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**Statistics of Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (FILEXT)  
Year 2019**

**Affiliates of Spanish companies abroad generated a turnover of 225,171 million euros and employed 767,629 persons in 2019**

**United States, Brazil and Mexico, 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 2019, there were 6,994 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 225,171 million euros. With respect to employment, they employed 767,629 persons.

**Results by activity sector <sup>1</sup>**

The *Services* sector concentrated the highest percentage of Spanish affiliates abroad (39.2%), generated 26.5% of the total turnover and employed 38.5% of people employed by the total number of affiliates.

On the other hand, 20.7% of affiliates abroad carried out their activity in the industrial sector. These companies generated the highest percentage of turnover by sector (39.0%) and employed 29.3% of the personnel employed in affiliates.

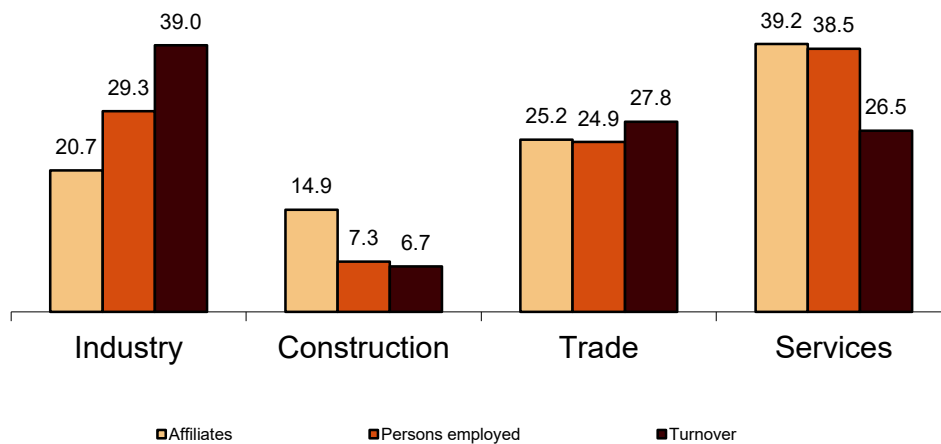
**Main variables by activity. Year 2019**

Sector	Affiliates	Persons employed	Turnover
	Number	Number	Million €
Industry	1,448	225,178	87,840
Construction	1,045	56,339	15,024
Trade	1,761	190,851	62,610
Services	2,740	295,261	59,697
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,994</b>	<b>767,629</b>	<b>225,171</b>

Finally, *Trade* and *Construction* (with 25.2% and 14.9% of the number of affiliates, respectively) generated 27.8% and 6.7% of turnover and employed 24.9% and 7.3% of the total.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**Main variables by sector. Year 2019 (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 19.9% of the total number of subsidiaries) and *Manufacturing* (15.2%).

From the employment perspective, *Manufacturing industry* was the branch of activity that created the most employment (25.3% of the total). This was followed by *Retail trade except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* (17.9%) and *Information and communications* (13.0%).

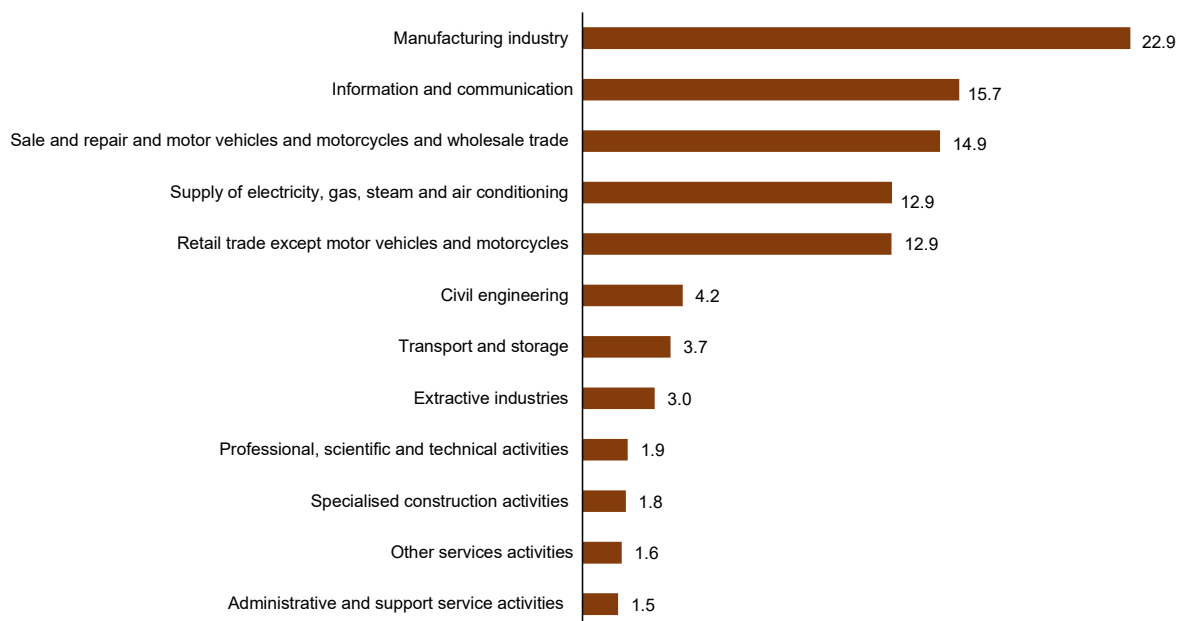
With regard to turnover, the branches that contributed the highest percentage to the total were the *Manufacturing industry* (with 22.9% of the total), *Information and communications* (15.7%) and *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade* (14.9%).

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 0.7% of the total).

## Main results by industries. Year 2019

Industries	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Million €	%
<b>Industry</b>	1,448	20.7	225,178	29.3	87,840	39.0
- Mining and quarrying	86	1.2	8,337	1.1	6,782	3.0
- Manufacturing	1,065	15.2	194,144	25.3	51,471	22.9
- Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	251	3.6	19,746	2.6	29,063	12.9
- Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	46	0.7	2,951	0.4	524	0.2
<b>Construction</b>	1,045	14.9	56,339	7.3	15,024	6.7
- Construction of buildings	375	5.4	5,502	0.7	1,551	0.7
- Civil engineering	376	5.4	28,646	3.7	9,413	4.2
- Specialised construction activities	294	4.2	22,191	2.9	4,060	1.8
<b>Trade</b>	1,761	25.2	190,851	24.9	62,610	27.8
- Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, and wholesale trade	1,395	19.9	53,482	7.0	33,581	14.9
- Retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles	366	5.2	137,369	17.9	29,029	12.9
<b>Services</b>	2,740	39.2	295,261	38.5	59,697	26.5
- Transportation and storage	282	4.0	28,463	3.7	8,274	3.7
- Accommodation and food service activities	207	3.0	39,489	5.1	3,237	1.4
- Information and communication	678	9.7	99,717	13.0	35,395	15.7
- Real estate activities	559	8.0	2,760	0.4	1,513	0.7
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	528	7.5	29,568	3.9	4,252	1.9
- Administrative and support service activities	326	4.7	65,451	8.5	3,345	1.5
- Other business support service activities	160	2.3	29,813	3.9	3,681	1.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	6,994	100.0	767,629	100.0	225,171	100.0

## Main industries in terms of Spanish enterprise affiliates abroad turnover. Year 2019 (in percentage)



### Results by country of the affiliate company

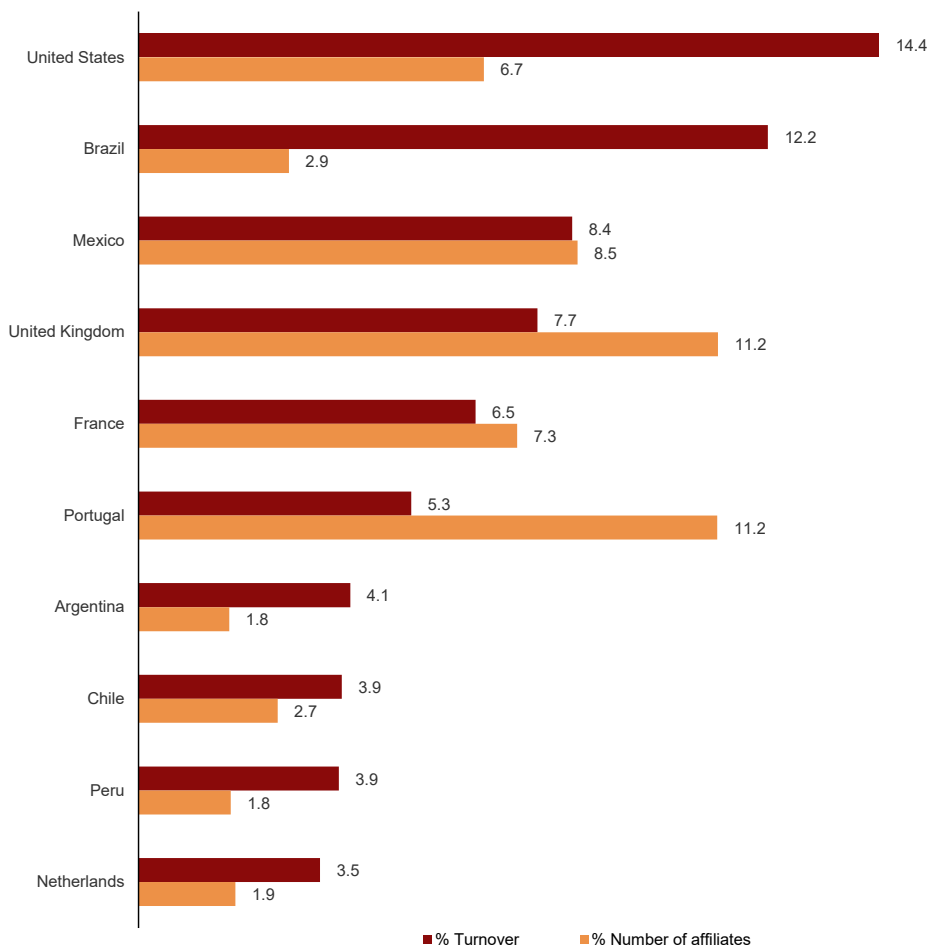
The countries in which affiliates of Spanish companies abroad generated the greatest turnover in 2019 were the United States (14.4%), the Brazil (12.2%) and Mexico (8.4%).

For their part, the countries in which the largest number of subsidiaries were located in the United Kingdom and Portugal (both with 11.2% of the total) and Mexico (8.5%).

With regard to the number of persons employed, Brazil registered 8.3% of total employment, Mexico 7.9% 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, 56.1% of the total number of affiliates of Spanish companies abroad and 51.9% of the total number of persons employed by these affiliates.

### Main countries by turnover and number of Spanish enterprise affiliates abroad. Year 2019 (in percentage)

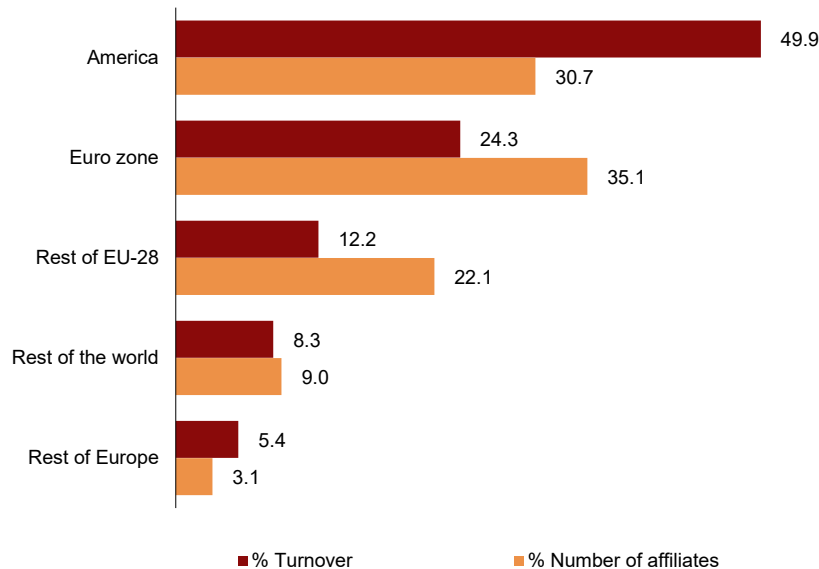


### Results by geographical area of the affiliate

Most affiliates of Spanish companies abroad were located in the euro zone of the European Union (35.1% of the total) and in America (30.7%).

By turnover, affiliates of Spanish companies in America generated 49.9% of the total during 2019, and those established in the Euro Zone, 24.3%.

### Results by affiliate geo zone<sup>2</sup>. Year 2019 (in percentage)



In the *Industry, Construction and Services* sectors, the affiliates of Spanish parent companies had the greatest presence in America, with 33.7%, 35.7% and 37.6%, respectively. In *Commerce*, the largest presence was in the Euro Zone (51.8%).

### Number of Spanish enterprise affiliates abroad by geo zone and sector. Year 2019

	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Euro zone	412	28.5	233	22.3	913	51.8	897	32.7
Rest of EU-28	271	18.7	307	29.4	334	19.0	631	23.0
Rest of Europe	49	3.4	22	2.1	97	5.5	51	1.9
America	488	33.7	373	35.7	255	14.5	1,030	37.6
Rest of the world	228	15.7	110	10.5	162	9.2	131	4.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>100.0</b>

With regard to the turnover, the highest percentages were generated by affiliates in America (52.2% in *Industry*, 66.1% in *Construction* and 62.5% in *Services*) and in the Euro Zone (38.6% in *Trade*).

## Turnover of Spanish enterprise affiliates abroad by geo zone and sector. Year 2019

Geo zone	Industry		Construction		Trade		Services	
	Million €	%	Million €	%	Million €	%	Million €	%
Euro zone	17,104	19.5	1,417	9.4	24,163	38.6	11,941	20.0
Rest of EU-28	11,919	13.6	1,263	8.4	5,481	8.8	8,723	14.6
Rest of Europe	2,755	3.1	269	1.8	8,737	14.0	289	0.5
America	45,869	52.2	9,931	66.1	19,245	30.7	37,329	62.5
Rest of the world	10,193	11.6	2,144	14.3	4,984	8.0	1,415	2.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,840</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,024</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>62,610</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>59,697</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### 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/dynqs/INEbase/es/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica\\_C&cid=1254736162975&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576550](http://www.ine.es/dynqs/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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