

Observatório da Emigração

Costa Rica

A. Annual series

A.1 Foreign-born population, 1984-2024

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	5 129 910	1.9	628 404	12.2	20.7	113	0.0	0.0	20.2
2020	5 034 320	71.6	520 729	10.4	24.6	94	0.0	0.0	19.0
2019	2 933 408	-40.2	417 768	14.2	0.9	79	0.0	0.0	1.3
2017	4 905 769	1.8	414 214	8.4	0.6	78	0.0	0.0	0.0
2015	4 818 038	12.0	411 697	8.6	6.7	78	0.0	0.0	30.0
2011	4 301 712	-5.6	385 899	9.0	-4.9	60	0.0	0.0	-23.1
2010	4 555 962	6.9	405 779	8.9	13.2	78	0.0	0.0	95.0
2005	4 261 240	11.8	358 398	8.4	20.9	40	0.0	0.0	-31.0
2000	3 810 179	57.6	296 461	7.8	233.5	58	0.0	0.0	41.5
1984	2 416 809	--	88 905	3.7	--	41	0.0	0.0	--

Note

The data from 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 y Censos](#) (data for 2000 "Población total por zona y sexo, según provincia, cantón y país de nacimiento" and 2011 "Población total nacida en el extranjero por zona y sexo, según país de nacimiento y año de llegada al país"); [Proyecto SIEMMES-OIM con base en información del Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos de Costa Rica y CEPAL-CELADE, Proyecto IMILA. Censos de Población de 1973, 1984 y 2000](#) (data from 1984); [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	N	% of total	N	% of total	
2020	94	37	39.4	57	60.6	
2019	79	32	40.5	47	59.5	
2017	78	32	41.0	46	59.0	
2015	78	32	41.0	46	59.0	
2011	60	25	41.7	35	58.3	
2010	78	33	42.3	45	57.7	
2005	40	17	42.5	23	57.5	
2000	58	25	43.1	33	56.9	

[..]Data not available, residual data, not applicable; [e]EstimateLast update: 23/nov./2022

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

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A.2 Foreign population, 1984-2024

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	5 129 910	1.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2020	5 034 320	71.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2019	2 933 408	-40.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2017	4 905 769	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015	4 818 038	12.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2011	4 301 712	-5.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2010	4 555 962	6.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2005	4 261 240	11.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2000	3 810 179	57.6	242 910	6.4	--	37	0.0	0.0	--	--
1984	2 416 809	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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A.3 Consular registrations, 2008

Years	All registrations		Registrations by migrants born in Portugal		Registrations by migrants with Portuguese citizenship		
	N	Change in	N	% of total	N	% of total	Change in
2008	25	--	--	--	--	--	--

Source Table by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data from Portuguese consulates abroad.

B. Census