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Statistics of Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (FILEXT) Year 2022

Main results

- Affiliates of Spanish companies abroad generated a turnover of 234,530 million euros and employed 815,146 persons in 2022.
- The United States, Germany and France were the countries where Spanish affiliates generated the highest turnover.
- The activities with the highest turnover in 2022 were *Manufacturing and Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorbikes and Wholesale trade*.

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In 2022, there were 5,090 affiliates of Spanish companies abroad in the sectors of *Industry, Construction, Trade* and *Other Non-Financial Market Services*.

Turnover generated by these affiliates generated 234,530 million euros. As for employment, they employed 815,146 people, with a personnel cost of 44.92 billion euros. The gross tangible investment they made was 65.62 billion euros.

Results by activity sector

The *Services* sector accounted for the largest percentage of Spanish affiliate companies abroad (39.3%). It also registered more employees than the rest of the sectors (43.2% of the total), larger personnel costs (47.6%) and larger gross investment (53.4% of the total).

On the other hand, abroad affiliate companies that practised their activities in the *Trade* sector generated 38.3% of the total turnover.

Main variables by activity. Year 2022

| Sector | Affiliates | Employees and self-employed persons | Net turnover | Employee benefits expense | Gross investment in tangible non-current assets |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
| | Number | Number | Millions of euros | Millions of euros | Millions of euros |
| Industry | 1,276 | 194,463 | 72,633 | 14,944 | 22,373 |
| Construction | 617 | 39,726 | 12,330 | 2,351 | 3,224 |
| Trade | 1,195 | 229,093 | 89,730 | 6,231 | 5,005 |
| Services | 2,002 | 351,864 | 59,837 | 21,394 | 35,019 |
| TOTAL | 5,090 | 815,146 | 234,530 | 44,920 | 65,621 |

Distribution of the main variables by sector of activity. Year 2022

Percentage



Results by activity branch

The activity branches with the highest number of affiliates were *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and Wholesale trade* (with 19.8% of the total) and *Manufacturing industry* (18.2%).

With regard to turnover, the branches that contributed the highest percentage to the total were also *Manufacturing industry* (22.9%) and *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorbikes and Wholesale trade* (20.2%).

Main branches of activity according to turnover generated by affiliates abroad. Year 2022

Percentage



Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorbikes was the sector with the largest employment (22.8% of the total). *Manufacturing industry* followed behind (21.6%).

Information and communications was the branch with the largest personnel costs (34.6% of the total), followed by *Manufacturing* (14.4%).

Information and communications and *Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply* were the activities with the largest material investment (41.3% and 13.0% of the total, respectively).

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Main results by branch of activity. Year 2022



| Branch of activity | Affiliates | | Employees and self-employed persons | | Net turnover | | Employee benefits expense | | Gross investment in tangible non-current assets | |
|---|------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|---|-------|
| | Number | % | Number | % | Millions of euros | % | Millions of euros | % | Millions of euros | % |
| Industry | 1,276 | 25.1 | 194,463 | 23.9 | 72,633 | 31.0 | 14,944 | 33.3 | 22,373 | 34.1 |
| - Extractive industries | 58 | 1.1 | 7,095 | 0.9 | 7945 | 3.4 | 5710 | 12.7 | 7586 | 11.6 |
| - Manufacturing industry | 926 | 18.2 | 176,428 | 21.6 | 53687 | 22.9 | 6480 | 14.4 | 6051 | 9.2 |
| - Supply of electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning | 230 | 4.5 | 6,203 | 0.8 | 9932 | 4.2 | 2619 | 5.8 | 8540 | 13.0 |
| - Supply of water, sewage activities, management of waste and decontamination | 62 | 1.2 | 4,737 | 0.6 | 1069 | 0.5 | 136 | 0.3 | 195 | 0.3 |
| Construction | 617 | 12.1 | 39,726 | 4.9 | 12,330 | 5.3 | 2,351 | 5.2 | 3,224 | 4.9 |
| - Construction of buildings | 319 | 6.3 | 2,482 | 0.3 | 626 | 0.3 | 804 | 1.8 | 1,652 | 2.5 |
| - Civil engineering | 172 | 3.4 | 20,886 | 2.6 | 8,494 | 3.6 | 594 | 1.3 | 281 | 0.4 |
| - Specialised construction activities | 126 | 2.5 | 16,358 | 2.0 | 3,210 | 1.4 | 954 | 2.1 | 1,291 | 2.0 |
| Trade | 1,195 | 23.5 | 229,093 | 28.1 | 89,730 | 38.3 | 6,231 | 13.9 | 5,005 | 7.6 |
| - Sale and repair and motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade | 1,006 | 19.8 | 43,010 | 5.3 | 47,455 | 20.2 | 1,965 | 4.4 | 1,949 | 3.0 |
| - Retail trade except motor vehicles and motorcycles | 189 | 3.7 | 186,083 | 22.8 | 42,275 | 18.0 | 4,266 | 9.5 | 3,056 | 4.7 |
| Services | 2,002 | 39.3 | 351,864 | 43.2 | 59,837 | 25.5 | 21,394 | 47.6 | 35,019 | 53.4 |
| - Transport and storage | 248 | 4.9 | 26,898 | 3.3 | 10,855 | 4.6 | 2,092 | 4.7 | 2,117 | 3.2 |
| - Accommodation | 134 | 2.6 | 71,148 | 8.7 | 3,322 | 1.4 | 727 | 1.6 | 1,231 | 1.9 |
| - Information and communication | 439 | 8.6 | 127,432 | 15.6 | 32,552 | 13.9 | 15,530 | 34.6 | 27,087 | 41.3 |
| - Real estate activities | 539 | 10.6 | 5,292 | 0.6 | 1,200 | 0.5 | 1,326 | 3.0 | 3,597 | 5.5 |
| - Professional, scientific and technical activities | 335 | 6.6 | 18,648 | 2.3 | 3,617 | 1.5 | 380 | 0.8 | 236 | 0.4 |
| - Administrative and support service activities | 174 | 3.4 | 76,287 | 9.4 | 4,354 | 1.9 | 585 | 1.3 | 366 | 0.6 |
| - Other services activities | 133 | 2.6 | 26,159 | 3.2 | 3,937 | 1.7 | 753 | 1.7 | 385 | 0.6 |
| TOTAL | 5,090 | 100.0 | 815,146 | 100.0 | 234,530 | 100.0 | 44,920 | 100.0 | 65,621 | 100.0 |

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Results by country of the affiliate company

The countries in which the largest number of affiliates were located in 2022 were the United States (12.6% of the total), the United Kingdom (10.6%) and Portugal (7.4%).

Meanwhile, the countries where affiliates generated the largest turnover were the United States (11.4% of the total), Germany (8.9%) and France (7.5%).

With regard to the number of people employed, Mexico employed 11.1% of the total, Brazil 10.8% and the United States 6.5%.

With regard to personnel costs, France (23.4%) was the country with the largest personnel costs, followed by Germany (10.9%) and the United States (9.6%).

France (32.3%), the United States (9.0%) and Germany (8.8%) were the countries in which Spanish affiliates made the largest tangible investment.

It is worth noting that the top 10 countries with the highest turnover accounted for 65.1% of the total turnover, 54.6% of the total number of subsidiaries of Spanish companies abroad and 55.1% of the total number of people employed by these affiliates.

Results by geographical area of the affiliated company

The majority of Spanish companies' affiliates abroad were located in America (36.6%) and in the Eurozone of the European Union (29.4% of the total).

According to the turnover, the affiliates of Spanish companies in America generated 39.0% of the total during 2022 and those located in the Eurozone generated 34.2%.

With regard to the number of persons employed, the affiliates of Spanish companies in the Americas employed 51.5% of the total and those established in the Eurozone 24.5%.

The Eurozone was the geographical area with the largest personnel costs, with 45.4% of the total, and the one with the largest gross tangible investment, with 53.6%.

Results by geographical area and sector

In *Industry, Construction and Services*, the affiliates of Spanish parent companies were more established in the Americas, with 31.4%, 49.9% and 47.1%, respectively. In *Trade*, the largest presence was in the Eurozone (49.8%).

With regard to the turnover, the largest percentages were obtained in the affiliates located in the Americas for the *Industry* (38.0%), *Construction* (63.7%) and *Services* (54.1%) sectors, while *Trade* stood out in the Eurozone (38.9%).

Affiliates in America lead the percentage of persons employed in three out of the four activity sectors, *Industry* (38.7%), *Construction* (69.4%) and *Services* (78.5%). In the Euro zone, the largest percentage of people were employed in the *Trade* sector (47.2%).

Personnel costs in *Trade* (52.3%) and *Services* (64.8%) were higher in the Eurozone than in the other zones. In *Industry* (32.0%) and *Construction* (77.4%) the largest personnel costs were in the Americas.

Finally, the Eurozone had the largest gross physical investment in *Industry* (33.0% of the total), *Trade* (50.0%) and *Services* (71.6%), while America had the largest gross physical investment in *Construction* (83.3%).

Data revisions and updates

The data published today are final. All results are available on [INEbase](#).

Methodological note

The principle objective of the Statistics on Subsidiaries of Spanish Companies Overseas (FILEXT) is to provide annual information on the main variables that determine the structure and activity of subsidiaries overseas that are ultimately controlled by Spanish parent companies, in the industrial sector as well as construction, business and other non-financial market services.

Information is provided on the main variables, broken down by activity, size and country or geographic area of the subsidiary company.

The results of these statistics are prepared using administrative information from the Register of Foreign Investment of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Enterprise as a basis. This Ministry supplies primary data to the INE by virtue of a collaboration agreement between both organisms. The INE also has an additional collaboration agreement with the Tax Agency, through which it receives and uses form 231 of the Country-by-Country Information Declaration to complement the aforementioned information. Likewise, the European Register of Groups and the Structural Statistics on Companies act as a source for calculating the necessary raising factors.

The Statistics on Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (FILEXT) complements the information which, in the scope of the economic globalisation statistics, provides the Statistics on Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain (FILINT), the results of which are contained, as of reference year 2021, in the Statistics on Companies according to Group Membership (EEPG).

Type of survey: annual continuous operation.

Population scope: affiliates of Spanish companies located abroad whose main activity is included in sections B to E (Industry), F (Construction), G (Trade) and H to S (Services), except K (financial) and O (Gen. Government) of the CNAE-2009.

Geographical scope: the statistics refer to affiliates located outside of Spain, both within the European Union and outside of it.


Reference period: annual.

Collection method: administrative registry completed with estimation methods.

For more information, you can access the [methodology](#) and the [standardised methodological report](#).

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