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Statistical use of the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (PERE)

Methodology

Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad. Brief description of its content, compilation and updating.

The Municipal Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (PERE) contains the registrations of those persons who, of Spanish nationality, habitually live outside of Spain, regardless of whether this is their only nationality.

The RSRA is comprised of the data existing in the Register of each Consular Office or Section of the Diplomatic Missions.

For this purpose, Royal Decree 3425/2000, of 15 December, regarding the registration of Spaniards in the Registers of the Consular Offices abroad, states:

Article 1. The Consular Register

1. In order to complete their functions, the Consular Offices, and as applicable, the Consular Sections of the Diplomatic Missions of Spain, shall maintain a Register of those Spanish nationals who live within their respective consular demarcations, regardless of whether they are habitual residents or are there temporarily.

2. The Consular Register shall include two registration categories: residents and non-residents.

3. Residents are considered to be those Spaniards who are habitually resident within the consular demarcation, and who transfer their habitual residence there. Those persons registered as residents shall be recorded in the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (PERE), and those who are of legal age, in the corresponding Electoral Census of Absent Residents (CARV).

4. Those who are within a consular demarcation temporarily, without intent to establish their habitual residence therein, may register as non-residents in the Consular Register, preserving their registration in the register and in the electoral census of the Spanish municipality of origin or in the PERE and CARV corresponding to the Consular Office or Section in which they have their habitual residence.

Article 2. Obligation to register

1. Those Spaniards who reside habitually abroad, and those who transfer their habitual residence there shall register in the Register of the Consular Office or Section of the Diplomatic Mission corresponding to the district in which they are located.

2. The father or mother shall request the register of their minor children in their custody if they live with them. The same obligation affects those guardians as regards their pupils.

The data and the compilation and update procedures of the RSRA are set out in articles 93 to 106 of Royal Decree 2612/1996, of 20 December, of the Regulation on Population and Territorial Demarcation of Local Entities.

In article 97 it establishes that Consular Offices and Sections shall submit to the National Statistics Institute, via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the data from the registration records in order for said institution to prepare and maintain a central file of Spaniards Resident Abroad, **hereafter central file of the RSRA**, such that in articles 99 and 100 thereof, establishes the monthly data exchanges between the two organisations in order to make possible updating of records in the register for this purpose, and in municipal registers, deriving from transfers of residence of Spanish citizens from abroad to Spain, and Spain abroad, respectively.

When recording in the central file of the RSRA, the following details must be included:

- a) Name and surname
- b) Sex
- c) Place and date of birth
- d) National identity document or passport numbers
- e) School or academic certificate or qualification held
- f) Domicile in the country of residence
- g) Municipality of registration in Spain for electoral purposes

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The target population analyzed is the Spanish population residing abroad. That includes all people holding Spanish nationality—whether it is or not their only nationality—, who are registered as habitual 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 reference data of the statistics is the 1st January of every year. It includes changes in the losing register that have taken place until the last but one working day of the previous year, and that have been included in the central file of the RSRA until the last day of the first month of the reference year.

The new records made correspond to new registers recorded on the year before of the reference period, for any possible reason (birth, nationalization, omission and emigration abroad of people living in Spain).

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 reference date, but it does not provide information about the reasons of the changes experienced when comparing with the previous year.

Variables included in the RSRA of statistical use are: Country of residence, province and municipality of registration for electoral purposes, gender and date and place of birth.

The following information is submitted annually:

- Population by country of residence, gender and (five-year) age group
- Population by country of residence, gender and place of birth (Spain, country of residence, another country)
- Population by municipality of registration and gender
- Population by country of residence, (with 1000 or more residents), province in which registered for electoral purposes (grouped by Autonomous Community), gender and age (large groups)
- Population by country of residence (with 1000 or more residents), province in which registered for electoral purposes (grouped by Autonomous Community), gender and place of birth (province of registration, another province, abroad)
- For those born in Spain: Population by country of residence (with 1000 or more residents), province of birth (grouped by Autonomous Community), gender and age (large groups).

Simultaneously, the following population series are provided since 2009:

- Spanish population resident abroad by country of residence, gender and reference year.
- Spanish population resident abroad by country of residence, five-year age group and reference year.
- Spanish population resident abroad by province of registration, gender and reference year.
- Spanish population resident abroad by province of registration, five-year age group and reference year.
- Spanish population resident abroad by province of registration, place of birth and year.

In addition, since the statistics dated 1st January 2014, similar information is disseminated about the new records in the RSRA.