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**Statistics of Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (FILEXT)
Year 2020**

Affiliates of Spanish companies abroad generated a turnover of 187,963 million euros and employed 714,652 persons in 2020

United States, Brazil and the United Kingdom, the countries where Spanish affiliate companies generated the highest turnover

Manufacturing industry and sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade were the activities with the highest turnover of the Spanish subsidiaries

In 2020, there were 5,972 affiliates of Spanish companies abroad in the sectors of *Industry, Construction, Trade* and *Other Non-Financial Market Services*.

Turnover generated by these affiliates accounted for 187,963 million euros. With respect to employment, they employed 714,652 persons.

Results by activity sector ¹

The *Services* sector concentrated the highest percentage of Spanish affiliates abroad (33.7%), generated 24.6% of the total turnover and employed 40.2% of people employed by the total number of affiliates.

On the other hand, 23.7% of affiliates abroad carried out their activity in the industrial sector. These companies generated the highest percentage of turnover by sector (38.9%) and employed 29.5% of the personnel employed in affiliates.

Main variables by sector. Year 2020

Sector	Subsidiaries	Persons employed	Turnover
	Number	Number	Million €
Industry	1,413	210,502	73,201
Construction	874	58,576	13,754
Trade	1,670	158,137	54,868
Services	2,015	287,437	46,140
TOTAL	5,972	714,652	187,963

¹ The affiliates of Spanish companies abroad are classified according to their main activity. Likewise, all study variables referring to the affiliates are assigned to said activity.

Finally, Trade and Construction (with 28.0% and 14.6% of the number of affiliates, respectively) generated 29.2% and 7.3% of turnover and employed 22.1% and 8.2% of the total.

Main variables by sector. Year 2020 (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 21.5% of the total number of subsidiaries) and *Manufacturing* (16.7%).

From the employment perspective, *Manufacturing industry* was the branch of activity that created the most employment (25.1% of the total). This was followed by *Retail trade except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* (16.0%) and *Information and communications* (15.1%).

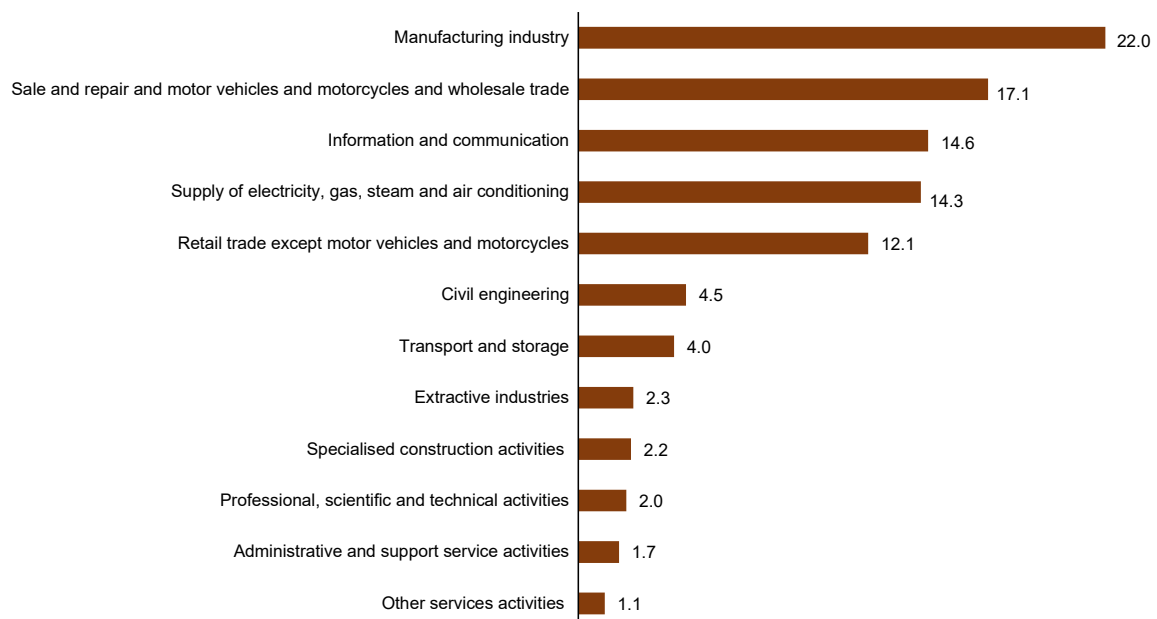
With regard to turnover, the branches that contributed the highest percentage to the total were the *Manufacturing industry* (with 22.0% of the total), *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade* (15.7%) and *Information and communications* (14.6%).

On the other hand, the branches with the lowest contribution to the turnover were *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade* (0.3%), and *Construction of buildings, Real estate activities and Hotel, restaurants and catering* (both with 0.6% of the total).

Main results by activity branch. Year 2020

Branch of activity	Subsidiaries		Persons employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Million €	%
Industry	1,413	23.7	210,502	29.5	73,201	38.9
- Extractive industries	62	1.0	7,313	1.0	4,425	2.3
- Manufacturing industry	994	16.7	179,259	25.1	41,430	22.0
- Supply of electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning	291	4.9	20,701	2.9	26,825	14.3
- Supply of water, sewage activities, management of waste and decontamination	66	1.1	3,229	0.5	521	0.3
Construction	874	14.6	58,576	8.2	13,754	7.3
- Construction of buildings	315	5.3	3,725	0.5	1,143	0.6
- Civil engineering	291	4.8	25,540	3.6	8,552	4.5
- Specialised construction activities	268	4.5	29,311	4.1	4,059	2.2
Trade	1,670	28.0	158,137	22.1	54,868	29.2
- Sale and repair and motor vehicles and motorcycles and wholesale trade	1,284	21.5	43,353	6.1	32,210	17.1
- Retail trade except motor vehicles and motorcycles	386	6.5	114,784	16.0	22,658	12.1
Services	2,015	33.7	287,437	40.2	46,140	24.6
- Transport and storage	212	3.5	43,129	6.0	7,490	4.0
- Accommodation	201	3.4	22,682	3.2	1,066	0.6
- Information and communication	489	8.2	107,987	15.1	27,504	14.6
- Real estate activities	397	6.6	2,016	0.3	1,104	0.6
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	356	6.0	23,187	3.2	3,751	2.0
- Administrative and support service activities	194	3.2	67,080	9.4	3,163	1.7
- Other services activities	166	2.8	21,356	3.0	2,062	1.1
TOTAL	5,972	100.0	714,652	100.0	187,963	100.0

Top activity branches in terms of turnover . Year 2020 (percentage)



Results by country of the affiliate company

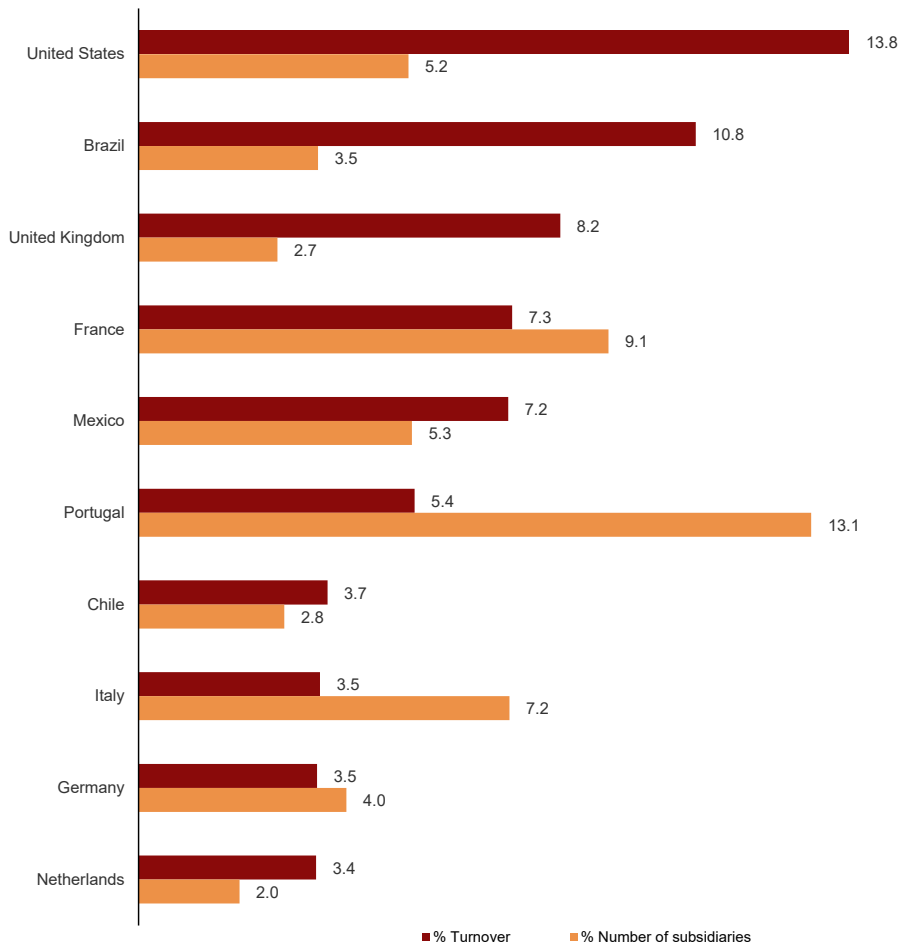
The countries in which affiliates of Spanish companies abroad generated the greatest turnover in 2020 were the United States (13.8%), the Brazil (10.8%) and United Kingdom (8.2%).

In turn, the countries in which the highest number of affiliates were located were Portugal (13.1%), France (9.1%) and Italy (7.2%).

With regard to the number of persons employed, Brazil registered 14.3% of total employment, Mexico 7.3% and the United Kingdom 6.3%.

It is worth noting that the top 10 countries with the highest turnover accounted for 66.7% of the total, 54.9% of the total number of affiliates of Spanish companies abroad and 55.0% of the total number of persons employed by these affiliates.

Main countries by turnover and number of Spanish subsidiaries abroad.
Year 2020 (percentage)

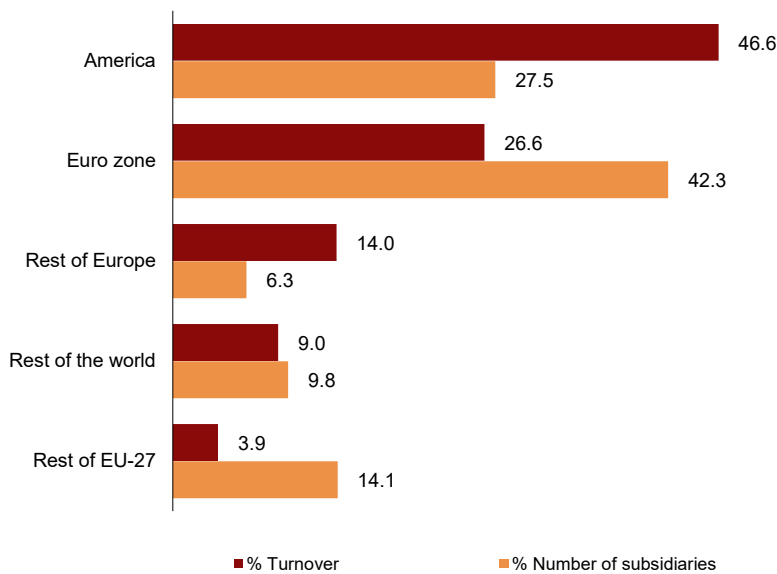


Results by geographical area of the affiliate

Most affiliates of Spanish companies abroad were located in the euro zone of the European Union (42.3% of the total) and in America (27.5%).

By turnover, affiliates of Spanish companies in America generated 46.6% of the total during 2020, and those established in the Euro Zone, 26.6%.

Results by subsidiary geo zone². Year 2020 (percentage)



In the *Industry, Construction and Services* sectors, the affiliates of Spanish parent companies had the greatest presence in the Euro Zone of the European Union, with 34.2%, 57.1% and 43.1%, respectively. For its part, in *Construction*, the largest implementation was in America (31.5%).

Number of Spanish subsidiaries abroad by geo zone and sector². Year 2020

Geo zone	Industry		Construction		Trade		Services	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Euro zone	483	34.2	219	25.1	954	57.1	869	43.1
Rest of EU-28	182	12.9	261	29.9	173	10.4	224	11.1
Rest of Europe	91	6.4	30	3.4	150	9.0	104	5.2
America	432	30.6	275	31.5	224	13.4	713	35.4
Rest of the world	225	15.9	89	10.2	169	10.1	105	5.2
TOTAL	1,413	100.0	874	100.0	1,670	100.0	2,015	100.0

² ⁴Rest of Europe contains the UK as of this year.

With regard to the turnover, the highest percentages were generated by affiliates in America (50.3% in *Industry*, 64.9% in *Construction* and 60.3% in *Services*) and in the Euro Zone (41.4% in *Trade*).

Turnover of Spanish subsidiaries abroad by geo zone and sector. Year 2020

Geo zone	Industry		Construction		Trade		Services	
	Million €	%	Million €	%	Million €	%	Million €	%
Euro zone	17,750	24.2	1,349	9.8	22,734	41.4	8,174	17.7
Rest of EU-28	4,534	6.2	975	7.1	1,574	2.9	196	0.4
Rest of Europe	6,713	9.2	731	5.3	10,928	19.9	7,883	17.1
America	36,810	50.3	8,927	64.9	13,950	25.4	27,836	60.3
Rest of the world	7,393	10.1	1,772	12.9	5,682	10.4	2,052	4.4
TOTAL	73,200	100.0	13,755	100.0	54,868	100.0	46,140	100.0

Data Review and Update

The data published today are final. The results are available at 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 Investments of the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Tourism. This Ministry supplies primary data to the INE by virtue of a collaboration agreement between both organisms.

The Statistics on Affiliates of Spanish Companies Abroad (Outward FATS) complements the information, which within the scope of economic globalisation statistics, provides the Statistics on Affiliates of Foreign Companies in Spain (Inward FATS).

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, the methodology can be accessed at:

http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/es/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736162975&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576550

The standardized methodological report is at:

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