

Observatório da Emigração

Bulgaria

A. Annual series

A.1 Foreign-born population, 2000-2023

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
2023	6 447 710	-5.7	168 595	2.6	-23.7	674	0.0	0.4	1.0
2022	6 838 937	-1.1	220 843	3.2	9.4	667	0.0	0.3	13.2
2021	6 916 548	-0.5	201 940	2.9	7.0	589	0.0	0.3	3.3
2020	6 951 482	-0.7	188 729	2.7	9.7	570	0.0	0.3	5.8
2019	7 000 039	-0.7	171 993	2.5	9.9	539	0.0	0.3	6.9
2018	7 050 034	-0.7	156 505	2.2	7.6	504	0.0	0.3	6.8
2017	7 101 859	-0.7	145 390	2.0	6.6	472	0.0	0.3	9.3
2016	7 153 784	-0.7	136 421	1.9	10.2	432	0.0	0.3	11.6
2015	7 202 198	-0.6	123 803	1.7	13.3	387	0.0	0.3	23.2
2014	7 245 677	-0.5	109 239	1.5	13.7	314	0.0	0.3	18.9
2013	7 284 552	-0.6	96 113	1.3	13.0	264	0.0	0.3	39.7
2012	7 327 224	-0.6	85 076	1.2	8.2	189	0.0	0.2	90.9
2011	7 369 431	-0.8	78 621	1.1	3.1	99	0.0	0.1	10.0
2010	7 425 011	--	76 287	1.0	--	90	0.0	0.1	--
2009	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2008	7 606 551	-0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2007	7 640 238	-0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2006	7 679 290	-0.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2005	7 686 964	-3.0	61 074	0.8	39.4	68	0.0	0.1	423.1
2001	7 928 901	-0.9	43 826	0.6	1.1	13	0.0	0.0	-70.4
2000	7 997 951	--	43 360	0.6	--	44	0.0	0.1	--

Note

The figures for 2001 are taken from the Census that took place that year, by the local statistical office; values related to foreigners recorded in 2006 and 2007 are estimates by Eurostat.

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

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

National Statistical Institute – Republic of Bulgaria; United Nations Statistics Division. Population by country of citizenship, sex and urban/rural residence: each census, 1985 – 2004 (foreigners and Portuguese 2001); Eurostat, Population by citizenship – Foreigners (from 2008 onwards); United Nations Statistics Division. Foreign-born population by country of birth, age, sex and urban/rural residence: each census, 1985 - 2004 (born abroad and in Portugal in 2001); United Nations Statistics Division (the UN data are estimates); Eurostat, Population on 1 January by age group, sex and country of birth (from 2011 onwards).

A.1.1 Residents born in Portugal by sex, 2000-2023

Years	All foreign-born		Female		Male	
	N	N	% of total	N	% of total	
2023	674	296	43.9	378	56.1	
2022	667	318	47.7	349	52.3	
2021	589	294	49.9	295	50.1	
2020	570	286	50.2	284	49.8	
2019	539	270	50.1	269	49.9	
2018	504	254	50.4	250	49.6	
2017	472	234	49.6	238	50.4	
2016	432	216	50.0	216	50.0	
2015	387	193	49.9	194	50.1	
2014	314	157	50.0	157	50.0	
2013	264	134	50.8	130	49.2	
2012	189	97	51.3	92	48.7	
2011	99	44	44.4	55	55.6	
2010	90	42	46.7	48	53.3	
2005	68	31	45.6	37	54.4	
2000	44	19	43.2	25	56.8	

[..]Data not available, residual data, not applicable; [e]EstimateLast update: 20/mar/2024

Note The data for 2005 e 2010 were reviewed by the UN and amended by OEM on 23/11/2022.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Eurostat, Population on 1 January by age group, sex and country of birth (a partir de 2011); United Nations Statistics Division (the UN data are estimates).

A.1.2 Residents born in Portugal by age group, 2011-2023

Years	All foreign-born		< 15		15-39		40-64		> 65	
	N	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	
2023	674	336	49.9	251	37.2	79	11.7	8	1.2	
2022	667	481	72.1	129	19.4	51	7.6	6	0.9	
2021	589	481	81.7	66	11.2	37	6.3	5	0.8	
2020	570	480	84.2	54	9.5	33	5.8	3	0.5	
2019	539	463	85.9	44	8.2	29	5.4	3	0.6	
2018	504	436	86.5	40	7.9	26	5.2	2	0.4	
2017	472	404	85.6	42	8.9	24	5.1	2	0.4	
2016	432	366	84.7	40	9.3	23	5.3	3	0.7	
2015	387	322	83.2	39	10.1	24	6.2	2	0.5	
2014	314	264	84.1	26	8.3	22	7.0	2	0.6	
2013	264	209	79.2	32	12.1	21	8.0	2	0.8	
2012	189	154	81.5	21	11.1	11	5.8	3	1.6	
2011	99	61	61.6	24	24.2	11	11.1	3	3.0	

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Eurostat, Population on 1 January by age group, sex and country of birth.

A.2 Foreign population, 2000-2023

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
2023	6 447 710	-5.7	85 263	1.3	-39.1	293	0.0	0.2	70.4
2022	6 838 937	-1.1	140 003	2.0	8.8	172	0.0	0.1	102.4
2021	6 916 548	-0.5	128 622	1.9	9.2	85	0.0	0.0	19.7
2020	6 951 482	-0.7	117 801	1.7	13.3	71	0.0	0.0	14.5
2019	7 000 039	-0.7	103 953	1.5	12.5	62	0.0	0.0	6.9
2018	7 050 034	-0.7	92 392	1.3	9.2	58	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017	7 101 859	-0.7	84 628	1.2	8.4	58	0.0	0.0	1.8
2016	7 153 784	-0.7	78 058	1.1	14.5	57	0.0	0.0	0.0
2015	7 202 198	-0.6	68 160	1.0	23.4	57	0.0	0.0	26.7
2014	7 245 677	-0.5	55 247	0.8	22.0	45	0.0	0.0	-8.2
2013	7 284 552	-0.6	45 297	0.6	14.7	49	0.0	0.1	96.0
2012	7 327 224	-0.6	39 507	0.5	1.6	25	0.0	0.0	-7.4
2011	7 369 431	-0.8	38 887	0.5	2.1	27	0.0	0.0	0.0
2010	7 425 011	--	38 074	0.5	2.3	27	0.0	0.0	0.0
2009	--	--	37 207	--	2.4	27	--	--	0.0
2008	7 606 551	-0.4	36 339	0.5	42.5	27	0.0	--	--
2007	7 640 238	-0.5	25 500	0.3	-1.9	--	--	--	--
2006	7 679 290	-0.1	26 000	0.3	--	--	--	--	--
2005	7 686 964	-3.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2001	7 928 901	-0.9	25 634	0.3	--	4	0.0	0.0	--
2000	7 997 951	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Note The figures for 2001 are taken from the Census that took place that year, by the local statistical office; values related to foreigners recorded in 2006 and 2007 are estimates by Eurostat.

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

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A.2.1 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by sex, 2008-2023

Years	All foreign-born		Female		Male	
	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2023	293	31.1	91	31.1	202	69.0
2022	172	30.2	52	30.2	120	69.8
2021	85	28.2	24	28.2	61	71.8
2020	71	25.4	18	25.4	53	74.6
2019	62	25.8	16	25.8	46	74.2
2018	58	27.6	16	27.6	42	72.4
2017	58	25.9	15	25.9	43	74.1
2016	57	31.6	18	31.6	39	68.4
2015	57	31.6	18	31.6	39	68.4
2014	45	33.3	15	33.3	30	66.7
2013	49	34.7	17	34.7	32	65.3
2012	25	32.0	8	32.0	17	68.0
2011	27	29.6	8	29.6	19	70.4
2010	27	29.6	8	29.6	19	70.4
2009	27	29.6	8	29.6	19	70.4
2008	27	29.6	8	29.6	19	70.4

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Eurostat, Population on 1 January by age group, sex and citizenship](#).

A.2.2 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by age group, 2008-2023

Years	All foreign-born		< 15		15-39		40-64		> 65	
	N		N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2023	293		11	3.8	178	60.8	96	32.8	8	0.0
2022	172		5	2.9	94	54.7	69	40.1	4	0.0
2021	85		3	3.5	31	36.5	48	56.5	3	0.0
2020	71		2	2.8	24	33.8	44	62.0	1	0.0
2019	62		2	3.2	20	32.3	38	61.3	2	0.0
2018	58		2	3.4	21	36.2	34	58.6	1	0.0
2017	58		2	3.4	28	48.3	27	46.6	1	0.0
2016	57		2	3.5	28	49.1	25	43.9	2	0.0
2015	57		2	3.5	30	52.6	24	42.1	1	0.0
2014	45		2	4.4	19	42.2	23	51.1	1	0.0
2013	49		3	6.1	24	49.0	21	42.9	1	0.0
2012	25		2	8.0	9	36.0	12	48.0	2	0.0
2011	27		2	7.4	11	40.8	12	44.4	2	0.0
2010	27		2	7.4	11	40.8	13	48.2	1	0.0
2009	27		2	7.4	11	40.8	13	48.2	1	0.0
2008	27		2	7.4	13	48.2	11	40.8	1	0.0

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Eurostat, Population on 1 January by age group, sex and citizenship.

A.3 Consular registrations, 2008-2022

Years	All registrations		Registrations by migrants born in Portugal		Registrations by migrants with Portuguese citizenship		
	N	Change in	% of total	Change in	% of total	Change in	
2022	818	565.0	--	--	--	--	--
2021	123	-83.8	--	--	--	--	--
2020	761	6.6	--	--	--	--	--
2019	714	19.0	--	--	--	--	--
2018	600	435.7	--	--	--	--	--
2011	112	43.6	--	--	--	--	--
2010	78	122.9	--	--	--	--	--
2008	35	--	--	--	--	--	--

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 , 2012-2022

Years	Total inflows		Portuguese inflows		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2022	40 619	2.9	106	0.3	16.5
2021	39 461	5.6	91	0.2	355.0
2020	37 364	-1.5	20	0.1	100.0
2019	37 929	28.3	10	0.0	66.7
2018	29 559	15.5	6	0.0	0.0
2017	25 597	20.5	6	0.0	0.0
2016	21 241	-15.8	6	0.0	-50.0
2015	25 223	-5.2	12	0.0	-25.0
2014	26 615	43.3	16	0.1	100.0
2013	18 570	31.7	8	0.0	-70.4
2012	14 103	--	27	0.2	--

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from National Statistical Institute – Republic of Bulgaria, International migration by age and citizenship of migrants (total), data of the Portuguese granted on request.

A.6 Remittances, 2000-2023

Years	Inward flows (thousand euros) (a)		Outward flows (thousand euros) (b)		Balance (a/b)
		Change in		Change in	
2023	1 010	13.5	7 140	7.7	0.15
2022	890	-4.3	6 630	-4.7	0.14
2021	930	-8.8	6 960	33.6	0.14
2020	1 020	2.0	5 210	-12.1	0.20
2019	1 000	-8.3	5 930	-2.0	0.17
2018	1 090	-3.5	6 050	-1.5	0.19
2017	1 130	1155.6	6 140	-5.2	0.19
2016	90	-35.7	6 480	6.6	0.02
2015	140	16.7	6 080	5.0	0.03
2014	120	-77.4	5 790	1.9	0.03
2013	530	103.8	5 680	17.4	0.10
2012	260	36.8	4 840	4.3	0.06
2011	190	-34.5	4 640	-4.5	0.05
2010	290	123.1	4 860	0.6	0.06
2009	130	30.0	4 830	12.8	0.03
2008	100	25.0	4 280	-13.9	0.03
2007	80	300.0	4 970	-14.3	0.02
2006	20	0.0	5 800	-13.0	0.01
2005	20	100.0	6 670	10.8	0.01
2004	10	-50.0	6 020	22.1	0.01
2003	20	-50.0	4 930	39.7	0.01
2002	40	100.0	3 530	72.2	0.02
2001	20	0.0	2 050	25.0	0.01
2000	20	--	1 640	--	0.02

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	%
2011/2012						
Total Population	7 362 789	100.0	77 711	100.0	99	100.0
Nationality of the destination country	7 326 112	99.5	43 929	56.5	75	75.8
Foreign nationality	36 677	0.5	33 782	43.5	24	24.2

Note ! Other situations or missing values: 1,781

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	%
2011/2012						
Total Population	7 364 570	100.0	78 643	100	99	100
Female	3 777 999	51.3	43 764	55.6	44	44.4
Male	3 586 571	48.7	34 879	44.4	55	55.6
2001/2002						
Total Population	7 928 901	100.0	43 860	100	13	100
Female	4 066 436	51.3	25 405	57.9	5	38.5
Male	3 862 465	48.7	18 455	42.1	8	61.5

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	%
2011/2012						
Total Population	7 364 570	100.0	78 643	1.0	99	0.0
-15 Years	975 272	13.2	8 880	11.3	61	61.6
15-39 Years	2 436 757	33.1	25 633	32.6	24	24.2
40-64 Years	2 591 144	35.2	27 546	35.0	11	11.1
65+ Years	1 361 397	18.5	16 584	21.1	3	3.0
2001/2002						
Total Population	7 928 901	100.0	43 860	0.5	13	0.0
-15 Years	1 216 841	15.4	3 722	8.5	6	46.2
15-39 Years	2 752 567	34.7	17 252	39.3	2	15.4
40-64 Years	2 630 237	33.2	13 971	31.9	4	30.8
65+ Years	1 329 256	16.8	8 915	20.3	1	7.7

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	%
2011/2012						
Total Population	7 364 570	100.0	78 643	100.0	99	100.0
Employed	2 834 834	38.5	30 347	38.6	21	21.2
Unemployed	494 849	6.7	3 771	4.8	3	3.0
Inactive	4 034 887	54.8	44 525	56.6	75	75.8

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