

# Observatório da Emigração

## Ireland

### A. Annual series

#### A.1 Foreign-born population, 1996-2022

Years	Total Population		Foreign-born						
	N	Change in	All foreign-born			Born in Portugal			
			N	% of total	Change in	N	% of total	As a % of all foreign-born	Change in
2022	5 084 879	3.0	2 070 592	40.7	137.7	5 987	0.1	0.3	110.2
2020	4 937 796	1.1	871 256	17.6	4.5	2 848	0.1	0.3	4.4
2019	4 882 495	2.5	833 564	17.1	3.4	2 729	0.1	0.3	2.1
2017	4 761 657	0.0	806 549	16.9	-0.5	2 673	0.1	0.3	-30.9
2016	4 761 865	2.4	810 406	17.0	6.7	3 866	0.1	0.5	55.5
2015	4 652 420	1.4	759 256	16.3	-1.0	2 486	0.1	0.3	10.7
2011	4 588 252	0.7	766 770	16.7	5.0	2 246	0.0	0.3	-7.7
2010	4 554 330	7.4	730 542	16.0	19.2	2 434	0.1	0.3	60.1
2006	4 239 848	2.4	612 629	14.4	4.0	1 520	0.0	0.2	-18.3
2005	4 141 218	5.7	589 046	14.2	47.3	1 860	0.0	0.3	215.2
2002	3 917 203	3.5	400 016	10.2	14.1	590	0.0	0.2	-39.7
2000	3 783 095	4.3	350 552	9.3	39.3	979	0.0	0.3	409.9
1996	3 626 087	--	251 624	6.9	--	192	0.0	0.1	--

#### Note

The total number of foreigners resident allocated to the year of 1996 corresponds in fact to the value estimated by Eurostat for the year of 1997 since the of 1996 Irish census did not consider the nationality variable.

The data from 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015 were revised by the UN and amended by OEm on 23/11/2022.

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

Central Statistics Office Ireland, censos de 1996, 2002, 2006, 2011, 2016 e de 2022 (accessed in 29/06/2012); Eurostat (total of foreigners, 1996); United Nations Statistics Division (2017), United Nations Statistics Division (2019) and United Nations Statistics Division (other data) (the UN figures are estimates).

#### A.1.1 Residents born in Portugal by sex, 2000-2020

Years	All foreign-born			Female		Male	
	N	% of total	Change in	N	% of total	N	% of total
2020	2 848	43.7		1 244	43.7	1 604	56.3
2019	2 729	43.8		1 196	43.8	1 533	56.2
2017	2 673	43.2		1 155	43.2	1 518	56.8
2016	3 866	44.8		1 731	44.8	2 135	55.2
2015	2 486	44.0		1 093	44.0	1 393	56.0
2011	2 246	41.8		938	41.8	1 308	58.2
2010	2 434	43.4		1 057	43.4	1 377	56.6
2005	1 860	42.5		791	42.5	1 069	57.5
2002	590	39.3		232	39.3	358	60.7
2000	979	50.7		496	50.7	483	49.3

[ .. ]Data not available, residual data, not applicable; [ e ]EstimateLast update: 23/nov/2022

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Central Statistics Office Ireland, census of 2002, 2011 and 2016; United Nations Statistics Division (2017), United Nations Statistics Division (2019) and United Nations Statistics Division (other data) (the UN figures are estimates).

## A.1.2 Residents born in Portugal by age group, 2002-2016

Years	All foreign-born		< 15		15-39		40-64		> 65	
	N		N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2016	3 866		463	12.0	2 436	63.0	922	23.8	45	1.2
2011	2 246		307	13.7	1 435	63.9	472	21.0	32	1.4
2002	590		61	10.3	426	72.2	93	15.8	10	1.7

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Central Statistics Office Ireland, census of 2002, 2011 and 2016](#).

## A.2 Foreign population, 1996-2022

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
2022	5 084 879	3.0	801 389	15.8	--	8 310	0.2	0.4	--
2020	4 937 796	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	4 882 495	2.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	4 761 657	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2016	4 761 865	2.4	607 408	12.8	--	4 807	0.1	0.6	--
2015	4 652 420	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2011	4 588 252	0.7	544 357	11.9	--	2 739	0.1	0.4	--
2010	4 554 330	7.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2006	4 239 848	2.4	419 733	9.9	--	1 798	0.0	0.3	--
2005	4 141 218	5.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2002	3 917 203	3.5	224 261	5.7	--	687	0.0	0.2	--
2000	3 783 095	4.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1996	3 626 087	--	114 400	3.2	--	--	--	--	--

Note The total number of foreigners resident allocated to the year of 1996 corresponds in fact to the value estimated by Eurostat for the year of 1997 since the of 1996 Irish census did not consider the nationality variable.

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### A.2.1 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by sex, 2006-2016

Years	All foreign-born		Female		Male	
	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2016	4 807	44.3	2 128	44.3	2 679	55.7
2011	2 739	42.0	1 150	42.0	1 589	58.0
2006	1 798	36.1	649	36.1	1 149	63.9

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Central Statistics Office Ireland, census of 2006, 2011 and 2016](#).

### A.2.2 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by age group, 2011-2016

Years	All foreign-born		< 15		15-39		40-64		> 65	
	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2016	4 807	44.3	559	11.6	2 809	58.4	1 385	28.8	54	0.0
2011	2 739	42.0	331	12.1	1 681	61.4	696	25.4	31	0.0

Note A homogeneous distribution in the 35-44 group was assumed to match the groups used with the groups made available in the Central Statistics Office Ireland.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Central Statistics Office Ireland, census of 2011 and 2016](#).

### A.3 Consular registrations, 2008-2022

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
2022	10 516	10.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
2021	9 542	11.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
2020	8 570	10.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	7 755	17.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
2018	6 609	9.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	6 047	7.9	--	--	--	--	--	--
2016	5 602	14.8	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015	4 879	35.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
2013	3 612	9.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
2012	3 314	11.1	2 006	60.5	10.0	3 313	100.0	11.1
2011	2 983	13.5	1 824	61.2	13.4	2 982	100.0	29.2
2010	2 628	13.8	1 609	61.2	12.4	2 309	87.9	-12.1
2009	2 310	17.3	1 431	62.0	17.8	2 627	113.7	33.4
2008	1 970	--	1 215	61.7	--	1 969	100.0	--

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

### A.4 Foreign inflows , 2004-2015

Years	Total inflows		Portuguese inflows		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2015	76 888	14.1	426	0.6	38.3
2014	67 401	13.7	308	0.5	2.0
2013	59 294	9.1	302	0.5	23.3
2012	54 349	2.1	245	0.5	1.2
2011	53 224	1.7	242	0.5	-1.2
2010	52 339	3.4	245	0.5	3.8
2009	50 604	-38.7	236	0.5	-31.2
2008	82 592	-32.5	343	0.4	0.3
2007	122 415	-12.2	342	0.3	-28.0
2006	139 434	36.7	475	0.4	--
2005	102 000	30.6	--	--	--
2004	78 075	--	--	--	--

Note As of 02/06/2015 the series of movements of the Portuguese population was changed, using the Eurostat data. The Central Statistics Office Ireland accounted for 17,400 foreign entries in 2010 and 25,300 in 2011. Data on the Portuguese were withdrawn from the source (Eurostat) in 2018.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Eurostat, [Immigration by five year age group, sex and citizenship](#) (accessed in 23/06/2017).

## A.5 Acquisition of citizenship of the destination country, 2000-2022

Years	Acquisition of citizenship by all foreigners		Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2022	13 597	39.1	32	0.2	220.0
2021	9 778	78.6	10	0.1	11.1
2020	5 475	-5.5	9	0.2	125.0
2019	5 791	-29.6	4	0.1	-77.8
2018	8 223	0.3	18	0.2	28.6
2017	8 195	-18.4	14	0.2	27.3
2016	10 038	-26.0	11	0.1	0.0
2015	13 565	-35.7	11	0.1	175.0
2014	21 104	-13.0	4	0.0	-69.2
2013	24 263	-3.1	13	0.1	44.4
2012	25 039	132.9	9	0.0	800.0
2011	10 749	68.3	1	0.0	-50.0
2010	6 387	39.0	2	0.0	0.0
2009	4 594	5.6	2	0.0	100.0
2008	4 350	-34.6	1	0.0	-66.7
2007	6 656	15.5	3	0.0	0.0
2006	5 763	41.3	3	0.1	200.0
2005	4 079	7.8	1	0.0	--
2004	3 784	-5.2	--	--	--
2003	3 993	41.8	--	--	--
2002	2 817	15.3	--	--	--
2001	2 443	113.7	--	--	--
2000	1 143	--	--	--	--

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [OECD, Data by Theme, Demography and Population – Migration Statistics, International Migration Database](#) (até 2012); [Eurostat](#), Acquisition of citizenship by sex, age group and former citizenship (from 2013 onwards).

## A.6 Remittances, 2000-2023

Years	Inward flows (thousand euros) (a)		Outward flows (thousand euros) (b)		Balance (a/b)
		Change in		Change in	
2023	3 600	-3.5	260	36.8	14
2022	3 730	12.0	190	26.7	20
2021	3 330	-13.3	150	-25.0	22
2020	3 840	-20.8	200	-20.0	19
2019	4 850	-9.0	250	0.0	19
2018	5 330	-5.7	250	-24.2	21
2017	5 650	-8.0	330	32.0	17
2016	6 140	27.4	250	-26.5	25
2015	4 820	-28.3	340	41.7	14
2014	6 720	-23.2	240	-11.1	28
2013	8 750	27.7	270	17.4	32
2012	6 850	5.1	230	-17.9	30
2011	6 520	14.4	280	16.7	23
2010	5 700	-0.4	240	20.0	24
2009	5 720	-8.6	200	5.3	29
2008	6 260	11.0	190	0.0	33
2007	5 640	90.5	190	-40.6	30
2006	2 960	73.1	320	-5.9	9
2005	1 710	-26.0	340	100.0	5
2004	2 310	53.0	170	6.2	14
2003	1 510	-29.4	160	6.7	9
2002	2 140	9.2	150	36.4	14
2001	1 960	-31.2	110	-35.3	18
2000	2 850	--	170	--	17

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

### B.1 Resident population by census and nationality, according to country of birth , 2011-2012

(indivíduos)

Nationality	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>2011/2012</b>						
Total Population	4 466 607	100.0	756 272	100.0	2 215	100.0
Nationality of the destination country	3 927 143	87.9	241 165	31.9	82	3.7
Foreign nationality	539 464	12.1	515 107	68.1	2 133	96.3

Note ! Other situations or missing values: 108,281

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [União Europeia, Eurostat, 2011 census hub](#)

### B.2 Resident population by census and sex, according to country of birth , 2001-2012

(indivíduos)

By sex	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>2011/2012</b>						
Total Population	4 574 888	100.0	766 640	100	2 246	100
Female	2 304 382	50.4	385 948	50.4	938	41.8
Male	2 270 506	49.6	380 692	49.7	1 308	58.2
<b>2001/2002</b>						
Total Population	3 858 495	100.0	400 016	100	590	100
Female	1 942 272	50.3	201 107	50.3	232	39.3
Male	1 916 223	49.7	198 909	49.7	358	60.7

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from European Union, [Eurostat, 2011 census hub](#)

### B.3 Resident population by census and age group, according to country of birth , 2001-2012

(indivíduos)

By age group	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>2011/2012</b>						
Total Population	4 574 888	100.0	766 640	14.7	2 246	0.0
-15 Years	976 716	21.4	93 818	12.2	307	13.7
15-39 Years	1 698 944	37.1	404 780	52.8	1 435	63.9
40-64 Years	1 367 665	29.9	231 726	30.2	472	21.0
65+ Years	531 563	11.6	36 316	4.7	32	1.4
<b>2001/2002</b>						
Total Population	3 858 495	100.0	400 016	8.6	590	0.0
-15 Years	823 879	21.4	67 012	16.8	61	10.3
15-39 Years	1 518 843	39.4	207 232	51.8	426	72.2
40-64 Years	1 085 867	28.2	102 570	25.6	93	15.8
65+ Years	429 906	11.2	23 202	5.8	10	1.7

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from European Union, [Eurostat, 2011 census hub](#)

## B.5 Residents born in Portugal by labour force status , 2011-2012

(indivíduos)

By labour force status	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>2011/2012</b>						
Total Population	4 525 281	100.0	766 640	100.0	2 246	100.0
Employed	1 778 400	39.3	375 549	49.0	1 276	56.8
Unemployed	421 268	9.3	103 999	13.6	346	15.4
Inactive	2 325 613	51.4	287 092	37.4	624	27.8

Note ! Other situations or missing values: 49,607

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [União Europeia, Eurostat, 2011 census hub](#)