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**Statistics of Spaniards Resident Abroad
01 January 2019**

The Spanish population resident abroad increased 2.5% in 2018

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

In 2018, 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 2,545,729 as at 01 January 2019, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA). This figure represents an increase of 2.5% (62,921 persons) as compared with the data as at 01 January 2018.

By continent, 61% of registered persons had established their residence in America, 35.4% in Europe and 3.6% in the rest of the world.

The largest increases in the number of registered persons in 2018 were in Europe (37,873 more) and America (20,033 more).

In relative terms, the largest increases were recorded in Africa (8.5%) and Asia (5.5%).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent

Continent	Data 1 January 2019	Data 1 January 2018	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
TOTAL	2,545,729	2,482,808	62,921	2.5
Europe	900,159	862,286	37,873	4.4
Africa	25,163	23,202	1,961	8.5
America	1,553,539	1,533,506	20,033	1.3
Asia	43,504	41,249	2,255	5.5
Oceania	23,364	22,565	799	3.5

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent and sex

The number of registrations of women living abroad exceeded that of men by 30,429. 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	Difference
TOTAL	2,545,729	1,257,650	1,288,079	-30,429
Europe	900,159	445,768	454,391	-8,623
Africa	25,163	14,093	11,070	3,023
America	1,553,539	761,256	792,283	-31,027
Asia	43,504	24,817	18,687	6,130
Oceania	23,364	11,716	11,648	68

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

32.2% of Spanish resident abroad were born in Spain, 58.6% were born in their current country of residence and 8.9% in other countries.

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and place of birth

Continent	Total	Spain		Country of residence		Other countries		No data recorded	
		Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	2,545,729	820,317	32.2	1,492,118	58.6	226,243	8.9	7,051	0.3
Europe	900,159	452,133	50.2	329,360	36.6	115,102	12.8	3,564	0.4
Africa	25,163	8,909	35.4	14,270	56.7	1,901	7.6	83	0.3
America	1,553,539	326,500	21.0	1,123,644	72.3	100,179	6.4	3,216	0.2
Asia	43,504	19,761	45.4	17,089	39.3	6,600	15.2	54	0.1
Oceania	23,364	13,014	55.7	7,755	33.2	2,461	10.5	134	0.6

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent and age group

15.7% of those registered in the RSRA as at 01 January 2019 were under 16 years of age, 62.6% were between 16 and 64 years of age, and 21.7% were aged 65 or more years old.

By continent, 48.6% of persons under the age of 16 years were residents in America and 44.9% in Europe. In the age group from 16 to 64 years old, 59.7% were resident in America and 36.9% in Europe. With respect to people over 65 years old, 74% had established their residence in America and 24,1% 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	
		Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	2,545,729	400,168	15.7	1,594,060	62.6	551,501	21.7
Europe	900,159	179,503	44.9	587,844	36.9	132,812	24.1
Africa	25,163	11,248	2.8	12,024	0.8	1,891	0.3
America	1,553,539	194,393	48.6	950,911	59.7	408,235	74.0
Asia	43,504	12,108	3.0	28,318	1.8	3,078	0.6
Oceania	23,364	2,916	0.7	14,963	0.9	5,485	1.0

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad registered during 2018 by continent and place of birth

Most of new registrations during 2018 corresponded to residents in America (52.3% of the total) and persons born in their current country of residence (52.4%).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad registered in 2018 by continent and place of birth

Continent	Total		Spain		Country of residence		Other countries		No data recorded	
	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	158,630	100.0	52,717	33.2	83,135	52.4	22,773	14.4	5	0.0
Europe	62,479	39.4	30,603	19.3	17,279	10.9	14,594	9.2	3	0.0
Africa	5,305	3.3	1,723	1.1	3,346	2.1	235	0.1	1	0.0
America	82,946	52.3	16,525	10.4	59,377	37.4	7,044	4.4	-	0.0
Asia	6,492	4.1	2,956	1.9	2,782	1.8	753	0.5	1	0.0
Oceania	1,408	0.9	910	0.6	351	0.2	147	0.1	-	0.0

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad registered during 2018 by continent and age group

Most of the new registrations during 2018 corresponded to persons between 16 to 64 years old (57.8% of the total).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad registered in 2018 by continent and age group

Continent	Total		Under the age of 16		From 16 to 64 years of age		From 16 to 64 years of age	
	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	158,630	100.0	58,990	37.2	91,724	57.8	7,916	5.0
Europe	62,479	39.4	25,097	15.8	36,107	22.8	1,275	0.8
Africa	5,305	3.3	3,319	2.1	1,898	1.2	88	0.1
America	82,946	52.3	27,715	17.5	48,936	30.8	6,295	4.0
Asia	6,492	4.1	2,444	1.5	3,826	2.4	222	0.1
Oceania	1,408	0.9	415	0.3	957	0.6	36	0.0

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad registered during 2018 born in Spain, by continent and age group

Among the new registrations of people born in Spain during 2018, the majority were residents in Europe (58.1%) and America (31.3%). And by age group from 16 to 64 years old (63%).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad born in Spain registered in 2018 by continent and age group

Continent	Total		Under the age of 16		From 16 to 64 years of age		From 16 to 64 years of age	
	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	52,717	100.0	16,651	31.6	33,193	63.0	2,873	5.4
Europe	30,603	58.1	9,355	17.7	20,265	38.4	983	1.9
Africa	1,723	3.3	783	1.5	888	1.7	52	0.1
America	16,525	31.3	5,880	11.2	8,873	16.8	1,772	3.4
Asia	2,956	5.6	526	1.0	2,399	4.6	31	0.1
Oceania	910	1.7	107	0.2	768	1.5	35	0.1

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by country

The foreign countries where the most people of Spanish nationality were resident as at 01 January 2019 were Argentina (465,666), France (262,448) and Germany (160,727).

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 (8.8%), Morocco (7.2%) and Sweden (6.9%). In turn, Peru (0.8%) and Brazil (0.3%) registered the most moderate increases. In Venezuela, the Spanish population registered a decrease of 9.2%.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by country (*)

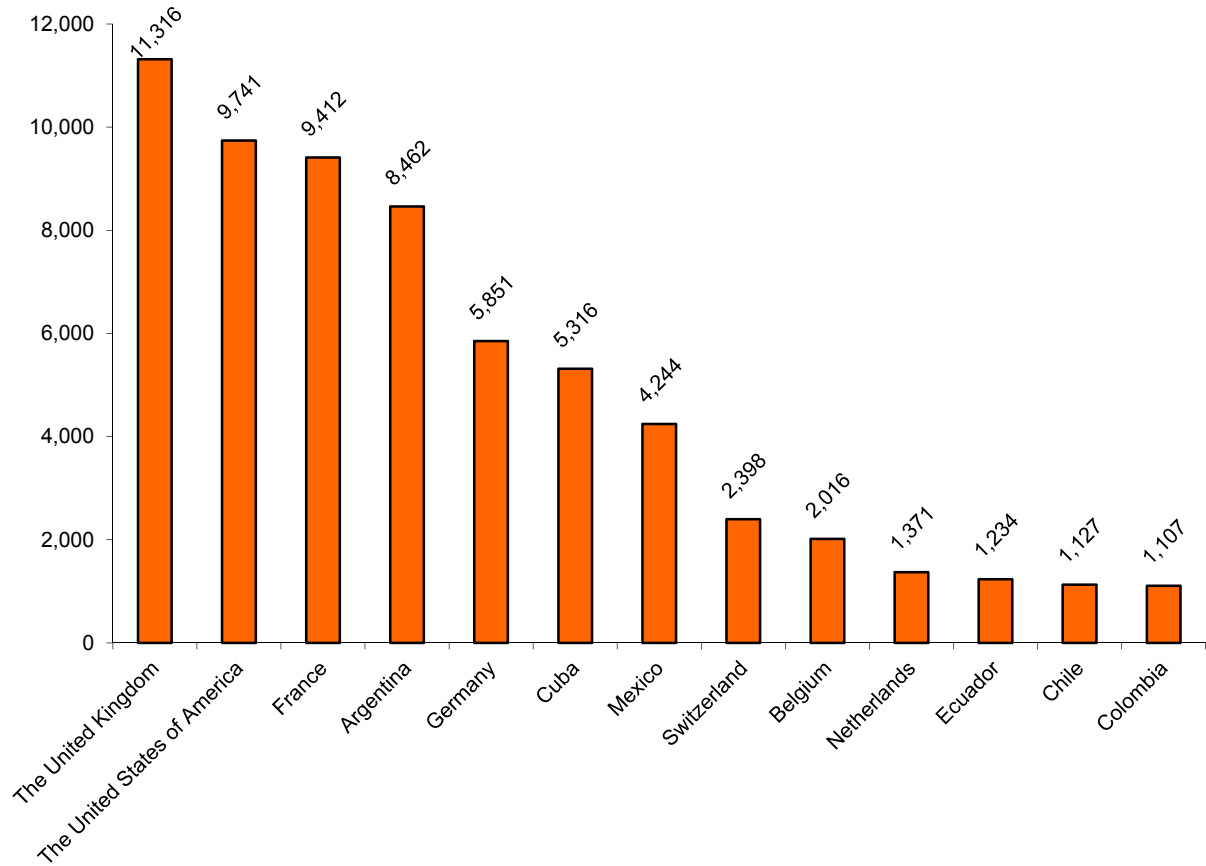
Country of residence	Data 1 January 2019	Data 1 January 2018	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
Germany	160,727	154,876	5,851	3.8%
Andorra	26,030	25,675	355	1.4%
Argentina	465,666	457,204	8,462	1.9%
Australia	22,010	21,297	713	3.3%
Belgium	65,587	63,571	2,016	3.2%
Bolivia	16,069	15,755	314	2.0%
Brazil	130,994	130,635	359	0.3%
Canada	17,396	16,787	609	3.6%
Chile	65,489	64,362	1,127	1.8%
Colombia	36,281	35,174	1,107	3.1%
Cuba	145,167	139,851	5,316	3.8%
Ecuador	57,960	56,726	1,234	2.2%
The United States of America	157,558	147,817	9,741	6.6%
France	262,448	253,036	9,412	3.7%
Italy	24,540	23,815	725	3.0%
Morocco	10,848	10,116	732	7.2%
Mexico	140,199	135,955	4,244	3.1%
Netherlands	28,250	26,879	1,371	5.1%
Panama	13,880	13,308	572	4.3%
Peru	28,165	27,950	215	0.8%
Portugal	13,375	12,639	736	5.8%
The United Kingdom	139,236	127,920	11,316	8.8%
The Dominican Republic	26,880	26,097	783	3.0%
Sweden	10,351	9,683	668	6.9%
Switzerland	121,515	119,117	2,398	2.0%
Uruguay	67,575	66,892	683	1.0%
Venezuela	151,915	167,255	-15,340	-9.2%

(*) 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 (11,316 more), the United States of America (9,741), and France (9,412).

On the other hand, the variation registered in Venezuela should be noted, with 15,340 less registered with respect to the data as at 01 January 2018.

Increase of Spanish nationality population resident abroad during 2018 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.

Type of operation: continuous on an annual basis.

Population scope: all persons with Spanish nationality residing abroad.

Geographical scope: from the point of view of residence abroad, all countries are covered; from the point of view of the municipality of registration for electoral purposes, the entire national territory is covered.

Reference period: on 1 January of each year.

Collection method: comprehensive from an administrative register.

For more information you can access the methodology at:

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

And the standardized methodological report at:

<https://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/es/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=85001>

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