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**Statistics on Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain
2017**

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In 2017, there were 12,953 affiliates of foreign companies in the sectors *Industry*, *Trade* and other non-financial market *Services*.

These companies generated a turnover of 554,055 million euros, and employed 1,604,497 people.

Results by branch of activity ¹

42.5% of the affiliate companies investigated in the survey belonged to the *Services* sector, 32.0% to the *Trade* sector and 25.6% to the *Industrial* sector.

The affiliates in the industrial sector generated 46.0% of the overall turnover of affiliate companies, those in *Trade* generated 36.2% while those in the *Services* sector generated 17.8%.

In terms of distribution, affiliates in the *Services* sector employed the greatest percentage of people (42.2% of the total), followed by *Industry* (32.4%) and *Trade* (25.5%)

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Main variables by sector. Year 2017

Sector	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Millions	%
Industry	3,313	25.6	519.655	32.4	254.891	46.0
Trade	4,140	32.0	408.404	25.5	200.495	36.2
Services	5,500	42.5	676.439	42.2	98.669	17.8
TOTAL	12.953	100.0	1,604,497	100.0	554.055	100.0

¹ The companies studied were classified according to their main activity. Likewise, all study variables referring to the company were assigned to said activity.

Results by branch of activity

By branch of activity, those with the greatest number of affiliate companies were the two activities corresponding to Wholesale trade (representing 22.7% of the total affiliates) and *Professional, scientific and technical activities* (11.8%).

Regarding turnover, the branches of activity that contributed to the total with the greatest percentage were *Transport equipment* (13.5%), *Wholesale trade of ICT equipment* (12.5%) and *Extractive, energy, water and waste industries* (11.4%).

In turn, the branches of activity with the most employed staff were *Administrative and support service activities* (16.7%), *Transport equipment* (8.6%) and *Other retail sale* (7.0%)

Affiliates of foreign companies in Spain. Main results by industry. 2017

Industries	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Million €	%
Industry	3,313	25.6	519,655	32.4	254,891	46.0
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	1,143	8.8	81,483	5.1	63,089	11.4
- Food, beverages and tobacco	280	2.2	50,377	3.1	24,245	4.4
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	64	0.5	5,876	0.4	1,134	0.2
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	159	1.2	18,699	1.2	6,116	1.1
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	324	2.5	51,719	3.2	28,359	5.1
- Rubber and plastic products	192	1.5	34,046	2.1	9,186	1.7
- Other non-metallic mineral products	110	0.9	16,582	1.0	5,024	0.9
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products	281	2.2	38,596	2.4	19,979	3.6
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	141	1.1	37,827	2.4	12,819	2.3
- Machinery and mechanical products	191	1.5	26,912	1.7	7,286	1.3
- Transport equipment	239	1.8	140,324	8.7	74,595	13.5
- Other manufacturing	189	1.5	17,214	1.1	3,059	0.6
Trade	4,140	32.0	408,404	25.5	200,495	36.2
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	226	1.7	21,182	1.3	29,114	5.3
- Trading agents	462	3.6	10,912	0.7	1,491	0.3
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food and household goods	1,263	9.8	88,945	5.5	58,111	10.5
- Wholesale of machinery, equipment and supplies	1,675	12.9	69,373	4.3	69,417	12.5
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	141	1.1	106,207	6.6	24,222	4.4
- Other retail sale	373	2.9	111,785	7.0	18,139	3.3
Services	5,500	42.5	676,439	42.2	98,669	17.8
- Transport, postal and courier activities	176	1.4	30,327	1.9	6,171	1.1
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	467	3.6	48,307	3.0	11,249	2.0
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	360	2.8	100,758	6.3	6,098	1.1
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	344	2.7	34,570	2.2	18,911	3.4
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	682	5.3	92,256	5.7	11,392	2.1
- Real estate activities	1,103	8.5	6,632	0.4	4,437	0.8
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	1,532	11.8	95,554	6.0	18,357	3.3
- Administrative and support service activities	836	6.5	268,034	16.7	22,053	4.0
TOTAL	12,953	100.0	1,604,497	100.0	554,055	100.0

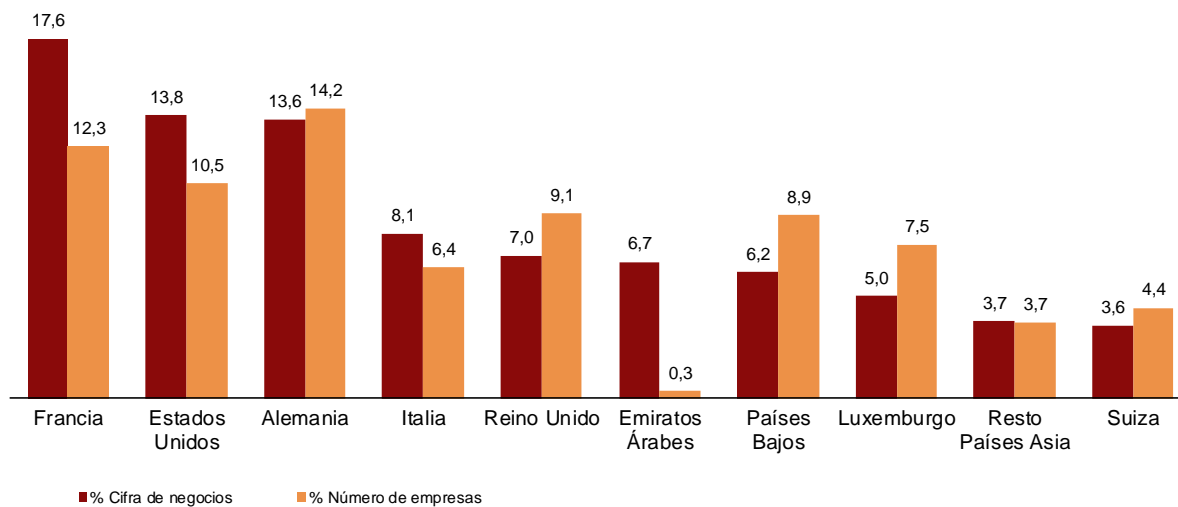
Results by country of the parent company

The countries whose affiliates generated the greatest turnover in 2017 were France (17.6% of the total), the United States (13.8%) and Germany (13.6%).

Meanwhile, the companies that contributed the greatest number of affiliates were Germany (14.2% of the total), France (12.3%) and the United States (10.5%).

It should be noted that the 10 main countries accounted for 77.4% of the overall number of affiliates and 85.3% of the turnover generated by these affiliates.

Main countries of the parent company, according to turnover and number of affiliates. Year 2017. Percentages



Grouped by geographical areas, the affiliates with a parent company in the euro zone generated 56.1% of turnover of all affiliates. 16.3% were in America and 14.3% in the rest of the world, of which the United Arab Emirates represented 6.7% and Japan 3.5%.

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Turnover according by geographical area of the parent company and major countries in each area. 2017

Geo zone	Total Million €	%	Parent company main countries and share of turnover to total affiliates					
			Country 1	%	Country 2	%	Country 3	%
Euro zone	311,021	56.1	France	17.6	Germany	13.6	Italy	8.1
Rest of EU-28	49,771	9.0	United Kingdom	7.0	Sweden	1.0	Denmark	0.9
Rest of Europe	23,489	4.2	Switzerland	3.6	Norway	0.3	Turkey	0.1
America	90,382	16.3	United States	13.8	Mexico	1.3	Canada	0.4
Rest of the world	79,391	14.3	United Arab Emirate:	6.7	Japan	3.5	China	1.4

Representativeness of foreign affiliates within the Spanish economy

Affiliates of foreign companies in Spain in the sectors of Industry, Trade and non-financial market Services represented 0.6% of all companies in these sectors in 2017.

Employment and the turnover generated by these companies covered 14.7% and 30.0% of the total, respectively.

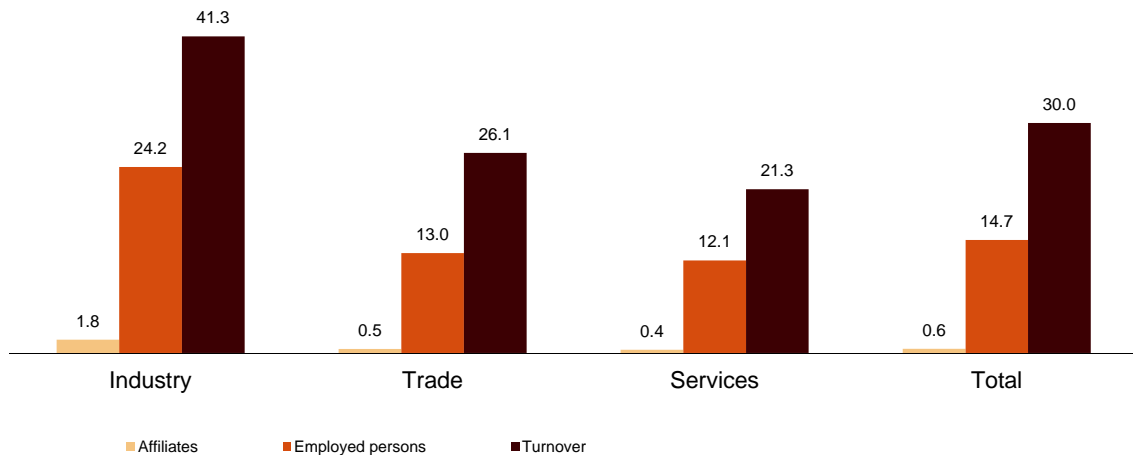
Results by branch of activity

In the Industrial sector, 1.8% of companies were affiliates of foreign companies. In the *Trade* sector it was 0.5% and in the *Services* sector 0.4%.

Regarding employment, 24.2% of the people employed in *Industry* worked in affiliates of foreign companies in 2017. In *Trade* and *Services* these percentages were 13.0% and 12.1%, respectively.

Regarding turnover, affiliates in *Industry* generated 41.3% of the sector's turnover, those in *Trade* generated 26.1% while those in *Services* generated 21.3%.

Relationship between the affiliates' data and the total number of companies in the sector. Year 2017. Percentage



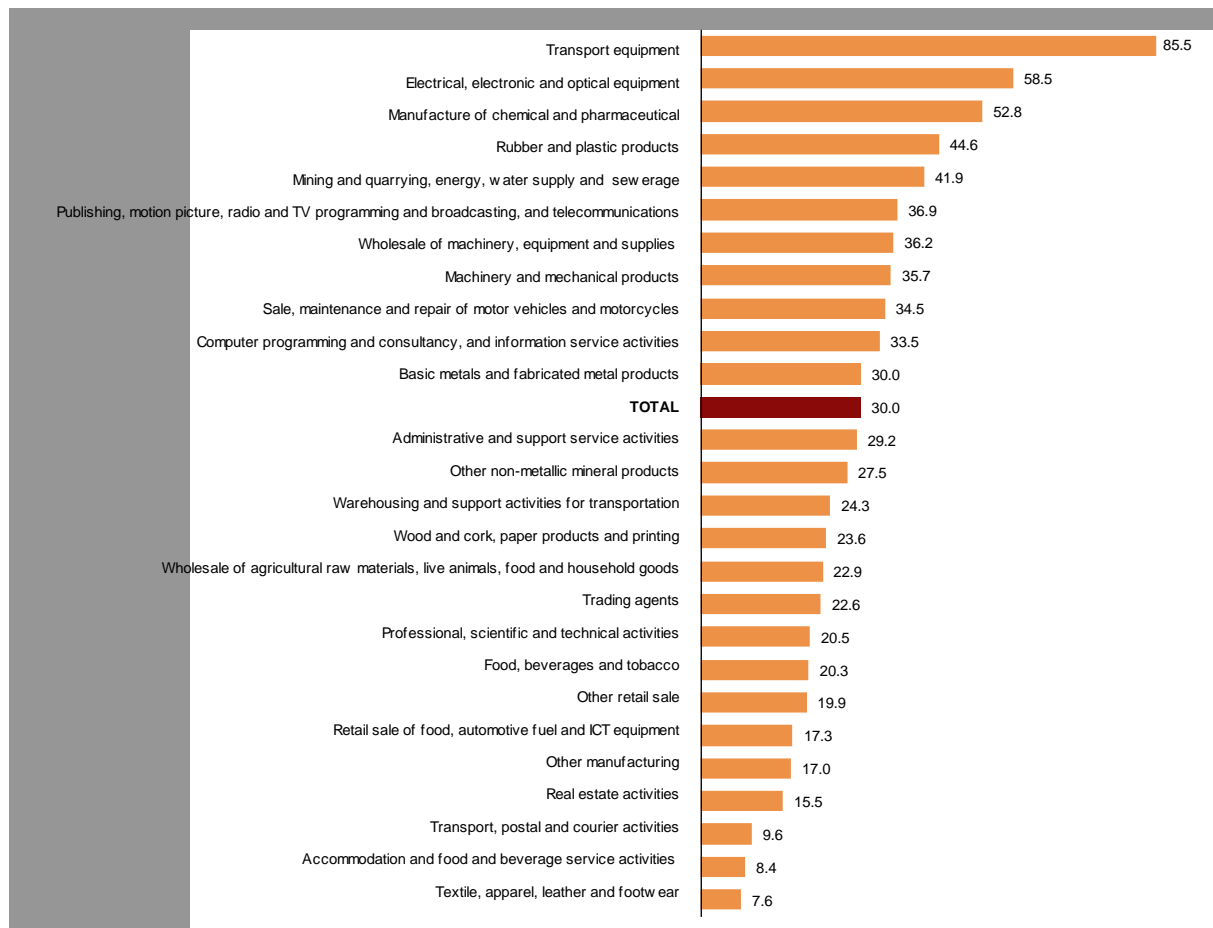
Results by branch of activity

As regards the contribution of affiliates of foreign companies for each branch of activity, *Transport equipment* should be noted, where 85.5% of the overall turnover was generated by affiliate companies.

The following branches with a significant contribution from affiliates were *Electrical, electronic and optical material and equipment* and *Chemical and pharmaceutical industry*, which contributed 58.5% and 52.8%, respectively, of the overall turnover generated in each activity.

On the other hand, the branches of activity with the lowest contribution from companies were *Textile, clothing, leather and footwear, Accommodation* and *Transport and post and courier activities*, all of them with a turnover attributable to affiliates of less than 10% of the total.

Share of foreign affiliates turnover to each industry total. Year 2017 (in percentage)



Results by sales value outside Spain

In 2017, 43.7% of sales outside of Spain in the *Industry, Trade and Services* sectors was carried out by affiliate companies.

In *Industry*, affiliates generated 57.3% of exports. In *Trade* and *Services* these percentages were 25.6% and 30.0%, respectively.

By branch of activity, *Transport equipment* (90.1%), *Retail trade food, fuel and equipment for ICT* (69.9%) and *Electrical, electronic and optical material and equipment* (66.9%) accumulated the greatest percentages of sales abroad carried out by affiliate companies.

Sale outside Spain by industry. Year 2017

	Foreign enterprises affiliates	
	Million €	% of total sale outside Spain for each industry
Industry	111,158	57.3
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	6,522	57.7
- Food, beverages and tobacco	5,919	23.9
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	683	14.2
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	2,304	37.2
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	13,993	57.1
- Rubber and plastic products	4,306	55.8
- Other non-metallic mineral products	1,506	27.8
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products	10,059	39.6
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	7,696	66.9
- Machinery and mechanical products	4,253	40.8
- Transport equipment	52,893	90.1
- Other manufacturing	1,023	30.7
Trade	23,488	25.6
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1,469	40.8
- Trading agents	482	41.4
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food and household goods	6,695	14.6
- Wholesale of machinery, equipment and supplies	12,306	37.7
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	935	69.9
- Other retail sale	1,600	22.5
Services	21,367	30.0
- Transport, postal and courier activities	1,768	15.0
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	4,110	44.2
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	890	15.4
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	1,908	43.3
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	2,819	27.3
- Real estate activities	89	18.2
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	5,056	27.2
- Administrative and support service activities	4,726	45.2
TOTAL	156,013	43.7

Results by country of the parent company

In terms of added value, the French affiliates generated the greatest percentage: 4.6% of the added value generated by all of the companies resident in Spain in the sectors investigated. French affiliates also contributed the most to the added value in the *Trade* (5.0%) and *Other Services* (4.0%) sectors.

As regards the main investor countries for each branch of activity, according to the percentage of added value that their affiliates generated over the total of the branch of activity, it should be underlined that Germany generated 24.8% in *Transport equipment*, France generated 18.5% in *Rubber and plastic products* and the United States generated 15.9% in *Commission trade*.

Main investing countries in terms of affiliates value added, by industry Year 2017

Industries	Country	% of total value added for each industry
Industry	Germany	5.2
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	Italy	12.0
- Food, beverages and tobacco	France	3.5
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	France	3.2
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	Netherlands	3.8
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	United States	14.6
- Rubber and plastic products	France	18.5
- Other non-metallic mineral products	France	4.9
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products	Luxembourg	5.2
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	Germany	15.0
- Machinery and mechanical products	United States	11.0
- Transport equipment	Germany	24.8
- Other manufacturing	France	3.7
Trade	France	5.0
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Germany	6.5
- Trading agents	United States	15.9
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food and household goods	United States	7.2
- Wholesale of machinery, equipment and supplies	United States	5.0
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	France	7.8
- Other retail sale	France	6.9
Services	France	4.0
- Transport, postal and courier activities	United Kingdom	2.1
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	Germany	2.6
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	France	1.8
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	France	10.9
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	United States	9.1
- Real estate activities	Luxembourg	5.0
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	United States	3.1
- Administrative and support service activities	France	5.3
TOTAL	France	4.6

Data review and update

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

Methodological note

The Statistics on Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain have the objective of providing annual information on the main characteristics and economic indicators that determine the structure and activity of subsidiaries of foreign companies located in Spain, in both the industrial sector and the trade and non-financial services sector.

These statistics provide information regarding the main variables, broken down by activity, size or Autonomous Community of the subsidiary company, and by the country or geographical area of the parent company (final owner). Additional data is also offered regarding the percentage represented by the results of the subsidiaries of foreign companies, as compared with the total companies.

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

The characteristics of the FLINT statistics are:

Type of survey: annual continuous survey.

Population scope: companies residing in Spain that are affiliates of foreign companies and whose main activity is included in sections B to E (Industry), G (trade), and H to J and L to N (non-financial market services) of the CNAE-2009.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory, except Ceuta and Melilla.

Reference period: the calendar year, which, with some exceptions, coincides with the company's accounting year.

Method of Collection: through exhaustive information gathered on affiliates in the structural surveys of industry, trade and services.

For more information you can access the methodology at:

http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/es/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736161127&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576550

And the standardised methodological report at:

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