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**Statistics on Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain (FILINT)
Year 2019**

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France, Germany and the United States were the countries whose affiliates in Spain generated the highest turnover

In 2019 there were 10,663 affiliates of foreign companies in the sectors *Industry*, *Trade* and *Non-financial market services*. These affiliates generated a turnover of 555,688 million euros, and employed 1,773,803 people.

Results by activity sector ¹

43.7% of the affiliate companies belonged to the *Services* sector, 36.6% to the *Trade* sector and 19.7% to the industrial sector.

The affiliates in the industrial sector generated 44.6% of the overall turnover of affiliate companies, those in *Trade* generated 35.7% while those in the *Services* sector generated 19.7%.

In terms of employment distribution, the subsidiaries of the *Services* sector employed the highest percentage of people (44.1% of the total), followed by *Industry* (30.6%) and *Commerce* (25.2%).

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Main variables by activity sector. Year 2019

Sector	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Millions	%
Industry	2.100	19,7	543.497	30,6	247.826	44,6
Trade	3.901	36,6	447.615	25,2	198.205	35,7
Services	4.661	43,7	782.691	44,1	109.657	19,7
TOTAL	10.663	100,0	1.773.803	100,0	555.688	100,0

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

Results by activity branch

The activity branches with the highest number of affiliates were the two Wholesale trade activities (which accounted for 26.6% of the total subsidiaries) and *Professional, scientific and technical activities* (13.5%).

As for turnover, the branches that contributed the most were *Transport equipment* (with 14.1% of the total), *Wholesale of raw agricultural materials and live animals, food, beverages and tobacco and domestic appliances* (11.5%) and *Mining and quarrying, electricity, water and waste* (8.6%).

The branches with the most employed personnel were *Administrative and support services activities* (17.8% of the total), *Transport material* (8.0 %) and *Retail trade of food, automotive fuel and equipment* (7.2%).

Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain Main results by activity branch Year 2019

Branch of activity	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Million €	%
Industry	2.100	19,7	543.497	30,6	247.826	44,6
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	296	2,8	79.153	4,5	47.684	8,6
- Food, beverages and tobacco	217	2,0	59.675	3,4	28.627	5,2
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	63	0,6	7.153	0,4	1.379	0,2
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	114	1,1	18.798	1,1	6.703	1,2
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	291	2,7	52.871	3,0	24.995	4,5
- Rubber and plastic products	162	1,5	35.239	2,0	9.494	1,7
- Other non-metallic mineral products	88	0,8	21.029	1,2	6.451	1,2
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	223	2,1	42.844	2,4	21.744	3,9
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	130	1,2	37.741	2,1	11.756	2,1
- Machinery and mechanical products	178	1,7	28.018	1,6	7.429	1,3
- Transport equipment	160	1,5	141.585	8,0	78.187	14,1
- Other manufacturing, repair and installation of machinery and equipment	179	1,7	19.392	1,1	3.378	0,6
Trade	3.901	36,6	447.615	25,2	198.205	35,7
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	197	1,8	24.109	1,4	31.378	5,6
- Trading agents	419	3,9	10.685	0,6	1.743	0,3
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food, beverages and tobacco and household goods	1.191	11,2	93.781	5,3	63.776	11,5
- Wholesale of ICT equipment and other machinery and equipment and non-specialized wholesale trade	1.640	15,4	71.030	4,0	50.677	9,1
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	63	0,6	128.150	7,2	29.783	5,4
- Other retail sale	392	3,7	119.861	6,8	20.847	3,8
Services	4.661	43,7	782.691	44,1	109.657	19,7
- Transport, postal and courier activities	86	0,8	26.856	1,5	4.939	0,9
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	276	2,6	55.816	3,1	13.643	2,5
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	348	3,3	110.166	6,2	7.209	1,3
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	300	2,8	34.242	1,9	17.980	3,2
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	774	7,3	113.662	6,4	13.656	2,5
- Real estate activities	705	6,6	10.366	0,6	5.599	1,0
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.441	13,5	115.980	6,5	21.220	3,8
- Administrative and support service activities	732	6,9	315.603	17,8	25.411	4,6
TOTAL	10.663	100,0	1.773.803	100,0	555.688	100,0

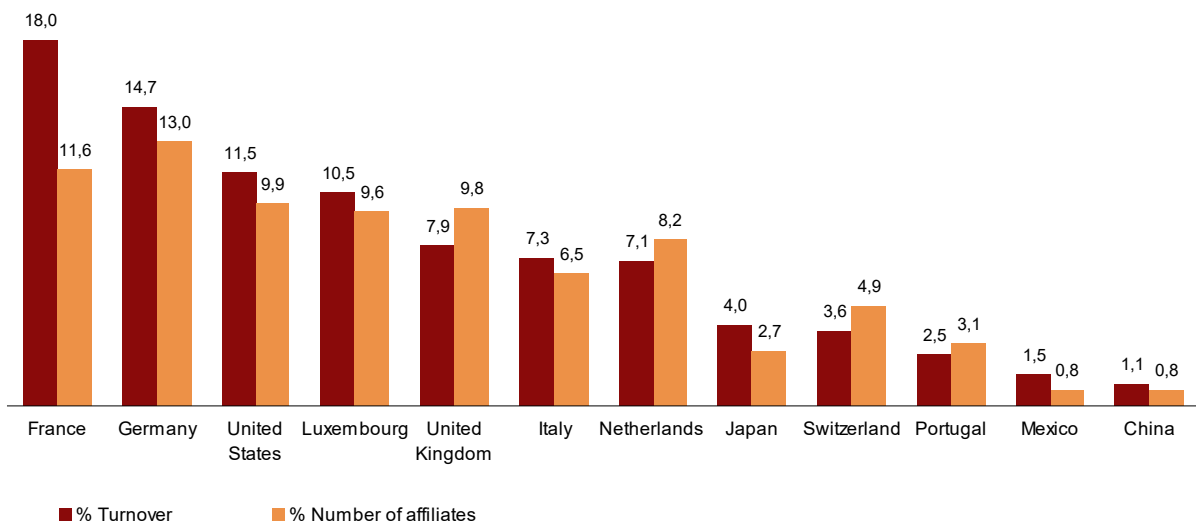
Results by country of the parent company

The countries whose affiliates generated the greatest turnover in 2019 were France (18.0% of the total), Germany (14.7%) and the United States (11.5%).

It should be noted that the 10 main countries accounted for 79.3% of the overall number of affiliates and 87.1% of the turnover generated by these affiliates.

In turn, the companies that contributed the greatest number of affiliate companies were Germany (13.0% of the total), France (11.6%) and the United States (9.9%).

Main parent company countries, according to turnover and number of affiliates. Year 2019. Percentages



When grouped by geographical area, the affiliates with parent companies in the Euro Zone generated 63.4% of the turnover of all affiliates in Spain. The rest of the European Union countries represented 10.0%, and the remaining European countries 4.3%. America concentrated 14.3%, and the *Rest of the world*, 8.0%.

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Main results by geographical area of the parent company Year 2019

Geo zone	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Million €	%
Euro zone	6.230	58,4	1.061.181	59,8	352.182	63,4
Rest of EU-28	1.489	14,0	208.350	11,7	55.519	10,0
Rest of Europe	700	6,6	104.651	5,9	23.829	4,3
America	1.416	13,3	278.858	15,7	79.534	14,3
Rest of the world	829	7,8	120.763	6,8	44.624	8,0
Total	10.663	100,0	1.773.803	100,0	555.688	100,0

Representativeness of foreign affiliates within the Spanish economy

Foreign company affiliates in Spain in the sectors of *Industry*, *Commerce* and *Non-financial market services* represented 0.5% of the total number of companies in these sectors in 2019.

They accounted for 15.3% and 28.1% of employment and turnover, respectively.

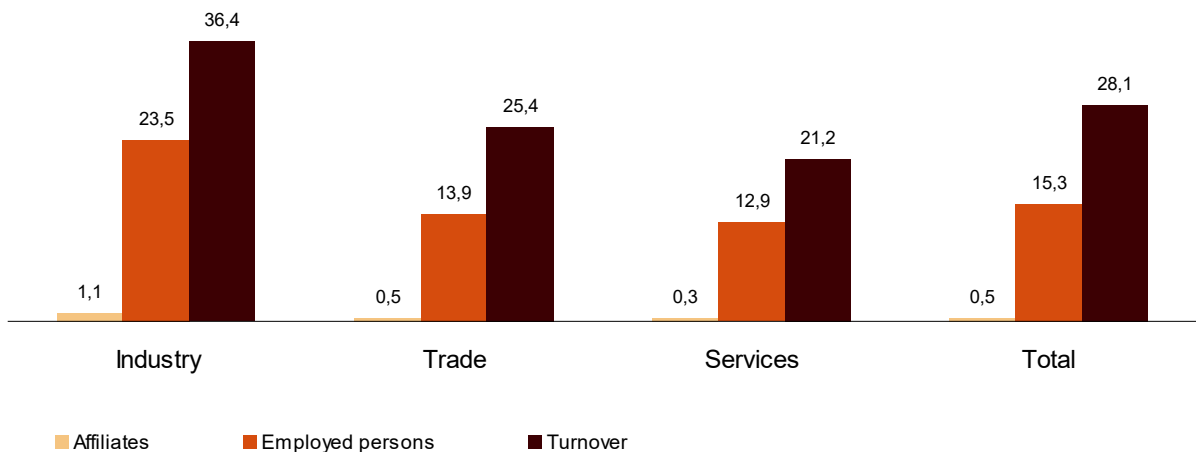
Results by activity sector

In the industrial sector, 1.1% of companies were affiliates of foreign companies. In the *Trade* sector it was 0.5% and in the *Services* sector 0.3%.

As regards employment, 23.5% of the people employed in *Industry* worked in affiliates of foreign companies in 2019. In *Trade* and *Services* these percentages were 13.9% and 12.9%, respectively.

As far as turnover, *Industry* affiliates generated 36.4% of the sector's turnover, those of *Commerce* 25.4%, and those of the *Services* sector 21.2%.

Relationship between affiliates data and that for the total number of companies in the sector. Year 2019. Percentage



Results by activity branch

Regarding the contribution by affiliates of foreign companies for each branch of activity, *Transport equipment* should be noted, where 84.1% of the overall turnover was generated by affiliate companies.

Other branches with significant weight from affiliates were Electrical, electronic and optical material and equipment and Rubber and plastic materials, which contributed 49.1% and 43.5%, respectively, to the total turnover generated in each branch.

In turn, the activity branches with the lowest contribution were Transport and postal and mail activities, Hotel, restaurants and catering, and Textile, clothing, leather and footwear. All had a turnover attributable from affiliates of less than 10.0% of the total.

Main activity branches by turnover generated by affiliates with respect to each branch's total. Year 2019. Percentage



Results by sales value outside Spain

In 2019, 39.5% of sales outside of Spain in the *Industry, Trade* and *Services* sectors was carried out by affiliate companies.

In *Industry*, affiliates generated 50.0% of exports. In *Trade* and *Services* these percentages were 23.0% and 27.7%, respectively.

By branch of activity, *Transport equipment* (89.1%), *Retail trade food, fuel and equipment for ICT* (67.7%) and *Electrical, electronic and optical material and equipment* (56.9%) accumulated the greatest percentages of sales abroad carried out by affiliate companies.

Sales outside Spain by branch of activity. Year 2019

Branch of activity	Foreign enterprises affiliates	
	Million €	% of total sale outside Spain for each industry
Industry	113.827	50,0
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	5.007	18,0
- Food, beverages and tobacco	7.034	24,2
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	812	16,7
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	2.700	39,8
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	11.833	44,4
- Rubber and plastic products	4.612	55,3
- Other non-metallic mineral products	2.229	32,8
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products	9.989	37,9
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	6.429	56,9
- Machinery and mechanical products	4.353	38,7
- Transport equipment	57.700	89,1
- Other manufacturing	1.129	28,7
Trade	20.678	23,0
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.578	38,0
- Trading agents	510	42,6
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food and household goods	7.440	15,3
- Wholesale of machinery, equipment and supplies	8.361	31,7
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	931	67,7
- Other retail sale	1.858	23,3
Services	21.465	27,7
- Transport, postal and courier activities	1.119	8,6
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	4.125	39,5
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	842	14,7
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	1.630	35,8
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	3.874	31,6
- Real estate activities	92	17,6
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	4.493	25,9
- Administrative and support service activities	5.290	38,8
TOTAL	155.970	39,5

Results by country of the parent company

In terms of added value, the French affiliates generated the greatest percentage: 4.2% of the added value generated by all of the companies resident in Spain in the sectors investigated.

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 21.1% in Transport equipment, France generated 18.2% in Rubber and plastic products and Germany generated 13.0% in Commission trade.

Main investing countries according to added value generated by affiliates, by branch of activity. Year 2019

Branch of activity	Country	% of total value added for each industry
Industry	France	4,7
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	Italy	12,0
- Food, beverages and tobacco	United Kingdom	3,4
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	France	2,8
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	Luxembourg	4,7
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	Germany	8,7
- Rubber and plastic products	France	18,2
- Other non-metallic mineral products	France	7,5
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products	Luxembourg	7,2
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	Germany	13,0
- Machinery and mechanical products	Germany	7,8
- Transport equipment	Germany	21,1
- Other manufacturing	United States	3,3
Trade	France	4,9
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Germany	6,3
- Trading agents	United States	9,9
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food and household goods	United States	4,8
- Wholesale of machinery, equipment and supplies	Germany	5,4
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	France	7,9
- Other retail sale	France	6,2
Services	France	3,4
- Transport, postal and courier activities	Mexico	1,0
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	Italy	7,2
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	Luxembourg	1,8
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	France	10,5
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	United States	10,5
- Real estate activities	France	2,6
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	United States	2,8
- Administrative and support service activities	Luxembourg	6,6
TOTAL	France	4,2

Data Review and Update

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

Methodological note

The objective of the *Statistics on Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain* (FILINT) is to provide annual information on the main characteristics and economic indicators that determine the structure and activity of foreign company affiliates located in Spain, in both the industrial sector and in trade and non-financial services.

The FILINT statistic is integrated into the *Structural Business Statistics: Industrial Sector, Trade Sector and Services Sector*. For FILINT, research focuses on the group of companies that are foreign company affiliates; that is, companies located in Spain that are ultimately controlled by a non-resident institutional unit or company.

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. 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 (also known as Inward FATS) complements this information, which in the context of statistics on economic globalisation, provides the statistics on Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (also known as Outward FATS).

Type of survey: annual continuous operation.

Population scope: companies located in Spain that are foreign company affiliates, 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 y Melilla

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

Collection method: using the information collected on affiliates in the structural surveys of industry, trade and services.

For more information the methodology can be accessed at:

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

The standardized methodological report is at:

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