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**Statistics on Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain (FILINT)
Year 2020**

Affiliates of foreign companies invoiced 502,904 million euros and employed 1,791,494 people in 2020.

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

In 2020 there were 11,722 affiliates of foreign companies in the sectors *Industry*, *Trade* and *Non-financial market services*. These affiliates generated a turnover of 502,904 million euros, and employed 1,791,494 people.

Results by activity sector ¹

A total of 46.2% of the affiliate companies belonged to the *Services* sector, 35.1% to the *Trade* sector and 18.7% to the industrial sector.

The affiliates in the industrial sector generated 44.1% of the overall turnover of affiliate companies, those in *Trade* generated 36.2% 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 (45.1% of the total), followed by *Industry* (30.7%) and *Commerce* (24.1%).

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Main variables by activity sector. Year 2020**

Sector	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Millions	%
Industry	2.190	18,7	550.354	30,7	221.688	44,1
Trade	4.113	35,1	432.352	24,1	182.105	36,2
Services	5.418	46,2	808.788	45,1	99.111	19,7
TOTAL	11.722	100,0	1.791.494	100,0	502.904	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 activity branch

The activity branches with the highest number of affiliates were the two Wholesale trade activities (which accounted for 25.0% of the total subsidiaries) and *Professional, scientific and technical activities* (12.9%).

With regard to the turnover of subsidiary companies, the branches that contributed the most were *Transport material* (with 13.3% of the total), *Wholesale trade of agricultural raw materials and live animals, food, beverages and tobacco and household items* (12.3%) and *Wholesale of ICT equipment and other machinery and equipment and Non-specialized wholesale trade* (9.5%).

The activity branches with the most employed personnel were *Administrative activities and auxiliary services* (17.7% of the total), *Transport material* (8.0 %) and *Other retail trade* (6.6%).

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Main results by activity branch Year 2020

Branch of activity	Affiliates		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Million €	%
Industry	2.190	18,7	550.354	30,7	221.688	44,1
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	292	2,5	83.440	4,7	42.515	8,5
- Food, beverages and tobacco	252	2,1	60.617	3,4	26.981	5,4
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	61	0,5	7.053	0,4	1.176	0,2
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	115	1,0	17.643	1,0	5.569	1,1
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	295	2,5	56.059	3,1	24.509	4,9
- Rubber and plastic products	168	1,4	34.126	1,9	8.377	1,7
- Other non-metallic mineral products	87	0,7	21.430	1,2	5.701	1,1
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	230	2,0	41.613	2,3	18.061	3,6
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	142	1,2	35.543	2,0	11.682	2,3
- Machinery and mechanical products	198	1,7	29.629	1,7	7.360	1,5
- Transport equipment	165	1,4	142.603	8,0	66.763	13,3
- Other manufacturing, repair and installation of machinery and equipment	186	1,6	20.599	1,1	2.994	0,6
Trade	4.113	35,1	432.352	24,1	182.105	36,2
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	205	1,8	24.441	1,4	26.253	5,2
- Trading agents	502	4,3	9.787	0,5	1.482	0,3
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food, beverages and tobacco and household goods	1.253	10,7	95.200	5,3	61.709	12,3
- Wholesale of ICT equipment and other machinery and equipment and non-specialized wholesale trade	1.681	14,3	76.061	4,2	47.644	9,5
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	58	0,5	108.726	6,1	24.988	5,0
- Other retail sale	415	3,5	118.136	6,6	20.029	4,0
Services	5.418	46,2	808.788	45,1	99.111	19,7
- Transport, postal and courier activities	86	0,7	34.335	1,9	5.125	1,0
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	303	2,6	55.159	3,1	11.905	2,4
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	403	3,4	109.311	6,1	3.646	0,7
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	349	3,0	38.916	2,2	18.761	3,7
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	979	8,4	117.753	6,6	13.945	2,8
- Real estate activities	974	8,3	10.886	0,6	5.628	1,1
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.513	12,9	125.904	7,0	20.052	4,0
- Administrative and support service activities	811	6,9	316.525	17,7	20.049	4,0
TOTAL	11.722	100,0	1.791.494	100,0	502.904	100,0

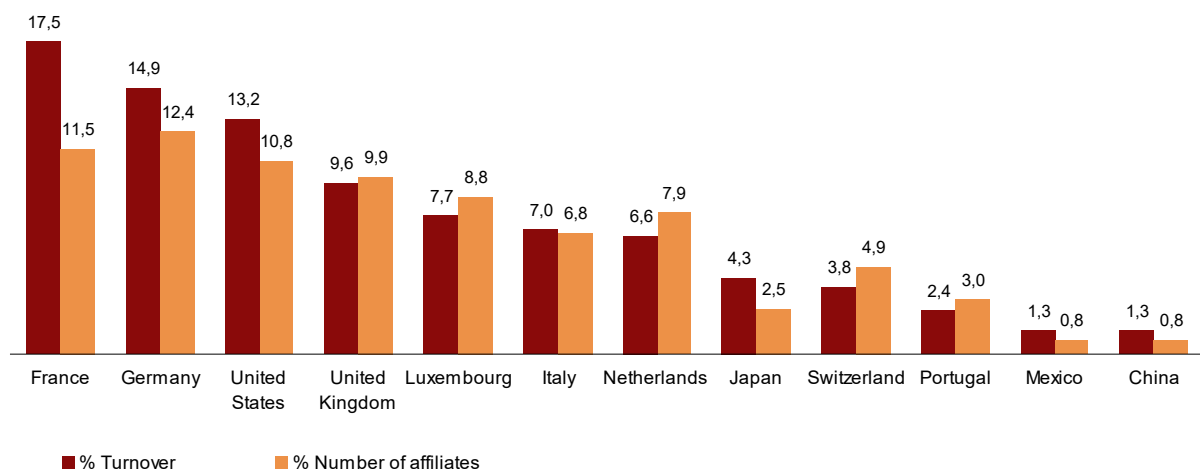
Results by country of the parent company

The countries whose affiliates generated the greatest turnover in 2020 were France (17.5% of the total), Germany (14.9%) and the United States (13.2%).

It should be noted that the 10 main countries accounted for 78.6% of the overall number of affiliates and 86.9% of the turnover generated by these affiliates.

In turn, the companies that contributed the greatest number of affiliate companies were Germany (12.4% of the total), France (11.5%) and the United States (10.8%).

Main parent company countries, according to turnover and number of affiliates. Year 2020. Percentages



When grouped by geographical area, the affiliates with parent companies in the Euro Zone generated 59.7% of the turnover of all affiliates in Spain. Those from the rest of the European countries accounted for another 15.9%. For its part, the turnover of the subsidiaries of America represented 15.8% of the total and those of the *Rest of the world* 8.5%.

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Turnover according to geographical areas of the parent company and main countries in each area. Year 2020

Geo zone	Total Million €	%	Parent company main countries and share of turnover to total affiliates					
			Country 1	%	Country 2	%	Country 3	%
Euro zone	300.041	59,7	France	17,5	Germany	14,9	Luxembourg	7,7
Rest of EU-27	10.306	2,0	Sweden	1,0	Denmark	0,9	Poland	0,1
Rest of Europe	70.035	13,9	United Kingdom	9,6	Switzerland	3,8	Norway	0,3
America	79.634	15,8	United States	13,2	Mexico	1,3	Canada	0,3
Rest of the world	42.888	8,5	Japan	4,3	China	1,3	South Korea	0,9
Total	502.904	100,0						

- Euro zone: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia.
- Rest of the European Union: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Sweden.
- Rest of Europe: Also includes the United Kingdom, which left the European Union on February 1, 2020.

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 2020.

They accounted for 16.0% and 28.8% of employment and turnover, respectively.

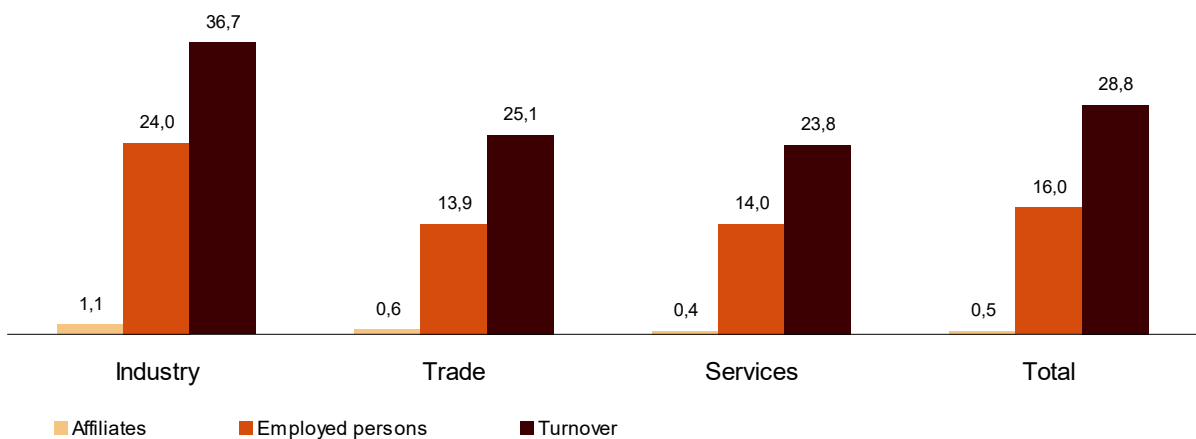
Results by activity sector

In the Industrial sector, 1.1% of companies were affiliates of foreign companies. In the *Trade* sector it was 0.6% and in the *Services* sector 0.4%.

As regards employment, 24.0% of the people employed in *Industry* worked in affiliates of foreign companies in 2020. In *Trade* and *Services* these percentages were 13.9% and 14.0%, respectively.

As far as turnover, *Industry* affiliates generated 36.7% of the sector's turnover, those of *Commerce* 25.1%, and those of the *Services* sector 23.8%.

Relationship between affiliates data and that for the total number of companies in the sector. Year 2020. Percentage



Results by activity branch

As regards the contribution of affiliates of foreign companies for each branch of activity, *Transport equipment* should be noted, where 84.2% of the overall turnover was generated by affiliate companies.

Following that, the next branches with a significant weight from affiliates were *Electrical, electronic and optical material and equipment* and *Chemical and pharmaceutical industry*; which contributed 52.9% and 44.3%, respectively, of the total turnover generated in each branch.

In turn, the activity branches with the lowest contribution were *Hospitality, Transport and postal and mail activities* 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 2020. Percentage



Results by sales value outside Spain

In 2020, 40.8% of sales outside of Spain in the *Industry, Trade* and *Services* sectors was carried out by affiliate companies.

In *Industry*, affiliates generated 49.9% of exports. In *Trade* and *Services* these percentages were 25.0% and 33.3%, respectively.

By activity branches, *Transport material* (88.9%), *Electrical, electronic and optical material and equipment* (59.3%) and *Rubber and plastic materials* (55.2%) accumulated the highest percentages of sales abroad made by affiliated companies.

Sales outside Spain by branch of activity. Year 2020

Branch of activity	Foreign enterprises affiliates	
	Million €	% of total sale outside Spain for each industry
Industry	99.784	49,9
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	4.242	22,9
- Food, beverages and tobacco	7.493	24,4
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	678	16,1
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	1.871	31,2
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	12.233	47,4
- Rubber and plastic products	4.149	55,2
- Other non-metallic mineral products	1.903	30,4
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products	7.182	32,8
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	6.265	59,3
- Machinery and mechanical products	4.094	40,2
- Transport equipment	48.668	88,9
- Other manufacturing	1.006	28,0
Trade	21.509	25,0
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.363	33,7
- Trading agents	531	36,0
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food and household goods	9.310	19,0
- Wholesale of machinery, equipment and supplies	7.683	33,1
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	355	48,8
- Other retail sale	2.268	29,3
Services	20.314	33,3
- Transport, postal and courier activities	1.036	13,3
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	4.877	44,7
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	378	26,5
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	1.730	44,4
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	3.721	40,6
- Real estate activities	79	18,5
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	5.797	31,9
- Administrative and support service activities	2.695	29,2
TOTAL	141.608	40,8

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 22.1% in *Transport equipment*, France generated 14.5% in *Rubber and plastic products* and Germany generated 14.1% in *Commission trade*.

Main investing countries according to added value generated by affiliates, by branch of activity. Year 2020

Branch of activity	Country	% of total value added for each industry
Industry	Germany	4,6
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	Italy	13,0
- Food, beverages and tobacco	United Kingdom	3,2
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	France	2,6
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	Ireland	2,8
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	United States	9,4
- Rubber and plastic products	France	14,5
- Other non-metallic mineral products	France	6,7
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products	Luxembourg	6,1
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	Germany	14,1
- Machinery and mechanical products	United States	8,4
- Transport equipment	Germany	22,1
- Other manufacturing	France	3,3
Trade	France	4,3
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Germany	6,4
- Trading agents	United States	13,2
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food and household goods	United States	6,4
- Wholesale of machinery, equipment and supplies	United States	6,5
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	France	6,3
- Other retail sale	France	6,7
Services	France	4,0
- Transport, postal and courier activities	United Kingdom	1,3
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	United States	4,0
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	France	2,1
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	United Kingdom	11,6
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	United States	11,8
- Real estate activities	France	2,9
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	United States	3,0
- Administrative and support service activities	France	5,5
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.

Information is provided on the main variables, disaggregated by activity branches and size of the subsidiary and also by country or geographical area of the parent company. The statistic includes economic aggregates such as the value of production and gross value added, as well as main indicators. 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: completion of the questionnaire by the respondent, mainly via the Internet (IRIA system), and use of administrative sources.

For more information the methodology can be accessed at:

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

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