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**Statistics of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA)
01 January 2023**

The Spanish population resident abroad increased 1.7% in 2022

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

In 2022, over three out of four 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 2,790,317 as at 01 January 2023, according to data from the Register of Spaniards Resident Abroad (RSRA). This figure represents an increase of 1.7% (47,712 persons) as compared with the data as at 01 January 2022.

By continent, 58.7% of registered persons had established their residence in America, 37.7% in Europe and 3.6% in the rest of the world.

The largest increases in the number of registered persons in 2022 were in Europe (32,589 more) and America (19,698 more).

In relative terms, the largest increases were recorded in Europe (3.2%) and Oceania (1.3%).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent

Continent	Data 1 January 2023	Data 1 January 2022	Variation (*)	
			Absolute	Relative
TOTAL	2,790,317	2,742,605	47,712	1.7
Europe	1,052,384	1,019,795	32,589	3.2
Africa	29,677	30,089	-412	-1.4
America	1,638,080	1,618,382	19,698	1.2
Asia	44,237	48,737	-4,500	-9.2
Oceania	25,939	25,602	337	1.3

(*) The variation is altered by the change made by Turkey that has been included in Europe and was included in Asia in 2022. The population of Spanish nationality residing in Turkey on 1 January 2022 and 1 January 2023 is 5,460.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent and sex

The number of registrations of women living abroad exceeded that of men by 23,845. By continent, America, Europe and Oceania recorded more women than men registered, while Africa and Asia recorded more men than women registered.

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by continent and sex

Continent	Both sexes	Men	Women	Difference
TOTAL	2,790,317	1,383,236	1,407,081	23,845
Europe	1,052,384	525,320	527,064	1,744
Africa	29,677	16,542	13,135	-3,407
America	1,638,080	803,387	834,693	31,306
Asia	44,237	25,064	19,173	-5,891
Oceania	25,939	12,923	13,016	93

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

30.3% of Spanish resident abroad were born in Spain, 58.3% were born in their current country of residence and 11.3% 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	2,790,317	844,660	30.3	1,626,079	58.3	314,532	11.3	5,046	0.2
Europe	1,052,384	495,004	47.0	383,561	36.4	171,166	16.3	2,653	0.3
Africa	29,677	8,688	29.3	18,973	63.9	1,987	6.7	29	0.1
America	1,638,080	307,409	18.8	1,197,883	73.1	130,535	8.0	2,253	0.1
Asia	44,237	19,291	43.6	17,317	39.1	7,616	17.2	13	0.0
Oceania	25,939	14,268	55.0	8,345	32.2	3,228	12.4	98	0.4

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad by continent and age Group

15.1% of those registered in the RSRA as at 01 January 2023 were under 16 years of age, 62.8% were between 16 and 64 years of age, and 22.1% were aged 65 or more years old.

By continent, 50.5% of persons under the age of 16 years were residents in Europe and 42.4% in America. In the age group from 16 to 64 years old, 57.1% were resident in America and 39.6% in Europe. With respect to people over 65 years old, 74.5% had established their residence in America and 23.7% 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	2,790,317	420,364	15.1	1,753,155	62.8	616,798	22.1
Europe	1,052,384	212,103	50.5	694,105	39.6	146,176	23.7
Africa	29,677	14,121	3.4	13,534	0.8	2,022	0.3
America	1,638,080	178,383	42.4	1,000,226	57.1	459,471	74.5
Asia	44,237	12,921	3.1	28,073	1.6	3,243	0.5
Oceania	25,939	2,836	0.7	17,217	1.0	5,886	1.0

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2022 by continent and place of birth

Most of new registrations during 2022 corresponded to residents in America (56.8% of the total) and persons born in their current country of residence (59.0%).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered in 2022 by continent and place of birth

Continent	Total		Spain		Country of residence		Other countries		No Data recorded	
	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
TOTAL	166,728	100.0	43,503	26.1	98,428	59.0	24,797	14.9	-	0.0
Europe	59,870	35.9	26,430	15.9	18,273	11.0	15,167	9.1	-	0.0
Africa	5,238	3.1	1,448	0.9	3,596	2.2	194	0.1	-	0.0
America	94,635	56.8	12,347	7.4	73,822	44.3	8,466	5.1	-	0.0
Asia	5,722	3.4	2,492	1.5	2,451	1.5	779	0.5	-	0.0
Oceania	1,263	0.8	786	0.5	286	0.2	191	0.1	-	0.0

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2022 by continent and age group

Most of the new registrations during 2022 corresponded to persons between 16 to 64 years old (59.2% of the total).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered in 2022 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	166,728	100.0	58,092	34.8	98,737	59.2	9,899	5.9
Europe	59,870	35.9	24,569	14.7	33,888	20.3	1,413	0.8
Africa	5,238	3.1	3,411	2.0	1,715	1.0	112	0.1
America	94,635	56.8	27,363	16.4	59,065	35.4	8,207	4.9
Asia	5,722	3.4	2,443	1.5	3,140	1.9	139	0.1
Oceania	1,263	0.8	306	0.2	929	0.6	28	0.0

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad registered during 2022 born in Spain, by continent and age group

Among the new registrations of people born in Spain during 2022, the majority were residents in Europe (60.8%) and America (28.4%). And by age group from 16 to 64 years old (64.9%).

Population with Spanish Nationality resident abroad born in Spain registered in 2022 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	43,503	100.0	12,564	28.9	28,237	64.9	2,702	6.2
Europe	26,430	60.8	7,798	17.9	17,598	40.5	1,034	2.4
Africa	1,448	3.3	705	1.6	704	1.6	39	0.1
America	12,347	28.4	3,517	8.1	7,268	16.7	1,562	3.6
Asia	2,492	5.7	478	1.1	1,972	4.5	42	0.1
Oceania	786	1.8	66	0.2	695	1.6	25	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 2023 were Argentina (477,465), France (297,142) and The United States of America (192,766).

Population with Spanish nationality resident abroad by country (*)

Country of residence	Data 1 January 2023	Data 1 January 2022	Variation	
			Absolute	Relative
Argentina	477,465	480,159	-2,694	-0.6%
France	297,142	290,033	7,109	2.5%
The United States of America	192,766	183,003	9,763	5.3%
Germany	182,631	178,488	4,143	2.3%
United Kingdom	181,181	176,054	5,127	2.9%
Cuba	160,833	158,960	1,873	1.2%
Mexico	155,543	148,421	7,122	4.8%
Brazil	136,611	135,417	1,194	0.9%
Venezuela	136,145	140,014	-3,869	-2.8%
Switzerland	132,384	130,276	2,108	1.6%
Belgium	74,413	71,828	2,585	3.6%
Uruguay	66,478	66,545	-67	-0.1%
Chile	66,469	66,923	-454	-0.7%
Ecuador	56,473	56,536	-63	-0.1%
Colombia	44,925	40,987	3,938	9.6%
Netherlands	32,785	31,862	923	2.9%
The Dominican Republic	30,476	29,296	1,180	4.0%
Italy	27,833	27,105	728	2.7%
Peru	27,489	27,941	-452	-1.6%
Andorra	27,319	27,072	247	0.9%
Australia	24,191	23,855	336	1.4%
Canada	19,684	19,203	481	2.5%
Bolivia	16,449	16,380	69	0.4%
Portugal	16,243	15,550	693	4.5%
Panama	15,829	14,942	887	5.9%
Sweden	12,783	12,328	455	3.7%
Morocco	12,744	12,863	-119	-0.9%
Ireland	12,385	11,786	599	5.1%

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

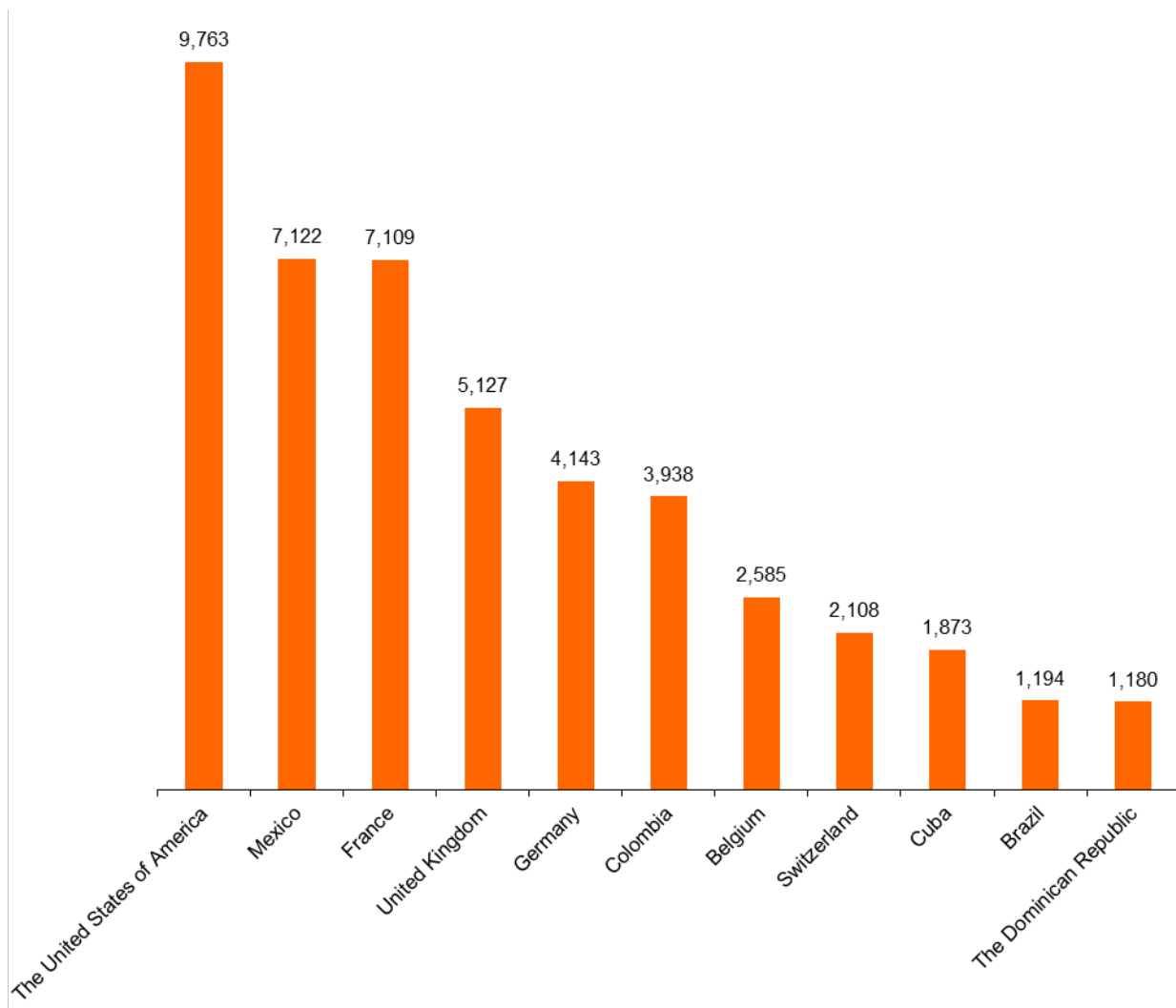
Among the countries with more than 10,000 residents, the largest increases of people with Spanish nationality in relative terms were registered in Colombia (9.6%), Panama (5.9%) and United Kingdom (5.3%).

Conversely, the Spanish population registered a decrease in seven countries: Venezuela (-2.8%), Peru (-1.6%), Morocco (-0.9%), Chile (-0.7%), Argentina (-0.6%), Uruguay and Ecuador (-0.1% in both countries)

In absolute terms, the highest increases of Spanish population during 2022 were registered in United Kingdom (9,763 more), Mexico (7,122) and France (7,109).

On the other hand, the highest decrease of Spanish population were registered in Argentina (2,694 less) and Venezuela (3,869 less)

Increase of Spanish nationality population resident abroad during 2021 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.

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