluding Spain

Population with Spanish Nationality registered in 2016 by continent and place of birth

Most of the new registrations during 2016 correspond to persons between 16 to 64 years old (61.5% of the total).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered in 2016 by continent and age group

Continent	TOTAL	Under 16 years old	From 16 to 64 years of age	Aged 65 years old and over
TOTAL	178,998	60,041	110,105	8,852
Europe(*)	69,165	24,853	42,766	1,546
Africa	4,710	2,492	2,006	212
America	96,174	29,881	59,528	6,765
Asia	7,553	2,417	4,869	267
Oceania	1,396	398	936	62

(*) Excluding Spain

Population with Spanish Nationality registered in 2016 born in Spain by continent and age group

Among the new registrations of people born in Spain during 2016, the majority were residents in Europe (57.6%) and America (32.9%). And by age group from 16 to 64 years old (64.1%).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad born in Spain registered in 2016 by continent and age group

Continent	TOTAL	Under 16 years old	From 16 to 64 years of age	Aged 65 years old and over
TOTAL	65,954	20,135	42,274	3,545
Europe(*)	37,958	10,893	25,798	1,267
Africa	1,662	663	956	43
America	21,707	7,830	11,740	2,137
Asia	3,743	646	3,059	38
Oceania	884	103	721	60

(*) Excluding Spain

Population with Spanish nationality by country

The foreign countries where the most people of Spanish nationality were resident at 1 January 2017 were Argentina (448,050), France (243,582) and Venezuela (180,497).

Among the countries with more than 10,000 residents, the largest increases in relative terms took place in Bolivia (14.5% more), United Kingdom (13.0%); and the United States of America, and Dominican Republic (9.3% both).

In turn, Andorra (1.6%) and Argentina (2.0%) registered the most moderate growth. In Venezuela, the Spanish population registered a decrease of 4.0%.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by country (*)

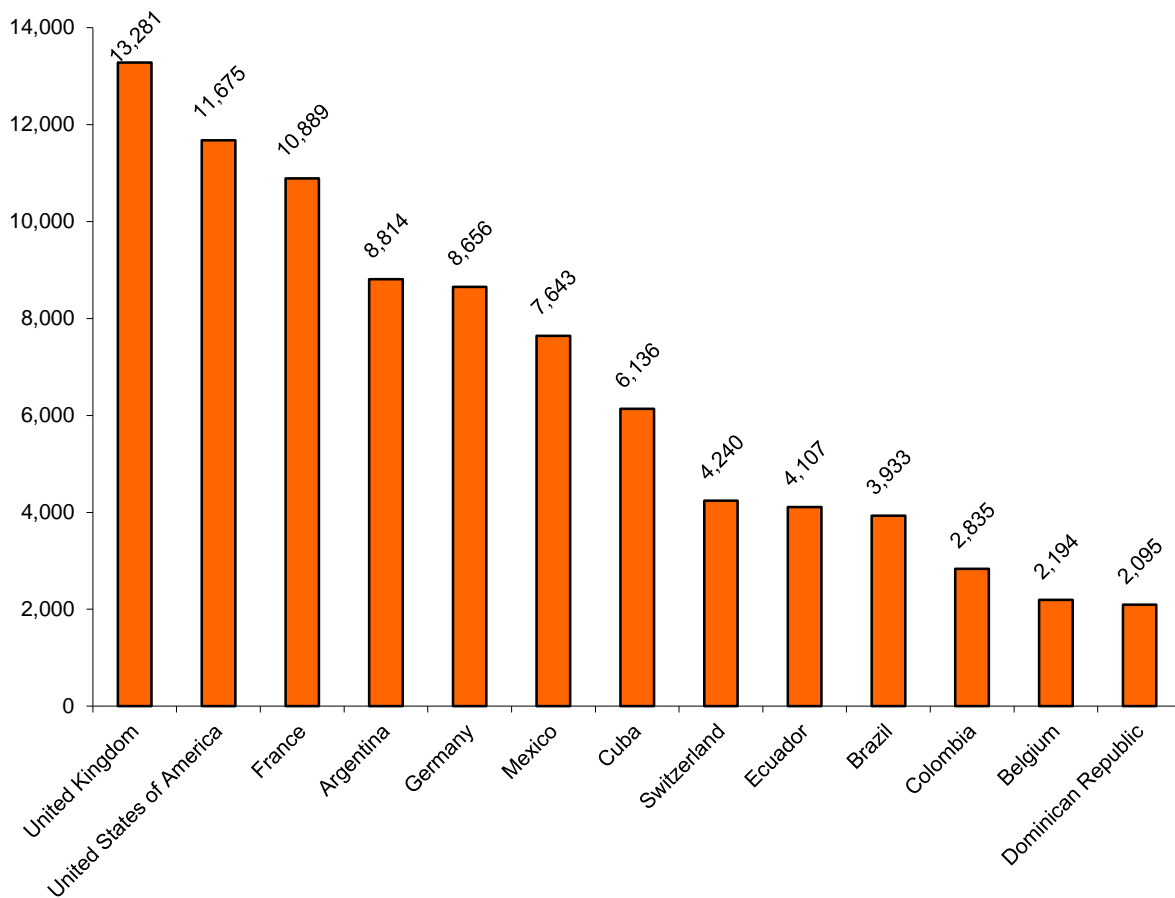
Country of residence	Data 1 January 2017	Data 1 January 2016	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
Germany	148,211	139,555	8,656	6.2
Andorra	25,304	24,916	388	1.6
Argentina	448,050	439,236	8,814	2.0
Australia	20,682	19,834	848	4.3
Belgium	61,338	59,144	2,194	3.7
Bolivia	14,676	12,813	1,863	14.5
Brazil	129,083	125,150	3,933	3.1
Canada	16,164	15,436	728	4.7
Chile	63,162	61,854	1,308	2.1
Colombia	33,518	30,683	2,835	9.2
Cuba	134,677	128,541	6,136	4.8
Ecuador	53,399	49,292	4,107	8.3
The United States of America	136,805	125,130	11,675	9.3
France	243,582	232,693	10,889	4.7
Italy	23,143	22,262	881	4.0
Mexico	130,832	123,189	7,643	6.2
Netherlands	25,586	24,372	1,214	5.0
Panama	12,438	11,577	861	7.4
Peru	27,151	25,568	1,583	6.2
Portugal	12,096	11,600	496	4.3
The United Kingdom	115,779	102,498	13,281	13.0
The Dominican Republic	24,519	22,424	2,095	9.3
Switzerland	116,182	111,942	4,240	3.8
Uruguay	66,850	65,489	1,361	2.1
Venezuela	180,497	188,025	-7,528	-4.0

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

In absolute terms, the highest increases of Spanish population were registered in United Kingdom (13,281 more), the United States of America (11,675), and France (10,889).

On the other hand, the variation registered in Venezuela should be noted, with 7,528 less registered with respect to the data at 1 January 2016.

Increase of Spanish nationality population resident abroad during 2016 by country (*)



(*) Countries with increases of over 2,000 residents.

Informative annex

The target population analysed in these statistics is the Spanish population residing abroad. It includes all people holding Spanish nationality —whether it is or not their only nationality— who are registered as regular residents in the Consular Office Register of their place of residence. This registration must have been communicated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the INE, as so it can be incorporated to the central file of the RSRA.

The registrations carried out within the year before the 1st January of the reference year correspond to new registers due to any possible reason (birth, nationalization, omission and emigration from Spain abroad).

The statistical mining of the RSRA central file let us only know about the distribution of registered people and the distribution of new registrations by variable on the date of reference, but it does not provide information about the causes of the changes with respect to the previous year.

Further information at: http://www.ine.es/en/metodologia/t20/t203024509_en.pdf