

Statistics of Spaniards Residing Abroad (RSRA) Year 2026

Main results

- The Spanish population residing abroad increased 5.1% in 2025 and reached 3,202,002 as of 1 January 2026.
- Argentina, Mexico, and United States are the countries that have registered the largest increase in population of Spanish nationality.
- In 2025, 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 3,202,002 as of 1 January 2026, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Residing Abroad (RSRA).

This figure represented an increase of 5.1% (156,036 persons) as compared with the data as of 1 January 2025.

By continent, 60.0% of those registered had established their residence in the Americas, 36.4% in Europe and 3.6% in the rest of the world. The largest increases in the number of registered persons in 2025 were in the Americas (115,965 more) and Europe (32,791).

In relative terms, the largest increases were recorded in the Asia (9.2%) and Africa (6.5%).

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad by continent

Continent	Data 1 January 2026	Data 1 January 2025	Variation	
			Absolute	%
Total	3,202,002	3,045,966	156,036	5.1
Europe	1,164,394	1,131,603	32,791	2.9
Africa	33,699	31,640	2,059	6.5
Americas	1,921,306	1,805,341	115,965	6.4
Asia	54,959	50,316	4,643	9.2
Oceania	27,644	27,066	578	2.1

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

73.1% (2,341,045 people) of Spaniards who were residing abroad as of January 1, 2026, were born outside of Spain, and 60.7% (1,943,347) 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	3,202,002	860,957	1,943,347	393,390	4,308
Europe	1,164,394	517,116	430,275	214,689	2,314
Africa	33,699	8,852	22,647	2,176	24
Americas	1,921,306	298,555	1,457,594	163,284	1,873
Asia	54,959	21,876	23,869	9,204	10
Oceania	27,644	14,558	8,962	4,037	87

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad registered during 2025 by continent and place of birth

Most of new registrations during 2025 corresponded to residents in the Americas (171,495 of the total) and persons born in their current country of residence (179,241).

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad registered in 2025 by continent and place of birth

Continent	TOTAL	Spain	Country of residence	Other countries	No Data recorded
TOTAL	249,105	37,323	179,241	32,541	0
Europe	62,111	23,152	21,995	16,964	0
Africa	6,111	1,282	4,561	268	0
America	171,495	9,469	148,041	13,985	0
Asia	8,085	2,851	4,211	1,023	0
Oceania	1,303	569	433	301	0

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad registered during 2025 born in Spain, by continent and age group

Among the new registrations in 2025 by people born in Spain, the majority were residents in Europe (62.0%) and the Americas (25.4%).

By age, the largest increases were recorded among the population aged 16 to 64 (69.5%) and those under 16 years old (25.1%).

Population with Spanish nationality born in Spain residing abroad registered in 2025 by continent and age group

Continent	TOTAL		Under 16		16 to 64		65 and older	
	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	37,323	100.0	9,370	25.1	25,928	69.5	2,025	5.4
Europe	23,152	62.0	5,859	15.7	16,373	43.9	920	2.5
Africa	1,282	3.4	663	1.8	598	1.6	21	0.1
Americas	9,469	25.4	2,255	6.0	6,184	16.6	1,030	2.8
Asia	2,851	7.6	544	1.5	2,272	6.1	35	0.1
Oceania	569	1.5	49	0.1	501	1.3	19	0.1

Population with Spanish nationality residing abroad by country

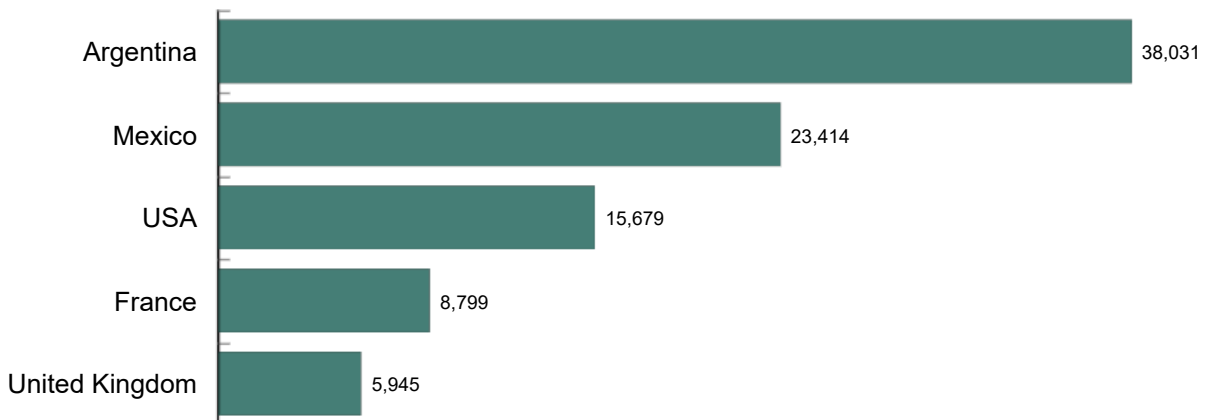
The foreign countries where the most Spanish nationals resided as of 1 January 2025 were Argentina (543,971), France (329,548) and the United States (236,394).

Countries with the largest population with Spanish nationality residing abroad registered in 2025

Country of residence	Data 1 January 2026	Data 1 January 2025	Variation	
			Absolute	%
Argentina	543,971	505,940	38,031	7.5
France	329,548	320,749	8,799	2.7
United States	236,394	220,715	15,679	7.1
Mexico	212,812	189,398	23,414	12.4
United Kingdom	202,885	196,940	5,945	3.0

In absolute terms, the highest increases of Spanish population during 2025 were registered in Argentina (38,031 more), Mexico (23,414) and the United States (15,679).

Countries with the largest increase in the population of Spanish nationality residing abroad during 2025



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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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