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**Statistics of Spaniards Resident Abroad
01 January 2020**

The Spanish population resident abroad increased 2.9% in 2019

United Kingdom, France, and the United States of America are the countries that register the highest increase of population with Spanish nationality

In 2019, over two out of three new registrations corresponded to persons born outside Spain

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent

The number of persons with Spanish nationality resident abroad reached 2,618,592 as at 01 January 2020, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA). This figure represents an increase of 2.9% (72,863 persons) as compared with the data as at 01 January 2019.

By continent, 60.2% of registered persons had established their residence in America, 36.1% in Europe and 3.7% in the rest of the world.

The largest increases in the number of registered persons in 2019 were in Europe (44,868 more) and America (22,811 more).

In relative terms, the largest increases were recorded in Africa (6.7%) and Asia (6%).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent

Continent	Data 1 January 2020	Data 1 January 2019	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
TOTAL	2,618,592	2,545,729	72,863	2.9
Europe	945,027	900,159	44,868	5.0
Africa	26,838	25,163	1,675	6.7
America	1,576,350	1,553,539	22,811	1.5
Asia	46,099	43,504	2,595	6.0
Oceania	24,278	23,364	914	3.9

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent and sex

The number of registrations of women living abroad exceeded that of men by 30,486. By continent, America and Europe recorded more women than men registered, while Africa, Asia and Oceania recorded more men than women registered.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent and sex

Continent	Both sexes	Men	Women	Difference
TOTAL	2,618,592	1,294,053	1,324,539	30,486
Europe	945,027	468,459	476,568	8,109
Africa	26,838	15,046	11,792	-3,254
America	1,576,350	772,290	804,060	31,770
Asia	46,099	26,094	20,005	-6,089
Oceania	24,278	12,164	12,114	-50

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad by continent and place of birth

32% of Spanish resident abroad were born in Spain, 58.2% were born in their current country of residence and 9.5% in other countries.

Population with Spanish Nationality by continent and place of birth

Continent	Total	Spain		Country of residence		Other countries		No data recorded	
		Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	2,618,592	838,006	32.0	1,521,407	58.2	249,458	9.5	6,721	0.3
Europe	945,027	469,775	49.7	342,853	36.3	129,041	13.7	3,358	0.4
Africa	26,838	8,859	33.0	15,941	59.4	1,962	7.3	76	0.3
America	1,576,350	325,446	20.6	1,139,063	72.3	108,737	6.9	3,104	0.2
Asia	46,099	20,344	44.1	18,645	40.4	7,061	15.3	49	0.1
Oceania	24,278	13,582	55.9	7,905	32.6	2,657	10.9	134	0.6

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad by continent and age Group

15.7% of those registered in the RSRA as at 01 January 2020 were under 16 years of age, 62.5% were between 16 and 64 years of age, and 21.8% were aged 65 or more years old.

By continent, 46.9% of persons under the age of 16 years were residents in America and 46.2% in Europe. In the age group from 16 to 64 years old, 58.7% were resident in America and 37.8% in Europe. With respect to people over 65 years old, 74.2% had established their residence in America and 23.9% in Europe.

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad by continent and age group

Continent	Total	Under the age of 16		From 16 to 64 years of age		65 years of age and older	
		Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	2,618,592	411,842	15.7	1,637,077	62.5	569,673	21.8
Europe	945,027	190,114	46.2	618,821	37.8	136,092	23.9
Africa	26,838	12,460	3.0	12,445	0.8	1,933	0.3
America	1,576,350	193,251	46.9	960,402	58.7	422,697	74.2
Asia	46,099	13,072	3.2	29,693	1.8	3,334	0.6
Oceania	24,278	2,945	0.7	15,716	1.0	5,617	1.0

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2019 by continent and place of birth

Most of new registrations during 2019 corresponded to residents in America (49.8% of the total) and persons born in their current country of residence (50.3%).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered in 2019 by continent and place of birth

Continent	Total		Spain		Country of residence		Other countries		No Data recorded	
	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	168,380	100.0	59,973	35.6	84,650	50.3	23,744	14.1	5	0.0
Europe	70,292	41.7	36,936	21.9	18,211	10.8	15,138	9.0	3	0.0
Africa	5,551	3.3	1,583	0.9	3,729	2.2	238	0.1	1	0.0
America	83,888	49.8	16,746	9.9	59,759	35.5	7,378	4.4	-	0.0
Asia	7,005	4.2	3,547	2.1	2,656	1.6	802	0.5	1	0.0
Oceania	1,644	1.0	1,161	0.7	295	0.2	188	0.1	-	0.0

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2019 by continent and age group

Most of the new registrations during 2019 corresponded to persons between 16 to 64 years old (59.6% of the total).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered in 2019 by continent and age group

Continent	Total		Under the age of 16		From 16 to 64 years of age		65 years of age and older	
	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	168,380	100.0	59,719	35.5	100,401	59.6	8,260	4.9
Europe	70,292	41.7	25,282	15.0	43,506	25.8	1,504	0.9
Africa	5,551	3.3	3,526	2.1	1,893	1.1	132	0.1
America	83,888	49.8	27,772	16.5	49,716	29.5	6,400	3.8
Asia	7,005	4.2	2,769	1.6	4,051	2.4	185	0.1
Oceania	1,644	1.0	370	0.2	1,235	0.7	39	0.0

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2019 born in Spain, by continent and age group

Among the new registrations of people born in Spain during 2019, the majority were residents in Europe (61.1%) and America (27.9%). And by age group from 16 to 64 years old (69.5%).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad born in Spain registered in 2019 by continent and age group

Continent	Total		Under the age of 16		From 16 to 64 years of age		65 years of age and older	
	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	59,973	100.0	1,089	25.2	41,660	69.5	3,224	5.4
Europe	36,936	61.6	8,658	14.4	27,092	45.2	1,186	2.0
Africa	1,583	2.6	677	1.1	854	1.4	52	0.1
America	16,746	27.9	5,030	8.4	9,800	16.3	1,916	3.2
Asia	3,547	5.9	616	1.0	2,895	4.8	36	0.1
Oceania	1,161	1.9	108	0.2	1,019	1.7	34	0.1

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by country

The foreign countries where the most people of Spanish nationality were resident as at 01 January 2020 were Argentina (473,519), France (273,290) and The United States of America (167,426).

Among the countries with more than 10,000 residents, the largest increases of people with Spanish nationality in relative terms were registered in Ireland (10.6%), United Kingdom (9.4%), Sweden (8.5%) and Portugal (6.7%). In turn, Chile (1.4%), Ecuador (1.2%) and Peru (0.9%) registered the most moderate increases. In Venezuela, the Spanish population registered a decrease of 6.3%.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by country (*)

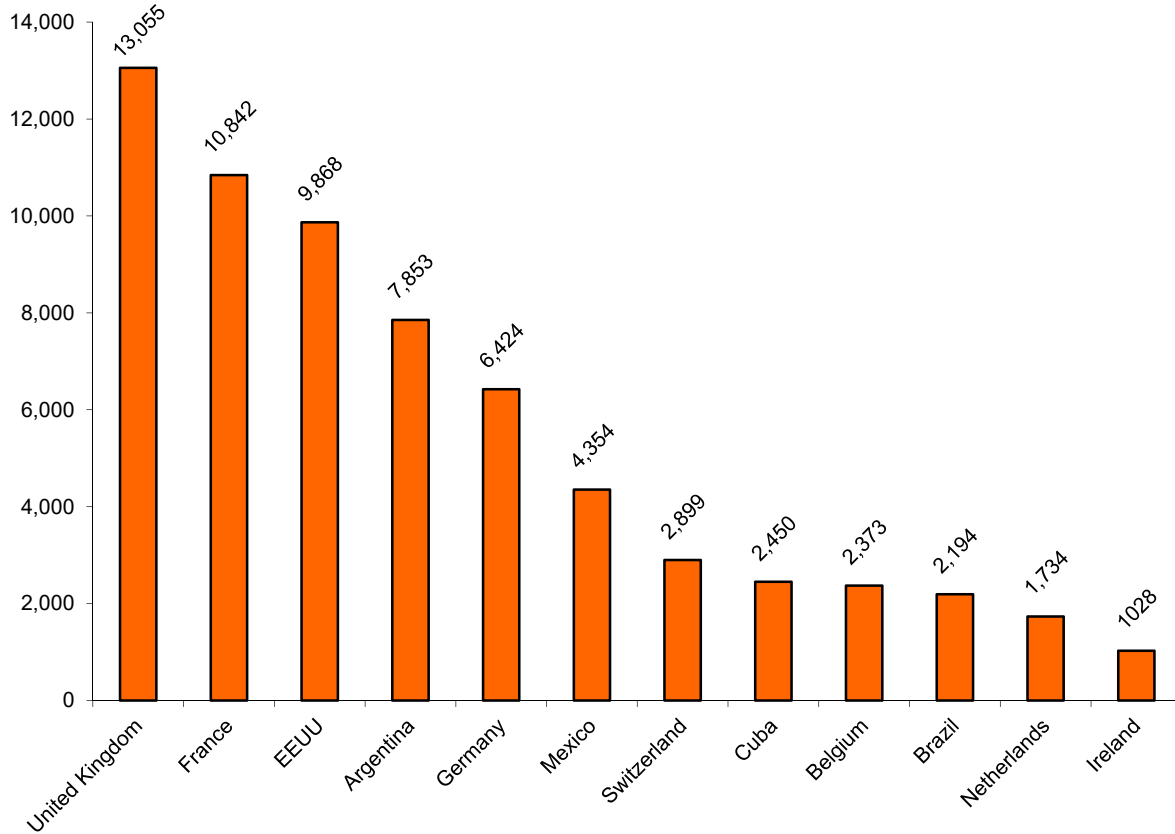
Country of residence	Data 1 January 2020	Data 1 January 2019	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
Argentina	473,519	465,666	7,853	1.7%
France	273,290	262,448	10,842	4.1%
The United States of America	167,426	157,558	9,868	6.3%
Germany	167,151	160,727	6,424	4.0%
United Kingdom	152,291	139,236	13,055	9.4%
Cuba	147,617	145,167	2,450	1.7%
Mexico	144,553	140,199	4,354	3.1%
Venezuela	142,302	151,915	-9,613	-6.3%
Brazil	133,188	130,994	2,194	1.7%
Suiza	124,414	121,515	2,899	2.4%
Bélgica	67,960	65,587	2,373	3.6%
Uruguay	67,414	67,575	-161	-0.2%
Chile	66,399	65,489	910	1.4%
Ecuador	58,646	57,960	686	1.2%
Colombia	37,086	36,281	805	2.2%
Netherlands	29,984	28,250	1,734	6.1%
Peru	28,425	28,165	260	0.9%
The Dominican Republic	27,310	26,880	430	1.6%
Andorra	26,558	26,030	528	2.0%
Italy	25,446	24,540	906	3.7%
Australia	22,785	22,010	775	3.5%
Canada	18,118	17,396	722	4.2%
Bolivia	16,676	16,069	607	3.8%
Panama	14,503	13,880	623	4.5%
Portugal	14,274	13,375	899	6.7%
Morocco	11,342	10,848	494	4.6%
Sweden	11,235	10,351	884	8.5%
Ireland	10,681	9,653	1,028	10.6%

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

In absolute terms, the highest increases of Spanish population were registered in United Kingdom (13,055 more), France (10,842) and the United States of America (9,868).

On the other hand, the variation registered in Venezuela should be noted, with 9,613 less registered with respect to the data as at 01 January 2019.

Increase of Spanish nationality population resident abroad during 2019 by country (*)



(*) Countries with increases of over 1,000 residents.

Informative annex

The target population analysed in these statistics is the Spanish population residing abroad. It includes all people holding Spanish nationality—whether it is or not their only nationality—who are registered as regular residents in the Consular Office Register of their place of residence. This registration must have been communicated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the INE, as so it can be incorporated to the central file of the RSRA.

The registrations carried out within the year before the 1st January of the reference year correspond to new registers due to any possible reason (birth, nationalization, omission and emigration from Spain abroad).

The statistical mining of the RSRA central file let us only know about the distribution of registered people and the distribution of new registrations by variable on the date of reference, but it does not provide information about the causes of the changes with respect to the previous year.

Type of operation: continuous on an annual basis.

Population scope: all persons with Spanish nationality residing abroad.

Geographical scope: from the point of view of residence abroad, all countries are covered; from the point of view of the municipality of registration for electoral purposes, the entire national territory is covered.

Reference period: on 1 January of each year.

Collection method: comprehensive from an administrative register.

For more information you can access the methodology at:

https://www.ine.es/en/metodologia/t20/t203024509_en.pdf

And the standardized methodological report at:

<https://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=85001>

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