

Observatório da Emigração

Uruguay

A. Annual series

A.1 Foreign-born population, 1985-2024

Years	Total Population		Foreign-born						
	N	Change in	All foreign-born			Born in Portugal			
			% of total	Change in	N	% of total	As a % of all foreign-born	Change in	
2024	3 386 588	-0.4	160 064	4.7	47.8	861	0.0	0.5	28.9
2020	3 398 968	-1.8	108 267	3.2	32.9	668	0.0	0.6	15.4
2019	3 461 734	0.1	81 482	2.4	2.4	579	0.0	0.7	2.5
2017	3 456 750	2.6	79 586	2.3	1.0	565	0.0	0.7	0.9
2015	3 368 017	2.5	78 799	2.3	2.3	560	0.0	0.7	-8.6
2011	3 286 314	-1.0	77 003	2.4	0.9	613	0.0	0.8	12.9
2010	3 318 580	-0.5	76 303	2.3	-9.3	543	0.0	0.7	1911.1
2008	3 334 052	1.5	84 114	2.5	2.2	27	0.0	0.0	-95.4
2005	3 285 771	0.6	82 317	2.5	-7.4	586	0.0	0.7	-7.4
2000	3 266 206	3.2	88 874	2.7	-3.8	633	0.0	0.7	-10.6
1996	3 163 763	7.1	92 378	2.9	-10.3	708	0.0	0.8	-36.7
1985	2 955 241	--	103 002	3.5	--	1 119	0.0	1.1	--

Note

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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 Estadística – Uruguay, Census from 1996 (total population, born abroad and born in Portugal) and Encuesta continua de Hogares por amostragem, 2008; IMILA, Investigación Migración Internacional de Latinoamérica, based on the census from Centro Latinoamericano e Caribeño de Población (CELADE), División de Población de la CEPAL, Santiago, Chile (born abroad 1985); Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, Trends in Total Migrant Stock: The 2005 Revision (born abroad 2008); Instituto Nacional de Estadística – Uruguay, Census of 2011 (total population and born abroad); Internacional Organization for Migration (born in Portugal); 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	N	% of total	N	% of total
2020	668	47.0	314	47.0	354	53.0
2019	579	48.0	278	48.0	301	52.0
2017	565	48.2	272	48.2	293	51.9
2015	560	48.2	270	48.2	290	51.8
2010	543	48.3	262	48.3	281	51.8
2005	586	48.0	281	48.0	305	52.0
2000	633	48.0	304	48.0	329	52.0

[..]Data not available, residual data, not applicable; [e]EstimateLast update: 24/nov./2022

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

A.2 Foreign population, 1985-2024

Years	Total Population		All foreign-born					
	N	Change in	All foreign-born		Foreigners with Portuguese citizenship			
			% of total	Change in	% of total	As a % of all foreigners	Change in	
2024	3 386 588	-0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
2020	3 398 968	-1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	3 461 734	0.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	3 456 750	2.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015	3 368 017	2.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
2011	3 286 314	-1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
2010	3 318 580	-0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
2008	3 334 052	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
2005	3 285 771	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
2000	3 266 206	3.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
1996	3 163 763	7.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
1985	2 955 241	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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A.3 Consular registrations, 2009-2023

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	
2023	3 080	5.8	--	--	--	--	
2022	2 910	-5.2	--	--	--	--	
2021	3 069	2.8	--	--	--	--	
2020	2 985	3.1	--	--	--	--	
2019	2 895	8.8	--	--	--	--	
2018	2 661	35.0	--	--	--	--	
2014	1 971	48.8	--	--	--	--	
2011	1 325	-21.4	--	--	--	--	
2009	1 685	--	--	--	--	--	

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	3 331	18.1	6	0.2	-25.0
2018	2 820	-5.4	8	0.3	-11.1
2017	2 981	-6.3	9	0.3	-18.2
2016	3 182	86.6	11	0.4	-72.5
2015	1 705	-54.6	40	2.4	-11.1
2014	3 755	0.2	45	1.2	-48.9
2013	3 748	54.5	88	2.4	417.6
2012	2 426	126.5	17	0.7	--
2011	1 071	-50.9	--	--	--
2010	2 183	-42.9	5	0.2	0.0
2009	3 825	-3.9	5	0.1	-16.7
2008	3 981	196.2	6	0.2	100.0
2007	1 344	16.3	3	0.2	0.0
2006	1 156	-4.9	3	0.3	-25.0
2005	1 216	-25.4	4	0.3	33.3
2004	1 631	-11.9	3	0.2	50.0
2003	1 851	10.2	2	0.1	-33.3
2002	1 680	69.2	3	0.2	50.0
2001	993	-4.6	2	0.2	100.0
2000	1 041	--	1	0.1	--

Note Inflow values correspond to residence permits.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Dirección Nacional de Migración, Estadísticas](#), anuario estadístico.

B. Census

B.2 Resident population by census and sex, according to country of birth , 1985-1997

(indivíduos)

By sex	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
1996/1997						
Total Population	--	100.0	--	100	708	100
Female	--	--	--	--	336	47.5
Male	--	--	--	--	372	52.6
1985/1986						
Total Population	--	100.0	--	100	1 119	100
Female	--	--	--	--	459	41.0
Male	--	--	--	--	660	59.0

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [United Nations, CEPAL](#)

B.3 Resident population by census and age group, according to country of birth , 1985-1997

(indivíduos)

By age group	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
1996/1997						
Total Population	--	100.0	--	--	708	--
-15 Years	--	--	--	--	3	0.4
15-39 Years	--	--	--	--	33	4.7
40-64 Years	--	--	--	--	268	37.9
65+ Years	--	--	--	--	404	57.1
1985/1986						
Total Population	--	100.0	--	--	1 119	--
-15 Years	--	--	--	--	8	0.7
15-39 Years	--	--	--	--	119	10.6
40-64 Years	--	--	--	--	493	44.1
65+ Years	--	--	--	--	499	44.6

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [United Nations, CEPAL](#)

B.5 Residents born in Portugal by labour force status , 1985-1997

(indivíduos)

By labour force status	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
1996/1997						
Total Population	--	100.0	--	100.0	697	100.0
Employed	--	--	--	--	265	38.0
Unemployed	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Inactive	--	--	--	--	432	62.0
1985/1986						
Total Population	--	100.0	--	100.0	1 102	100.0
Employed	--	--	--	--	413	37.5
Unemployed	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Inactive	--	--	--	--	689	62.5

Note ! In the source there is no distinction between actively employed and actively unemployed. Population with 15 years and over. Other situations or missing values: 1985 - 10; 1996 - 8

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [United Nations, CEPAL](#)