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## Signs, abbreviations and acronyms

..	missing value, not applicable or not available
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EU	European Union
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PALOP	Países Africanos de Língua Oficial Portuguesa (Portuguese-speaking African countries)

### ISO codes for countries

AGO	Angola
BEL	Belgium
BRA	Brazil
CAN	Canada
CHE	Switzerland
DEU	Germany
ESP	Spain
FRA	France
GBR	United Kingdom
ITA	Italy
LUX	Luxemburg
MOZ	Mozambique
NLD	Netherlands
NOR	Norway
USA	United States of America
VEN	Venezuela

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## Foreword and highlights

### General trends

**01.** In 2016, the decrease in Portuguese emigration was accelerated, with about 100 thousand individuals leaving the country. The review of the statistical series estimated by the Observatory on total emigration points to the existence of a peak of emigration in 2013, higher than the one estimated so far, of around 120,000 outflows, as well as a progressive slower descent, in 2014 and 2015, to values around 110 thousand exits.

**02.** Globally, the reduction of emigration from 2014 can be explained by the economic recovery in Portugal. However, the acceleration of this decline in 2016 is due to changes in two important destination countries: Angola and the United Kingdom. In 2016, with the accentuation of the oil crisis in Angola and with the approval of Brexit in the United Kingdom, emigration to these two countries had its first drop since 2011.

**03.** Portugal has a negative net migration since 2011. This is because the small number of immigrants entering the country is not enough to compensate the number of emigrants leaving. According to Eurostat data, in Europe only Greece and Eastern European countries also had a negative net migration in 2015.

**03.** As stated in previous editions of the *Factbook*, Portugal is the European Union country with more emigrants in proportion to the resident population (considering only countries with more than one million inhabitants). According to the latest estimates by the United Nations, in 2015, the number of emigrants born in Portugal has surpassed two million and three hundred thousand, which means that about 22% of Portuguese live outside the country. The majority live in Europe, 62% in 2015, according to United Nations estimates. Concerning educational attainment, the latest available data, the Census 2011, indicates that among the total number of Portuguese living in OECD countries, only 11% attained high education, about a quarter, 27%, the medium education, and the majority, 62%, the low education.

## Portuguese permanent inflows in main destination countries

**04.** Between 2015 and 2016 the number of Portuguese inflows in the United Kingdom decreased by 5%. In both absolute and relative terms, the decrease was even greater in emigration to Angola (-42%, -2,807 admissions) and Mozambique. For the third consecutive year, the trend towards a decrease in emigration to Germany and Switzerland has continued. Data on Portuguese arrivals in France show a stabilization of the flow in high values: on average, between 10 and 18 thousand entries per year between 2010 and 2016, depending on the indicator. In contrast to these more general trends, emigration to Spain grew by 15% in 2016, after having increased by 12% in the previous two years.

**05.** Despite the decrease observed between 2015 and 2016, the United Kingdom remains the main country of destination to Portuguese emigration: 30,500 outflows in 2016. The main destinations for the Portuguese outflows were France (more than 18,000 in 2014), Switzerland (10,100 in 2016) and Germany (8,800 in 2016). Outside of Europe, the main destination countries for Portuguese emigration are in Africa: Angola (3,900 in 2016) and Mozambique (1,400 in 2016). From the point of view of the destination countries, the impact of Portuguese emigration was more intense in Luxembourg, where these entries were the second largest flow of new immigrants, in Switzerland (fourth largest flow) and in the United Kingdom (seventh largest flow).

## Migrants born in Portugal living in the main countries of destination (stock)

**06.** France continues to be the country in the world where a greater number of migrants born in Portugal live: more than 600 thousand in 2013, the last year for which official information is available. There are also more than 100,000 resident Portuguese emigrants in Switzerland (223 thousand in 2016), the USA (148 thousand in 2014), Canada (143 thousand in 2011), Brazil (138 thousand in 2010), the United Kingdom (131,000 in 2016), Germany (112,000 in 2016) and Spain (100,000 in 2016). In Spain, the resumption of emigration continues to be insufficient to compensate for the annual number of exits for return or re-emigration that followed the crisis of 2008: between 2015 and 2016 there was a relative reduction in the number of Portuguese living there of 6.7%, after a decrease of 8% between 2014 and 2015.

## Remittances received

**07.** In 2016, the value of remittances received in Portugal was slightly over 3.3 billion euros (€ 3,343,200). Between 2015 and 2016 the value of remittances received almost stagnated. However, due to the economic growth in Portugal during the same period, the value of remittances as a percentage of GDP declined slightly, from 1.8 to 1.7%. The two countries with the most Portuguese migrants, France and Switzerland, were also the countries of origin of more than half of the remittances received in Portugal in 2016 (34% and 21%, respectively). However, the evolution of remittances originating in these two countries between 2015 and 2016 had opposite signs: while the remittances from France were the ones that in absolute terms grew the most, those from Switzerland were the ones that had the greatest decrease, both in absolute and relative terms. Finally, it should be noted that among developed countries Portugal continues to be the one with the largest share of remittances in GDP.



# 1 | Total emigration



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## Country statistical profile

Table 1.1 Main social indicators: international comparison

Indicators	Portugal	Top three countries of destination of Portuguese emigration (outflows)			Top three countries of origin of immigration in Portugal (inflows)		
		United Kingdom	Switzerland	Germany	Brazil	Cabo Verde	Romania
Surface area (1000 km2, 2016)	92.2	243.6	41.3	357.4	8,515.8	4.0	238.4
Population (millions, 2016)	10.3	65.6	8.4	82.7	207.7	539.6	19.7
Population density (people per km2, 2016)	112.7	271.3	211.9	236.9	24.8	133.9	85.6
Urban population (% of total, 2016)	64.0	82.8	74.0	75.5	85.9	66.2	54.7
Population growth (annual %, 2016)	-0.3	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.2	-0.6
Population ages 0-14 (% of total, 2016)	13.9	17.6	14.8	13.1	22.1	30.7	15.3
Population ages 65 and above (% of total, 2016)	21.1	18.4	18.2	21.3	8.2	4.4	17.4
Fertility rate, total (births per woman, 2015)	1.2	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.4	1.5
Labor force, total (millions, 2016)	5.2	33.9	4.9	43.3	108.3	0.3	9.3
Labor force with tertiary education (% of total, 2014)	23.1	40.0	37.6	27.0	..	..	18.3
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force, ILO estimate, 2016)	11.2	4.8	4.6	4.3	11.5	10.5	6.4
Long-term unemployment (% of total unemployment, 2014)	59.6	35.7	37.0	44.0	..	..	41.1
Unemployment, youth (ages 15-24, ILO estimate, 2016)	28.2	13.3	8.5	6.5	24.6	17.5	21.5
GDP (current US\$, billions, 2016)	204.6	2,618.9	659.8	3,466.8	1,796.2	1,617.5	186.7
GDP growth (annual %, 2016)	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.9	-3.6	3.9	4.8
GDP per capita (current US\$, thousands, 2016)	19.8	39.9	78.8	41.9	8.6	3.0	9.5
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1000 live births, 2016)	2.9	3.7	3.6	3.2	13.5	18.2	7.7
Mean years of schooling (2015)	8.9	13.3	13.4	13.2	7.8	4.8	10.8
HDI score (2015)	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.8
HDI ranking (2015)	41	16	2	4	79	122	50

**Note** Top three countries of emigration and immigration with available data for, at least, the last three years.

**Source** Table by OEm, data from the World Bank, DataBank, World Development Indicators, updated 15/12/2017, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2016 Human Development Report (for mean years of schooling, HDI score and HDI ranking).

Table 1.2 Main migration indicators: international comparison

Indicators	Portugal	Top three countries of destination of Portuguese emigration (outflows)			Top three countries of origin of immigration in Portugal (inflows)		
		United Kingdom	Switzerland	Germany	Brazil	Cabo Verde	Romania
Stock of emigrants (thousands, 2015)	2,306.3	4,917.5	664.6	4,045.4	1,544.0	165.7	3,408.1
Stock of emigrants as percentage of population (2015)	22.3	7.6	8.0	5.0	0.7	31.8	17.5
Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population (age of entry > 22, %, 2000)	13.1	11.7	6.6	3.2	1.9	55.5	10.2
Stock of immigrants (thousands, 2015)	837.3	8,543.1	2,438.7	12,005.7	713.6	14.9	226.9
Stock of immigrants as percentage of population (2015)	8.1	13.2	29.4	14.9	0.3	2.9	1.2
Inward remittance flows (current US\$, million, 2016)	4,378.0	4,565.0	2,494.0	16,683.0	2,740.0	221.0	3,484.0
Inward remittance flows as a percentage of GDP (2016)	2.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2	13.6	1.9
Outward remittance flows (current US\$, million, 2016)	2,366.0	25,402.0	8,846.0	23,204.0	1,649.0	28.0	560.0

**Note** Top three countries of emigration and immigration with available data for, at least, the last three years.

**Source** Table by OEm, data from the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2015), Trends in International Migrant Stock: Migrants by Destination and Origin (United Nations database, POP/DB/MIG/Stock/Rev.2015) (stocks of emigrants and of immigrants); Migration Database with Age of Entry, 1990-2000 (emigration rate of tertiary-educated population); World Bank, World Bank, Bilateral Remittance Matrix 2016 (v. Oct 2017) (remittance flows).

## Estimates of total emigration

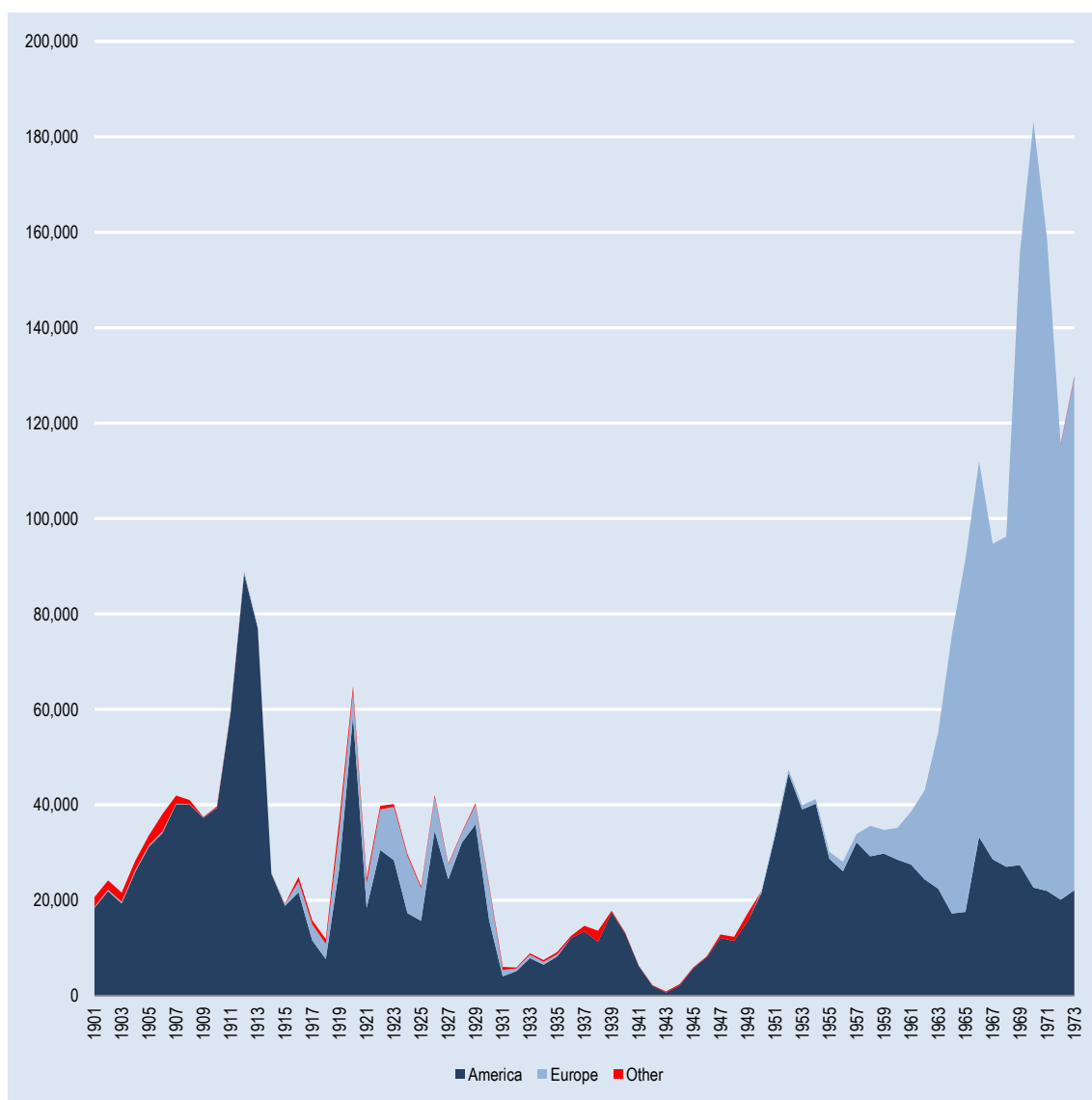
Table 1.3 Permanent outflows of Portuguese emigrants: the historical background

Year	Total	By destination			By legal status	
		America	Europe	Other	Clandestine	Legal
1901	20,646	18,426	207	2,013	3,097	17,549
1902	24,170	21,916	290	1,964	3,626	20,544
1903	21,611	19,339	320	1,952	3,242	18,369
1904	28,304	25,963	379	1,962	4,246	24,058
1905	33,610	31,227	292	2,091	5,042	28,568
1906	38,093	34,094	369	3,630	5,714	32,379
1907	41,950	40,152	106	1,692	6,293	35,657
1908	40,995	40,046	83	866	6,022	34,973
1909	37,451	37,295	67	89	5,733	31,718
1910	39,675	39,359	48	268	5,927	33,748
1911	59,549	59,150	253	146	4,176	55,373
1912	88,834	88,383	329	122	6,225	82,609
1913	77,425	77,015	407	3	5,435	71,990
1914	25,730	25,576	114	40	1,801	23,929
1915	19,314	18,830	390	94	1,352	17,962
1916	24,897	21,662	2,292	943	1,743	23,154
1917	15,825	11,593	3,381	851	1,108	14,717
1918	11,853	7,663	3,219	971	830	11,023
1919	37,138	26,883	7,989	2,266	2,600	34,538
1920	64,783	58,618	5,008	1,157	4,535	60,248
1921	24,597	18,387	5,167	1,043	1,722	22,875
1922	39,795	30,536	8,488	771	2,786	37,009
1923	40,171	28,395	11,195	581	2,812	37,359
1924	29,710	17,294	12,003	413	2,080	27,630
1925	22,884	15,697	6,818	369	1,602	21,282
1926	42,067	34,538	7,087	442	2,945	39,122
1927	27,674	24,375	3,073	226	1,937	25,737
1928	34,297	32,084	2,013	200	2,401	31,896
1929	40,361	35,898	4,122	341	2,825	37,536
1930	23,196	15,805	7,014	377	1,624	21,572
1931	6,033	4,055	1,328	650	..	6,033
1932	5,909	5,151	557	201	..	5,909
1933	8,905	7,872	720	313	..	8,905
1934	7,472	6,491	623	358	..	7,472

Year	Total	By destination			By legal status	
		America	Europe	Other	Clandestine	Legal
1935	9,140	8,228	434	478	..	9,140
1936	12,484	12,024	..	460	..	12,484
1937	14,667	13,505	..	1,162	..	14,667
1938	13,609	11,290	..	2,319	..	13,609
1939	17,807	17,466	..	341	..	17,807
1940	13,226	13,013	..	213	..	13,226
1941	6,260	6,191	..	69	..	6,260
1942	2,214	2,108	..	106	..	2,214
1943	893	660	..	233	..	893
1944	2,424	2,168	..	256	..	2,424
1945	5,938	5,728	..	210	..	5,938
1946	8,275	8,123	..	152	..	8,275
1947	12,838	12,128	..	710	..	12,838
1948	12,343	11,474	..	869	..	12,343
1949	17,296	15,647	..	1,649	..	17,296
1950	21,892	21,491	401	..	..	21,892
1951	34,015	33,341	674	..	351	33,664
1952	47,407	46,544	863	..	389	47,018
1953	39,962	39,026	936	..	276	39,686
1954	41,190	40,234	956	..	179	41,011
1955	30,147	28,690	1,457	..	351	29,796
1956	28,096	26,072	2,024	..	1,079	27,017
1957	33,894	32,150	1,744	..	1,538	32,356
1958	35,600	29,207	6,393	..	1,570	34,030
1959	34,754	29,780	4,974	..	1,296	33,458
1960	35,159	28,513	6,646	..	2,841	32,318
1961	38,572	27,499	11,073	..	5,046	33,526
1962	43,002	24,376	18,626	..	9,463	33,539
1963	55,218	22,420	32,798	..	17,389	37,829
1964	75,576	17,232	58,344	..	32,256	43,320
1965	91,488	17,557	73,931	..	28,736	62,752
1966	111,995	33,266	78,729	..	20,388	91,607
1967	94,712	28,584	66,128	..	16,197	78,515
1968	96,227	27,014	69,213	..	27,246	68,981
1969	155,672	27,383	128,289	..	85,507	70,165
1970	183,205	22,659	160,546	..	116,845	66,360
1971	158,473	21,962	136,511	..	108,073	50,400
1972	115,545	20,122	95,423	..	61,461	54,084
1973	129,732	22,091	107,641	..	50,215	79,517

**Source** Table by OEm, data from Maria Joannis Baganha and José Carlos Marques (2001), "População", in Nuno Valério (ed.) (2001), Estatísticas Históricas Portuguesas, vol. I, Lisbon, Instituto Nacional de Estatística, pp. 33-126.

Chart 1.1 Permanent outflows of Portuguese emigrants: the historical background



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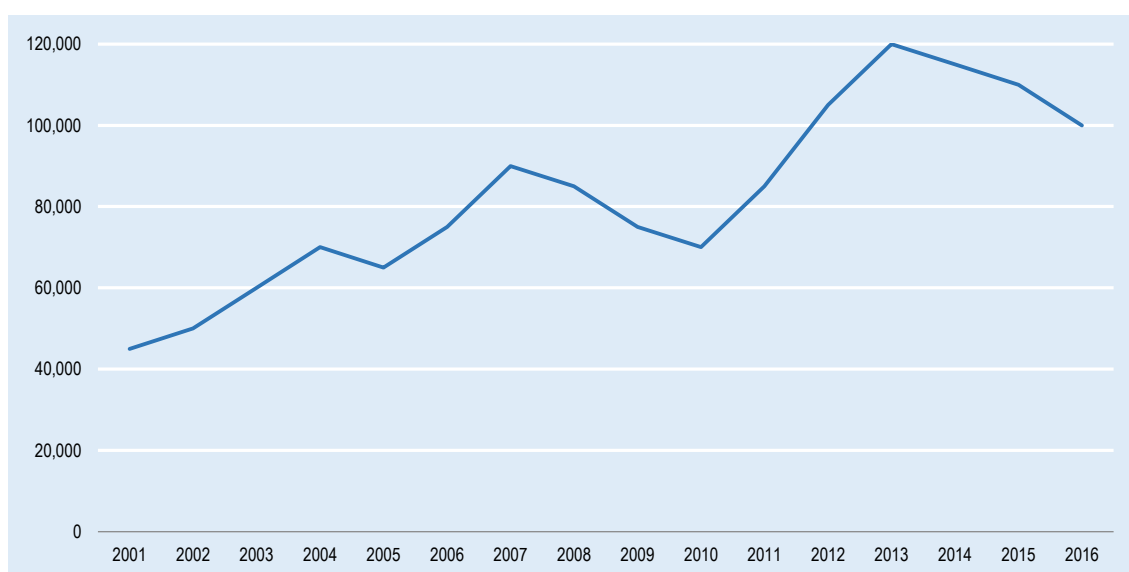
Table 1.4 Estimates of the outflows of Portuguese emigrants, 2001-2016

Year	Source				
	Instituto Nacional de Estatística (National Institute of Statistics) [A]			Observatório da Emigração [B]	
	Total	Permanent	Temporary	Current series	Previous series
2001	20,589	5,762	14,827	45,000	40,000 (**)
2002	27,358	8,813	18,545	50,000	50,000
2003	27,008	6,687	20,321	60,000	60,000
2004	..	6,757	..	70,000	70,000
2005	..	6,360	..	65,000	75,000 (**)
2006	..	5,600	..	75,000	80,000 (**)
2007	..	7,890	..	90,000	90,000
2008	..	20,357	..	85,000	85,000
2009	..	16,899	..	75,000	75,000
2010	..	23,760	..	70,000	70,000
2011	100,978	43,998	56,980	85,000	80,000 (**)
2012	121,418	51,958	69,460	105,000	95,000 (**)
2013	128,108	53,786	74,322	120,000	110,000 (**)
2014	134,624	49,572	85,052	115,000	110,000 (**)
2015	101,203	40,377	60,826	110,000 (*)	..
2016	97,151	38,273	58,878	100,000 (*)	..

**Note** (\*) Provisional values. (\*\*) Differences between the values of the current series and of the previous series.

**Source** Table by OEm, data from: [A] Instituto Nacional de Estatística (INE), Migratory Exit Movement Survey (1992 until 2007) and Annual Estimates of Emigration (as from 2008), based on the Portuguese Labour Force Survey data, in Pordata, Contemporary Portugal Database; [B] OEm estimates based on destination countries permanent inflows data.

Chart 1.2 OEm Estimates of the outflows of Portuguese emigrants, 2001-2016



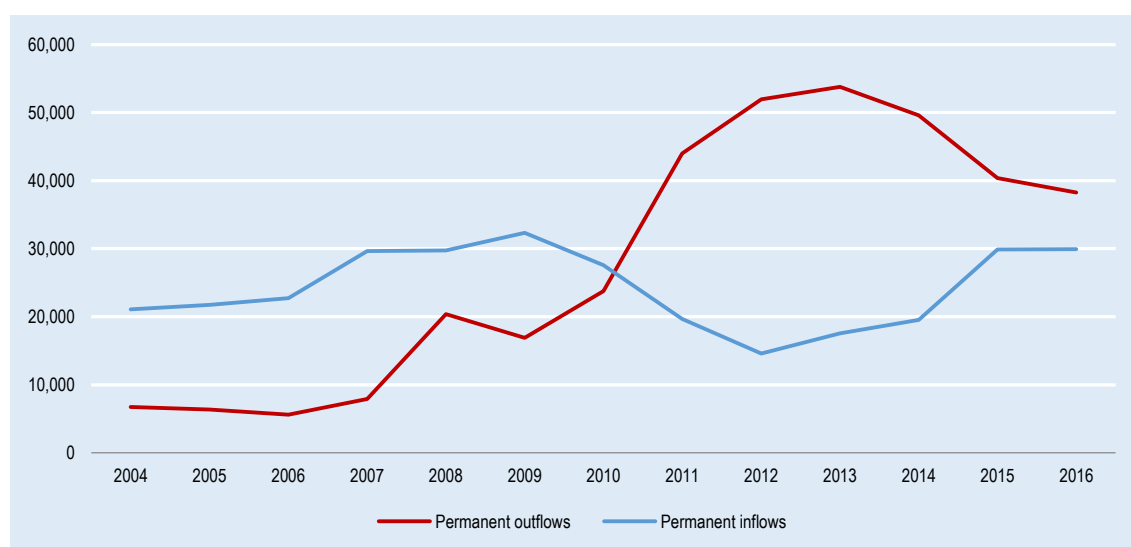
**Source** Chart by OEm, data from OEm, estimates based on destination countries permanent inflows data.

Table 1.5 Eurostat estimates of Portuguese net migration, 2004-2016

Year	Permanent outflows	Permanent inflows	Net migration
2004	6,757	21,093	14,336
2005	6,360	21,741	15,381
2006	5,600	22,741	17,141
2007	7,890	29,661	21,771
2008	20,357	29,718	9,361
2009	16,899	32,307	15,408
2010	23,760	27,575	3,815
2011	43,998	19,667	-24,331
2012	51,958	14,606	-37,352
2013	53,786	17,554	-36,232
2014	49,572	19,516	-30,056
2015	40,377	29,896	-10,481
2016	38,273	29,925	-8,348

**Source** Table by OEm, data from Eurostat, database on population and social conditions.

Chart 1.3 Eurostat estimates of Portuguese permanent outflows and inflows, 2004-2016



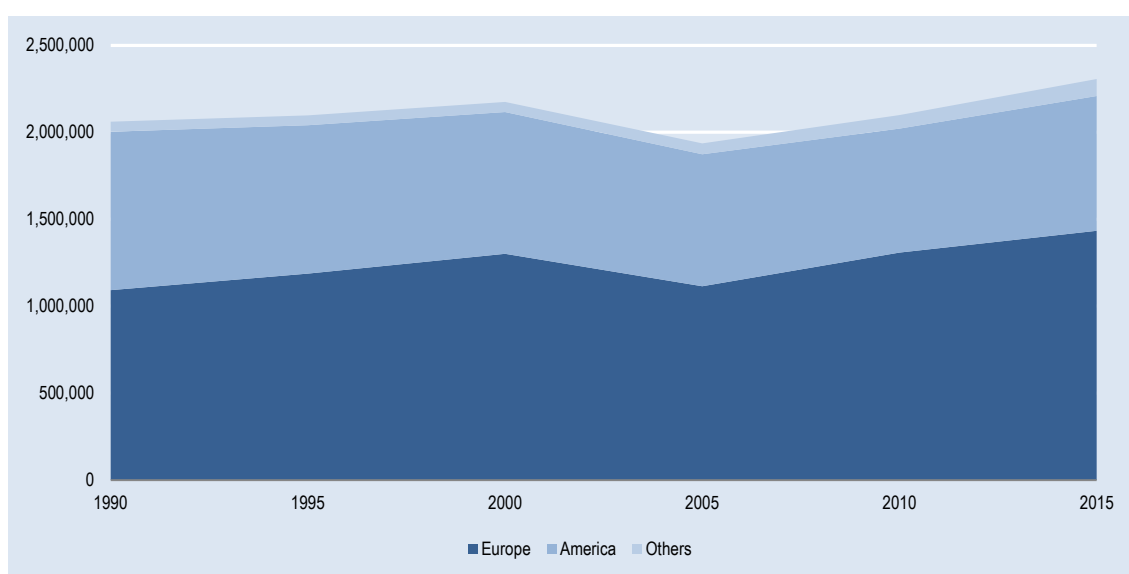
**Source** Chart by OEm, data from Eurostat, database on population and social conditions.

Table 1.6 UN estimates of the stock of Portuguese-born emigrants, 1990-2015

Year	Total		Europe		America		Others	
	N	Percentage	N	Percentage	N	Percentage	N	Percentage
1990	2,060,790	100.0	1,092,141	53.0	910,907	44.2	57,742	2.8
1995	2,097,189	100.0	1,187,356	56.6	853,198	40.7	56,635	2.7
2000	2,174,444	100.0	1,301,084	59.8	815,315	37.5	58,045	2.7
2005	1,936,066	100.0	1,114,618	57.6	758,905	39.2	62,543	3.2
2010	2,098,897	100.0	1,308,130	62.3	712,886	34.0	77,881	3.7
2015	2,306,321	100.0	1,433,482	62.2	775,050	33.6	97,789	4.2

**Source** Table by OEm, data from United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2015), Trends in International Migrant Stock: Migrants by Destination and Origin (United Nations database, POP/DB/MIG/Stock/Rev.2015).

Chart 1.4 UN estimates of the stock of Portuguese-born emigrants, 1990-2015



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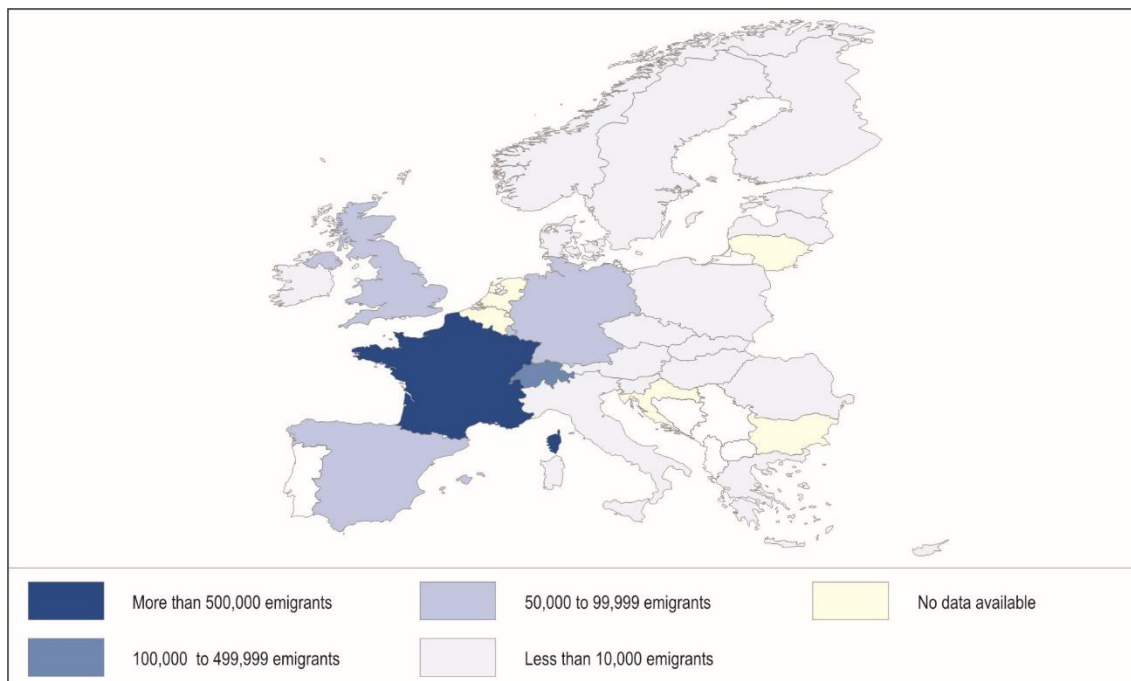
**Table 1.7 Stock of Portuguese-born emigrants in EU and EFTA countries, 2000/2001 and 2010/11**

Country	2000/2001	2010/2011	Absolute change	Percentage change
Total	859,013	1,160,425	301,412	35
Austria	950	1,634	684	72
Belgium	21,370	28,310	6,940	32
Bulgaria	13	99	86	n.s.
Croatia	..	51	..	..
Cyprus	33	166	133	n.s.
Czech Republic	39	368	329	n.s.
Denmark	683	1,221	538	79
Estonia	0	39	39	..
Finland	141	355	214	152
France	581,062	617,235	36,173	6
Germany	..	75,110	..	..
Greece	292	336	44	15
Hungary	28	290	262	n.s.
Iceland	104	416	312	300
Ireland	590	2,246	1,656	281
Italy	4,158	5,241	1,083	26
Latvia	1	32	31	n.s.
Liechtenstein	331	..	..	..
Lithuania	3	..	..	..
Luxembourg	41,690	60,897	19,207	46
Malta	..	57	..	..
Netherlands	10,218	..	..	..
Norway	713	1,540	827	116
Poland	60	222	162	n.s.
Romania	116	1,016	900	776
Slovakia	4	33	29	n.s.
Slovenia	10	39	29	n.s.
Spain	56,359	98,975	42,616	76
Sweden	2,514	2,974	460	18
Switzerland	100,975	169,458	68,483	68
United Kingdom	36,556	92,065	55,509	152

**Note** [n.s.] not significant; low reliability of data on Poland for 2010.

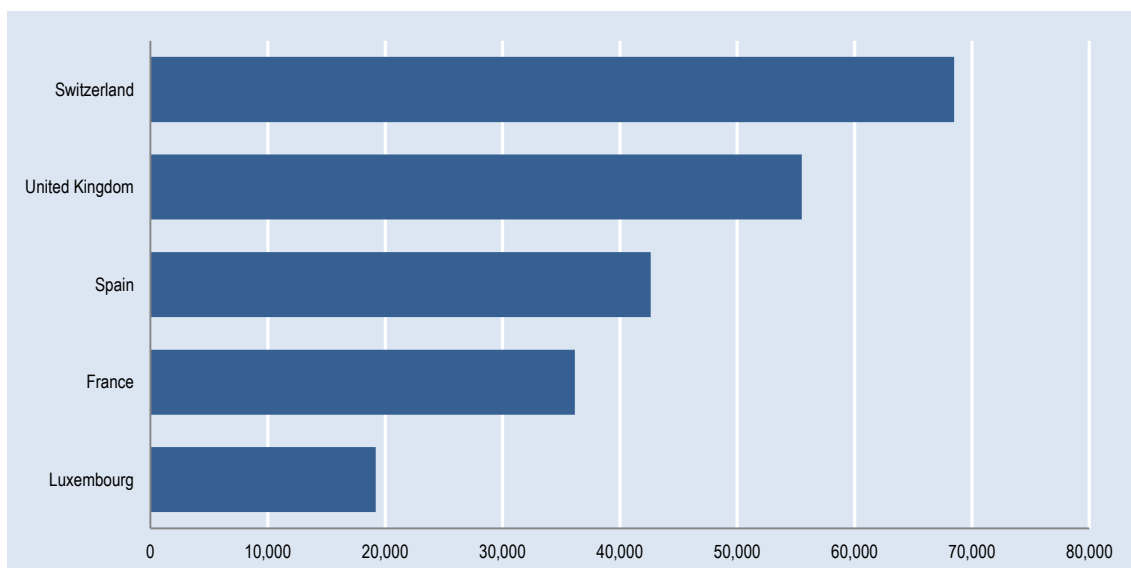
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**Map 1.1 Stock of Portuguese-born emigrants in EU and EFTA countries, 2010/11**



**Source** Map by OEm, data from Eurostat, based on member states census data, 2010/2011.

**Chart 1.5 Major changes in the stock of Portuguese-born emigrants in EU and EFTA countries, 2000/2001 to 2010/11**



**Note** Low reliability of data on France for 2011. Missing data for Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

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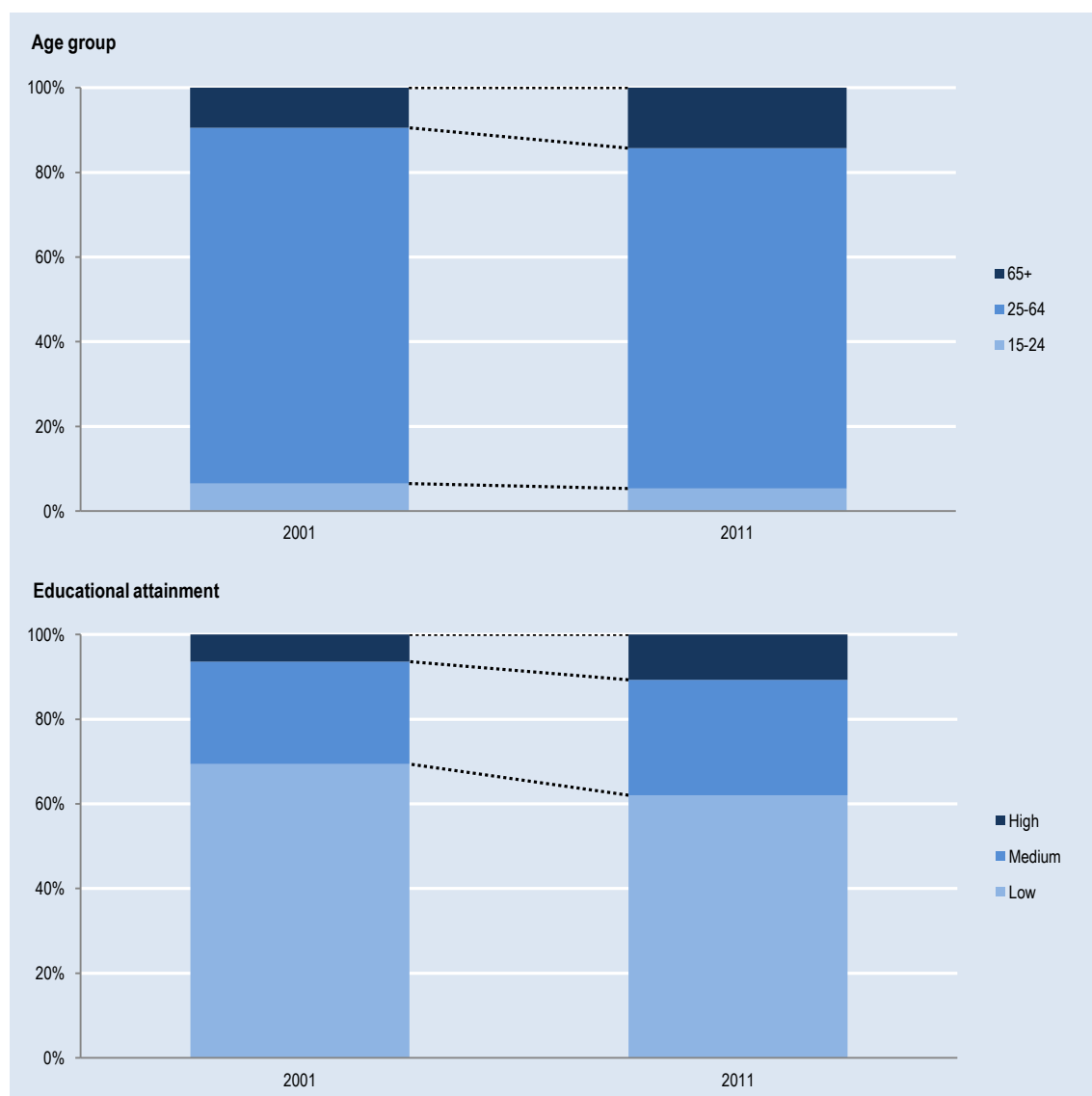
**Table 1.8 Stock of Portuguese-born emigrants in OECD countries by age group and educational attainment, 2000/2001 and 2010/11**

Indicator	2000/2001		2010/2011	
	Thousands	%	Thousands	%
Total	1,260	100.0	1,436	100.0
<b>Age group</b>				
15-24	82	6.5	77	5.4
25-64	1,058	84.0	1,154	80.4
65+	120	9.5	205	14.3
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
Low	847	69.4	876	62.1
Medium	295	23.4	384	26.8
High	78	6.2	151	10.5
Unknown	40	..	24	..

**Note** Data for ages groups in 2010/2011 includes partial estimations for Germany and Switzerland.

**Source** Table by OEm, data from OECD, Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries, DIOC 2000-2001 and DIOC 2010-2011 (Rev 3 File C).

**Chart 1.6 Stock of Portuguese-born emigrants in OECD countries by age group and educational attainment, 2000/2001 and 2010/11**



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## International comparison

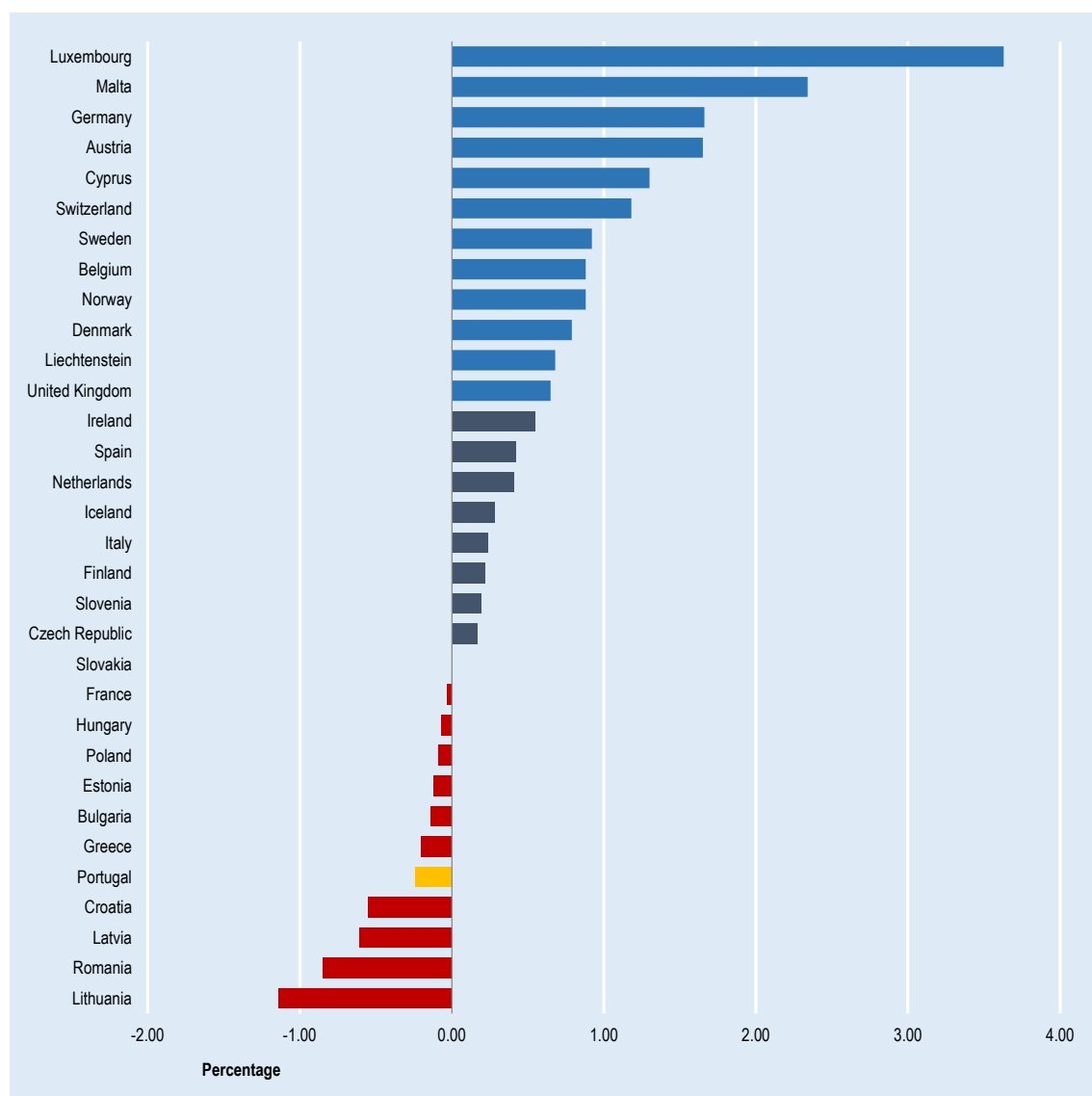
Table 1.9 Net migration in EU and EFTA countries, 2015

Country	Resident population	Net migration		Net migration except return flows (a)	
		N	Rate	N	Rate
Austria	8,576,261	109,634	1.28	141,730	1.65
Belgium	11,237,274	56,832	0.51	98,813	0.88
Bulgaria	7,202,198	-4,247	-0.06	-9,986	-0.14
Croatia	4,225,316	-17,945	-0.42	-23,045	-0.55
Cyprus	847,008	-2,000	-0.24	11,001	1.30
Czech Republic	10,538,275	3,918	0.04	18,321	0.17
Denmark	5,659,715	33,867	0.60	44,675	0.79
Estonia	1,314,870	2,410	0.18	-1,587	-0.12
Finland	5,471,753	12,441	0.23	11,786	0.22
France	66,488,186	65,900	0.10	-17,585	-0.03
Germany	81,197,537	1,196,686	1.47	1,349,794	1.66
Greece	10,858,018	-44,905	-0.41	-21,991	-0.20
Hungary	9,855,571	15,119	0.15	-7,065	-0.07
Iceland	329,100	1,589	0.48	932	0.28
Ireland	4,628,949	-240	-0.01	25,597	0.55
Italy	60,795,612	133,123	0.22	147,767	0.24
Latvia	1,986,096	-10,640	-0.54	-12,074	-0.61
Liechtenstein	37,366	189	0.51	255	0.68
Lithuania	2,921,262	-22,403	-0.77	-33,229	-1.14
Luxembourg	562,958	11,159	1.98	20,409	3.63
Malta	429,344	4,176	0.97	10,053	2.34
Netherlands	16,900,726	54,542	0.32	69,300	0.41
Norway	5,166,493	31,643	0.61	45,622	0.88
Poland	38,005,614	-40,690	-0.11	-36,012	-0.09
Portugal	10,374,822	-10,481	-0.10	-24,900	-0.24
Romania	19,870,647	-61,923	-0.31	-168,819	-0.85
Slovakia	5,421,349	3,127	0.06	-61	0.00
Slovenia	2,062,874	507	0.02	4,011	0.19
Spain	46,449,565	-1,761	0.00	195,360	0.42
Sweden	9,747,355	78,410	0.80	89,371	0.92
Switzerland	8,237,666	36,996	0.45	97,572	1.18
United Kingdom	64,875,165	332,269	0.51	424,082	0.65

**Note** (a) Only outflows of nationals and inflows of foreigners.

**Source** Table by OEm, data from Eurostat, database on population and social conditions.

Chart 1.7 Net migration rates in EU and EFTA countries, except return flows, 2015



**Note** Except return flows: only outflows of nationals and inflows of foreigners.

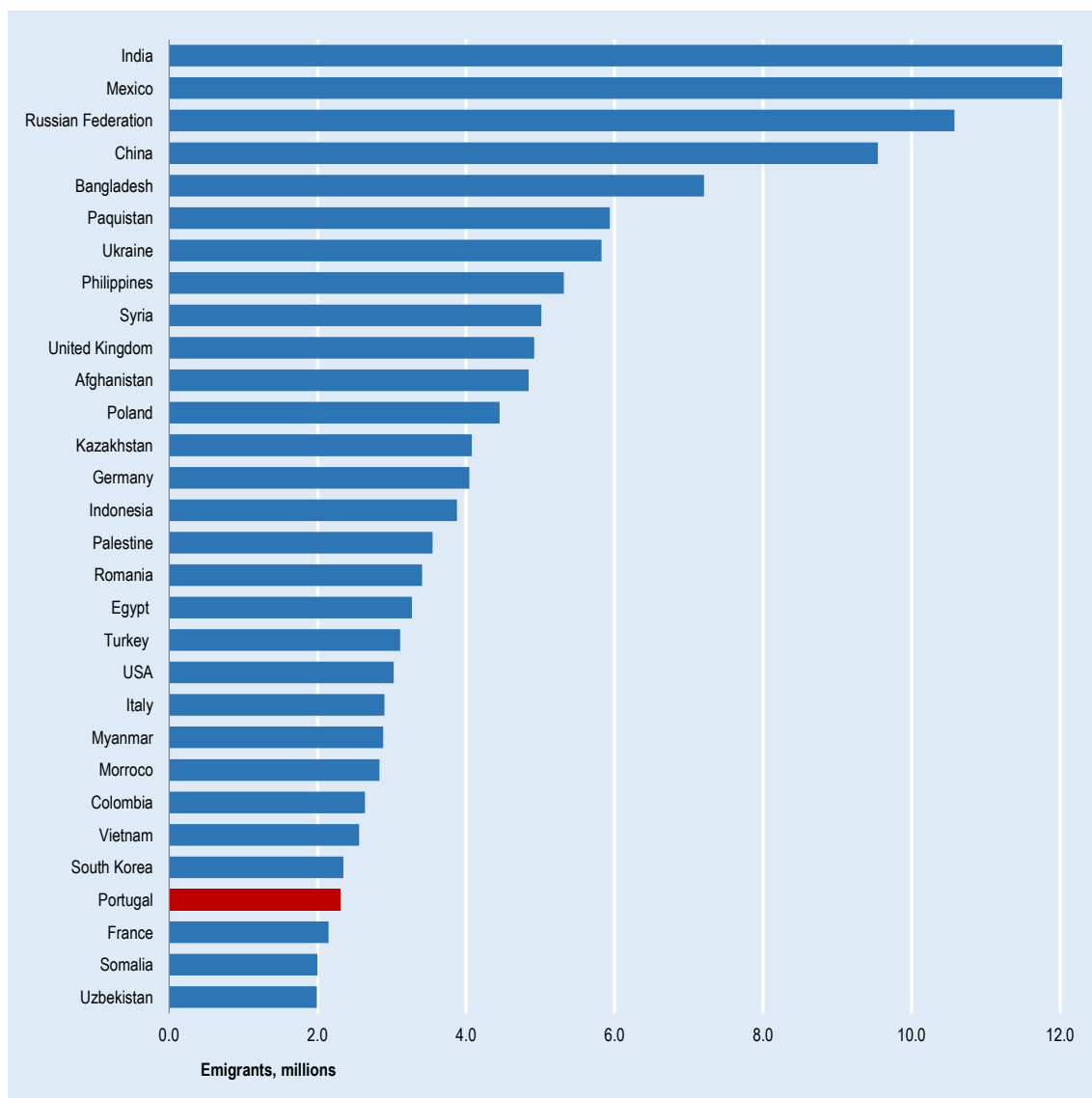
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Table 1.10 Emigrants by country of origin, 2015

Ranking	Top countries of origin	Emigrants. millions
1	India	15.6
2	Mexico	12.3
3	Russian Federation	10.6
4	China	9.5
5	Bangladesh	7.2
6	Pakistan	5.9
7	Ukraine	5.8
8	Philippines	5.3
9	Syria	5.0
10	United Kingdom	4.9
11	Afghanistan	4.8
12	Poland	4.4
13	Kazakhstan	4.1
14	Germany	4.0
15	Indonesia	3.9
16	Palestine	3.6
17	Romania	3.4
18	Egypt	3.3
19	Turkey	3.1
20	USA	3.0
21	Italy	2.9
22	Myanmar	2.9
23	Morocco	2.8
24	Colombia	2.6
25	Vietnam	2.6
26	South Korea	2.3
27	Portugal	2.3
28	France	2.1
29	Somalia	2.0
30	Uzbekistan	2.0

**Source** Table by OEm, data from the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2015), Trends in International Migrant Stock: Migrants by Destination and Origin (United Nations database, POP/DB/MIG/Stock/Rev.2015).

Chart 1.8 Emigrants by country of origin, 2015



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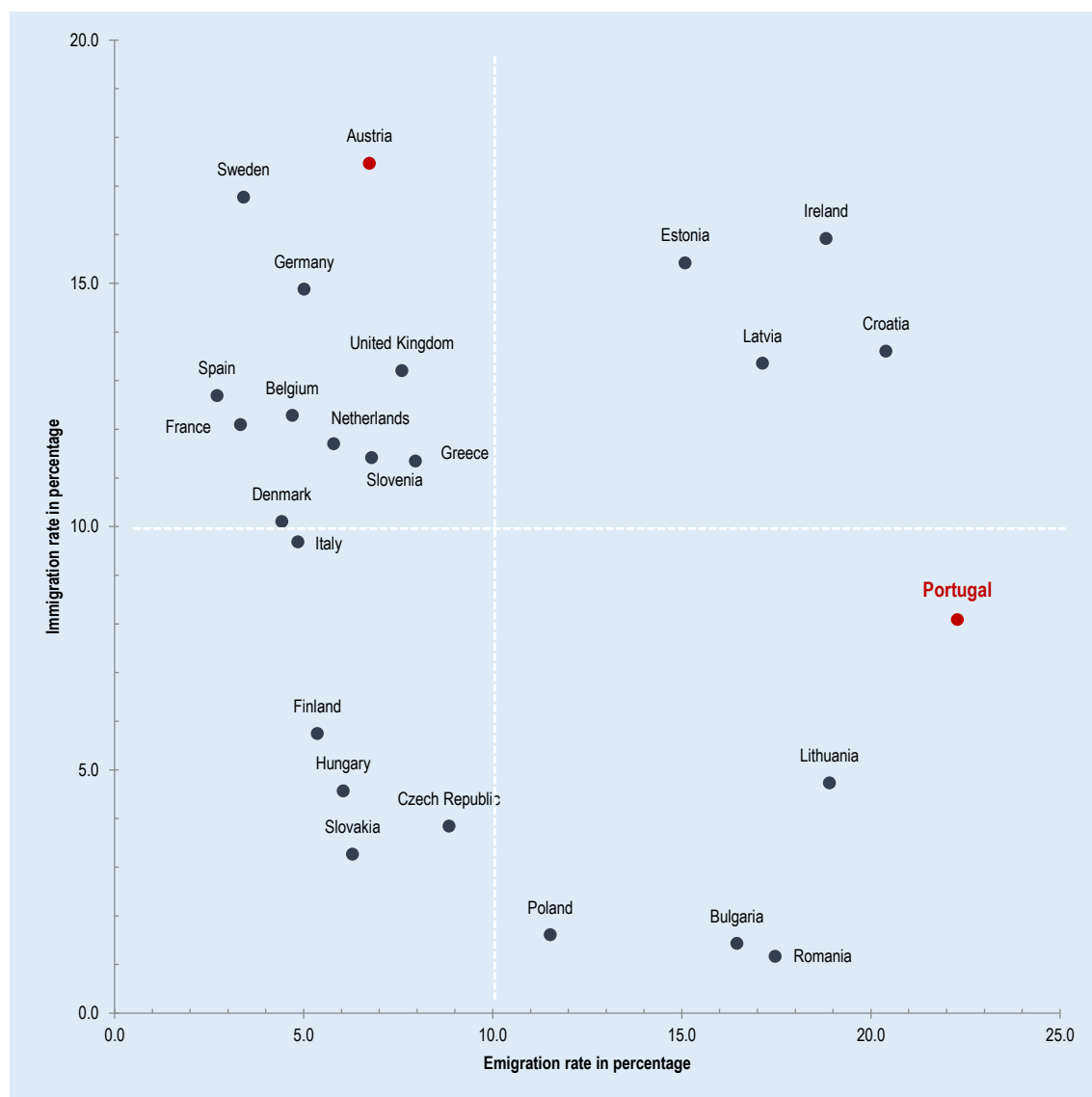
Table 1.11 Emigration and immigration rates in EU countries, 2015

Country	Emigration rate	Immigration rate
Austria	6.7	17.5
Belgium	4.7	12.3
Bulgaria	16.5	1.4
Cyprus	15.2	16.8
Croatia	20.4	13.6
Czech Republic	8.8	3.8
Denmark	4.4	10.1
Estonia	15.1	15.4
Finland	5.4	5.7
France	3.3	12.1
Germany	5.0	14.9
Greece	8.0	11.3
Hungary	6.0	4.6
Ireland	18.8	15.9
Italy	4.9	9.7
Latvia	17.1	13.4
Lithuania	18.9	4.7
Luxembourg	10.8	44.0
Malta	24.7	9.9
Netherlands	5.8	11.7
Poland	11.5	1.6
Portugal	22.3	8.1
Romania	17.5	1.2
Slovakia	6.3	3.3
Slovenia	6.8	11.4
Spain	2.7	12.7
Sweden	3.4	16.8
United Kingdom	7.6	13.2

**Note** Emigration rate = number of emigrants as a percentage of the population of the country of origin; immigration rate = number of immigrants as a percentage of the population of the country of residence.

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Chart 1.9 Emigration and immigration rates in EU countries, 2015



**Note** Only countries with more than one million inhabitants.

Emigration rate = number of emigrants as a percentage of the population of the country of origin;

immigration rate = number of immigrants as a percentage of the population of the country of residence.

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## 2 | Emigration to top destination countries



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## Summary

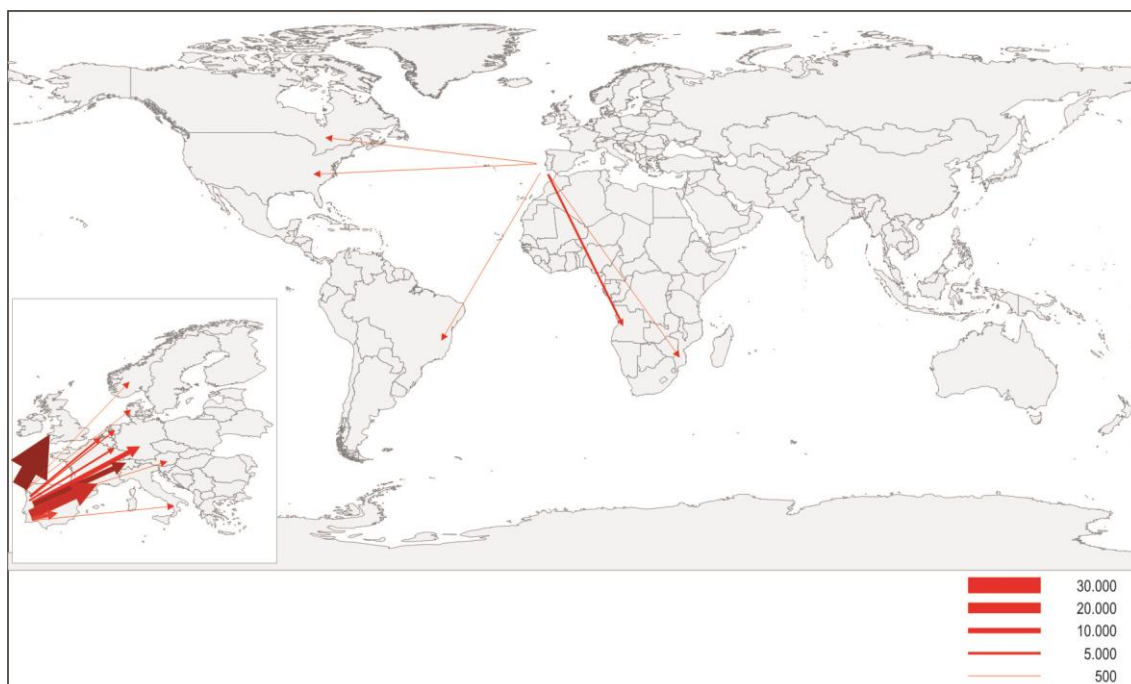
Table 2.1 **Main indicators of Portuguese emigration to top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**

Country	Portuguese permanent inflows	Stock of migrants born in Portugal	Population with Portuguese citizenship	Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese	Stock of registrations in Portuguese consulates
Angola	3,908	..	..	..	92,666
Austria	561	2,615	3,213	2	5,568
Belgium	3,442	35,249	44,166	169	63,965
Brazil	1,294	137,973	..	..	667,928
Canada	845	143,160	25,855	824	139,924
Denmark	656	2,457	2,780	8	2,261
France	18,700	615,573	530,557	2,579	1,284,196
Germany	8,810	112,430	136,080	756	182,881
Italy	354	6,305	6,088	36	5,372
Luxemburg	3,355	60,897	93,100	1,089	130,134
Mozambique	1,439	3,767	4,279	1,439	25,739
Netherlands	1,961	16,868	19,384	73	23,548
Norway	427	3,166	4,094	9	6,200
Spain	7,646	100,027	91,371	477	78,125
Switzerland	10,123	216,378	268,660	4,020	316,832
United Kingdom	30,543	131,000	213,000	672	227,212
United States	1,006	148,208	54,669	1,665	315,808
Venezuela	532	37,326	..	..	176,428

**Note** [AGO] Permanent inflows: data from visas concerning permanent emigration. [BEL] Permanent inflows: 2015. Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese: 2015. [BRA] Permanent inflows: 2015. Migrants born in Portugal: 2010. [CAN] Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese: 2015. [FRA] Permanent inflows: 2013 (total) and 2014 (inflows of portuguese, estimate). Migrants born in Portugal: 2014. Population with Portuguese citizenship: 2014. [ITA] Permanent inflows: 2015. Migrants born in Portugal: 2015. Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese: 2015. Consular Registrations: Only counts the national citizens in the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in Rome. [LUX] Migrants born in Portugal: 2011. [MOZ] Migrants born in Portugal and population with Portuguese citizenship: 2007. [VEN] Migrants born in Portugal: 2011.

**Source** Table by OEm, source data detailed in following pages. Entities: Consulado-Geral da República de Angola em Lisboa and Consulado-Geral da República de Angola no Porto, Portugal; Direção-Geral dos Assuntos Consulares e das Comunidades Portuguesas, Portugal (DGACCP); OCDE; Eurostat; Statistics Austria; Ministério do Trabalho e Emprego, Brazil; IMILA, Investigación Migración Internacional de Latinoamérica; Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística; Citizenship and Immigration Canada; Denmark Statistik; Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques, France; Ministère de L'intérieure, France; Instituto Nacional de Estatística, Mozambique; Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland; Istituto Nazionale di Statistica, Italia; Le Portail des Statistiques du Luxembourg; Ministère de la Justice, Luxembourg; Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek, Netherlands; Statistics Norway; INE España; Observatorio Permanente de la Inmigración, España; Office Fédéral de la Statistique, Switzerland; Department for Work and Pensions, UK; UK Office for National Statistics, Annual Population Survey (APS) /Labour Force Survey (LFS); Government UK, Home Office; US Department of Homeland Security; Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Venezuela.

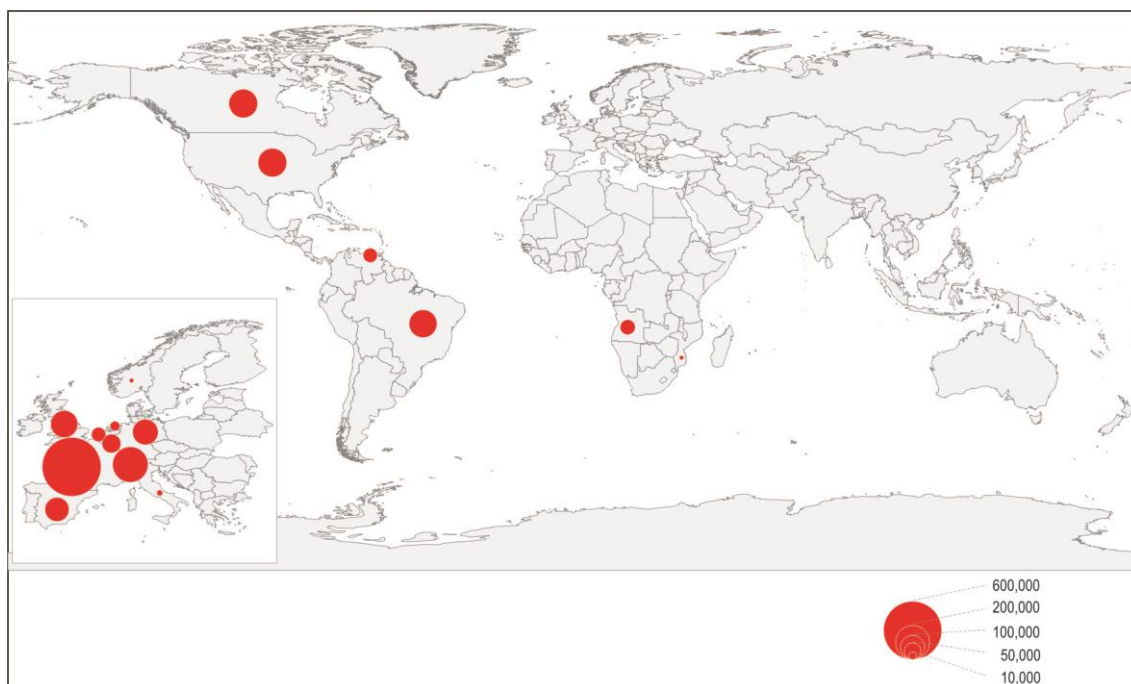
**Map 2.1 Portuguese permanent inflows in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**



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**Map 2.2 Stock of migrants born in Portugal in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**



**Note** [DEU] T provisional values (30.06.2016). [BRA] 2010. [FRA] 2014. [ITA] 2015. [LUX] 2011. [MOZ] 2007. [VEN] 2011.

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## Inflows

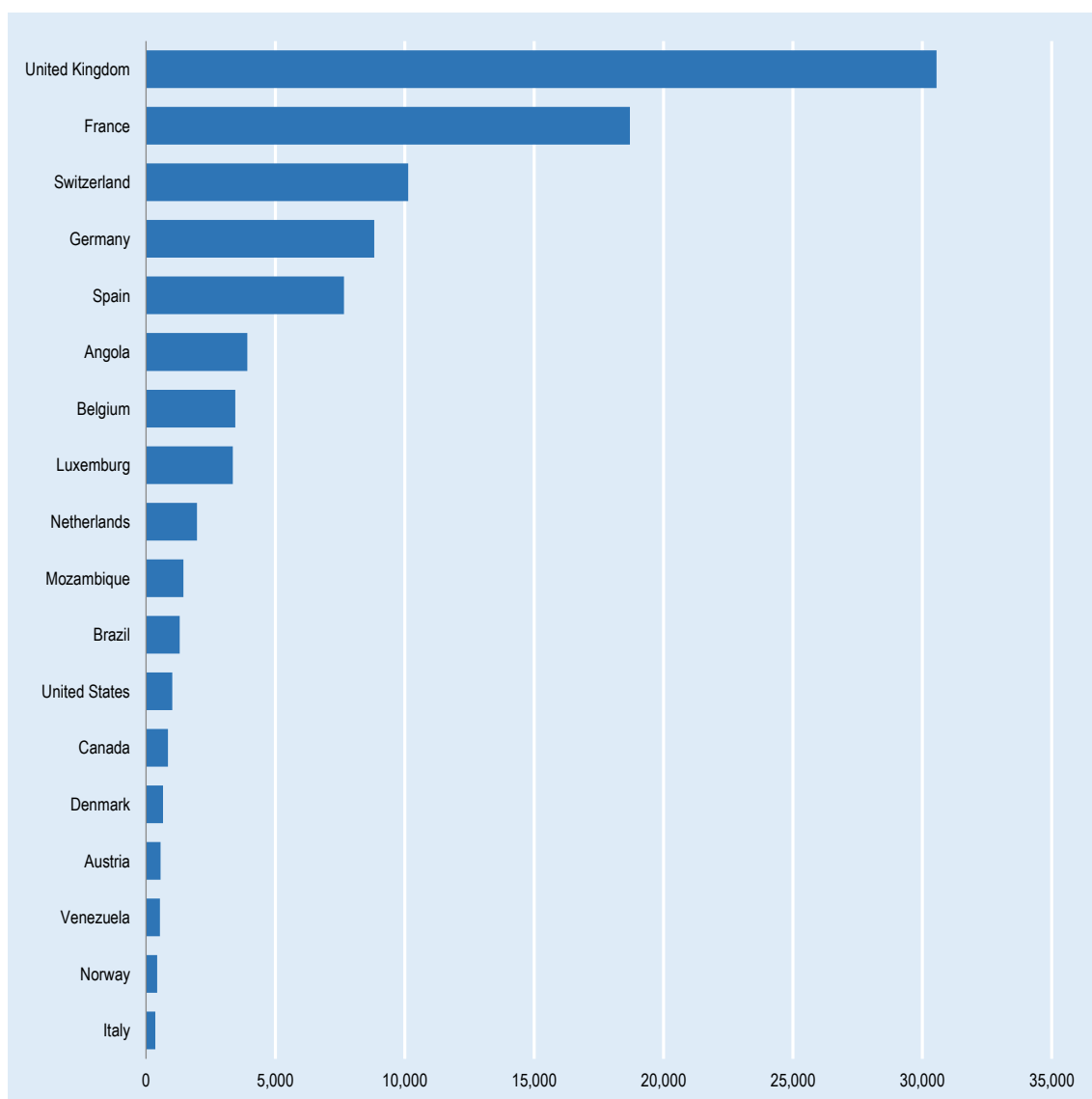
Table 2.2 Portuguese permanent inflows in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available

Country	Total inflows	Portuguese inflows		
		N	As a percentage of total inflows	Ranking in total inflows
Angola	..	3,908	..	..
Austria	158,746	561	0.4	..
Belgium	149,155	3,442	2.3	..
Brazil	36,868	1,294	3.5	10th
Canada	..	845	..	..
Denmark	90,961	656	0.7	..
France	235,000	18,700	8.0	1st
Germany	1,751,360	8,810	0.5	..
Italy	280,078	354	0.1	..
Luxemburg	22,888	3,355	14.7	2nd
Mozambique	..	1,439	..	..
Netherlands	199,091	1,961	1.0	..
Norway	58,508	427	0.7	..
Spain	534,574	7,646	1.4	..
Switzerland	167,407	10,123	6.0	4th
United Kingdom	824,782	30,543	3.7	7th
United States	1,183,505	1,006	0.1	..
Venezuela	287,499	532	0.2	..

**Note** [AGO] Data from visas concerning permanent emigration. [BEL] 2015. [BRA] 2015. [FRA] 2013 (total) and 2014 (inflows of portuguese, estimate). [ITA] 2015. [VEN] 2011.

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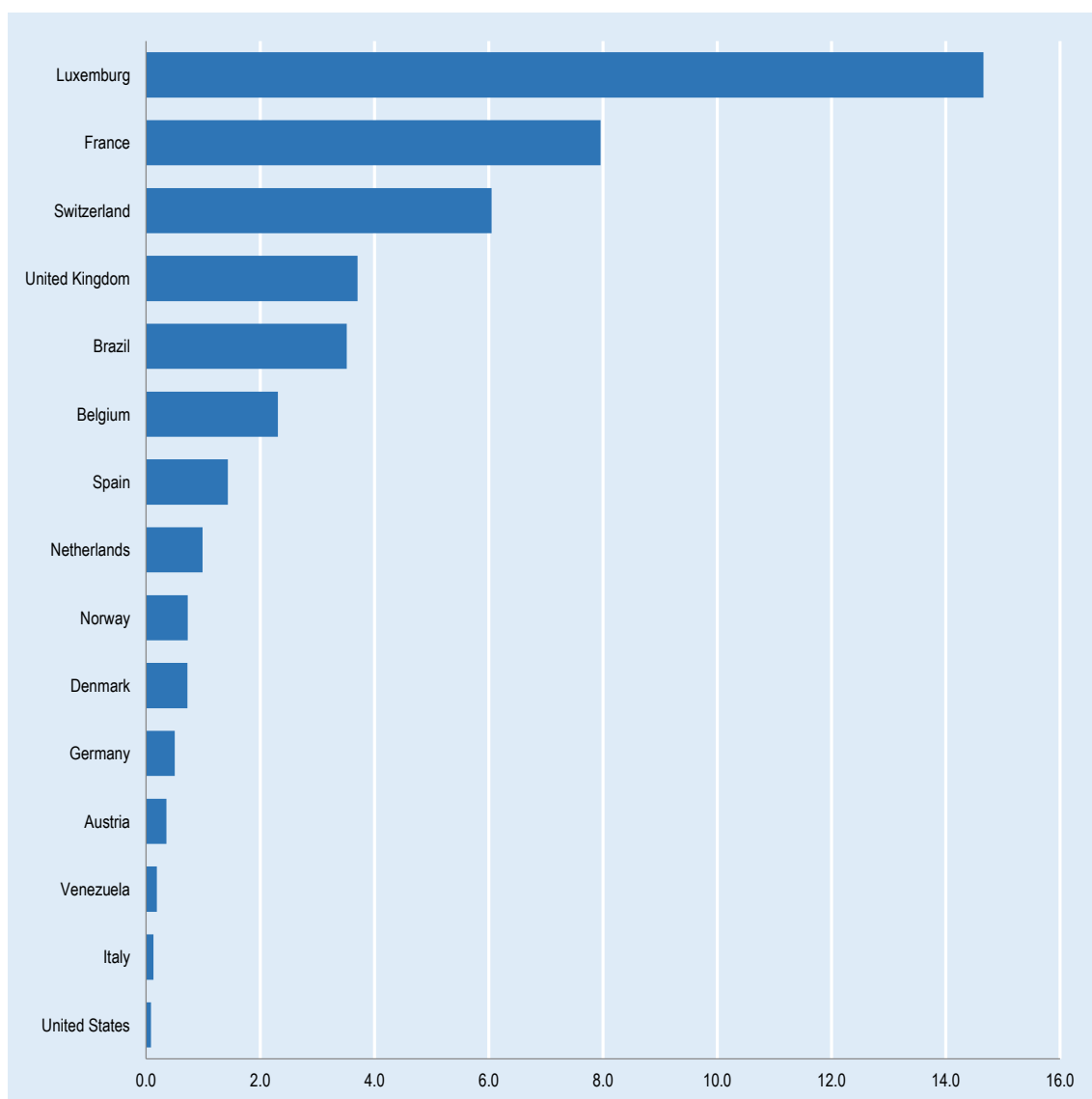
Chart 2.1 Portuguese permanent inflows in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available



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**Chart 2.2 Portuguese permanent inflows as a percentage of all permanent inflows in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**



**Note** [BEL] 2015. [BRA] 2015. [FRA] 2014 (estimate). [ITA] 2015. [VEN] 2011.

**Source** Chart by OEm, data from: [BEL] Eurostat, Statistics Database, Population and Social Conditions; [BRA] Ministério do Trabalho e Emprego; [CAN] Citizenship and Immigration Canada; [DEU] Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland; [FRA] Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques; [ITA] Eurostat, Statistics Database, Population and Social Conditions; [LUX] Le Portail des Statistiques du Luxembourg; [NLD] Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek; [NOR] Statistics Norway; [ESP] Instituto Nacional de Estadística; [CHE] Office Fédéral de la Statistique; [GBR] Department for Work and Pensions; [USA] US Department of Homeland Security.

**Table 2.3 Change in Portuguese permanent inflows in top destination countries, 2015-2016 or last two years available**

Country	Total inflows			Portuguese inflows		
	2015	2016	Change in percentage	2015	2016	Change in percentage
Angola	..	..	..	6,715	3,908	-41.8
Austria	198,658	158,746	-20.1	663	561	-15.4
Belgium	123,569	149,155	20.7	3,594	3,442	-4.2
Brazil	46,740	36,868	-21.1	1,921	1,294	-32.6
Canada	271,847	..	..	820	845	3.0
Denmark	95,319	90,961	-4.6	938	656	-30.1
France	235,000	235,000	0.0	18,480	18,700	..
Germany	1,654,092	1,751,360	5.9	9,195	8,810	-4.2
Italy	277,631	280,078	0.9	376	354	-5.9
Luxemburg	23,803	22,888	-3.8	3,525	3,355	-4.8
Mozambique	..	..	..	6,619	1,439	-78.3
Netherlands	174,733	199,091	13.9	1,860	1,961	5.4
Norway	59,067	58,508	-0.9	488	427	-12.5
Spain	455,679	534,574	17.3	6,638	7,646	15.2
Switzerland	162,563	167,407	3.0	12,325	10,123	-17.9
United Kingdom	828,198	824,782	-0.4	32,301	30,543	-5.4
United States	1,051,031	1,183,505	12.6	857	1,006	17.4
Venezuela	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Note** [AGO] Data from visas concerning permanent emigration. [BEL] 2014 and 2015. [BRA] 2014 and 2015. [FRA] 2012 and 2013 (total) and 2013 and 2014 (inflows of portuguese for 2014 are estimate). [ITA] 2014 and 2015.

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## Stocks

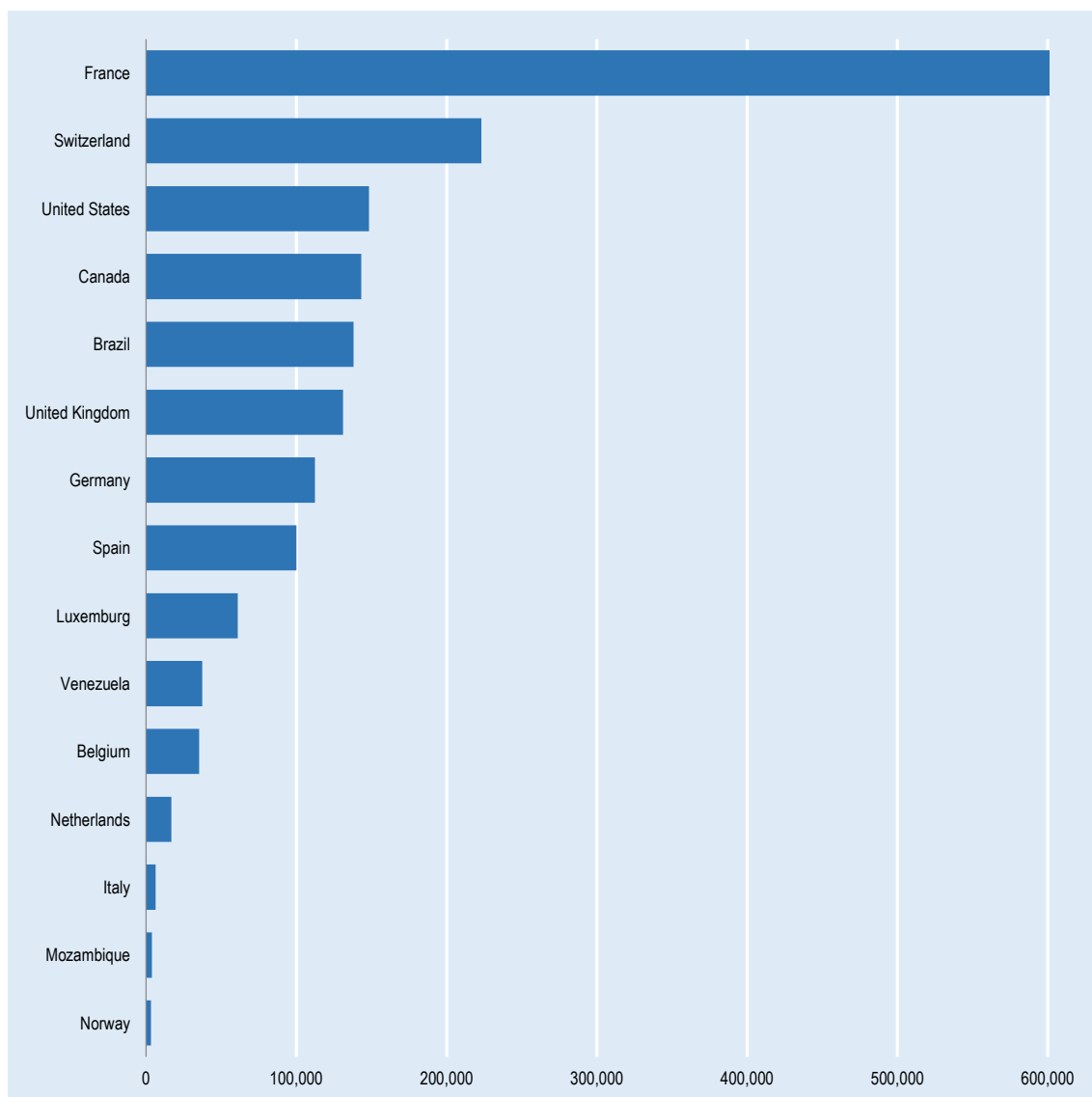
Table 2.4 **Stock of migrants born in Portugal in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**

Country	Total population	All foreign-born migrants		Migrants born in Portugal			
		N	As a percentage of total population	N	As a percentage of total population	As a percentage of all foreign-born	Ranking in foreign-born population
Angola	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belgium	11,267,910	1,845,631	16.4	35,249	0.3	1.9	..
Brazil	190,755,799	592,570	0.3	137,973	0.1	23.3	1st
Canada	34,460,060	8,219,550	23.9	143,160	0.4	1.7	..
France	65,907,160	5,967,359	9.1	615,573	0.9	10.3	3rd
Germany	82,349,400 T	8,744,215	10.6	112,430	0.1	1.3	..
Italy	60,795,612	5,907,452	9.7	6,305	0.0	0.1	..
Luxembourg	512,400	205,162	40.0	60,897	11.9	29.7	1st
Mozambique	20,252,223	342,117	1.7	3,767	0.0	1.1	..
Netherlands	16,979,120	1,920,877	11.3	16,868	0.1	0.9	..
Norway	5,213,985	772,478	14.8	3,166	0.1	0.4	..
Spain	46,557,008	6,123,769	13.2	100,027	0.2	1.6	..
Switzerland	8,419,550	2,480,032	29.5	223,099	2.6	9.0	3rd
United Kingdom	64,727,000	9,152,000	14.1	131,000	0.2	1.4	..
United States	318,377,746	46,810,430	14.7	148,208	0.0	0.3	..
Venezuela	27,150,095	1,156,578	4.3	37,326	0.1	3.2	..

**Note** [DEU] T provisional values (30.06.2016). [BRA] 2010. [FRA] 2014. [ITA] 2015. [LUX] 2011. [MOZ] 2007. [VEN] 2011.

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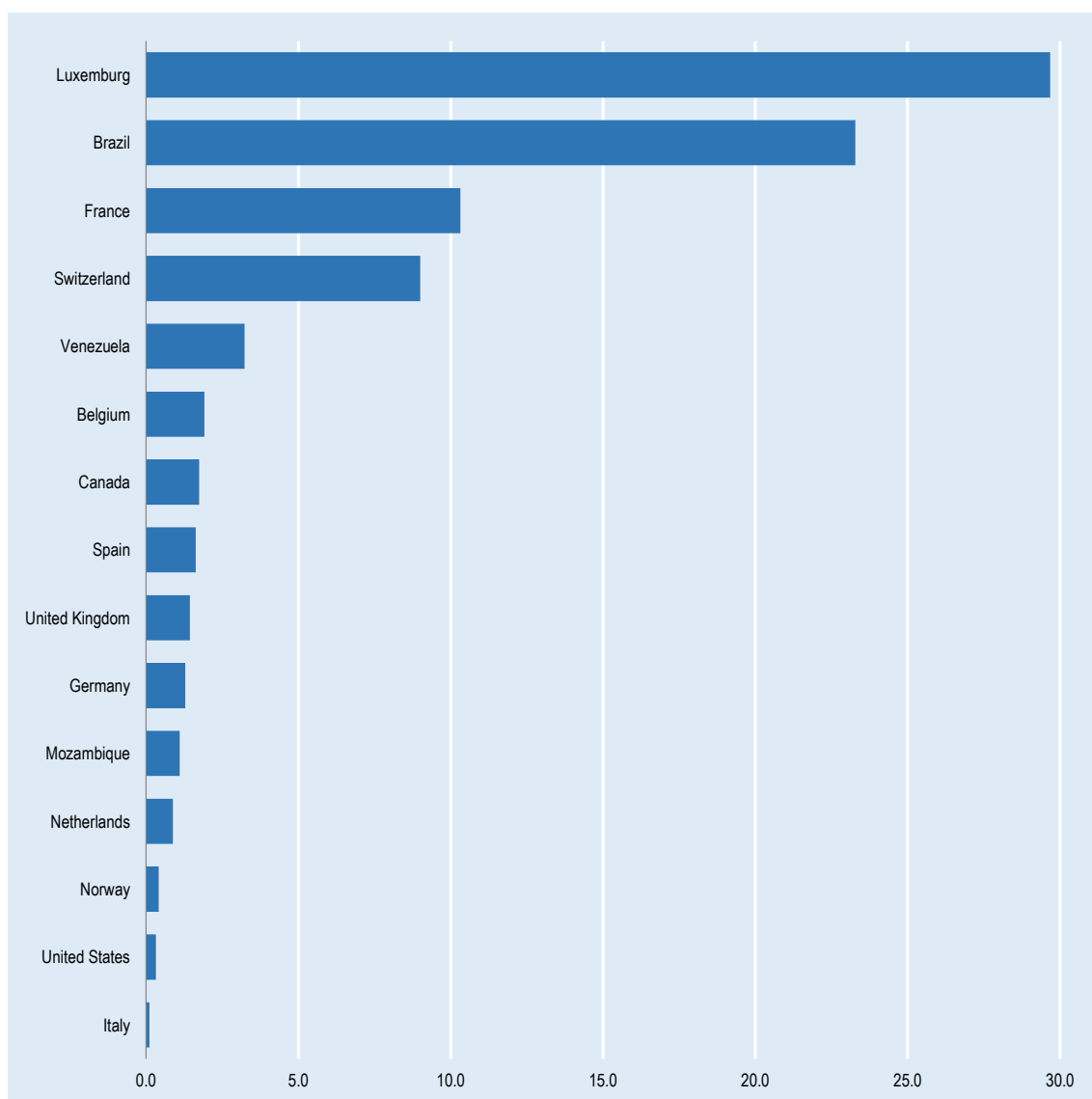
**Chart 2.3 Stock of migrants born in Portugal in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**



**Note** [BRA] 2010. [FRA] 2014. [ITA] 2015. [LUX] 2011. [MOZ] 2007. [VEN] 2011.

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**Chart 2.4 Stock of migrants born in Portugal as a percentage of all foreign-born in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**



**Note** [BRA] 2010. [FRA] 2014. [ITA] 2015. [LUX] 2011. [MOZ] 2007. [VEN] 2011.

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**Table 2.5 Change in the stock of migrants born in Portugal in top destination countries, 2015-2016 or last two years available**

Country	All foreign-born migrants			Migrants born in Portugal		
	2015	2016	Change in percentage	2015	2016	Change in percentage
Angola	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belgium	1,783,488	1,845,631	3.5	34,303	35,249	2.8
Brazil	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canada	..	..	..	..	..	..
France	5,835,344	5,967,359	2.3	606,897	615,573	1.4
Germany	7,862,038	8,744,215	11.2	110,384	112,430	1.9
Italy	5,805,328	5,907,452	1.8	6,224	6,305	1.3
Luxemburg	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mozambique	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands	1,860,977	1,920,877	3.2	16,456	16,868	2.5
Norway	741,813	772,478	4.1	2,925	3,166	8.2
Spain	6,162,932	6,123,769	-0.6	107,226	100,027	-6.7
Switzerland	2,416,394	2,480,032	2.6	216,714	223,099	2.9
United Kingdom	8,569,000	9,152,000	6.8	140,000	131,000	-6.4
United States	46,030,921	46,810,430	1.7	163,768	148,208	-9.5
Venezuela	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Note** [FRA] 2013 and 2014. [ITA] 2014 and 2015.

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## Citizenship

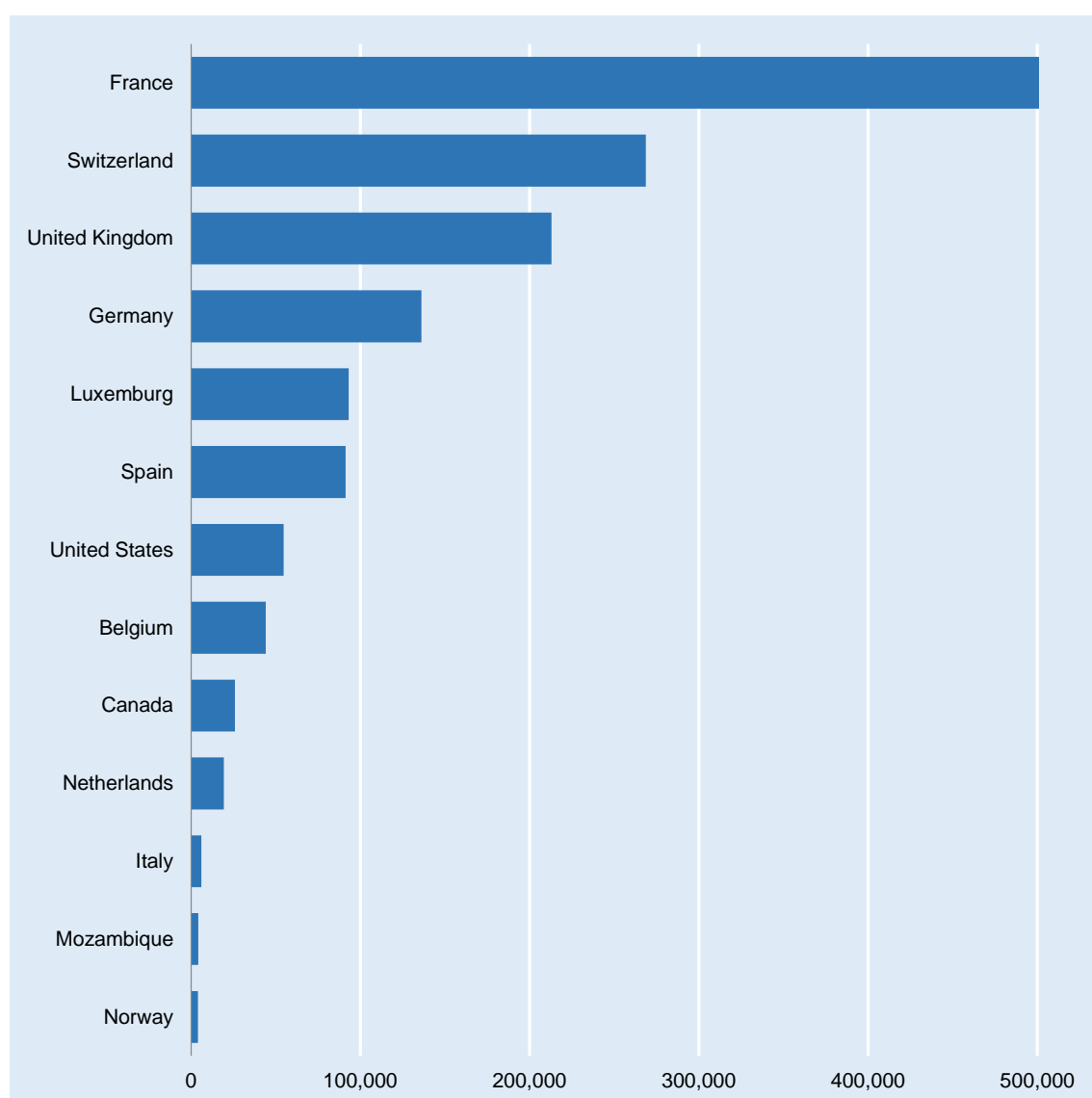
Table 2.6 Population with Portuguese citizenship in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available

Country	Total population	All foreigners		Foreigners with Portuguese citizenship		
		N	As a percentage of total population	N	As a percentage of total population	As a percentage of all foreigners
Angola	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belgium	11,267,910	1,327,421	11.8	44,166	0.4	3.3
Brazil	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canada	34,460,060	2,425,190	7.0	25,855	0.1	1.1
France	65,907,160	4,199,934	6.4	530,557	0.8	12.6
Germany	82,349,400 T	10,039,100	12.2	136,080	0.2	1.4
Italy	60,665,551	5,047,028	8.3	6,088	0.0	0.1
Luxemburg	576,200	269,200	46.7	93,100	16.2	34.6
Mozambique	20,252,223	205,906	1.0	4,279	0.0	2.1
Netherlands	16,979,120	900,504	5.3	19,384	0.1	2.2
Norway	5,213,985	538,224	10.3	4,094	0.1	0.8
Spain	46,557,008	4,618,581	9.9	91,371	0.2	2.0
Switzerland	8,419,550	2,101,146	25.0	268,660	3.2	12.8
United Kingdom	64,727,000	5,998,000	9.3	213,000	0.3	3.6
United States	308,827,259	22,041,983	7.1	54,669	0.0	0.2
Venezuela	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Note** [DEU] T provisional values (30.06.2016). [FRA] 2014. [MOZ] 2007. [USA] 2012.

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Chart 2.5 **Population with Portuguese citizenship in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**



**Note** [FRA] 2014. [MOZ] 2007. [USA] 2012.

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**Table 2.7 Change in the population with Portuguese citizenship in top destination countries, 2015-2016 or last two years available**

Country	All foreigners			Foreigners with Portuguese citizenship		
	2015	2016	Change in percentage	2015	2016	Change in percentage
Angola	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belgium	1,272,751	1,327,421	4.3	42,640	44,166	3.6
Brazil	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canada	..	..	..	..	..	..
France	4,083,857	4,199,934	2.8	519,500	530,557	2.1
Germany	9,107,893	10,039,100	6.8	133,929	136,080	2.8
Italy	5,026,153	5,047,028	0.4	5,815	6,088	4.7
Luxemburg	258,700	269,200	4.1	92,100	93,100	1.1
Mozambique	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands	847,269	900,504	6.3	18,704	19,384	3.6
Norway	512,154	538,224	5.1	3,730	4,094	9.8
Spain	4,729,644	4,618,581	-2.3	98,751	91,371	-7.5
Switzerland	2,048,667	2,101,146	2.6	267,474	268,660	0.4
United Kingdom	5,567,000	5,998,000	7.7	219,000	213,000	-2.7
United States	22,041,983	21,906,231	-0.6	54,669	..	..
Venezuela	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Note** [FRA] 2013 and 2014. [USA] 2012 and 2013.

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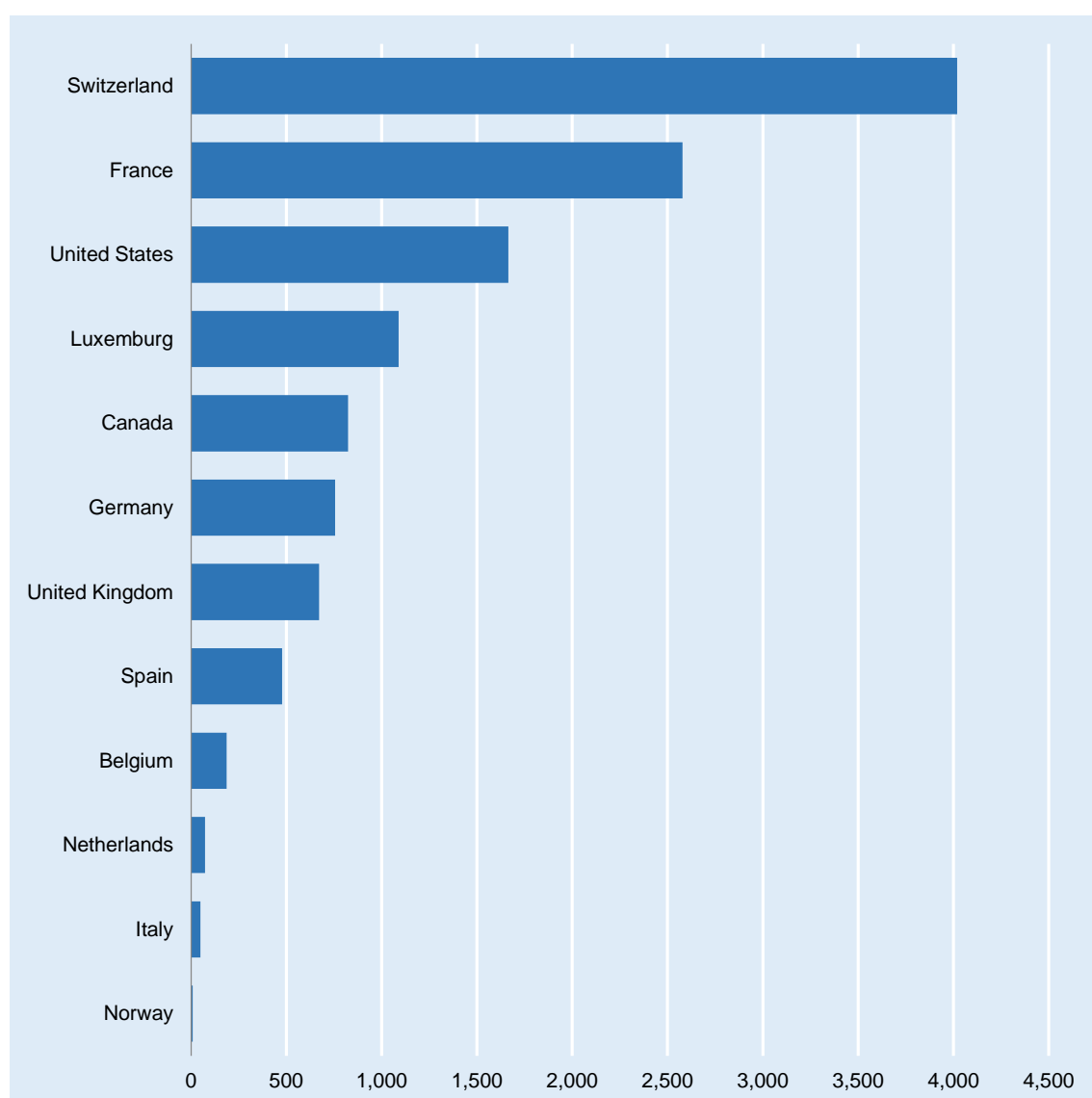
**Table 2.8 Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**

Country	Acquisition of citizenship by all foreigners	Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese	
		N	As a percentage of acquisition of citizenship by all foreigners
Angola	..	..	..
Belgium	31,935	186	0.6
Brazil	..	..	..
Canada	252,178	824	0.3
France	119,152	2,579	2.2
Germany	110,383	756	0.7
Italy	201,591	49	0.0
Luxemburg	7,141	1,089	15.2
Mozambique	..	..	..
Netherlands	28,534	73	0.3
Norway	13,712	9	0.1
Spain	93,760	477	0.5
Switzerland	42,937	4,020	9.4
United Kingdom	149,421	672	0.4
United States	753,060	1,665	0.2
Venezuela	..	..	..

**Note** [CAN] 2015.

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Chart 2.6 **Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**



**Note** [CAN] 2015.

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**Table 2.9 Change in the acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese in top destination countries, 2015-2016 or last two years available**

Country	Acquisition of citizenship by all foreigners			Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese		
	2015	2016	Change in percentage	2015	2016	Change in percentage
Angola	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belgium	27,071	31,935	18.0	169	186	10.1
Brazil	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canada	262,642	252,178	-4.0	1,484	824	-44.5
France	113,608	119,152	4.9	3,109	2,579	-17.0
Germany	107,317	110,383	2.9	701	756	7.8
Italy	178,035	201,591	13.2	36	49	36.1
Luxemburg	5,306	7,141	34.6	1,168	1,089	-6.8
Mozambique	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands	27,877	28,534	2.4	42	73	73.8
Norway	12,432	13,712	10.3	7	9	28.6
Spain	78,000	93,760	20.2	341	477	39.9
Switzerland	40,689	42,937	5.5	3,537	4,020	13.7
United Kingdom	118,109	149,421	26.5	422	672	59.2
United States	730,259	753,060	3.1	1,690	1,665	-1.5
Venezuela	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Note** [CAN] 2014 and 2015.

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## Consular data

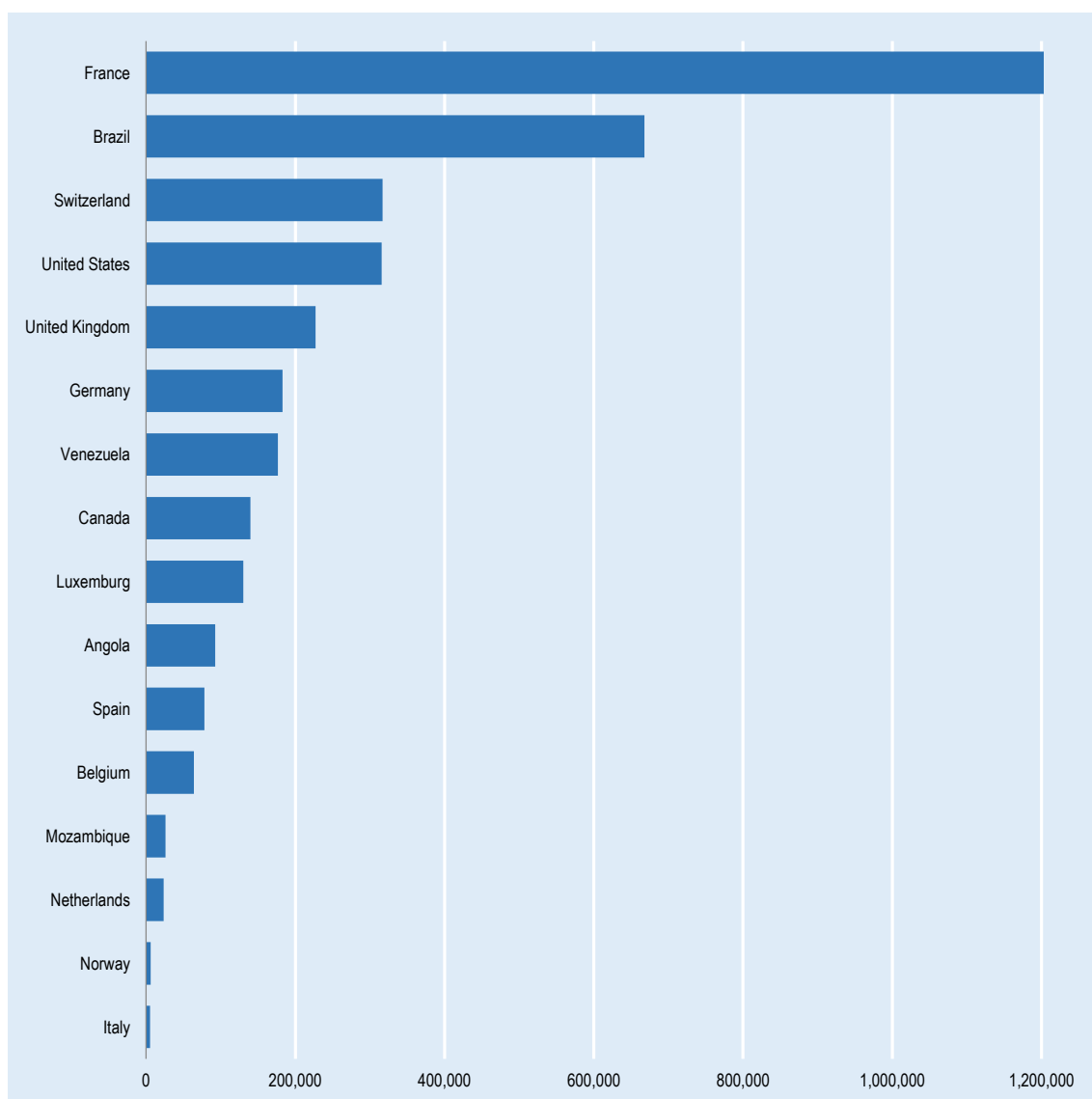
Table 2.10 **Stock of consular registrations in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**

Country	All registrations in Portuguese consulates
Angola	92,666
Belgium	63,965
Brazil	667,928
Canada	139,924
France	1,284,196
Germany	182,881
Italy	5,372
Luxemburg	130,134
Mozambique	25,739
Netherlands	23,548
Norway	6,200
Spain	78,125
Switzerland	316,832
United Kingdom	227,212
United States	315,808
Venezuela	176,428

**Note** [ITA] Only counts the national citizens in the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in Rome.

**Source** Table by OEm, data from Direcção-Geral dos Assuntos Consulares e das Comunidades Portuguesas (DGACCP).

**Chart 2.7 Stock of consular registrations in top destination countries, 2016 or last year available**



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## 3 | Remittances



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## Volume and composition

Table 3.1 Inward and outward remittance flows in Portugal, 2016

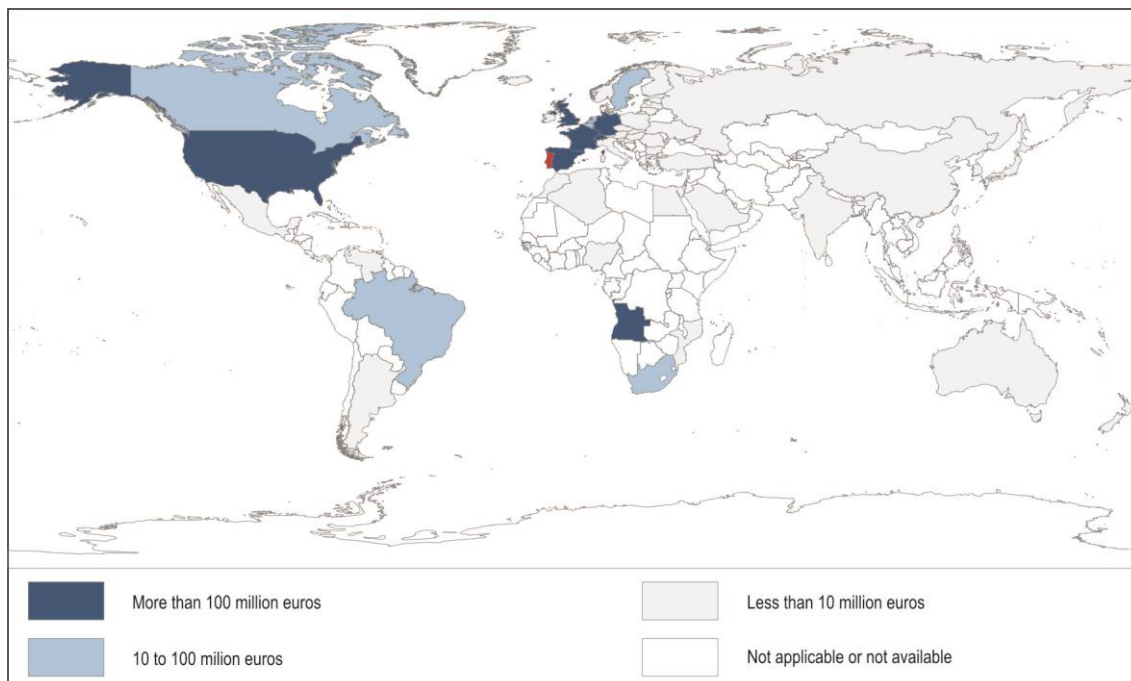
Country	Inward flows (thousand euros)	Outward flows (thousand euros)	Balance
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,343,200</b>	<b>533,910</b>	<b>2,809,290</b>
Algeria	10	270	-260
Angola	205,890	17,540	188,350
Argentina	740	1,230	-490
Australia	3,510	820	2,690
Austria	7,020	230	6,790
Belgium	78,900	3,340	75,560
Brazil	21,200	229,060	-207,860
Bulgaria	90	6,480	-6,390
Canada	31,400	2,270	29,130
Cape Verde	1,740	14,900	-13,160
China	1,910	73,050	-71,140
Croatia	20	250	-230
Cyprus	60	50	10
Czech Republic	190	970	-780
Denmark	4,670	270	4,400
Egypt, Arab Rep.	80	700	-620
Estonia	110	430	-320
Finland	1,370	250	1,120
France	1,122,570	26,870	1,095,700
Germany	253,710	5,770	247,940
Greece	80	340	-260
Guinea-Bissau	2,220	3,150	-930
Hungary	620	510	110
Iceland	450	140	310
India	380	4,710	-4,330
Ireland	6,140	250	5,890
Italy	3,940	1,880	2,060
Japan	1,820	810	1,010
Korea, Rep.	180	0	180
Latvia	10	970	-960
Lithuania	90	840	-750
Luxembourg	124,260	430	123,830

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Country	Inward flows (thousand euros)	Outward flows (thousand euros)	Balance
Malta	30	200	-170
Mexico	150	340	-190
Morocco	10	5,520	-5,510
Mozambique	6,130	7,940	-1,810
Netherlands	48,060	1,760	46,300
New Zealand	120	60	60
Nigeria	10	720	-710
Norway	3,050	1,210	1,840
Poland	210	4,220	-4,010
Romania	1,190	19,790	-18,600
São Tomé and Príncipe	490	1,920	-1,430
Saudi Arabia	160	230	-70
Slovak Republic	140	220	-80
Slovenia	0	270	-270
South Africa	9,980	1,850	8,130
Spain	141,140	16,130	125,010
Sweden	11,360	1,570	9,790
Switzerland	697,280	5,260	692,020
Turkey	260	270	-10
Ukraine	90	12,470	-12,380
United Arab Emirates	740	50	690
United Kingdom	284,970	6,480	278,490
United States	243,170	10,080	233,090
Venezuela, RB	8,700	1,790	6,910
OECD	3,073,320	94,500	2,978,820
PALOP	216,480	45,450	171,030
EU28	2,090,940	100,740	1,990,200
Euro Zone (15)	1,787,630	60,210	1,727,420

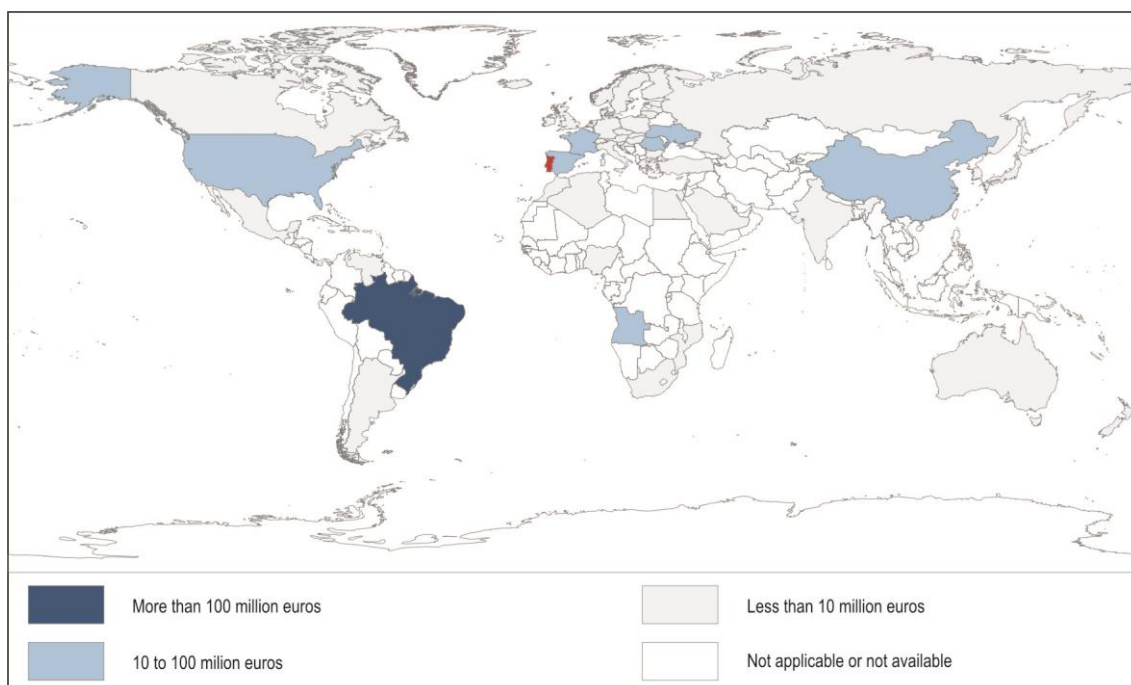
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Map 3.1 Inward remittance flows in Portugal, 2016



**Source** Map by OEm, data from Banco de Portugal, Statistics Online (BPstat), Balance of Payment Statistics.

Map 3.2 Outward remittance flows in Portugal, 2016



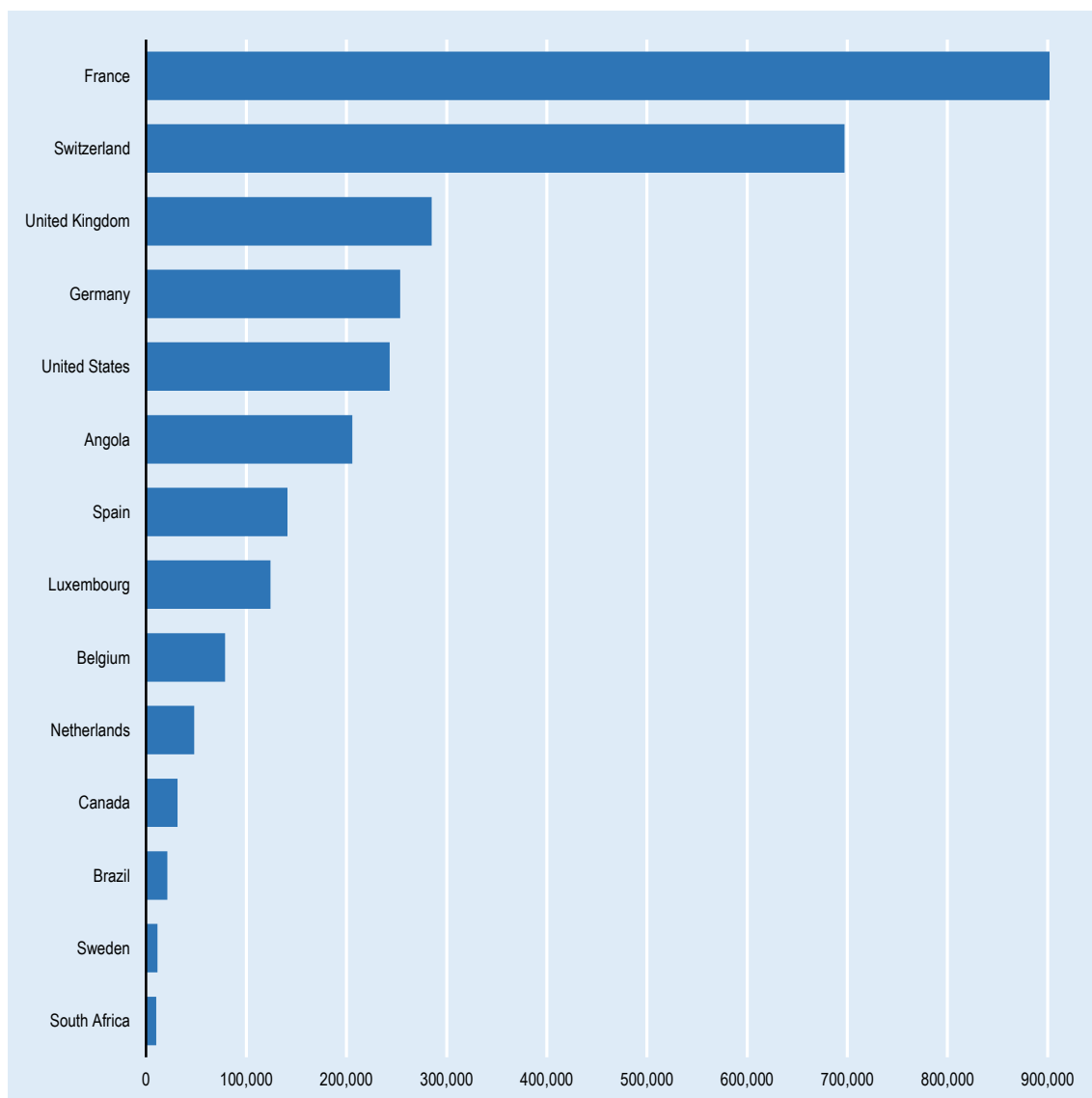
**Source** Map by OEm, data from Banco de Portugal, Statistics Online (BPstat), Balance of Payment Statistics.

Table 3.2 Top inward remittance flows in Portugal, 2016

Country	Thousand euros	As a percentage of total inward flows	Cumulative percentage
<b>Total inward flows</b>	<b>3,343,200</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Top inward flows</b>			
France	1,122,570	33.6	33.6
Switzerland	697,280	20.9	54.4
United Kingdom	284,970	8.5	63.0
Germany	253,710	7.6	70.5
United States	243,170	7.3	77.8
Angola	205,890	6.2	84.0
Spain	141,140	4.2	88.2
Luxembourg	124,260	3.7	91.9
Belgium	78,900	2.4	94.3
Netherlands	48,060	1.4	95.7
Canada	31,400	0.9	96.7
Brazil	21,200	0.6	97.3
Sweden	11,360	0.3	97.6
South Africa	9,980	0.3	97.9

**Source** Table by OEm, data from Banco de Portugal, Statistics Online (BPstat), Balance of Payment Statistics.

Chart 3.1 Top inward remittance flows in Portugal, thousand euros, 2016



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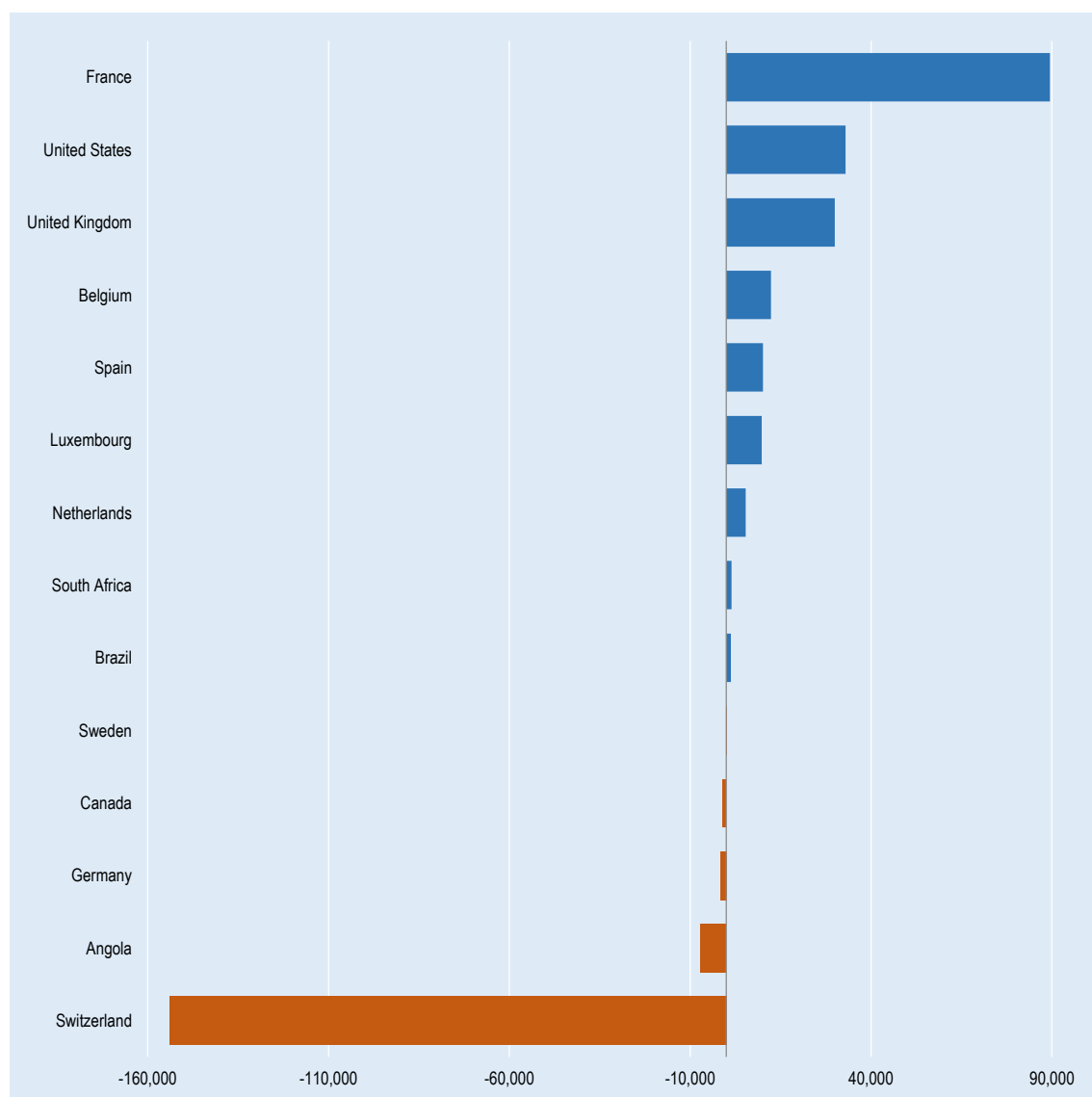
## Changes

Table 3.3 Changes in inward remittance flows in Portugal, 2015-2016

Country	2015 thousand euros, nominal values	2016 thousand euros, nominal values	Change in nominal values, thousand euros	Change in percentage
<b>Total inward flows</b>	<b>3,315,620</b>	<b>3,343,200</b>	<b>27,580</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Top inward flows				
France	1,033,120	1,122,570	89,450	8.7
Switzerland	851,290	697,280	-154,010	-18.1
United Kingdom	254,960	284,970	30,010	11.8
Germany	255,470	253,710	-1,760	-0.7
United States	210,220	243,170	32,950	15.7
Angola	213,120	205,890	-7,230	-3.4
Spain	130,990	141,140	10,150	7.7
Luxembourg	114,470	124,260	9,790	8.6
Belgium	66,600	78,900	12,300	18.5
Netherlands	42,760	48,060	5,300	12.4
Canada	32,490	31,400	-1,090	-3.4
Brazil	19,950	21,200	1,250	6.3
Sweden	11,470	11,360	-110	-1.0
South Africa	8,570	9,980	1,410	16.5

**Source** Table by OEm, data from Banco de Portugal, Statistics Online (BPstat), Balance of Payment Statistics.

**Chart 3.2 Changes in top inward remittance flows in Portugal, nominal values, thousand euros, 2015-2016**



**Source** Chart by OEm, data from Banco de Portugal, Statistics Online (BPstat), Balance of Payment Statistics.

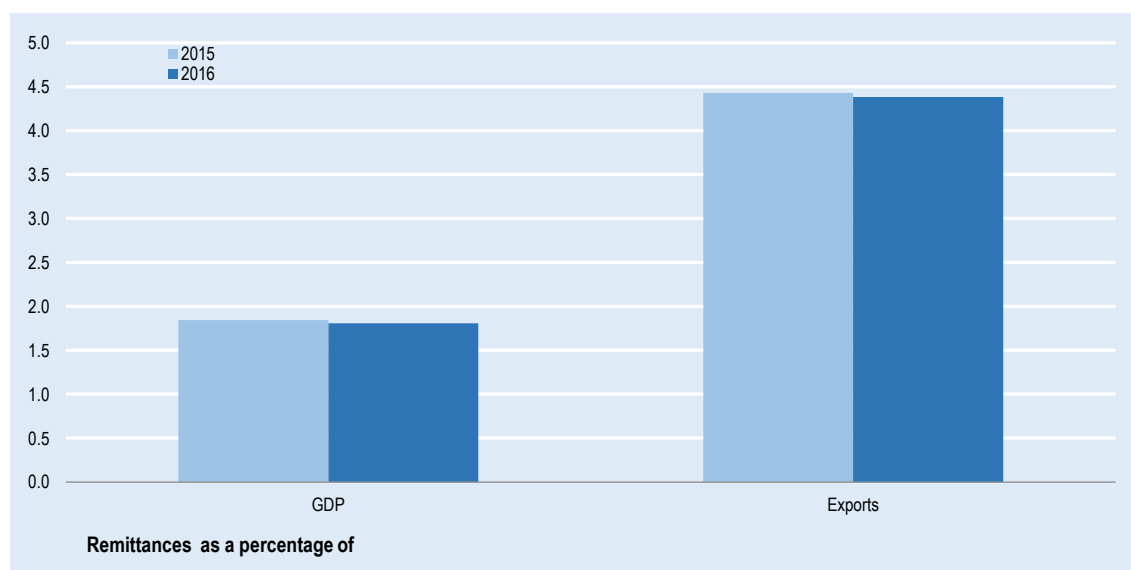
# Economic weight

Table 3.4 Changes in economic weight of remittances in Portugal, 2015-2016

Indicators	2015	2016	Change in percentage
Thousand euros, nominal values			
Remittances	3,315,620	3,343,200	0.8
GDP	179,809,061	185,179,480	3.0
Exports	74,811,941	76,303,303	2.0
Remittances as a percentage of			
GDP	1.8	1.8	-2.1
Exports	4.4	4.4	-1.1

**Source** Table by OEm, data from Banco de Portugal, Statistics Online (BPstat), Balance of Payment Statistics (remittances) and Instituto Nacional de Estatística (INE), National Accounts (GDP and exports).

Chart 3.3 Changes in economic weight of remittances in Portugal, 2014-2015



**Source** Chart by OEm, data from Banco de Portugal, Statistics Online (BPstat), Balance of Payment Statistics (remittances and FDI) and Instituto Nacional de Estatística (INE), National Accounts (GDP and exports).

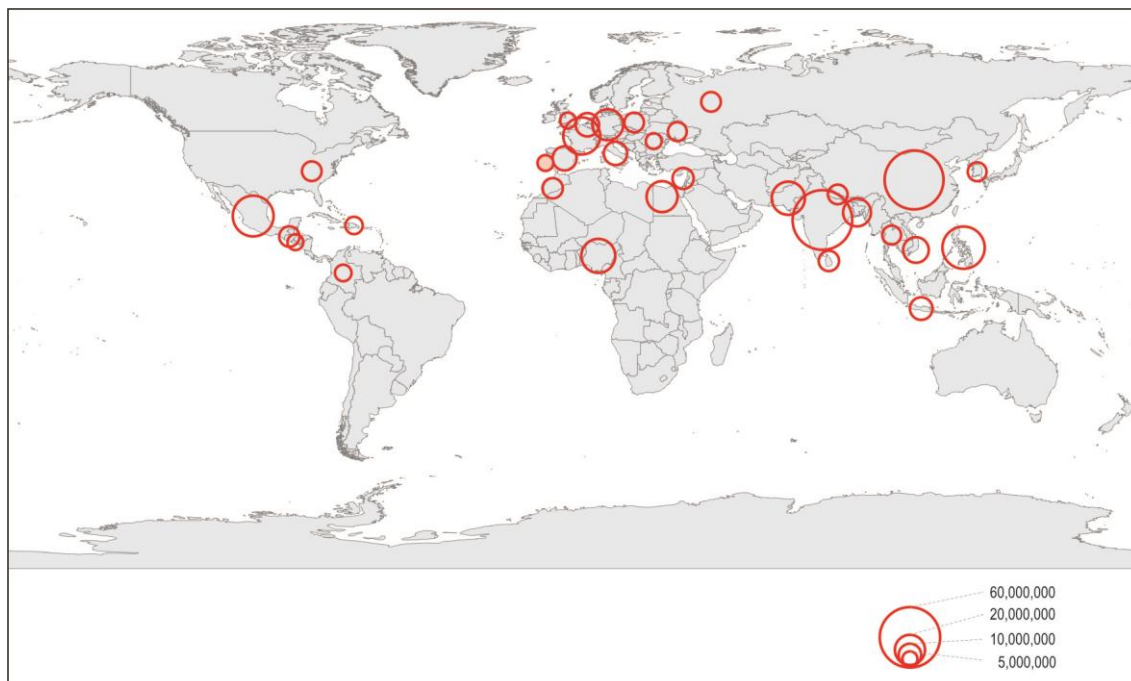
## International comparison

Table 3.5 Top remittance-receiving countries, thousand US dollars, 2016

Country	Inward remittance flows, thousand US dollars	As a percentage of total world remittance flows
<b>Total world remittance flows</b>	<b>573,551,275</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Top remittance-receiving countries</b>		
India	62,744,364	10.9
China	60,999,999	10.6
Philippines	31,144,632	5.4
Mexico	28,670,114	5.0
France	24,373,082	4.2
Nigeria	20,112,098	3.5
Pakistan	19,761,000	3.4
Germany	16,683,184	2.9
Egypt, Arab Rep.	16,590,000	2.9
Bangladesh	13,559,364	2.4
Vietnam	11,880,000	2.1
Spain	10,280,787	1.8
Belgium	9,867,254	1.7
Italy	9,712,829	1.7
Indonesia	8,976,778	1.6
Lebanon	7,615,622	1.3
Guatemala	7,468,600	1.3
Sri Lanka	7,257,361	1.2
Morocco	7,087,744	1.2
Poland	6,712,000	1.2
Russian Federation	6,678,020	1.2
Nepal	6,606,796	1.2
United States	6,547,000	1.2
Korea, Rep.	6,393,400	1.1
Thailand	6,272,840	1.1
Ukraine	6,146,000	1.0
Dominican Republic	5,509,000	0.9
Colombia	4,902,694	0.9
Hungary	4,609,249	0.9
El Salvador	4,593,757	0.9
United Kingdom	4,564,741	0.8
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>4,377,748</b>	<b>0.8</b>

**Source** Table by OEm, data from the Bilateral Remittance Estimates for 2015 using Migrant Stocks, Host Country Incomes, and Origin Country Incomes (millions of US\$) (October 2016 Version)

Map 3.3 Top remittance-receiving countries, thousand US dollars, 2016



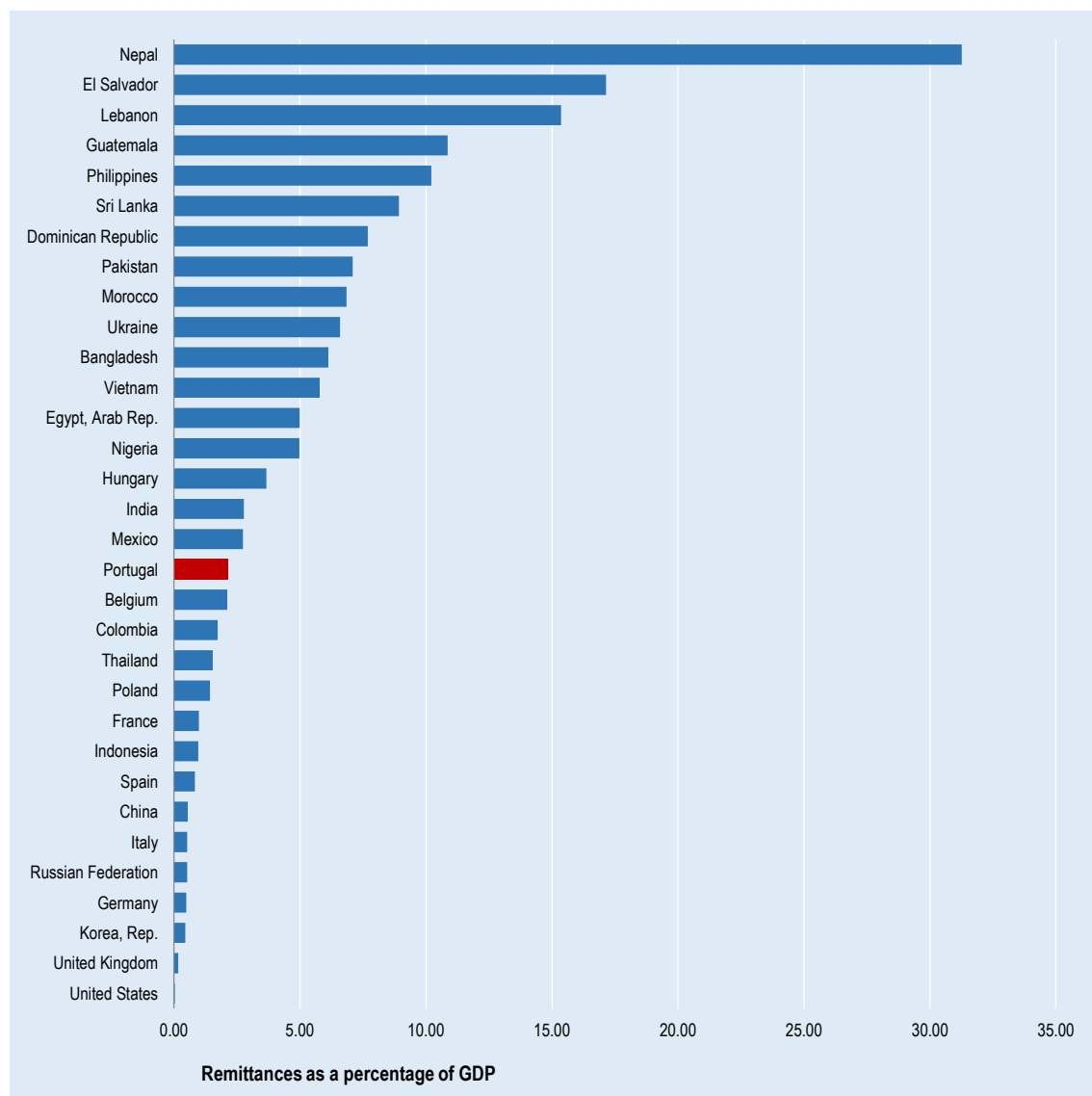
**Source** Map by OEm, data from the World Bank, World DataBank, World Development Indicators, Economic Policy & Debt Series.

Table 3.6 Top remittance-receiving countries, economic weight, 2016

Country	Inward remittance flows, thousand US dollars	GDP, thousand US dollars	Remittances as a percentage of GDP
<b>Total world remittance flows</b>	<b>573,551,275</b>	<b>75,845,109,382</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Top remittance-receiving countries</b>			
India	62,744,364	2,263,792,499	2.8
China	60,999,999	11,199,145,158	0.5
Philippines	31,144,632	304,905,407	10.2
Mexico	28,670,114	1,046,922,702	2.7
France	24,373,082	2,465,453,975	1.0
Nigeria	20,112,098	404,652,720	5.0
Pakistan	19,761,000	278,913,371	7.1
Germany	16,683,184	3,477,796,274	0.5
Egypt, Arab Rep.	16,590,000	332,791,046	5.0
Bangladesh	13,559,364	221,415,162	6.1
Vietnam	11,880,000	205,276,172	5.8
Spain	10,280,787	1,237,255,020	0.8
Belgium	9,867,254	467,955,710	2.1
Italy	9,712,829	1,858,913,164	0.5
Indonesia	8,976,778	932,259,178	1.0
Lebanon	7,615,622	49,598,826	15.4
Guatemala	7,468,600	68,763,256	10.9
Sri Lanka	7,257,361	81,321,876	8.9
Morocco	7,087,744	103,606,322	6.8
Poland	6,712,000	471,364,409	1.4
Russian Federation	6,678,020	1,283,162,986	0.5
Nepal	6,606,796	21,131,983	31.3
United States	6,547,000	18,624,475,000	0.0
Korea, Rep.	6,393,400	1,411,245,590	0.5
Thailand	6,272,840	407,026,127	1.5
Ukraine	6,146,000	93,270,479	6.6
Dominican Republic	5,509,000	71,583,553	7.7
Colombia	4,902,694	282,462,551	1.7
Hungary	4,609,249	125,816,640	3.7
El Salvador	4,593,757	26,797,470	17.1
United Kingdom	4,564,741	2,647,898,655	0.2
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>4,377,748</b>	<b>204,836,598</b>	<b>2.1</b>

**Source** Table by OEm, data from the World Bank, World DataBank, World Development Indicators, Economic Policy & Debt Series.

Chart 3.4 Top remittance-receiving countries, economic weight, 2016



**Source** Chart by OEm, data from the World Bank, World DataBank, World Development Indicators, Economic Policy & Debt Series.

## Methodological remarks

**01.** There is a basic asymmetry in international migration. The right to leave the country in which you live is nowadays established as a basic human freedom. However, entry into a country of which you are not a national continues to depend on the sovereign will of the nation states. Consequently, there is no record of exits (emigration), only of entries (immigration). Estimating and characterising emigration from a country therefore requires gathering data on the entry and permanence of emigrants in their country of destination. The data the Observatório da Emigração gathers, reports and analyses is obtained from the institutes responsible for collecting immigration statistics in each of the countries the Portuguese emigrate to.

**02.** The challenge of harmonising the data produced by such a large number of organisations, the weaknesses of the statistical systems in some countries, and the international nature of the movements studied are at the origin of an increasing intervention by leading international organisations responsible for the production of databases and statistical indicators on emigration. Consulting this data is now crucial if we are to achieve a better understanding of the phenomenon of migration. The Factbook also brings together data and estimates about Portuguese emigration available from sources such as Eurostat, the OECD, the World Bank and the United Nations.

**03.** There is currently a consensus among international organisations on the use of place of birth as a migration indicator: an emigrant is someone who has lived for more than a year in a country different from the one in which he was born.<sup>1</sup> However, in terms of the statistics concerning the entry of immigrants into a country, the data generally refers to the entry of foreigners, given that controlling the entry of foreigners is the purpose of the register. As a rule, the Factbook uses both emigration indicators. When measuring and characterising the emigrant Portuguese population, the indicator used whenever possible is country of birth – people born in Portugal and living in other countries. When measuring the entry of Portuguese into their destination country, the indicator generally used is that of nationality – Portuguese citizens entering other countries.

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<sup>1</sup> See Lemaitre (2005) and United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (1998).

**04.** The dispersion of data about Portuguese emigration, which is produced by statistics agencies in dozens of countries, each in their own national languages, and which are often unavailable to the public, makes it very difficult to obtain quick individual access to relevant information. The Observatório's main goal is to remove the difficulties and to compile and select original data on Portuguese emigration that is available from the sources in the destination countries, and, whenever necessary, to negotiate the collection of and access to the data produced by these sources that remains unavailable. The Observatório then harmonises and gathers the data, making it, afterwards, available through its website and in its publications. The Factbook is intended to be an annual compilation of the main indicators of Portuguese emigration resulting from this systematic endeavour, making it available in a condensed format to all those requiring this information: in particular to researchers, decision-makers and journalists.

## Glossary

**Acknowledgment** Adapted from European Migration Network (2014), *Asylum and Migration Glossary 3.0. A Tool for Better Comparability*, Directorate General for Home Affairs, European Commission. The EMN Glossary has been developed by the European Migration Network (EMN). The European Commission and the National Contact Points, which collectively constitute the EMN, accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to the use made of the information contained in this Glossary or of the content of the websites from which some terms are extracted. [\[LINK\]](#)

### Acquisition of citizenship

Any mode of becoming a national, i.e., by birth or at any time after birth, automatic or non-automatic, based on attribution, declaration, option or application.

**Notes** [1] Art. 3 (d) of Regulation (EC) No. 862/2007 (Migration Statistics Regulation) refers or relates to the acquisition of citizenship to those persons having their usual residence in the territory of the Member State and having acquired during the reference year the citizenship of the Member State and having formerly held the citizenship of another Member State or a third country or having formerly been a stateless person. [2] One of the possible ways of acquiring citizenship is through naturalisation, which refers more to the decision / administrative process by the relevant authorities for the granting of nationality.

### Citizenship

The particular legal bond between an individual and their state, acquired by birth or naturalisation, whether by declaration, choice, marriage or other means according to national legislation.

**Notes** [1] Whilst in some Member States a distinction is made between citizenship and nationality, in the EU context and for the purpose of this glossary, no distinction is made and the two terms are considered to be interchangeable. In countries which distinguish between citizenship and nationality, the term citizenship refers specifically to the legal rights and duties of nationals. The European Convention on Nationality, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Glossary and the EUDO Glossary on Citizenship and Nationality prefer the term “nationality”. [2] According to Art. 1 of the Hague Convention on Certain Questions Relating to the Conflict of Nationality Law, 1930, it is for each State to determine under its own laws who are its nationals. [3] The tie of nationality confers individual rights and imposes obligations that a State reserves for its population. Nationality carries with it certain consequences as regards migration, such as the right of a State to protect its nationals against violations of their individual rights committed by foreign authorities (particularly by means of diplomatic protection), the duty to accept its nationals onto its territory, and the prohibition to expel them.

### Consular registration

National citizens of a given country residing abroad and registered voluntarily at a consular office of the origin country. The registration is a consular act, whereby the identification of the national citizen is inscribed in the archives of the consular office of the area of jurisdiction in which the citizen is resident or lives occasionally.

## Emigrant

In the global context, a resident (national or alien) departing or exiting from one State intending to remain abroad for a period exceeding one year. In the EU context, a person who, having previously been usually resident in the territory of a Member State, ceases to have their usual residence in that Member State for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least 12 months.

**Note** National legislation might understand different time limits in their definitions.

## Emigration

In the global context, the act of departing or exiting from one State with the intention to remain abroad for a period exceeding one year. In the EU context, the action by which a person, having previously been usually resident in the territory of a Member State, ceases to have their usual residence in that Member State or another Member State for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least 12 months.

## Foreign population of a country

All persons who have a certain country as their country of usual residence and who are citizens of another country.

## Immigrant

In the global context, a non-resident (either national or alien) arriving in a State with the intention to remain for a period exceeding a year. In the EU context, a person who establishes their usual residence in the territory of a Member State for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least 12 months, having previously been usually resident in another Member State or a third country.

## Immigration

In the global context, the act of arriving in a State with the intention to remain for a period exceeding one year. In the EU context, the action by which a person establishes their usual residence in the territory of a Member State for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least 12 months, having previously been usually resident in another Member State or a third country.

## Irregular migration

Movement of persons to a new place of residence or transit that takes place outside the regulatory norms of the sending, transit and receiving countries.

**Notes** [1] There is no universally accepted definition of irregular migration. From the perspective of destination countries it is entry, stay or work in a country without the necessary authorisation or documents required under immigration regulations. From the perspective of the sending country, the irregularity is, for example, seen in cases in which a person crosses an international boundary without a valid passport or travel document or does not fulfil the administrative requirements for leaving the country. There is, however, a tendency to restrict the use of the term to cases of smuggling of migrants and

trafficking in persons. [2] Defining irregular migration has been the subject of considerable debate. Terms such as illegal, undocumented, non-documented, and unauthorised migration can have different connotations in national policy debates. Due to this and the association with criminality the term “illegal migration” should be avoided, as most irregular migrants are not criminals. Being in a country without the required papers is, in most countries, not a criminal offence but an administrative infringement. [3] While the UN use the term “irregular” or “undocumented” migration, the European Commission favoured for a long time the term “illegal immigration”, but more recently refers to “irregular migration” as well. [4] The Council of Europe differentiates between illegal migration and irregular migrant. Referring to Resolution 1509 (2006) of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, “illegal” is preferred when referring to a status or process, whereas “irregular” is preferred when referring to a person.

### **Long-term migrant**

A person who moves to a country other than that of their usual residence for a period of at least a year (12 months), so that the country of destination effectively becomes their new country of usual residence.

### **Migrant stock**

The number of migrants in a given area on a certain date (e.g. 1 January or 31 December) of the year in question.

### **Migration**

In the global context, movement of a person either across an international border (international migration), or within a state (internal migration) for more than one year irrespective of the causes, voluntary or involuntary, and the means, regular or irregular, used to migrate. In the EU context, the action by which a person either: (i) establishes their usual residence in the territory of a Member State for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least 12 months, having previously been usually resident in another Member State or a third country; or (ii) having previously been usually resident in the territory of a Member State, ceases to have their usual residence in that Member State for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least 12 months.

**Notes** [1] At the international level, no universally accepted definition for migration exists. [2] IOM defines migration as follows: “movement of a person or a group of persons, either across an international border (international migration), or within a state (internal migration), encompassing any kind of movement of people, whatever its length, composition and causes”. This broad definition covers all forms of migration (voluntary/forced migration, internal/international migration, long-term/short-term migration), different motives for migration (migration because of political persecution, conflicts, economic problems, environmental degradation or a combination of these reasons or migration in search of better economic conditions or conditions of survival or well-being, or other motives such as family reunification) and irrespective of the means used to migrate (legal/irregular migration). Thus it includes migration of refugees, displaced persons, economic migrants and persons moving for other purposes, including family reunification. [3] Under the UN, the definition “movements for shorter periods” would not be considered migration.

### **Migration flow**

The number of migrants crossing a boundary, within a specific time period, for the purpose of establishing residence.

**Notes** [1] The boundary can range from within national borders, within the EU and international boundaries, and can range from international migration flows (crossing national borders) and internal migration flows (within the same national border). [2] UN statistics in particular also refer to “inflows” (flow of migrants entering into a particular boundary) and “outflows” (flow of migrants leaving a particular boundary).

## Net migration

The difference between immigration into and emigration from a given area during the year.

**Notes** [1] Net migration is negative when the number of emigrants exceeds the number of immigrants. [2] Since many countries either do not have accurate figures on immigration and emigration or have no figures at all, net migration is frequently estimated as the difference between total population change and natural increase between two dates (in Eurostat’s database it is then called corrected net migration). The statistics on net migration are therefore affected by any statistical inaccuracies in any of the components used for their derivation.

## Population stock

The inhabitants of a given area on a certain date (e.g. 31 December) of the year in question.

**Note** The population is based either on data from the most recent census, adjusted by the components of population change produced since the last census, or on population registers.

## Remittances

Personal remittances. Includes personal transfers and compensation of employees. Personal transfers consist of all current transfers made or received by resident households to or from nonresident households. Compensation of employees refers to the income of border, seasonal, and other short-term workers who are employed in an economy where they are not resident and of residents employed by nonresident entities.

## Short-term migrant

A person who moves to a country other than that of their usual residence for a period of at least three months but less than a year (12 months) except in cases where the movement to that country is for purposes of recreation, holiday, visits to friends or relatives, business, medical treatment or religious pilgrimage.

## Stock of foreigners

The number of foreign nationals in a given area on a certain date (e.g. 1 January or 31 December) of the year in question.

**Notes** [1] The term is added because of the two methods used to calculate population stock. [2] Foreign stock can include migrants plus those born in a given area to foreign parents living in given area.

## Temporary migration

Migration for a specific motivation and/or purpose with the intention that afterwards there will be a return to the country of origin or onward movement.

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### Acquisition of citizenship

**Belgium** All types of nationality acquisition. It includes foreigners who were resident in Belgium in the year in which they acquired their nationality. Source 2014-2015: Eurostat, Statistics Database: population and social conditions, acquisition of citizenship by sex, age group and former citizenship, based on the Belgium National Statistical Office and Ministry of Justice. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Canada** All types of acquisition. Data refers to country of birth, not to country of previous nationality. Persons who acquire Canadian citizenship may also hold other citizenships at the same time if allowed by the country of previous nationality. Application for citizenship can only be made by a permanent resident after living in Canada for at least three years (1,095 days) in the four years immediately preceding the apply date. Source 2014-2015: OECD, International Migration Database, based on Citizenship and Immigration Canada. [\[LINK\]](#)

**France** All types of nationality acquisition: naturalization, marriage, declaration or the reaching of the age of majority. The data refers to the grant by country of previous nationality. Source 2015-2016: Ministère de L'Intérieure: immigration, intégration, asile et le développement solidaire. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Germany** Source 2015-2016: Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland, Einbürgerungen, Fachserie 1 Reihe 2.1, 2016, tabelle 3b. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Italy** Source 2014-2015: Eurostat, Statistics Database: population and social conditions, acquisition of citizenship by sex, age group and former citizenship. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Luxemburg** All types of acquisition excluding those of children acquiring nationality as a consequence of the naturalisation of their parents. Source 2015-2016: Ministère de la Justice: chiffres clés statistiques en matière d'indigénat. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Netherlands** Acquisition of Dutch citizenship other than by birth. Dutch citizenship can be obtained by law (including by adoption), by option, by naturalization (independent or co naturalization) and by recognition. Source 2015-2016: Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek: statline database (Nationaliteitswijzigingen; geslacht, nationaliteit en regeling). [\[LINK\]](#)

**Norway** Source 2015-2016: Statistics Norway: naturalizations by sex, age and earlier citizenship, 1977-2016. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Spain** Includes only acquisitions on grounds of residence in Spain. Data corresponds to acquisition of citizenship whose resolution depends on the Dirección General de los Registros y del Notariado, Ministerio de Justicia. Source 2015-2016: Observatorio Permanente de la Inmigración: concesiones de nacionalidad española por residencia. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Switzerland** Source 2015-2016: Office Fédéral de la Statistique: acquisition de la nationalité suisse selon la nationalité antérieure 1981-2016. [\[LINK\]](#)

**United Kingdom** Source 2015-2016: Government UK, Home Office: immigration statistics, July to September 2016, citizenship grants by previous country of nationality. [\[LINK\]](#)

**United States** The conferring, by any means, of citizenship upon a person after birth. Data refers to the fiscal year ending on September 30<sup>th</sup> of each (calendar) year indicated and starting on October 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Source 2015-2016: US Department of Homeland Security: Yearbook of Immigration Statistics 2004, table 32, persons naturalized by region and country of birth, fiscal years 1986-2004 (2001-2002); Yearbook of Immigration Statistics 2013, table 21, persons naturalized by region and country of birth, fiscal years 2004 to 2013 (2003-2013); Yearbook of Immigration Statistics 2016, table 21, persons naturalized by region and country of birth, fiscal years 2014 to 2016. [\[LINK\]](#)

## Consular registrations

**All countries** Voluntary registration of Portuguese and relatives in Portuguese consulates. Source 2015-2016 Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros, Direção-Geral dos Assuntos

Consulares e das Comunidades Portuguesas (DGACCP), Portugal: information provided on request. Data available in each country page at Observatório da Emigração. [\[LINK\]](#)

## Foreign population

**Belgium** Foreign population accounted for in the population registered annually. Source 2015-2016: Eurostat, based in the Belgium Direction Générale Statistique et Information Économique. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Canada** Foreign population registered in the Census. The data refers only to foreigners who have only one nationality. Foreigners with two or more nationalities are excluded from this register, in line with international statistics using the same criterion. The statistical institute also provides this second information. In 2016 there were about 25,500 individuals born in Portugal with a second nationality in addition to the Portuguese. Source 2016: Statistics of Canada, National Household Survey 2016: citizenship (5), place of birth (272), immigrant status and period of immigration (11), age (12) and sex (3) for the population in private households of Canada, provinces, territories, census metropolitan areas and census, agglomerations. [\[LINK\]](#)

**France** The foreign population is counted in the annual census. The population census survey is collected by the municipalities and organized by the national statistical institute. Residents in France who are not French nationals are considered as foreigners. Foreigners with two or more nationalities are excluded from this register, in line with international statistics using the same criterion. The statistical institute also provides information that about 40% of the descendants of Portuguese immigrants (both parents) have dual nationality. For more information on the numbers see "Données complémentaires", here: [http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/document.asp?ref\\_id=ip1287](http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/document.asp?ref_id=ip1287). Source 2014: Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques (INSEE): Répartition des étrangers par nationalité en 2014. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Germany** Foreign population registered in the Central Register of Foreigners (Ausländerzentralregister). The number concerns individuals of foreign citizenship living in the country for at least three months and includes both those born outside Germany and those born in Germany. Source 2016: Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland, Ausländische Bevölkerung, Fachserie 1 Reihe 2, 2016, tabelle 7, Ausländische Bevölkerung. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Italy** Foreign population counted in the municipal registry offices. Source 2016: Istituto Nazionale di Statistica: resident foreigners. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Luxembourg** Foreign population registered each year. Does not include visitors (less than three months) and cross-border workers. Source 2016: Le Portail des Statistiques du Luxembourg: population par sexe et par nationalité. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Mozambique** Foreign population registered in the Censuses. The data refers only to foreigners who have a single nationality. Foreigners with two or more nationalities are excluded in this register, in harmony with international statistics that use the same criteria.. Source 2007: Instituto Nacional de Estatística: information provided on request. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Netherlands** Foreign population in the population register. The data refers to the situation on 1 January of the year of observation.. Source 2016: Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek: population; sex, age and nationality, 1st January. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Norway** Foreign population in the population register. Excludes visitors (less than six months) and cross-border workers. Source 2016: Statistics Norway: population, by sex, age and citizenship. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Spain** Foreign population counted in the population register. The data includes all registrations of foreign citizens, regardless of their administrative status. Source 2016: Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Padron Municipal de habitantes: datos nacionales por CCAA y por provincias, población por nacionalidad, país de nacimiento y sexo. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Switzerland** Foreign population with residence permit. The concept of resident population refers, by the Swiss statistical institute, to permanent. Includes foreigners who remain in the country for more than 12 months and exclude temporary workers. Source 2016: Office Fédéral de la Statistique: population résidente permanente et non permanente selon le canton, le sexe, l'autorisation de résidence, la classe d'âge et la nationalité. [\[LINK\]](#)

**United Kingdom** Estimates of the foreign population based on the Annual Population Survey (APS) which is the Labour Force Survey (LFS) plus various sample boosts. Source 2016: Office for National Statistics, Annual Population Survey (APS) /Labour Force Survey (LFS), Population by country of birth and nationality, 1.4. Estimated overseas-born population resident in the United Kingdom by sex, by country of birth. [\[LINK\]](#)

**United States** Estimates of the foreign population based on the annual American Community Survey. Source 2012: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Fact Finder, advanced search, race and ethnic groups, detailed groups [enter Portuguese], selected population profile in the United States, one year estimate. [\[LINK\]](#)

## Permanent inflows

**Belgium** It includes foreigners with a residence permit and which intend to stay in the country for a period equal to or greater than three months. Source 2014-2015: OECD, International Migration Database, based in the Belgium Direction Générale Statistique et Information Économique. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Brazil** Foreigners with work permits granted to foreigners by country of origin are registered. By permanent category (equal or superior to 1 year) and temporary. Permanent work permits are indexed to minimum periods of one year and temporary work permits to periods of employment contract (which may be more or less than one year). Source 2014-2015: Ministério do Trabalho e Emprego, Coordenação Geral de Imigração (CGI): autorizações concedidas a estrangeiros por país de origem. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Canada** Foreigners holding a permanent resident status. Source 2015-2016: Citizenship and Immigration Canada. permanent residents by source country. [\[LINK\]](#)

**France** Specific survey, in which estimate is based on the result of annual census survey sample of France. Since 2004 the new method is based in the following sample of lodgings: for the small departments (less than 10.000 habitants) one in five is registered, for the big departments a sample of 8% is registered every year. Source 2013-2014: Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques: les immigrés récemment arrivés en France. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Germany** All foreigners registered, each year, at the Central Register of Foreigners (Ausländerzentralregister) if they stay in Germany for more than ninety days. Foreigners from outside EU hold a resident permit. The total foreign inflows include the number of foreigners born in Germany in the year in question. Source 2015-2016: Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland: Ausländische Bevölkerung, Ausländische Bevölkerung Fachserie 1 Reihe 2, 2016, tabelle 14. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Italy** Foreigners holding a residence permit (short-term and long-term). Long-term resident permits for EU citizens (more than 3 months) is granted for one or two years, according to the reason for permanence in Italy, renewable at the end of the expiration date. Source 2014-2015: OECD, International Migration Database, based in Italian Ministro dell'Interno. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Luxembourg** Foreigners who arrived the country, holding a resident permit and intending to stay for at least 3 months. Source 2015-2016: Le Portail des statistiques du Luxembourg: arrivées, 1967-2016. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Netherlands** For EU citizens arriving in the Netherlands from another country with the intention of staying in the country for at least four months during the first six months following, registration is obligatory at the municipality where they are staying. Foreigners from outside EU hold a resident permit that is valid for one year and can be renewed. All inflows are registered by country of birth. Source 2015-2016: Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek: statline database (population > migration and migrants), external migration; sex, age (31 dec), marital status and country of birth. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Norway** Foreigners holding a resident or work permit that intend to stay in the country for at least 6 months. Source 2015-2016: Statistics Norway: immigration, emigration and net migration, by citizenship. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Spain** Foreigners registered in the national Municipal Registers, Padron Municipal de Habitantes, that intend to stay in the country for at least 1 year. Source 2015-2016: INE España: estadística de variaciones residenciales, altas por país de nacionalidad sexo y edad. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Switzerland** Foreigners holding a permanent or an annual resident permit. Holders of an L-Permit (short duration) are also included if their stay in the country is longer than 12 months. Inflow includes also status change by citizenship. In 2014 the Office Fédéral de la Statistique altered the collection and recording method of accounting inflows into Switzerland. Source 2015-2016: Office Fédéral de la Statistique: immigration de la population résidente permanente selon la nationalité, 1991-2016. [\[LINK\]](#)

**United Kingdom** Foreign nationals aged 16 or over who have entered the country and who have been granted the registration number, National Insurance Number (NIN), by the Department for Work and Pensions, which is compulsory for those intending to work. 2015-2016: Department for Work and Pensions: stat-explore. [\[LINK\]](#)

**United States** Inflows correspond to permanent resident permit concessions (including status changes), by country of birth, in the fiscal year ending on September 30th of each (calendar) year indicated and starting on October 1st of the previous year. Source 2015-2016: US Department of Homeland Security: Yearbook of Immigration Statistics 2016 (table 3, persons obtaining lawful permanent resident status by region and country of birth: fiscal years 2014 to 2016). [\[LINK\]](#)

## Remittances

**All countries** Personal remittances. Includes personal transfers and compensation of employees. Personal transfers consist of all current transfers made or received by resident households to or from nonresident households. Compensation of employees refers to the income of border, seasonal, and other short-term workers who are employed in an economy where they are not resident and of residents employed by nonresident entities. Source 2016: World Bank, World DataBank, World Development Indicators. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Portugal** Personal remittances. Includes personal transfers and compensation of employees. Personal transfers consist of all current transfers made or received by resident households to or from nonresident households. Compensation of employees refers to the income of border, seasonal, and other short-term workers who are employed in an economy where they are not resident and of residents employed by nonresident entities. Source 2016: Banco de Portugal, Balance of Payment Statistics (BOP). [\[LINK\]](#)

## Stock of foreign-born

**Belgium** Foreign-born population counted in the registered population. Source 2015-2016: Eurostat, based in the national Direction Générale Statistique et Information Économique (Belgium). [\[LINK\]](#)

**Brazil** Population born abroad recorded in the 2010 Brazilian-Census. Source 2010: Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística: information provided on request. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Canada** Foreign-born population recorded in the 2016 Canadian censuses. Source 2016: Statistics Canada, Place of Birth. [\[LINK\]](#)

**France** Foreign-born population in the annual censuses. The data for census surveys is collected by the municipalities and monitored and organised by the national statistical office. Source 2014: Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques (INSEE): répartition des immigrés par pays de naissance. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Germany** Population accounted for in the Microcensus, based on the records of the Central Register of Foreigners (Ausländerzentralregister). The figures for those born abroad and in Portugal correspond to those born outside Germany with foreign and Portuguese nationality, respectively (only available data). Source 2015-2016: Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland: Ausländische Bevölkerung, Fachserie 1 Reihe 2, 2016, tabelle 7 (2016). [\[LINK\]](#)

**Italy** Source 2014-2015: OECD, International Migration Database based in Italian Istituto Nazionale di Statistica. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Luxemburg** Foreign-born population registered in the Luxembourg 2011 census. Source 2011: Le Portail des Statistiques du Luxembourg: population par pays de naissance et situation socio-économique au 1er février 2011. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Netherlands** Foreign-born population recorded in the Municipal Population Register. Data concerns 1st January of each year. Source 2015-2016: Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek: statline database, population, persons (first generation background). [\[LINK\]](#)

**Norway** Foreign-born population recorded in the Central Population Register. Data concerns 1st January of each year. Source 2015-2016: Statistics Norway: immigrant and norwegian-born to immigrant parents. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Spain** Foreign-born population recorded in the Population Register. Data concerns 1st January of each year. Source 2015-2016: INE España, Padrón Municipal de Habitantes: datos nacionales por CCAA y por provincias, población por nacionalidad, país de nacimiento y sexo. [\[LINK\]](#)

**Switzerland** Population born abroad counted through censuses and residence permits. The concept of resident population by the institute of statistics for that of permanent population. The values up to 2009 for those born abroad and in Portugal correspond to individuals born outside Switzerland with foreign and Portuguese nationality, respectively (it is not possible to have autonomous the variable of naturalness by country, only by category "" outside and within Switzerland ""). As of 2010, the figures for those born abroad correspond to

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**United Kingdom** Estimate of the foreign population, based on the Annual Population Survey (APS) and the Labor Force Survey (LFS). Source 2015-2016: Office for National Statistics, Annual Population Survey (APS) /Labour Force Survey (LFS), Population by country of birth and nationality (1.4. Estimated overseas-born population resident in the United Kingdom by sex, by country of birth). [\[LINK\]](#)

**United States** Estimates of foreign-born population based in the Current Population Survey. Source 2015-2016: US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey: Data Ferret, March supplement [select year], view variables, person variables, demographics, country of birth, person. [\[LINK\]](#)

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