Observatório da Emigração

Mozambique

A. Annual series

A.1 Foreign-born population, 1997-2024

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
2024	34 631 766	12.5	353 143	1.0	4.2	4 741	0.0	1.4	4.2
2020	30 783 688	1.4	338 850	1.1	1.2	4 549	0.0	1.4	-0.4
2019	30 366 036	12.9	334 665	1.1	35.5	4 565	0.0	1.4	-6.8
2017	26 899 105	1.3	246 954	0.9	-23.3	4 897	0.0	2.0	13.1
2015	26 547 572	15.4	321 794	1.2	5.0	4 331	0.0	1.4	3.7
2010	22 999 235	13.6	306 471	1.3	-10.4	4 178	0.0	1.4	10.9
2007	20 252 223	-0.3	342 117	1.7	27.3	3 767	0.0	1.1	2.8
2005	20 304 569	12.0	268 694	1.3	37.3	3 665	0.0	1.4	37.3
2000	18 129 653	18.7	195 702	1.1	--	2 669	0.0	1.4	--
1997	15 278 334	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Note

The sharp reduction in Portuguese nationals living in Mozambique between 1997 and 2007 is related to the possibility that many Portuguese people have dual nationality, where only Mozambican nationality is accounted for.

The data from 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020 were revised by the UN and amended by OEm on 05/02/2025.

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

Instituto Nacional de Estatística (information granted upon request). 2017 data for resident population, foreigners and Portuguese nationals "População por idade, segundo área de residência, nacionalidade e sexo". United Nations Statistics Division (2017), United Nations Statistics Division (2019) e 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	N	% of total	N	% of total
2020	4 549	1 614	35.5	2 935	64.5
2019	4 565	1 636	35.8	2 929	64.2
2017	4 897	1 852	37.8	3 045	62.2
2015	4 232	1 553	36.7	2 679	63.3
2010	4 089	1 311	32.1	2 778	67.9
2005	3 853	1 499	38.9	2 354	61.1
2000	2 669	876	32.8	1 793	67.2

[..]Data not available, residual data, not applicable; [e]EstimateLast update: 22/nov./2022

Note The data for 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015 were reviewed by the UN and amended by OEm on 22/11/2022.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from United Nations Statistics Division (2017), United Nations Statistics Division (2019) e United Nations Statistics Division (other data) (the UN figures are estimates).

A.2 Foreign population, 1997-2024

Years	Total Population		All foreign-born						
			All foreign-born			Foreigners with Portuguese citizenship			
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in	N	% of total	As a % of all foreigners	Change in
2024	34 631 766	12.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2020	30 783 688	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	30 366 036	12.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	26 899 105	1.3	142 315	0.5	--	5 560	0.0	2.3	--
2015	26 547 572	15.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2010	22 999 235	13.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2007	20 252 223	-0.3	205 906	1.0	--	4 279	0.0	1.3	--
2005	20 304 569	12.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2000	18 129 653	18.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1997	15 278 334	--	71 256	0.5	--	22 090	0.2	--	--

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Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Instituto Nacional de Estatística (information granted upon request). 2017 data for resident population, foreigners and Portuguese nationals "População por idade, segundo área de residência, nacionalidade e sexo". United Nations Statistics Division (2017), United Nations Statistics Division (2019) e United Nations Statistics Division (other data) (the UN figures are estimates).

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

Years	All foreign-born	Female		Male	
	N	N	% of total	N	% of total
2017	5 560	2 268	40.8	3 292	59.2

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Instituto Nacional de Estatística, IV RGPH 2017: "População por idade, segundo área de residência, nacionalidade e sexo".

A.2.2 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by age group, 2017

Years	All foreign-born	< 15		15-39		40-64		> 65	
	N	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2017	5 560	1 060	19.1	1 666	30.0	2 092	37.6	742	0.0

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Instituto Nacional de Estatística, IV RGPH 2017: "População por idade, segundo área de residência, nacionalidade e sexo".

A.3 Consular registrations, 2008-2024

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
2024	42 409	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	41 967	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
2022	41 344	-1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
2021	42 008	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
2020	41 492	6.9	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	38 805	21.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
2018	31 926	4.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	30 582	18.8	--	--	--	--	--	--
2016	25 739	-12.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015	29 360	18.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
2014	24 779	-0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
2013	24 871	9.7	10 631	42.8	15.2	24 191	97.3	18.5
2012	22 663	7.3	9 224	40.7	10.9	20 415	90.1	7.4
2011	21 114	3.4	8 315	39.4	5.2	19 007	90.0	-6.4
2010	20 413	0.6	7 902	38.7	10.1	20 301	99.5	7.9
2009	20 298	22.6	7 178	35.4	15.6	18 813	92.7	14.4
2008	16 556	--	6 211	37.5	--	16 448	99.4	--

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

A.4 Foreign inflows , 2011-2016

Years	Total inflows		Portuguese inflows		
		Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2016	--	--	1 439	--	-78.3
2015	--	--	6 619	--	66.7
2014	--	--	3 971	--	5.6
2013	--	--	3 759	--	44.7
2012	--	--	2 597	--	14.7
2011	--	--	2 264	--	--

Note The figures refer to work permits granted by the Ministry of Labor.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Directorate-General for Consular Affairs and Portuguese Communities (DGACCP), according to elements transmited by the Ministry of Labour from Mozambique.

A.6 Remittances, 2000-2025

Years	Inward flows (thousand euros) (a)		Outward flows (thousand euros) (b)		Balance (a/b)
		Change in	N	Change in	
2025	5 200	-1.0	10 580	-2.1	0.50
2024	5 250	14.6	10 810	-44.5	0.49
2023	4 580	6.8	19 480	218.8	0.24
2022	4 290	-7.3	6 110	7.0	0.71
2021	4 630	-15.0	5 710	2.9	0.82
2020	5 450	-5.4	5 550	-8.9	0.99
2019	5 760	-6.8	6 090	-4.4	0.95
2018	6 180	13.2	6 370	-0.9	0.98
2017	5 460	-10.9	6 430	-19.0	0.85
2016	6 130	-1.1	7 940	-19.2	0.78
2015	6 200	35.4	9 830	3.0	0.64
2014	4 580	-39.4	9 540	-4.8	0.49
2013	7 560	51.2	10 020	14.5	0.76
2012	5 000	7.5	8 750	54.6	0.58
2011	4 650	69.7	5 660	26.1	0.83
2010	2 740	13.2	4 490	40.8	0.62
2009	2 420	3.4	3 190	1.0	0.76
2008	2 340	-1.3	3 160	-46.1	0.75
2007	2 370	22.2	5 860	31.7	0.41
2006	1 940	9.6	4 450	8.5	0.44
2005	1 770	-7.8	4 100	49.6	0.44
2004	1 920	-39.2	2 740	-32.0	0.71
2003	3 160	0.0	4 030	4.4	0.79
2002	3 160	-15.5	3 860	-38.2	0.82
2001	3 740	-51.4	6 250	-13.4	0.60
2000	7 700	--	7 220	--	1.07

Note The 2024 data was rectified by the responsible entity and updated by the OEm on 25/02/2026.

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