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Statistics of Spaniards Resident Abroad at 01 January 2018

The Spanish population resident abroad increased 3.2% in 2017

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

In 2017, 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 2,482,808 as at 01 January 2018, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA). This figure represents an increase of 3.2% (76,197 persons) as compared with the data as at 01 January 2017.

By continent, 61.8% of registered persons had established their residence in America, 34.7% in Europe and 3.5% in the rest of the world.

The largest increases in the number of registered persons in 2017 were in America (30,470 more) and Europe (40,022 more).

In relative terms, the largest increases were recorded in Asia (8.5%) and Africa (8.2%).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent

Continent	Data 1 January 2018	Data 1 January 2017	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
TOTAL	2,482,808	2,406,611	76,197	3.2
Europa	862,286	822,264	40,022	4.9
Africa	23,202	21,441	1,761	8.2
America	1,533,506	1,503,036	30,470	2.0
Asia	41,249	38,024	3,225	8.5
Oceania	22,565	21,846	719	3.3

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent and sex

The number of registrations of women living abroad exceeded that of men by 31,808. However, by continent, Africa, Asia and Oceania recorded more men than women registered.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent and sex

Continent	Both sexes	Men	Women
TOTAL	2,482,808	1,225,500	1,257,308
Europa	862,286	426,510	435,776
Africa	23,202	12,926	10,276
America	1,533,506	751,112	782,394
Asia	41,249	23,634	17,615
Oceania	22,565	11,318	11,247

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

32.6% of Spanish resident abroad were born in Spain, 58.8% were born in their current country of residence and 8.2% 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	2,482,808	810,076	1,461,122	204,365	7,245
Europa	862,286	440,206	316,401	102,025	3,654
Africa	23,202	8,712	12,513	1,895	82
America	1,533,506	328,809	1,109,366	92,015	3,316
Asia	41,249	19,731	15,305	6,158	55
Oceania	22,565	12,618	7,537	2,272	138

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad by continent and age group

15.6% of those registered in the RSRA as at 01 January 2018 were under 16 years of age, 62.9% were between 16 and 64 years of age, and 21.5% were aged 65 or more years old.

By continent, 50.4% of persons under the age of 16 years were residents in America and 43.4% in Europe. In the age group from 16 to 64 years old, 60.4% were resident in America and 36.2% in Europe. With respect to people over 65 years old, 73.9% had established their residence in America and 24.2% in Europe.

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad by continent and age group

Continent	TOTAL	Under the age of 16	From 16 to 64 years of age	65 years of age and older
TOTAL	2,482,808	386,922	1,560,965	534,921
Europa	862,286	167,969	564,781	129,536
Africa	23,202	9,830	11,521	1,851
America	1,533,506	195,067	943,044	395,395
Asia	41,249	11,251	27,215	2,783
Oceania	22,565	2,805	14,404	5,356

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2017 by continent and place of birth

Most of new registrations during 2017 corresponded to residents in America (52.6% of the total) and persons born in their current country of residence (51.2%).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered in 2017 by continent and place of birth

Continent	TOTAL	Place of birth			
		Spain	Country of residence	Other countries	No data recorded
TOTAL	163,235	56,915	83,528	22,787	5
Europa	63,960	32,592	17,010	14,354	4
Africa	4,773	1,627	2,903	243	-
America	85,941	18,282	60,362	7,297	-
Asia	7,231	3,466	3,006	758	1
Oceania	1,330	948	247	135	-

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2017 by continent and age group

Most of the new registrations during 2017 corresponded to persons between 16 to 64 years old (59.2% of the total).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered in 2017 by continent and age group

Continent	TOTAL	Under the age of 16	From 16 to 64 years of age	65 years of age and older
TOTAL	163,235	58,902	96,641	7,692
Europa	63,960	24,984	37,601	1,375
Africa	4,773	3,006	1,678	89
America	85,941	28,202	51,773	5,966
Asia	7,231	2,410	4,590	231
Oceania	1,330	300	999	31

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2017 born in Spain, by continent and age group

Among the new registrations of people born in Spain during 2017, the majority were residents in Europe (57.3%) and America (32.1%). And by age group from 16 to 64 years old (62.9%).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad born in Spain registered in 2017 by continent and age group

Continent	TOTAL	Under the age of 16	From 16 to 64 years of age	65 years of age and older
TOTAL	56,915	17,978	35,793	3,144
Europa	32,592	9,987	21,485	1,120
Africa	1,627	729	851	47
America	18,282	6,545	9,827	1,910
Asia	3,466	627	2,801	38
Oceania	948	90	829	29

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by country

The foreign countries where the most people of Spanish nationality were resident as at 01 January 2018 were Argentina (457,204), France (253,036) and Venezuela (167,255).

Among the countries with more than 10,000 residents, the largest increases of people with Spanish nationality in relative terms were registered in the United Kingdom (10.5%), the United States of America (8.0%) and Bolivia (7.4%). In turn, Uruguay (0.1%) and Brazil (1.2%) registered the most moderate increases. In Venezuela, the Spanish population registered a decrease of 7.3%.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by country (*)

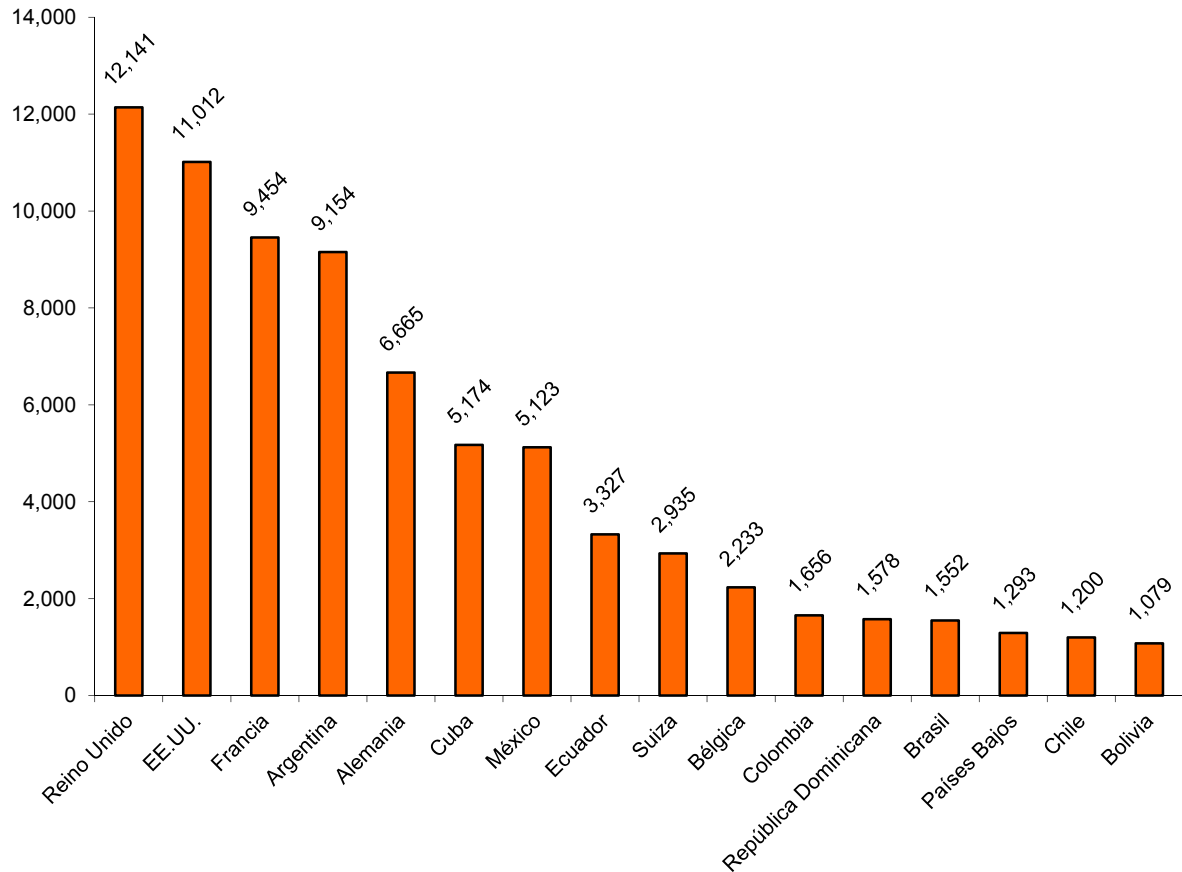
Country of residence	Data 1 January 2018	Data 1 January 2017	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
Germany	154,876	148,211	6,665	4.5
Andorra	25,675	25,304	371	1.5
Argentina	457,204	448,050	9,154	2.0
Australia	21,297	20,682	615	3.0
Belgium	63,571	61,338	2,233	3.6
Bolivia	15,755	14,676	1,079	7.4
Brazil	130,635	129,083	1,552	1.2
Canada	16,787	16,164	623	3.9
Chile	64,362	63,162	1,200	1.9
Colombia	35,174	33,518	1,656	4.9
Cuba	139,851	134,677	5,174	3.8
Ecuador	56,726	53,399	3,327	6.2
The United States of America	147,817	136,805	11,012	8.0
France	253,036	243,582	9,454	3.9
Italy	23,815	23,143	672	2.9
Morocco	10,116	9,536	580	6.1
Mexico	135,955	130,832	5,123	3.9
Netherlands	26,879	25,586	1,293	5.1
Panama	13,308	12,438	870	7.0
Peru	27,950	27,151	799	2.9
Portugal	12,639	12,096	543	4.5
The United Kingdom	127,920	115,779	12,141	10.5
The Dominican Republic	26,097	24,519	1,578	6.4
Switzerland	119,117	116,182	2,935	2.5
Uruguay	66,892	66,850	42	0.1
Venezuela	167,255	180,497	-13,242	-7.3

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

In absolute terms, the highest increases of Spanish population were registered in United Kingdom (12,141 more), the United States of America (11,012), and France (9,454).

On the other hand, the variation registered in Venezuela should be noted, with 13,242 less registered with respect to the data as at 01 January 2017.

Increase of Spanish nationality population resident abroad during 2017 by country (*)



(*) Countries with increases of over 1,000 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.

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