

# Observatório da Emigração

## Canada

### A. Annual series

#### A.1 Foreign-born population, 1996-2024

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	39 742 430	9.4	8 805 839	22.2	-8.3	120 690	0.3	1.4	-9.7
2021	36 328 475	-4.8	9 606 600	26.4	15.3	133 695	0.4	1.4	2.0
2020	38 171 902	2.0	8 332 892	21.8	4.7	131 038	0.4	1.6	-11.8
2019	37 411 047	2.2	7 960 657	21.3	1.3	148 513	0.4	1.9	-7.8
2017	36 624 199	6.3	7 861 226	21.5	-4.4	161 055	0.4	2.0	12.5
2016	34 460 060	-4.4	8 219 550	23.9	2.1	143 160	0.4	1.8	0.3
2015	36 026 668	9.7	8 049 874	22.4	11.5	142 742	0.4	1.8	1.7
2011	32 852 325	-3.9	7 217 295	22.0	2.6	140 310	0.4	2.0	-1.0
2010	34 196 899	9.5	7 035 001	20.6	13.7	141 658	0.4	2.0	-5.8
2006	31 241 030	-3.7	6 186 950	19.8	1.6	150 390	0.5	2.4	-0.2
2005	32 440 173	8.1	6 086 976	18.8	11.7	150 767	0.5	2.5	-1.8
2001	30 007 095	-2.9	5 448 480	18.2	-1.4	153 530	0.5	2.8	-0.5
2000	30 891 803	7.1	5 525 404	17.9	11.2	154 359	0.5	2.8	-2.8
1996	28 846 761	--	4 971 070	17.2	--	158 815	0.6	3.2	--

#### Note

Data obtained by sampling (about 20% of the total population).

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

Statistics Canada, Census, Nascidos no estrangeiro, 1996; Nascidos no estrangeiro e em Portugal, 2001; População estrangeira, 2001; Nascidos em Portugal e no estrangeiro, 2006; População estrangeira 2006; População com nacionalidade portuguesa, 2006; Nascidos no estrangeiro e em Portugal, Censo 2011, Censo 2016; Censo 2021; 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, 2000-2021

Years	All foreign-born		Female		Male	
	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2021	133 700	51.1	68 265	51.1	65 435	49.0
2020	150 166	51.2	76 816	51.2	73 350	48.8
2019	148 513	51.2	75 971	51.2	72 542	48.8
2017	161 055	51.0	82 046	51.0	79 009	49.1
2016	143 160	51.0	72 970	51.0	70 190	49.0
2015	138 589	51.2	70 894	51.2	67 695	48.8
2011	140 315	51.0	71 490	51.0	68 825	49.1
2010	138 520	51.0	70 566	51.0	67 954	49.1
2005	141 057	51.4	72 565	51.4	68 492	48.6
2000	154 283	51.8	79 855	51.8	74 428	48.2

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

Note Data obtained by sampling (about 25% of the total population).

The totals in this table may not correspond to those in table "A.1 Resident population by place of birth" due to source rounding issues.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Statistics Canada, 2011 Census, 2016 Census, 2021 Census](#); [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, 2011-2021

Years	All foreign-born		< 15		15-39		40-64		> 65	
	N		N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2021	133 695		1 175	0.9	21 117	15.8	55 758	41.7	55 645	41.6
2016	143 155		1 520	1.1	16 462	11.5	76 778	53.6	48 395	33.8
2011	140 305		860	0.6	21 537	15.4	79 393	56.6	38 515	27.5

Note Data obtained by sampling (about 25% of the total population).

In 2011 and 2016 a homogeneous distribution was assumed in the 35-44 group to match the groups used and the groups made available in Statistics of Canada. In 2021 a homogeneous distribution in the 25-54 group was assumed to match the groups used and the groups made available in Statistics of Canada.

The totals in this table may not correspond to those in table "A.1 Resident population by place of birth" due to source rounding issues.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Statistics Canada, 2011 Census, 2016 Census, 2021 Census](#).

### A.2 Foreign population, 1996-2024

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	39 742 430	9.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2021	36 328 475	-4.8	3 185 250	8.8	--	24 270	0.1	0.3	--	--
2020	38 171 902	2.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	37 411 047	2.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	36 624 199	6.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2016	34 460 060	-4.4	2 425 190	7.0	--	25 855	0.1	0.3	--	--
2015	36 026 668	9.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2011	32 852 325	-3.9	1 957 015	6.0	--	23 765	0.1	0.3	--	--
2010	34 196 899	9.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2006	31 241 030	-3.7	1 760 865	5.6	--	57 075	0.2	0.9	--	--
2005	32 440 173	8.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2001	30 007 095	-2.9	1 370 005	4.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
2000	30 891 803	7.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1996	28 846 761	--	1 543 285	5.4	--	--	--	--	--	--

Note Data obtained by sampling (about 20% of the total population). The data from 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020 were revised by the UN and amended by OEm on 05/02/2025.

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#### A.2.1 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by sex, 2006-2021

Years	All foreign-born			Female		Male	
	N		% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2021	24 275		47.0	11 400	53.0	12 875	53.0
2016	25 855		48.6	12 565	51.4	13 290	51.4
2011	23 765		50.8	12 070	49.2	11 695	49.2
2006	57 080		51.0	29 130	49.0	27 950	49.0

Note Data obtained by sampling (about 25% of the total population).

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Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Statistics Canada, 2006 Census, 2011 Census, 2016 Census, 2021 Census](#).

## A.2.2 Resident population with Portuguese citizenship by age group, 2011-2021

Years	All foreign-born		< 15		15-39		40-64		> 65	
	N		N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total	N	% of total
2021	24 265		750	3.1	7 172	29.6	12 003	49.5	4 340	0.0
2016	25 855		965	3.7	6 472	25.0	13 518	52.3	4 900	0.0
2011	23 760		475	2.0	6 190	26.1	12 705	53.5	4 390	0.0

Note Data obtained by sampling (about 25% of the total population).

In 2011 and 2016 a homogeneous distribution was assumed in the 35-44 group to match the groups used and the groups made available in Statistics of Canada. In 2021 a homogeneous distribution in the 25-54 group was assumed to match the groups used and the groups made available in Statistics of Canada. The totals in this table may not correspond to those in table "A.2 Foreign population" due to source rounding issues.

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Statistics Canada, 2011 Census, 2016 Census, 2021 Census](#).

## 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	172 644	3.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
2022	166 651	-10.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
2021	186 065	-1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
2020	188 826	4.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	181 645	34.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
2018	135 301	-0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	135 678	-3.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
2016	139 924	-41.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015	238 369	-3.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
2014	246 432	63.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
2013	151 087	12.8	--	--	--	--	--	--
2012	133 954	1.1	103 653	77.4	2.1	115 786	86.4	1.9
2011	132 467	1.4	101 519	76.6	-1.1	113 649	85.8	-11.2
2010	130 607	3.2	102 603	78.6	2.3	128 052	98.0	3.2
2009	126 612	12.5	100 296	79.2	10.4	124 082	98.0	12.8
2008	112 552	--	90 819	80.7	--	110 054	97.8	--

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

#### A.4 Foreign inflows , 2000-2025

Years	Total inflows		Portuguese inflows		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	Change in
2025	393 750	-18.6	520	0.1	-16.8
2024	483 640	2.5	625	0.1	-37.8
2023	471 810	7.8	1 005	0.2	14.9
2022	437 590	7.8	875	0.2	-1.7
2021	406 045	120.0	890	0.2	61.8
2020	184 590	-45.9	550	0.3	-35.7
2019	341 175	6.3	855	0.3	-1.2
2018	321 055	12.1	865	0.3	9.5
2017	286 510	-3.3	790	0.3	-7.6
2016	296 370	9.0	855	0.3	3.0
2015	271 840	4.4	830	0.3	30.3
2014	260 297	0.5	637	0.2	1.1
2013	259 033	0.5	630	0.2	12.5
2012	257 763	3.6	560	0.2	6.1
2011	248 702	-11.4	528	0.2	-16.1
2010	280 690	11.3	629	0.2	1.1
2009	252 170	2.0	622	0.2	-6.3
2008	247 243	4.4	664	0.3	64.8
2007	236 762	-5.9	403	0.2	-4.7
2006	251 649	-4.0	423	0.2	25.2
2005	262 246	11.2	338	0.1	0.6
2004	235 858	6.5	336	0.2	2.1
2003	221 396	-3.4	329	0.2	-9.1
2002	229 123	-8.6	362	0.2	-31.8
2001	250 656	10.2	531	0.2	13.5
2000	227 470	--	468	0.2	--

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from [Citizenship and Immigration Canada](#), [Permanent Resident Admissions](#), Permanent resident admissions by source country.

#### 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	379 991	1.2	1 098	0.3	17.7
2022	375 619	173.9	933	0.2	175.2
2021	137 119	23.6	339	0.2	21.5
2020	110 987	-55.7	279	0.3	-57.3
2019	250 498	41.9	653	0.3	134.9
2018	176 487	66.8	278	0.2	17.3
2017	105 813	-28.2	237	0.2	-58.7
2016	147 267	-41.4	574	0.4	-30.2
2015	251 144	-3.1	822	0.3	-44.4
2014	259 274	103.4	1 477	0.6	70.8
2013	127 470	13.9	865	0.7	4.6
2012	111 923	-37.6	827	0.7	-22.6
2011	179 451	25.0	1 068	0.6	-9.0
2010	143 579	-8.2	1 174	0.8	-11.1
2009	156 363	-11.5	1 321	0.8	-2.9
2008	176 617	-11.6	1 361	0.8	-20.9
2007	199 894	-23.4	1 720	0.9	-27.3
2006	260 838	31.2	2 365	0.9	6.4
2005	198 773	2.4	2 222	1.1	2.0
2004	194 130	24.8	2 178	1.1	77.2
2003	155 535	10.3	1 229	0.8	-12.6
2002	140 967	-15.8	1 407	1.0	-50.2
2001	167 353	-22.0	2 824	1.7	26.6
2000	214 568	--	2 230	1.0	--

Note The data on total acquisitions from 2018 onwards was modified by the entity responsible and rectified by OEm on 23/10/2023.

## 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	19 920	-26.0	5 600	-42.2	4
2024	26 900	19.5	9 690	49.3	3
2023	22 510	-10.5	6 490	38.7	3
2022	25 150	-9.7	4 680	17.0	5
2021	27 850	26.6	4 000	60.0	7
2020	21 990	1.8	2 500	41.2	9
2019	21 610	0.5	1 770	-4.3	12
2018	21 510	-16.0	1 850	-11.1	12
2017	25 610	-18.4	2 080	-8.4	12
2016	31 400	-3.4	2 270	4.1	14
2015	32 490	-48.3	2 180	10.1	15
2014	62 890	47.0	1 980	-42.6	32
2013	42 790	-6.8	3 450	-14.4	12
2012	45 900	14.1	4 030	19.6	11
2011	40 220	-13.0	3 370	27.6	12
2010	46 250	10.5	2 640	15.3	18
2009	41 870	-26.2	2 290	-31.4	18
2008	56 760	-25.7	3 340	-34.1	17
2007	76 410	11.6	5 070	-16.1	15
2006	68 490	-6.6	6 040	-5.0	11
2005	73 300	-0.9	6 360	2.1	12
2004	73 950	-11.1	6 230	-9.4	12
2003	83 160	-8.7	6 880	-24.7	12
2002	91 100	-20.6	9 140	-5.6	10
2001	114 680	-21.3	9 680	115.6	12
2000	145 740	--	4 490	--	32

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

### B.1 Resident population by census and nationality, according to country of birth , 2011-2022

(indivíduos)

Nationality	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>2021/2022</b>						
Total Population	36 328 480	100.0	9 606 600	100.0	133 695	100.0
Nationality of the destination country	33 143 230	91.2	6 421 855	66.8	109 425	81.8
Foreign nationality	3 185 250	8.8	3 184 745	33.2	24 270	18.2
<b>2016/2017</b>						
Total Population	34 460 065	100.0	8 219 550	100.0	143 160	100.0
Nationality of the destination country	32 034 585	93.0	5 794 360	70.5	117 305	81.9
Foreign nationality	2 425 480	7.0	2 425 190	29.5	25 855	18.1
<b>2011/2012</b>						
Total Population	32 852 320	100.0	7 217 295	100.0	140 315	100.0
Nationality of the destination country	30 895 305	94.0	5 261 105	72.9	116 550	83.1
Foreign nationality	1 957 015	6.0	1 956 190	27.1	23 765	16.9

## B.2 Resident population by census and sex, according to country of birth , 2011-2022

(indivíduos)

By sex	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>2021/2022</b>						
Total Population	36 328 475	100.0	9 606 595	100	133 700	100
Female	18 391 315	50.6	4 974 695	51.8	68 265	51.1
Male	17 937 160	49.4	4 631 900	48.2	65 435	49.0
<b>2016/2017</b>						
Total Population	34 460 060	100.0	8 219 560	100	143 160	100
Female	17 488 485	50.8	4 283 510	52.1	72 970	51.0
Male	16 971 575	49.2	3 936 050	47.9	70 190	49.0
<b>2011/2012</b>						
Total Population	32 852 325	100.0	7 217 295	100	140 315	100
Female	16 689 210	50.8	3 763 070	52.1	71 490	51.0
Male	16 163 115	49.2	3 454 225	47.9	68 825	49.1

## B.3 Resident population by census and age group, according to country of birth , 2011-2022

(indivíduos)

By age group	Total Population		Foreign-born		Born in Portugal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>2021/2022</b>						
Total Population	36 328 480	100.0	9 606 600	24.9	133 695	0.4
-15 Years	5 992 560	16.5	552 915	5.8	1 175	0.9
15-39 Years	11 384 007	31.3	3 288 007	34.2	21 117	15.8
40-64 Years	12 365 313	34.0	3 753 838	39.1	55 758	41.7
65+ Years	6 586 600	18.1	2 011 840	21.0	55 645	41.6
<b>2016/2017</b>						
Total Population	34 460 071	100.0	8 219 546	22.5	143 156	0.4
-15 Years	5 817 050	16.9	481 530	5.9	1 520	1.1
15-39 Years	11 062 188	32.1	2 657 353	32.3	16 463	11.5
40-64 Years	12 100 923	35.1	3 379 093	41.1	76 778	53.6
65+ Years	5 479 910	15.9	1 701 570	20.7	48 395	33.8
<b>2011/2012</b>						
Total Population	32 852 326	100.0	7 217 306	20.6	140 306	0.4
-15 Years	5 592 800	17.0	439 930	6.1	860	0.6
15-39 Years	10 848 733	33.0	2 324 633	32.2	21 538	15.4
40-64 Years	11 859 258	36.1	3 080 558	42.7	79 393	56.6
65+ Years	4 551 535	13.9	1 372 185	19.0	38 515	27.5