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Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad at 1 January 2011

The Spanish population resident abroad increases 6.7%, reaching 1.8 million persons

Argentina, France, Venezuela and Germany, the foreign countries in which the most persons with Spanish nationality are resident

The number of persons with Spanish nationality resident abroad reached **1,816,835**, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA) dated 1 January 2012. This represents **an increase of 6.7%** (114,057 persons), as compared with the data at 1 January 2011.

By sex, 51.1% of persons with Spanish nationality resident abroad were female and 48.9% were male, percentages similar to those for 1 January 2010.

By continent, 62.4% of persons registered in the RSRA had established residence in America, 34.6% in Europe and 3.0% in the rest of the world.

The greatest increase in registered persons, as compared with the data at 1 January 2011, was recorded in America, with 83,763 more registered persons, and Europe with 26,222.

In relative terms, the greatest increases were in Asia (13.6%) and America (7.9%), in both cases with an increase of 10.9%.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent

Continent	At 1 January 2012	At 1 January 2011	Variation	
			Absolut	Relative
TOTAL	1,816,835	1,702,778	114,057	6.70
Europe *	628,400	602,178	26,222	4.35
Africa	15,707	14,917	790	5.30
America	1,133,228	1,049,465	83,763	7.98
Asia	21,940	19,310	2,630	13.62
Oceania	17,560	16,908	652	3.86

(*)Excluding Spain

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and place of birth

36% of Spaniards resident abroad were born in Spain, 58.2% were born in their current country of residence and 5.1% in other countries.

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and place of birth

Continent	TOTAL	Place of birth			
		Spain	Country of residence	Other countries	No data recorded
TOTAL	1,816,835	654,395	1,057,730	92,473	12,237
Europe *	628,400	339,421	243,365	39,791	5,823
Africa	15,707	7,887	6,281	1,433	106
America	1,133,228	286,650	794,042	46,495	6,041
Asia	21,940	10,561	7,963	3,325	91
Oceania	17,560	9,876	6,079	1,429	176

(*) Excluding Spain.

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and age group

14.4% of those registered in the RSRA were aged under 16 years old, 62.2% were aged 16 to 64 years old, and 23.4% were aged 65 years old or over.

By continent, 54.1% of persons under the age of 16 years were resident in America and 40.9% in Europe. For the group aged 16 to 64 years old: 60.5% were resident in America and 36.4% in Europe.

It was worth noting that 72.4% of persons aged 65 years old and over were resident in America, whereas only 25.8% were resident in Europe.

Population with Spanish nationality by continent and age group

Continent	TOTAL	Under 16 years old	16 to 64 years old	65 years old and over
TOTAL	1,816,835	261,228	1,130,237	425,370
Europe *	628,400	106,893	411,904	109,603
Africa	15,707	4,885	9,166	1,656
America	1,133,228	141,230	684,098	307,900
Asia	21,940	6,239	14,016	1,685
Oceania	17,560	1,981	11,053	4,526

(*) Excluding Spain.

Population with Spanish nationality by country

The foreign countries in which the most persons with Spanish nationality resided were Argentina (367,939), France (198,182), Venezuela (179,035) and Germany (111,731).

Comparing the RSRA between 1 January 2012 and 1 January 2011 in countries with more than 10,000 residents of Spanish nationality, worth noting the increase in the Spanish population resident in Argentina (22,073 registered more), Cuba (13,890 more) and Brazil (8,362 more).

In relative terms the highest increases were recorded in Ecuador (36.5%), Cuba (18.4%) and Peru (15.4%)

Population with Spanish nationality by country *

Country of residence	Data at 1 January 2012	Data at 1 January 2011	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
Germany	111,731	108,469	3,262	3.0
Andorra	23,995	23,605	390	1.7
Argentina	367,939	345,866	22,073	6.4
Australia	16,977	16,379	598	3.7
Belgium	47,618	45,485	2,133	4.7
Brazil	100,622	92,260	8,362	9.1
Canada	12,400	11,539	861	7.5
Chile	44,468	40,492	3,976	9.8
Colombia	16,253	14,688	1,565	10.7
Cuba	89,323	75,433	13,890	18.4
Ecuador	13,855	10,147	3,708	36.5
The United States of America	86,626	79,495	7,131	9.0
France	198,182	189,909	8,273	4.4
Italy	18,945	18,116	829	4.6
Mexico	94,617	86,658	7,959	9.2
The Netherlands	20,128	19,350	778	4.0
Peru	15,214	13,180	2,034	15.4
Portugal	10,013	9,570	443	4.6
The United Kingdom	69,097	64,317	4,780	7.4
The Dominican Republic	15,902	14,808	1,094	7.4
Switzerland	96,403	93,262	3,141	3.4
Uruguay	60,046	58,623	1,423	2.4
Venezuela	179,035	173,456	5,579	3.2

(*) The table shows all countries with more than 10,000 residents with Spanish nationality

Informative annex

Persons of Spanish nationality (whether or not this is their only nationality) who are usually resident outside Spain, are registered in the central file of the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA), with the data submitted by the relevant consular registration Offices and Sections, from the Registers of Spaniards residents abroad.

Statistical use of the RSRA only enables obtaining the classification of registered persons, considering the classification variables of the file.

More information at: http://www.ine.es/en/metodologia/t20/t203024509_en.pdf