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**Statistics of Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (FILEXT)
Year 2018**

Affiliates of Spanish companies abroad generated a turnover of 210,539 million euros and employed 809,547 persons in 2018

United States, United Kingdom and Brazil, the countries where Spanish affiliate companies generated the highest turnover

The *Manufacturing industry* and *Information and communications* were the activities with the highest turnover for Spanish affiliates

In 2018, there were 6,819 affiliates of Spanish companies abroad in the sectors of *Industry, Construction, Trade* and *Other Non-Financial Market Services*.

Turnover generated by these affiliates accounted for 210,539 million euros. With respect to employment, they employed 809,547 persons.

Results by branch of activity ¹

The *Services* sector concentrated the highest percentage of Spanish affiliates abroad (39.0%), generated 26.7% of the total turnover and employed 39.8% of people employed by the total number of affiliates.

On the other hand, 21.0% of affiliates abroad carried out their activity in the industrial sector. These companies generated the highest percentage of turnover by sector (37.6%) and employed 26.9% of the personnel employed in affiliates.

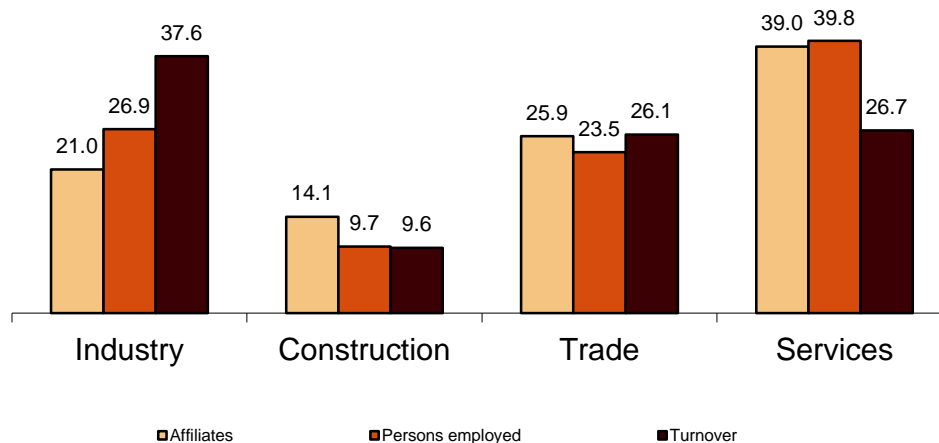
Main variables by activity sector. Year 2018

Sector	Affiliates	Persons employed	Turnover
	Number	Number	Million €
Industry	1,435	217,989	79,121
Construction	961	78,739	20,177
Trade	1,766	190,502	54,994
Services	2,657	322,317	56,247
TOTAL	6,819	809,547	210,539

¹ The affiliates of Spanish companies abroad are classified according to their main activity. Likewise, all study variables referring to the affiliates are assigned to said activity.

Finally, *Trade* and *Construction* (with 25.9% and 14.1% of the number of affiliates, respectively) generated 26.1% and 9.6% of turnover and employed 23.5% and 9.7% of the total.

Main variables by activity sector. Year 2018 (in percentage)



Results by activity branch

The activity branches with the highest number of affiliates were *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade* (with 20.7% of the total number of subsidiaries) and *Manufacturing* (16.5%).

From the employment perspective, *Manufacturing industry* was the branch of activity that created the most employment (22.8% of the total). This was followed by *Retail trade except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* (18.1%) and *Information and communications* (14.7%).

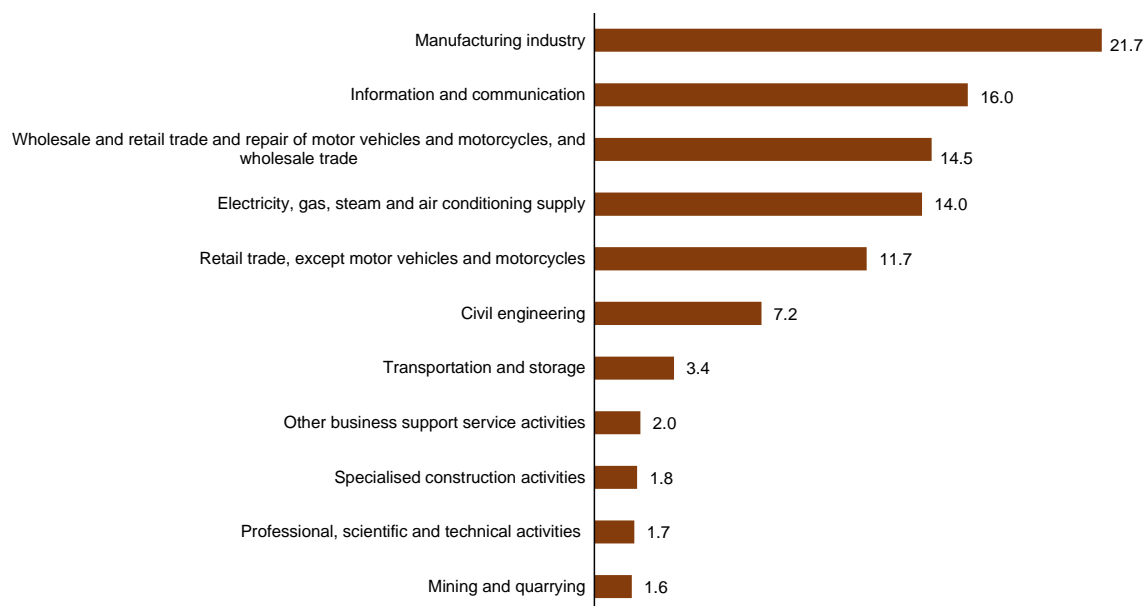
With regard to turnover, the branches that contributed the highest percentage to the total were the *Manufacturing industry* (with 21.7% of the total), *Information and communications* (16.0%) and *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade* (14.5%).

On the other hand, the branches with the lowest contribution to the turnover were *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade* (0.2%), and *Construction of buildings and Real estate activities* (both with 0.6% of the total).

Main variables by activity sector. Year 2018

Industries	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Million €	%
Industry	1,435	21.0	217,989	26.9	79,121	37.6
- Mining and quarrying	78	1.1	2,406	0.3	3,363	1.6
- Manufacturing	1,127	16.5	184,591	22.8	45,767	21.7
- Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	181	2.7	28,446	3.5	29,547	14.0
- Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	49	0.7	2,546	0.3	443	0.2
Construction	961	14.1	78,739	9.7	20,177	9.6
- Construction of buildings	330	4.8	5,220	0.6	1,249	0.6
- Civil engineering	377	5.5	54,761	6.8	15,066	7.2
- Specialised construction activities	254	3.7	18,758	2.3	3,862	1.8
Trade	1,766	25.9	190,502	23.5	54,994	26.1
- Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, and wholesale trade	1,412	20.7	43,774	5.4	30,424	14.5
- Retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles	354	5.2	146,728	18.1	24,570	11.7
Services	2,657	39.0	322,317	39.8	56,247	26.7
- Transportation and storage	310	4.5	21,443	2.6	7,178	3.4
- Accommodation and food service activities	218	3.2	34,135	4.2	3,166	1.5
- Information and communication	595	8.7	118,835	14.7	33,691	16.0
- Real estate activities	533	7.8	1,945	0.2	1,294	0.6
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	410	6.0	24,072	3.0	3,597	1.7
- Administrative and support service activities	212	3.1	86,093	10.6	3,179	1.5
- Other business support service activities	379	5.6	35,794	4.4	4,143	2.0
TOTAL	6,819	100.0	809,547	100.0	210,539	100.0

Main activity branches according to the turnover generated by affiliates abroad. Year 2018 (in percentage)



Results by country of the affiliate company

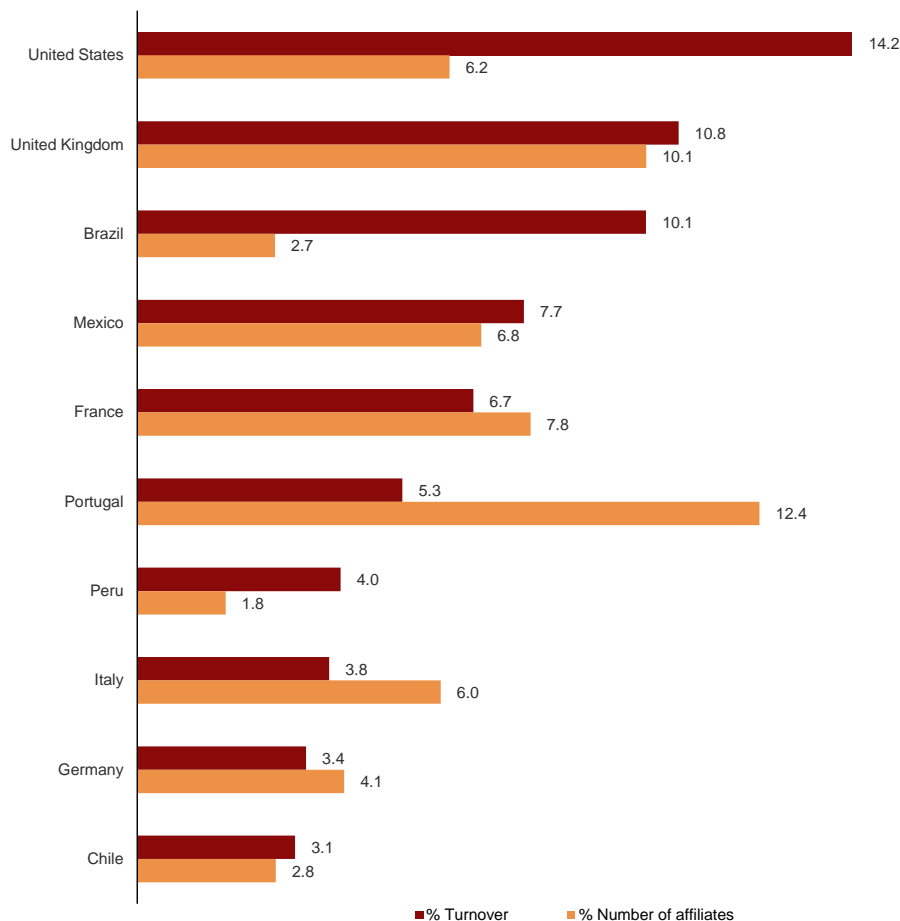
The countries in which affiliates of Spanish companies abroad generated the greatest turnover in 2018 were the United States (14.2%), the United Kingdom (10.8%) and Brazil (10.1%).

On the other hand, the countries where the largest number of affiliates were located were Portugal (12.4% of the total), the United Kingdom (10.1%) and France (7.8%).

With regard to the number of persons employed, Brazil registered 11.0% of total employment, the United States 7.3% and Mexico 6.8%.

It is worth noting that the top 10 countries with the highest turnover accounted for 69.2% of the total, 60.8% of the total number of affiliates of Spanish companies abroad and 58.7% of the total number of persons employed by these affiliates.

Main countries by turnover and number of affiliates of Spanish companies abroad. Year 2018. Percentages

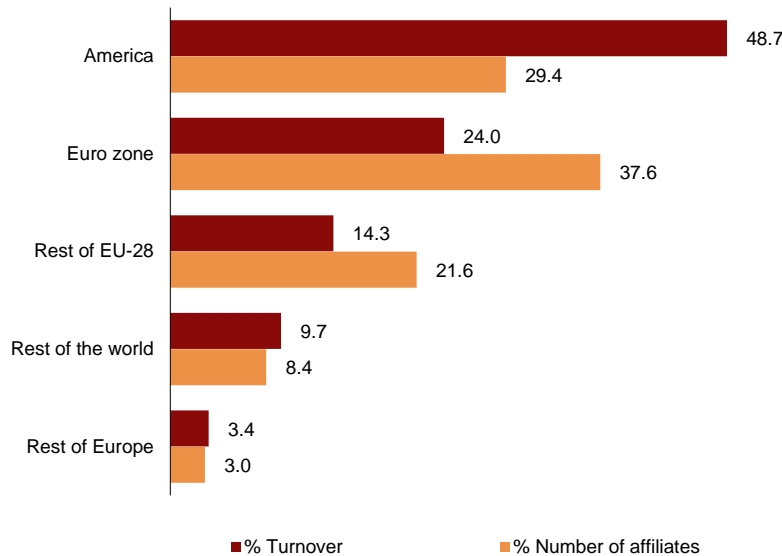


Results by geographical area of the affiliate

Most affiliates of Spanish companies abroad were located in the euro zone of the European Union (37.6% of the total) and in America (29.4%).

By turnover, affiliates of Spanish companies in America generated 48.7% of the total during 2018, and those established in the Euro Zone, 24.0%.

Distribution by geographical area of the subsidiary company ². Year 2018. Percentage



In the *Construction* and *Services* sectors, the affiliates of Spanish parent companies had the greatest presence in America, with 36.6% and 36.1%, respectively. In *Industry and Commerce*, the largest presence was in the Euro Zone (31.5% and 52.7%).

Number of affiliates of Spanish companies abroad by geographical area and sector. Year 2018

Geo zone	Industry		Construction		Trade		Services	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Euro zone	452	31.5	263	27.4	931	52.7	920	34.6
Rest of EU-28	270	18.8	225	23.4	340	19.3	635	23.9
Rest of Europe	46	3.2	17	1.8	99	5.6	45	1.7
America	447	31.1	352	36.6	245	13.9	959	36.1
Rest of the world	220	15.3	104	10.8	151	8.6	98	3.7
TOTAL	1,435	100.0	961	100.0	1,766	100.0	2,657	100.0

With regard to the turnover, the highest percentages were generated by affiliates in America (46.1% in *Industry*, 48.2% in *Construction* and 65.8% in *Services*) and in the Euro Zone (38.6% in *Trade*).

Turnover for affiliates of Spanish companies abroad by geographical area and sector. Year 2018

Geo zone	Industry		Construction		Trade		Services	
	Million €	%	Million €	%	Million €	%	Million €	%
Euro zone	17,812	22.5	1,466	7.3	21,243	38.6	9,912	17.6
Rest of EU-28	13,476	17.0	4,187	20.7	4,484	8.2	7,921	14.1
Rest of Europe	2,817	3.6	284	1.4	3,699	6.7	277	0.5
America	36,456	46.1	9,723	48.2	19,392	35.3	36,997	65.8
Rest of the world	8,559	10.8	4,518	22.4	6,178	11.2	1,141	2.0
TOTAL	79,121	100.0	20,177	100.0	54,994	100.0	56,247	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 Subsidiaries of Spanish Companies Overseas** (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 Tourism. 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).

Type of survey: annual continuous operation.

Population scope: affiliates of Spanish companies located 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 (Gen. Government) of the CNAE-2009.

Geographical scope: the statistics refer to affiliates located outside of Spain, both within the European Union and outside of it.

Reference period: annual.

Collection method: administrative registry completed with estimation methods.

For more information the methodology can be accessed at:

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

The standardized methodological report is at:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/es/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30082>

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