

Statistics of Spaniards Residing Abroad (RSRA) 1 January 2025

Main results

- The Spanish population residing abroad increased 4.7% in 2024 and reached 3,045,966 as of 1 January 2025.
- Argentina, Mexico and United States are the countries that have registered the largest increase in population of Spanish nationality.
- In 2024, four out of five 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 3,045,966 as of 1 January 2025, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Residing Abroad (RSRA).

This figure, which exceeds three million for the first time, represented an increase of 4.7% (137,317 persons) as compared with the data as of 1 January 2024.

By continent, 59.3% of those registered had established their residence in the Americas, 37.2% in Europe and 3.6% in the rest of the world. The largest increases in the number of registered persons in 2024 were in the Americas (97,735 more) and Europe (36,079).

In relative terms, the largest increases were recorded in the Americas (5.7%) and Asia (5.4%).

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad by continent

	Data 1 January 2025	Data 1 January 2024	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
TOTAL	3,045,966	2,908,649	137,317	4.7
Europe	1,131,603	1,095,524	36,079	3.3
Africa	31,640	31,115	525	1.7
Americas	1,805,341	1,707,606	97,735	5.7
Asia	50,316	47,739	2,577	5.4
Oceania	27,066	26,665	401	1.5

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

71.8% (2,186,588 people) of Spaniards who were residing abroad as of January 1, 2025, were born outside of Spain, and 59.5% (1,811,878) were born in their current country of residence.

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

	TOTAL	Spain	Country of Residence	Other countries	No Data recorded
TOTAL	3,045,966	859,378	1,811,878	370,138	4,572
Europe	1,131,603	513,698	414,507	200,932	2,466
Africa	31,640	8,872	20,642	2,099	27
Americas	1,805,341	301,435	1,347,187	154,743	1,976
Asia	50,316	20,792	20,863	8,650	11
Oceania	27,066	14,581	8,679	3,714	92

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad registered during 2024 by continent and place of birth

Most of new registrations during 2024 corresponded to residents in the Americas, 66.6% (155,014 of the total) and persons born in their current country of residence, 68.9% (160,275).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad registered in 2024 by continent and place of birth

	TOTAL	Spain	Country of residence	Other countries	No Data recorded
TOTAL	232,591	40,982	160,275	31,334	0
Europe	64,460	25,527	21,595	17,338	0
Africa	5,278	1,352	3,685	241	0
Americas	155,014	10,842	131,679	12,493	0
Asia	6,664	2,647	3,001	1,016	0
Oceania	1,175	614	315	246	0

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad registered during 2024 born in Spain, by continent and age group

Among the new registrations in 2024 by people born in Spain, the majority were residents in Europe (62.3%) and the Americas (26.5%).

By age group, the largest increases were recorded among the population aged 16 to 64 (68.4%) and those under 16 years old (25.7%).

Population with Spanish nationality born in Spain residing abroad registered in 2024 by continent and age group

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Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad by country

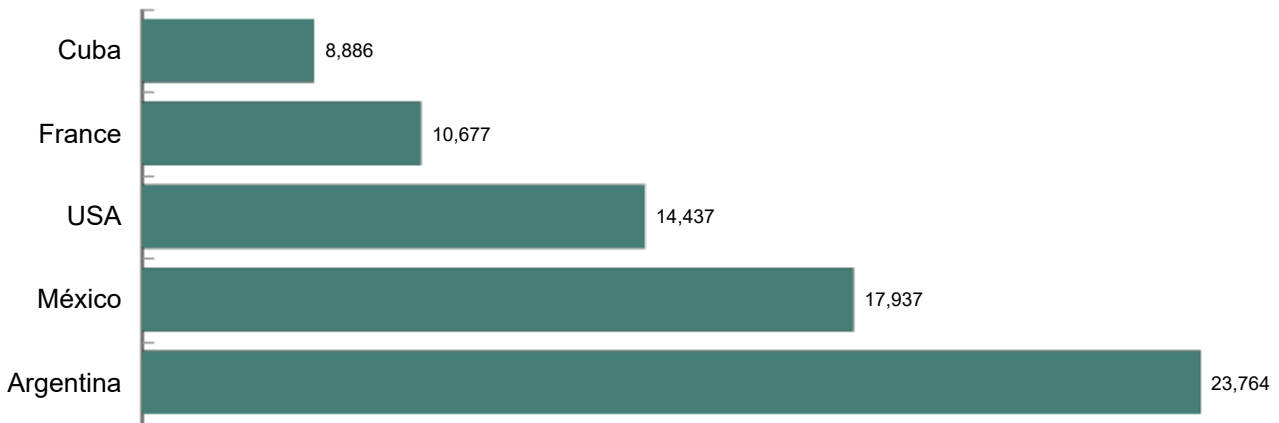
The foreign countries where the most Spanish nationals resided as of 1 January 2025 were Argentina (505,940), France (320,749) and the United States (220,715).

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad by country

	Data 1 January 2025	Data 1 January 2024	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
Argentina	505,940	482,176	23,764	4.9%
France	320,749	310,072	10,677	3.4%
United States	220,715	206,278	14,437	7.0%
United Kingdom	196,940	189,779	7,161	3.8%
Germany	193,518	188,250	5,268	2.8%

In absolute terms, the highest increases of Spanish population during 2024 were registered in Argentina (23,764 more), Mexico (17,937) and the United States (14,437).

Increase in population of Spanish nationality residing abroad during 2024



Data revisions and updates

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

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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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