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**Statistics of Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad
2017**

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Results by branch of activity ¹

The *Services* sector concentrated the highest percentage of Spanish affiliates abroad (36.4%), generated 29.8% of the total turnover and employed 40.1% of people employed by the total number of affiliates.

On the other hand, 21.4% of affiliates abroad carried out their activity in the industrial sector. These companies generated the highest percentage of turnover by sector (35.6%) and employed 25.2% of staff employed in affiliates.

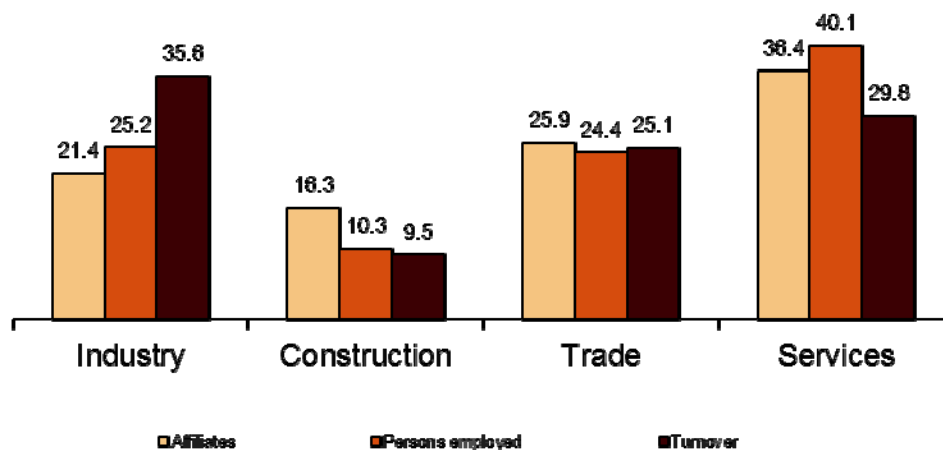
Main variables by activity. Year 2017

Sector	Affiliates	Persons employed	Turnover
	Number	Number	Million €
Industry	1,353	194.435	72.347
Construction	1,029	79.450	19.249
Trade	1,636	188.332	50.942
Services	2,304	308.886	60.569
TOTAL	6,322	771.103	203.107

¹ Affiliates of Spanish companies abroad researched are classified according to their main activity. Similarly, all variables of study referring to affiliates are assigned to said activity.

Finally, *Trade* and *Construction* (with 25.9% and 16.3% of the number of affiliates, respectively) generated 25.1% and 9.5% of turnover and employed 24.4% and 10.3% of the total.

Main variables by sector. Year 2017 (in percentage)



Results by branch of activity

By branch of activity, those with the greatest number of affiliates were *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade* (20.9% of the total affiliates) and *Manufacturing industry* (16.5%).

From the employment perspective, *Manufacturing industry* was the branch of activity that created the most employment (20.9% of the total). This was followed by *Retail trade except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* (18.3%) and *Information and communications* (14.9%).

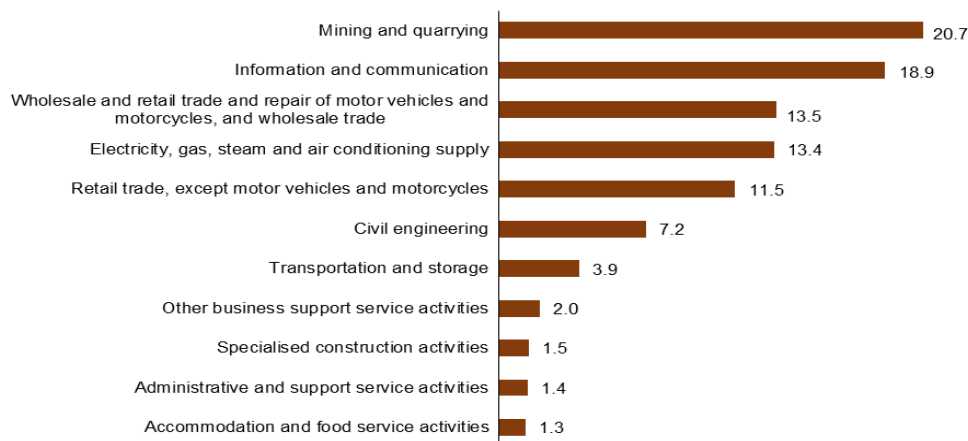
As regards turnover, the branches contributing with the highest percentage to the total were *Manufacturing industry* (20.7%), *Information and communications* (18.9%) and *Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply* (13.4%).

For its part, the branches with the lowest contribution to the turnover were *Water supply, sewerage activities, waste management and decontamination* (0.5% of the total), *Real Estate Activities* (0.7%) and *Construction of buildings* (0.8%).

Main results by industries. Year 2017

Industries	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Million €	%
Industry	1,353	21.4	194.435	25.2	72.347	35.6
- Mining and quarrying	59	0.9	2.656	0.3	2.050	1.0
- Manufacturing	1042	16.5	160.846	20.9	42.077	20.7
- Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	180	2.8	26.287	3.4	27.266	13.4
- Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	72	1.1	4.646	0.6	953	0.5
Construction	1,029	16.3	79.450	10.3	19.249	9.5
- Construction of buildings	333	5.3	6.112	0.8	1.647	0.8
- Civil engineering	420	6.6	55.423	7.2	14.587	7.2
- Specialised construction activities	276	4.4	17.915	2.3	3.016	1.5
Trade	1,636	25.9	188.332	24.4	50.942	25.1
- Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, and wholesale trade	1,323	20.9	47.105	6.1	27.494	13.5
- Retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles	313	5.0	141.227	18.3	23.448	11.5
Services	2,304	36.4	308.886	40.1	60.569	29.8
- Transportation and storage	291	4.6	20.489	2.7	8.012	3.9
- Accommodation and food service activities	187	3.0	31.017	4.0	2.656	1.3
- Information and communication	580	9.2	115.172	14.9	38.295	18.9
- Real estate activities	438	6.9	2.496	0.3	1.358	0.7
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	344	5.4	23.501	3.0	3.257	1.6
- Administrative and support service activities	219	3.5	74.824	9.7	2.888	1.4
- Other business support service activities	245	3.9	41.387	5.4	4.103	2.0
TOTAL	6,322	100.0	771.103	100.0	203.107	100.0

Main industries in terms of Spanish enterprise affiliates abroad turnover. Year 2017 (in percentage)



Results by country of the affiliate company

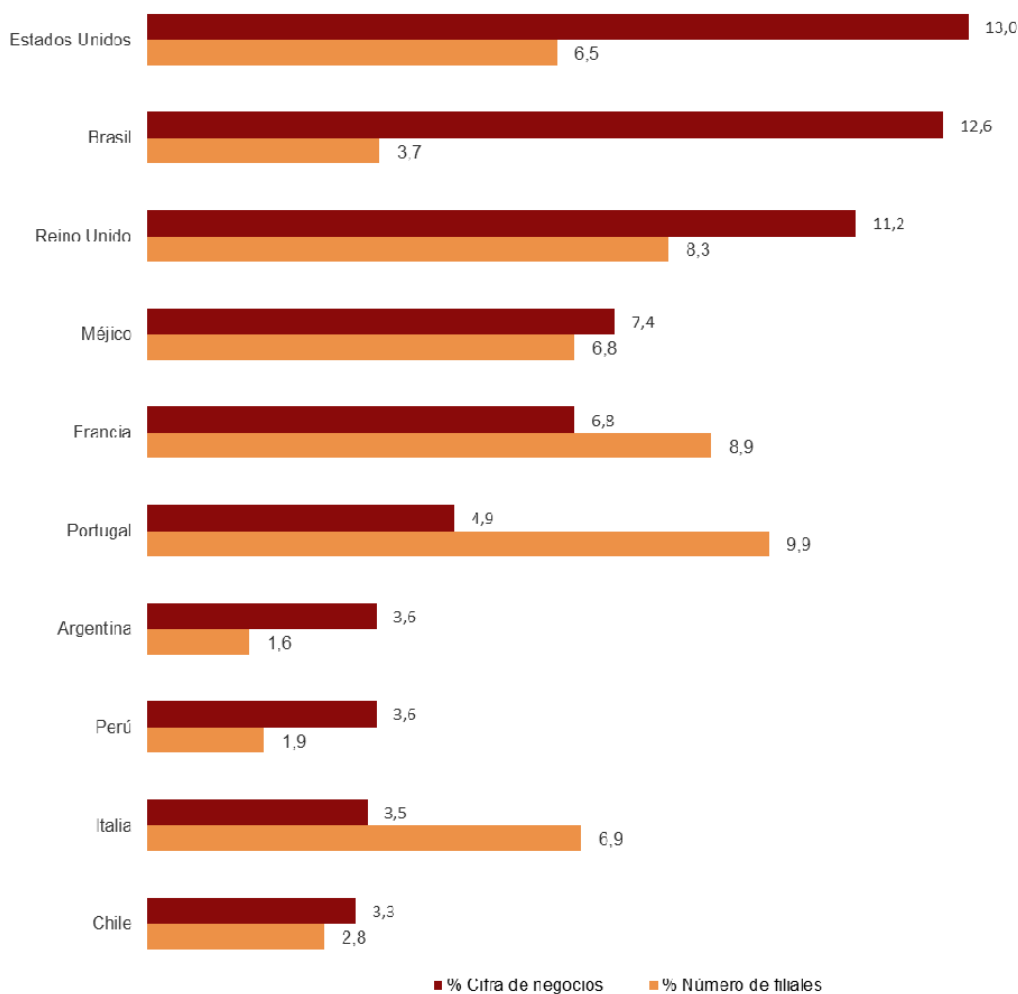
The countries in which affiliates of Spanish companies abroad generated the greatest turnover in 2017 were the United States (13.0%) Brazil (12.6%) and the United Kingdom (11.2%).

In turn, the countries in which the highest number of affiliates were located were Portugal (9.9%), France (8.9%) and the United Kingdom (8.3%).

With regard to the number of persons employed, Brazil registered 13.1% of total employment, the United Kingdom 7.2% and the United States 6.8%.

It is worth noting that the top 10 countries with the highest turnover accounted for 70.0% of the total, 57.1% of the total number of affiliates of Spanish companies abroad and 60.8% of the total number of persons employed by these affiliates.

Main countries by turnover and number of affiliates of Spanish companies abroad. Year 2017. Percentages

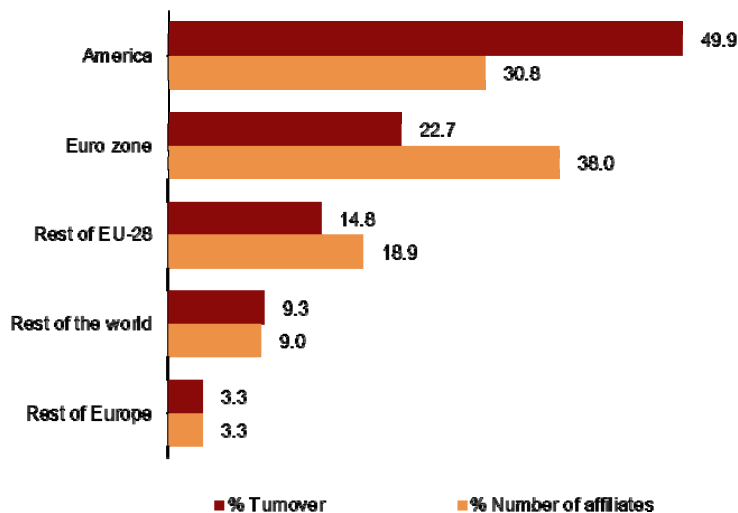


Results by affiliate's geographical area

Most affiliates of Spanish companies abroad were located in the European Union's euro zone (38.0%) and in America (30.8%).

By turnover, the affiliates of Spanish companies in America generated 49.9% of the total in 2017 while those in the euro zone generated 22.7%.

Results by affiliate geo zone. Year 2017 (in percentage)



In the sectors of *Industry, Construction and Services*, affiliates of Spanish parent companies were more present in America, with 31.9%, 36.7% and 39.4%, respectively. Meanwhile, in the *Trade* sector, the highest presence was in the euro zone (53.9%).

Turnover of Spanish Enterprise affiliates abroad by geo zone and sector Year 2017

Geo zone	Industry		Construction		Trade		Services	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Euro zone	404	29.9	293	28.5	881	53.9	824	35.8
Rest of EU-28	259	19.1	234	22.7	273	16.7	428	18.6
Rest of Europe	47	3.5	17	1.7	97	5.9	49	2.1
America	431	31.9	378	36.7	232	14.2	908	39.4
Rest of the world	212	15.7	107	10.4	153	9.4	95	4.1
TOTAL	1.353	100.0	1.029	100.0	1.636	100.0	2.304	100.0

Regarding the turnover, the highest percentages were generated by affiliates in America (45.6% in *Industry*, 41.4% in *Construction* and 68.2% in *Services*) and in the euro zone (38.0% in *Trade*)

² The rest of the European Union contains EU countries that are not in the euro zone.

Turnover of Spanish Enterprise affiliates abroad by geo zone and sector Year 2017

Geo zone	Industry		Construction		Trade		Services	
	Million €	%	Million €	%	Million €	%	Million €	%
Euro zone	16.307	22.5	1.208	6.3	19.335	38.0	9.193	15.2
Rest of EU-28	13,549	18.7	3.968	20.6	4.238	8.3	8.350	13.8
Rest of Europe	2,127	2.9	658	3.4	3.284	6.4	663	1.1
America	33,013	45.6	7.978	41.4	19.068	37.4	41.328	68.2
Rest of the world	7,350	10.2	5.437	28.2	5.017	9.8	1.035	1.7
TOTAL	72.347	100.0	19.249	100.0	50.942	100.0	60.569	100.0

Data review and update

The data published today are final. The results are available at INEBase.

Methodological note

The principle objective of the **Statistics on Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (FILEXT)** is to provide annual information on the main variables that determine the structure and activity of subsidiaries overseas that are ultimately controlled by Spanish parent companies, in the industrial sector as well as construction, business and other non-financial market services.

Information is provided on the main variables, broken down by activity, size and country or geographic area of the subsidiary company.

The results of these statistics are prepared using administrative information from the Register of Foreign Investments of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Competitiveness. This Ministry supplies primary data to the INE by virtue of a collaboration agreement between both organisms.

The Statistics on Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (Outward FATS) complements the information, which within the scope of economic globalisation statistics, provides the Statistics on Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain (Inward FATS).

The characteristics of the FILEXT statistics are:

Type of operation: annual continuous operation.

Population scope: affiliates of Spanish companies abroad whose main activity is included in sections B to E (Industry), F (Construction), G (Trade) and H to S (Services), except K (financial) and O (Public Admin.) of the CNAE-2009.

Geographical scope: the statistic refers to affiliates residing outside of Spain, both inside and outside the European Union.

Reference period: annual.

Collection method: administrative record completed with estimation methods.

For more information you can access the methodology at:

http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/es/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736162975&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576550

And the standardised methodological report at:

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