

# Observatório da Emigração

## United States

### A. Annual series

#### A.1 Foreign-born population, 2000-2024

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
2024	332 382 479	0.5	55 669 574	16.8	4.2	157 895	0.0	0.3	-2.4
2023	330 631 695	0.6	53 414 329	16.2	4.0	161 738	0.0	0.3	-11.9
2022	328 721 891	0.8	51 364 162	15.6	4.3	183 633	0.1	0.4	13.3
2021	326 195 440	0.3	49 266 476	15.1	0.1	162 121	0.0	0.3	3.0
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	3.8	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	23.0
2016	318 868 500	0.8	47 301 184	14.8	2.0	148 209	0.0	0.3	-9.5
2015	316 167 956	0.9	46 397 251	14.7	3.3	163 767	0.1	0.4	22.2
2014	313 443 193	0.8	44 905 632	14.3	2.2	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	4.6	166 582	0.1	0.4	-6.2
2011	306 109 661	0.6	42 109 468	13.8	5.4	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	11.8
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	0.2	217 540	0.1	0.6	-18.4
2007	296 824 002	1.0	39 524 899	13.3	4.3	266 612	0.1	0.7	37.7
2006	293 834 358	0.9	37 910 218	12.9	1.3	193 621	0.1	0.5	7.9
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	--	3.3	188 874	--	0.5	-1.0
2002	--	--	35 978 543	--	8.7	190 736	--	0.5	-9.3
2001	--	--	33 107 273	--	9.4	210 269	--	0.6	-3.8
2000	281 710 914	--	30 268 247	10.8	--	218 646	0.1	0.7	--

#### Note

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The data on the foreign population and those with Portuguese nationality from 2011 onwards were reviewed by the responsible body and amended by OEm on 25/10/2023.

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, 2014-2024

Years	All foreign-born		Female		Male	
	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2024	157 895	48.0	75 781	48.0	82 114	52.0
2023	161 738	53.6	86 743	53.6	74 995	46.4
2022	183 633	57.5	105 628	57.5	78 005	42.5
2021	162 121	54.4	88 104	54.4	74 017	45.7
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: 23/jul./2025

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## A.2 Foreign population, 2000-2024

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	
2024	332 382 479	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	330 631 695	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2022	328 721 891	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2021	326 195 440	0.3	21 169 137	6.5	--	34 793	0.0	0.1	--	--
2020	325 268 184	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	324 355 831	0.4	21 693 288	6.7	-1.8	36 406	0.0	0.1	-11.3	--
2018	323 156 080	0.9	22 081 097	6.8	-1.7	41 052	0.0	0.1	10.8	--
2017	320 371 994	0.5	22 459 663	7.0	0.2	37 034	0.0	0.1	-14.7	--
2016	318 868 500	0.8	22 415 312	7.0	-0.0	43 406	0.0	0.1	-17.8	--
2015	316 167 956	0.9	22 426 200	7.1	0.7	52 834	0.0	0.1	11.2	--
2014	313 443 193	0.8	22 263 361	7.1	1.1	47 504	0.0	0.1	-0.9	--
2013	310 817 022	0.6	22 016 426	7.1	-0.4	47 954	0.0	0.1	1.4	--
2012	308 827 259	0.9	22 114 981	7.2	-0.5	47 298	0.0	0.1	-4.4	--
2011	306 109 661	0.6	22 225 536	7.3	2.7	49 473	0.0	0.1	-37.0	--
2010	304 279 926	0.9	21 640 993	7.1	-0.2	78 522	0.0	0.2	26.5	--
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	4.1	69 433	0.0	0.2	5.3	--
2006	293 834 358	0.9	20 836 032	7.1	4.9	65 963	0.0	0.2	-7.2	--
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	--	10.6	--	--	--	--	--
2002	--	--	18 533 679	--	4.4	--	--	--	--	--
2001	--	--	17 757 696	--	7.1	--	--	--	--	--
2000	281 710 914	--	16 579 283	5.9	--	--	--	--	--	--

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### A.2.1 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by sex, 2005-2021

Years	All foreign-born		Female		Male	
	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2021	34 793	48.4	16 850	48.4	17 943	51.6
2019	36 406	42.4	15 442	42.4	20 964	57.6
2018	41 052	43.4	17 823	43.4	23 229	56.6
2017	37 034	49.3	18 270	49.3	18 764	50.7
2016	43 406	47.9	20 775	47.9	22 631	52.1
2015	52 834	45.2	23 888	45.2	28 946	54.8
2014	47 504	46.0	21 826	46.0	25 678	54.1
2013	47 954	53.2	25 495	53.2	22 459	46.8
2012	47 298	44.7	21 159	44.7	26 139	55.3
2011	49 473	47.4	23 430	47.4	26 043	52.6
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

Note The data has been revised since 2011 by the entity responsible and amended by OEm on 25/10/2023.

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, 2008-2023

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
2023	248 605	4.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
2022	238 824	-8.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
2021	261 203	-2.9	--	--	--	--	--	--
2020	269 118	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	264 279	30.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
2018	202 583	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	201 227	-36.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
2016	315 808	62.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
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	1.5	187 143	98.4	2.4
2009	185 860	3.9	164 989	88.8	1.3	182 828	98.4	3.7
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 , 2000-2023

Years	Total inflows		Portuguese inflows		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2023	1 172 910	15.2	890	0.1	18.7
2022	1 018 350	37.6	750	0.1	0.0
2021	740 000	4.6	750	0.1	10.3
2020	707 360	-31.4	680	0.1	-27.7
2019	1 031 770	-5.9	940	0.1	5.6
2018	1 096 610	-2.7	890	0.1	-5.3
2017	1 127 170	-4.8	940	0.1	-6.9
2016	1 183 510	12.6	1 010	0.1	17.4
2015	1 051 030	3.4	860	0.1	-3.4
2014	1 016 550	2.6	890	0.1	-3.0
2013	990 553	-4.0	918	0.1	13.2
2012	1 031 631	-2.9	811	0.1	-1.2
2011	1 062 040	1.9	821	0.1	8.7
2010	1 042 625	-7.8	755	0.1	-20.2
2009	1 130 818	2.1	946	0.1	22.5
2008	1 107 126	5.2	772	0.1	-24.2
2007	1 052 415	-16.9	1 019	0.1	-27.7
2006	1 266 129	12.8	1 409	0.1	25.2
2005	1 122 257	17.2	1 125	0.1	5.2
2004	957 883	36.2	1 069	0.1	32.3
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	25.9	1 609	0.2	19.8
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. The data for 2014 to 2022 was modified by the entity responsible and amended by OEm on 25/09/2024.

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) and [Lawful Permanent Residents \(LPR\)](#).

## A.5 Acquisition of citizenship of the destination country, 2000-2023

Years	Acquisition of citizenship by all foreigners		Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2023	878 460	-9.4	1 390	0.2	-26.7
2022	969 380	19.1	1 896	0.2	21.9
2021	813 861	29.5	1 555	0.2	43.8
2020	628 254	-25.5	1 081	0.2	-36.9
2019	843 593	10.7	1 712	0.2	-15.7
2018	761 901	7.7	2 031	0.3	12.4
2017	707 265	-6.1	1 807	0.3	8.5
2016	753 060	3.1	1 665	0.2	-1.5
2015	730 259	11.8	1 690	0.2	6.5
2014	653 416	-16.2	1 587	0.2	0.1
2013	779 929	3.0	1 585	0.2	-1.4
2012	757 434	9.1	1 607	0.2	12.7
2011	694 193	12.0	1 426	0.2	12.6
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	58.4	3 988	0.4	59.1
2007	660 477	-6.0	2 506	0.4	-5.0
2006	702 589	16.3	2 638	0.4	9.8
2005	604 280	12.5	2 403	0.4	10.6
2004	537 151	16.0	2 173	0.4	6.7
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	-41.6
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, 2000-2025

Years	Inward flows (thousand euros) (a)		Outward flows (thousand euros) (b)		Balance (a/b)
	N	Change in	N	Change in	
2025	250 350	6.4	4 220	-68.5	59
2024	235 310	-5.8	13 410	-35.9	18
2023	249 910	2.0	20 920	8.7	12
2022	245 020	-2.2	19 240	46.6	13
2021	250 540	2.4	13 120	58.3	19
2020	244 740	5.9	8 290	34.6	30
2019	231 110	-9.1	6 160	-23.4	38
2018	254 350	-3.1	8 040	-15.1	32
2017	262 560	8.0	9 470	-6.0	28
2016	243 170	15.7	10 080	8.6	24
2015	210 220	28.6	9 280	26.6	23
2014	163 450	16.5	7 330	2.7	22
2013	140 320	3.5	7 140	-15.7	20
2012	135 550	3.9	8 470	17.3	16
2011	130 420	0.3	7 220	20.3	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	2.5	14
2004	231 900	-14.8	14 840	-1.7	16
2003	272 120	-26.9	15 100	-19.8	18
2002	372 450	-5.6	18 840	-30.1	20
2001	394 580	-11.0	26 940	6.2	15
2000	443 460	--	25 370	--	17

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