

Observatório da Emigração

United States

A. Annual series

A.1 Foreign-born population, 2000-2020

Years	Total Population		Foreign-born						
			All foreign-born			Born in Portugal			
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in	N	% of total	As a % of all foreign-born	Change in
2020	325,268,184	0.3	49,233,777	15.1	-2.2	157,418	0.0	0.3	-2.8
2019	324,355,831	0.4	50,340,046	15.5	0.4	161,936	0.0	0.3	-9.3
2018	323,156,080	0.9	50,142,002	15.5	3.7	178,500	0.1	0.4	-2.0
2017	320,371,994	0.5	48,295,479	15.1	2.1	182,219	0.1	0.4	18.7
2016	318,868,500	0.8	47,301,184	14.8	1.9	148,209	0.0	0.3	-9.5
2015	316,167,956	0.9	46,397,251	14.7	3.2	163,767	0.1	0.4	18.2
2014	313,443,193	0.8	44,905,632	14.3	2.1	134,003	0.0	0.3	-15.2
2013	310,817,022	0.6	43,960,023	14.2	-0.2	158,002	0.1	0.4	-5.2
2012	308,827,259	0.9	44,056,641	14.3	4.4	166,582	0.1	0.4	-6.2
2011	306,109,661	0.6	42,109,468	13.8	5.2	177,561	0.1	0.4	-7.4
2010	304,279,926	0.9	39,937,022	13.1	2.5	191,803	0.1	0.5	10.6
2009	301,482,827	0.8	38,947,597	12.9	-1.7	171,506	0.1	0.4	-21.2
2008	299,105,719	0.8	39,624,216	13.2	0.3	217,540	0.1	0.6	-18.4
2007	296,824,002	1.0	39,524,899	13.3	4.1	266,612	0.1	0.7	27.4
2006	293,834,358	0.9	37,910,218	12.9	1.3	193,621	0.1	0.5	7.3
2005	291,166,198	..	37,408,445	12.8	-2.2	179,463	0.1	0.5	-4.7
2004	..	..	38,234,138	..	2.8	188,277	..	0.5	-0.3
2003	..	..	37,174,627	..	3.2	188,874	..	0.5	-1.0
2002	..	..	35,978,543	..	8.0	190,736	..	0.5	-9.3
2001	33,107,273	..	8.6	210,269	..	0.6	-3.8
2000	281,710,909	..	30,268,247	10.8	..	218,646	0.1	0.7	..

Note

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The series of the foreign population and with Portuguese nationality used by OEm was altered on 30/04/2020 and all values were revised.

The total population and foreign-born data (2014 to 2019) were amended by the entity responsible and corrected by OEm on 05/05/2021.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from

For the data relating country of birth see [US Census Bureau](#), Current Population Survey – Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplement (also known as "March Supplement"); [OCDE, Data by Theme, Demography and Population – Migration Statistics, International Migration Database](#) (foreign population and with Portuguese nationality); [United Nations Statistics Division](#) (estimates).

A.1.1 Residents born in Portugal by sex, 2014-2020

Years	All foreign-born		Female		Male	
	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2020	157,418	49.8	78,317	49.8	79,101	50.2
2019	161,936	54.3	87,939	54.3	73,997	45.7
2018	178,500	56.8	101,385	56.8	77,115	43.2
2017	182,219	53.4	97,306	53.4	84,913	46.6
2016	148,209	45.3	67,125	45.3	81,084	54.7
2015	163,767	49.1	80,343	49.1	83,424	51.0
2014	134,003	51.4	68,843	51.4	65,160	48.6

[..]Data not available, residual data, not applicable; [e]EstimateLast update: 04/05/2021

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A.2 Foreign population, 2000-2020

Years	Total Population		All foreign-born						
	N	Change in	All foreign-born			Foreigners with Portuguese citizenship			
			N	% of total	Change in	N	% of total	As a % of all foreigners	Change in
2020	325,268,184	0.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2019	324,355,831	0.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2018	323,156,080	0.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2017	320,371,994	0.5	22,415,312	7.0	-0.0	48,158	0.0	0.1	-21.0
2016	318,868,500	0.8	22,426,200	7.0	0.7	60,988	0.0	0.1	9.6
2015	316,167,956	0.9	22,263,361	7.0	1.1	55,111	0.0	0.1	-3.8
2014	313,443,193	0.8	22,016,426	7.0	-0.4	57,288	0.0	0.1	7.9
2013	310,817,022	0.6	22,114,981	7.1	-0.5	52,740	0.0	0.1	-7.0
2012	308,827,259	0.9	22,225,536	7.2	-1.0	56,704	0.0	0.1	-13.0
2011	306,109,661	0.6	22,460,563	7.3	3.6	65,163	0.0	0.2	-17.0
2010	304,279,926	0.9	21,640,993	7.1	-0.2	78,522	0.0	0.2	21.0
2009	301,482,827	0.8	21,685,745	7.2	-0.7	62,059	0.0	0.2	-8.8
2008	299,105,719	0.8	21,843,559	7.3	0.7	68,029	0.0	0.2	-2.0
2007	296,824,002	1.0	21,696,303	7.3	4.0	69,433	0.0	0.2	5.0
2006	293,834,358	0.9	20,836,032	7.1	4.7	65,963	0.0	0.2	-7.1
2005	291,166,198	..	19,857,656	6.8	-3.8	71,039	0.0	0.2	..
2004	..	..	20,634,068	..	0.7	..	..	..	..
2003	20,490,602	..	9.6
2002	18,533,679	..	4.2
2001	17,757,696	..	6.6
2000	281,710,909	..	16,579,283	5.9

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A.2.1 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by sex, 2005-2017

Years	All foreign-born			Female		Male	
	N	% of total	Change in	N	% of total	N	% of total
2017	48,158	47.8	..	22,999	47.8	25,159	52.2
2016	60,988	45.4	..	27,703	45.4	33,285	54.6
2015	55,111	47.0	..	25,898	47.0	29,213	53.0
2014	57,288	53.7	..	30,754	53.7	26,534	46.3
2013	52,740	46.2	..	24,357	46.2	28,383	53.8
2012	56,704	48.6	..	27,550	48.6	29,154	51.4
2011	65,163	47.3	..	30,796	47.3	34,367	52.8
2010	78,522	47.3	..	37,125	47.3	41,397	52.7
2009	62,059	45.5	..	28,219	45.5	33,840	54.5
2008	68,029	46.2	..	31,448	46.2	36,581	53.8
2007	69,433	45.4	..	31,550	45.4	37,883	54.6
2006	65,963	47.0	..	30,965	47.0	34,998	53.1
2005	71,039	49.4	..	35,068	49.4	35,971	50.6

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [OCDE, Data by Theme, Demography and Population – Migration Statistics, International Migration Database](#).

A.3 Consular registrations, 2008-2020

Years	All registrations		Registrations by migrants born in Portugal			Registrations by migrants with Portuguese citizenship		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2020	269,118	1.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
2019	264,279	23.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
2018	202,583	0.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
2017	201,227	-36.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016	315,808	38.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015	194,728	-2.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014	200,070	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013	198,781	1.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012	195,164	1.6	168,484	86.3	0.8	151,116	77.4	2.0
2011	191,987	0.9	167,173	87.1	-0.1	148,106	77.2	-20.9
2010	190,199	2.3	167,395	88.0	1.4	187,143	98.4	2.3
2009	185,860	3.8	164,989	88.8	1.3	182,828	98.4	3.6
2008	178,865	..	162,898	91.1	..	176,323	98.6	..

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Portuguese consulates abroad and Consular Management System (DGACCP), values granted upon request.

A.4 Foreign inflows , 2000-2019

Years	Total inflows		Portuguese inflows		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2019	1,031,765	-5.9	940	0.1	5.4
2018	1,096,611	-2.7	889	0.1	-5.3
2017	1,127,167	-4.8	939	0.1	-6.7
2016	1,183,505	11.2	1,006	0.1	14.8
2015	1,051,031	3.3	857	0.1	-3.9
2014	1,016,518	2.6	892	0.1	-2.8
2013	990,553	-4.0	918	0.1	11.7
2012	1,031,631	-2.9	811	0.1	-1.2
2011	1,062,040	1.8	821	0.1	8.0
2010	1,042,625	-7.8	755	0.1	-20.2
2009	1,130,818	2.1	946	0.1	18.4
2008	1,107,126	4.9	772	0.1	-24.2
2007	1,052,415	-16.9	1,019	0.1	-27.7
2006	1,266,129	11.4	1,409	0.1	20.2
2005	1,122,257	14.6	1,125	0.1	5.0
2004	957,883	26.6	1,069	0.1	24.4
2003	703,542	-33.6	808	0.1	-38.5
2002	1,059,356	0.0	1,313	0.1	-18.4
2001	1,058,902	20.6	1,609	0.2	16.5
2000	841,002	..	1,343	0.2	..

Note The entries correspond to permanent residence permits (including changes in status), by country of birth, for the fiscal year ending 30 September of the (civil) year that was marked and started on 1 October of the previous year.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [US Department of Homeland Security, Yearbook of Immigration Statistics](#), Table 3 - Persons Obtaining Lawful Permanent Resident Status by region and country of birth.

A.5 Acquisition of citizenship of the destination country, 2000-2019

Years	Acquisition of citizenship by all foreigners		Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2019	843,593	9.7	1,712	0.2	-15.7
2018	761,901	7.2	2,031	0.3	11.0
2017	707,265	-6.1	1,807	0.3	7.9
2016	753,060	3.0	1,665	0.2	-1.5
2015	730,259	10.5	1,690	0.2	6.1
2014	653,416	-16.2	1,587	0.2	0.1
2013	779,929	2.9	1,585	0.2	-1.4
2012	757,434	8.3	1,607	0.2	11.3
2011	694,193	10.7	1,426	0.2	11.2
2010	619,913	-16.6	1,266	0.2	-40.9
2009	743,715	-28.9	2,143	0.3	-46.3
2008	1,046,539	36.9	3,988	0.4	37.2
2007	660,477	-6.0	2,506	0.4	-5.0
2006	702,589	14.0	2,638	0.4	8.9
2005	604,280	11.1	2,403	0.4	9.6
2004	537,151	13.8	2,173	0.4	6.3
2003	463,204	-19.3	2,037	0.4	-7.3
2002	573,708	-5.7	2,198	0.4	-20.9
2001	608,205	-31.6	2,780	0.5	-41.5
2000	888,788	..	4,756	0.5	..

Note The values presented in the table refer to fiscal years (from October 1 of the year prior to September 30 of the year indicated).

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [US Department of Homeland Security, Yearbook of Immigration Statistics](#), Table 21 - Persons Naturalized by Region and Country of Birth.

A.6 Remittances, 2000-2020

Years	Inward flows (thousand euros) (a)		Outward flows (thousand euros) (b)		Balance (a/b)
	N	Change in	N	Change in	
2020	244,740	5.6	8,290	25.7	30
2019	231,110	-9.1	6,160	-23.4	38
2018	254,350	-3.1	8,040	-15.1	32
2017	262,560	7.4	9,470	-6.1	28
2016	243,170	13.6	10,080	7.9	24
2015	210,220	22.2	9,280	21.0	23
2014	163,450	14.2	7,330	2.6	22
2013	140,320	3.4	7,140	-15.7	20
2012	135,550	3.8	8,470	14.8	16
2011	130,420	0.3	7,220	16.9	18
2010	129,980	2.1	6,000	-0.5	22
2009	127,280	-25.8	6,030	-4.3	21
2008	171,460	-14.5	6,300	-18.2	27
2007	200,640	-10.0	7,700	-40.7	26
2006	223,000	2.1	12,980	-14.7	17
2005	218,370	-5.8	15,210	2.4	14
2004	231,900	-14.8	14,840	-1.7	16
2003	272,120	-26.9	15,100	-19.9	18
2002	372,450	-5.6	18,840	-30.1	20
2001	394,580	-11.0	26,940	5.8	15
2000	443,460	..	25,370	..	17

Note The value of remittances sent to Portugal in 2019 was rectified by the responsible entity and amended by OEm on 17/02/2021.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Banco de Portugal, BP stat](#), Estatísticas de balança de pagamentos, Remessas de emigrantes/imigrantes.

B. Census