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Statistics of Spaniards Residing Abroad (RSRA)

01 January 2024

Main results

- The Spanish population residing abroad increased 4.2% in 2023 and reached 2,908,649 as of 01 January 2024.
- Mexico, United States and France are the countries that have registered the largest increase in population of Spanish nationality.
- In 2023, three out of four new entries in the RSRA corresponded to persons born outside Spain.

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The number of persons with Spanish nationality residing abroad reached 2,908,649 as of 01 January 2024, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Residing Abroad (RSRA).

This figure represents an increase of 4.2% (118,332 persons) as compared with the data as of 01 January 2023.

By continent, 58.7% of those registered had established their residence in the Americas, 37.7% in Europe and 3.6% in the rest of the world. The largest increases in the number of registered persons in 2023 were in the Americas (69,526 more) and Europe (43,140).

In relative terms, the largest increases were recorded in Asia (7.9%) and Africa (4.8%).

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad by continent

Continent	Data 1 January 2024	Data 1 January 2023	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
TOTAL	2,908,649	2,790,317	118,332	4.2
Europe	1,095,524	1,052,384	43,140	4.1
Africa	31,115	29,677	1,438	4.8
Americas	1,707,606	1,638,080	69,526	4.2
Asia	47,739	44,237	3,502	7.9
Oceania	26,665	25,939	726	2.8

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

29.4% (855,303 persons) of Spanish residents abroad as of 01 January 2024 were born in Spain, while 58.7% (1,706,529) were born in their current country of residence.

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

Continent	TOTAL	Spain	Country of Residence	Other countries	No Data recorded
TOTAL	2,908,649	855,303	1,706,529	342,097	4,720
Europe	1,095,524	507,519	398,818	186,631	2,556
Africa	31,115	9,002	20,023	2,063	27
Americas	1,707,606	303,883	1,260,120	141,572	2,031
Asia	47,739	20,283	19,074	8,370	12
Oceania	26,665	14,616	8,494	3,461	94

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad registered during 2023 by continent and place of birth

Most of new registrations during 2023 corresponded to residents in the Americas, 60.5% (130,902 of the total) and persons born in their current country of residence, 62.0% (134,256).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad registered in 2023 by continent and place of birth

Continent	TOTAL	Spain	Country of residence	Other countries	No Data recorded
TOTAL	216,526	52,472	134,256	29,796	2
Europe	70,859	31,765	21,047	18,045	2
Africa	6,088	1,823	3,987	278	0
Americas	130,902	14,839	105,811	10,252	0
Asia	7,230	3,118	3,111	1,001	0
Oceania	1,447	927	300	220	0

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad registered during 2023 born in Spain, by continent and age group

Among the new registrations in 2023 by people born in Spain, the majority were residents in Europe (60.5%) and the Americas (28.3%), and by age group, in the 16-to-64 age bracket (67,6%).

Population with Spanish nationality born in Spain residing abroad registered in 2023 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	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	52,472	100	13,079	24.9	35,479	67.6	3,914	7.5
Europa	31,765	60.5	8,032	15.3	22,289	42.5	1,444	2.8
Africa	1,823	3.5	770	1.5	957	1.8	96	0.2
Americas	14,839	28.3	3,587	6.8	9,012	17.2	2,240	4.3
Asia	3,118	5.9	612	1.2	2,425	4.6	81	0.2
Oceania	927	1.8	78	0.1	796	1.5	53	0.1

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad by country

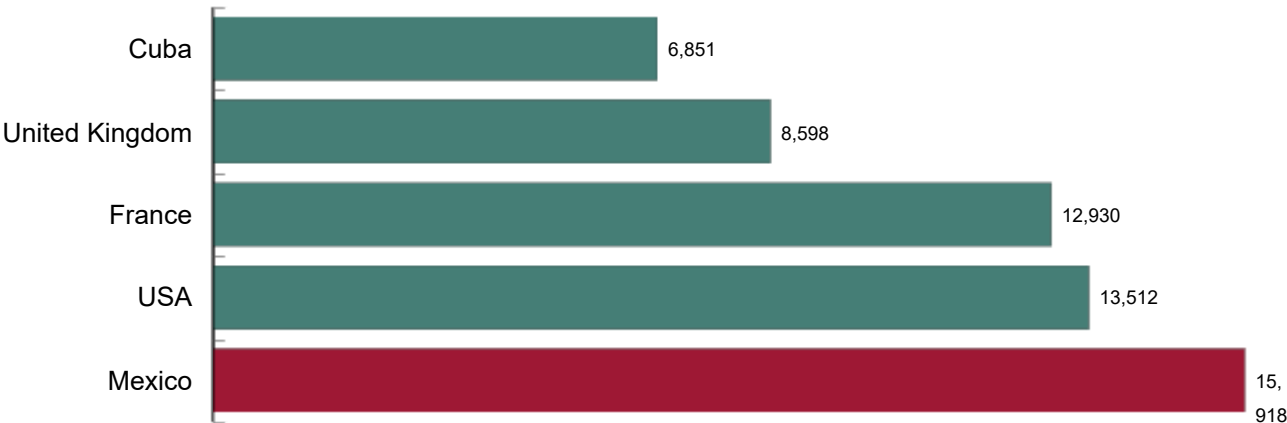
The foreign countries where the most Spanish nationals resided as of 01 January 2024 were Argentina (482,176), France (310,072) and the United States (206,278).

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad by country

Country of residence	Data 1 January 2024	Data 1 January 2023	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
Argentina	482,176	477,465	4,711	1.0%
France	310,072	297,142	12,930	4.4%
United States	206,278	192,766	13,512	7.0%
United Kingdom	189,779	181,181	8,598	4.7%
Germany	188,250	182,631	5,619	3.1%

In absolute terms, the highest increases of Spanish population during 2023 were registered in Mexico (15,918 more), the United States (13,512) and France (12,930).

Increase in population of Spanish nationality residing abroad during 2023



Data revisions and updates

The data released today are final. All the results of this operation are available on [INEbase](#)

Methodological note

The statistics on Spaniards Residing Abroad are obtained from the statistical exploitation of the central file of the Register of Spaniards Residing Abroad (RSRA), which contains the registrations of people who are Spanish nationals and habitually live outside of Spain, whether or not this is their only nationality. The RSRA is formed with the data existing in the Registration Registry of each Career Consular Office or Consular Section of the Diplomatic Missions.

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 use of the RSRA central file provides the distribution of registered individuals and the distribution of new registrations by variable on the date of reference, but it does not provide information about the reasons for 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: in terms of residence abroad, all countries are covered; in terms of 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](#) and the [standardized methodological report](#).

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