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**Statistics on Enterprises by Membership to Groups  
Year 2021**

**Enterprises residing in Spain that form part of groups generated 64.9% of the turnover of Industry, Trade and Non-financial Services**

**The affiliates of foreign multinational groups invoiced 591,963 million euros and employed 2,014,409 people**

**France, Germany and the United States were the countries whose affiliates generated the highest turnovers**

In 2021, there were 2,926,717 enterprises in the *Industry, Trade and Non-financial Services* sectors in Spain<sup>1</sup>. 55,269 of them, 1.9% of the total, formed part of a domestic, Spanish multinational or foreign multinational business group.

These enterprises accounted for 40.6% of all the employed personnel and generated 64.9% of the turnover of these three sectors.

**Main variables according to membership of a business group and types**

	Enterprises		Personnel employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Millions of euros	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.926.717</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>13.229.820</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.156.194</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Not part of an enterprise group	2.871.448	98,1	7.853.868	59,4	757.462	35,1
Part of an enterprise group	55.269	1,9	5.375.951	40,6	1.398.732	64,9
- Of a domestic group	34.497	1,2	1.752.502	13,2	325.482	15,1
- Of a Spanish multinational group	6.011	0,2	1.609.040	12,2	481.287	22,3
- Of a foreign multinational group	14.761	0,5	2.014.409	15,2	591.963	27,5

This statistic has expanded its dissemination focus and includes an initial block of results on all the enterprises residing in Spain according to their membership of groups, and a second one with the information on the affiliates of foreign enterprises in Spain that was already published (FILINT).

<sup>1</sup> The study population is the set of enterprises whose main activity is described in sections B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, L, M, N, P, Q and R and divisions S95 and S96 of the National Classification of Economic Activities CNAE-2009. **The activities in sections P, Q, R and divisions S95 and S96 were included for the first time in this statistic in the 2021 reference year.**

## Statistical results according to membership of groups

Resident enterprises that form part of groups account for a large part of the turnover of enterprises with 250 or more employees. Thus, large enterprises that belong to Spanish multinationals invoice 17.1% of the total and those that form part of foreign multinationals invoice 19.0%.

As for those that don't form part of groups, they register their greatest contribution to the turnover of enterprises with fewer than 10 employees, accounting for 16.4% of the total.

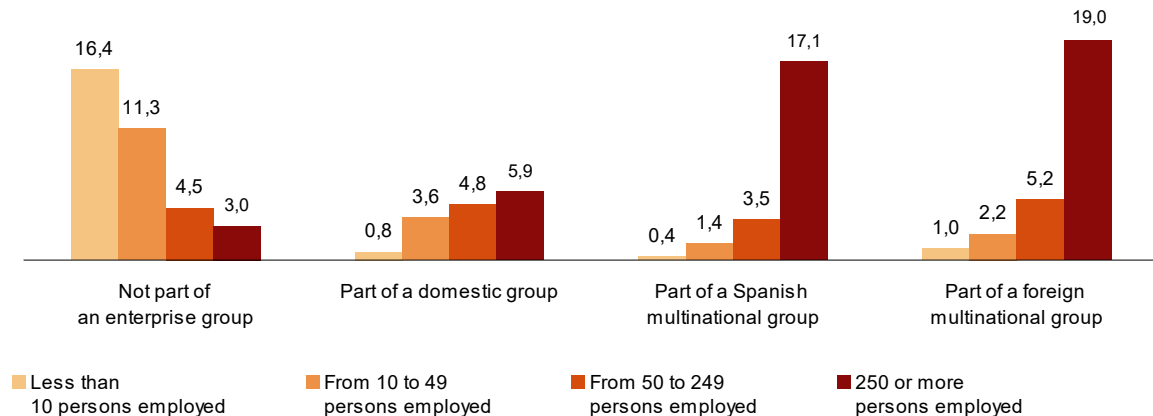
### Turnover by enterprise size. 2021

Millions of euros

	Total	Less than 10 persons employed	From 10 to 49 persons employed	From 50 to 249 persons employed	250 or more persons employed
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.156.194</b>	<b>399.019</b>	<b>399.578</b>	<b>385.983</b>	<b>971.614</b>
Not part of an enterprise group	757.462	352.814	244.576	96.378	63.693
Part of a domestic group	325.482	16.235	77.690	103.454	128.103
Part of a Spanish multinational group	481.287	7.564	29.416	74.827	369.480
Part of a foreign multinational group	591.963	22.406	47.896	111.324	410.338

### Turnover by enterprise size.

Percentage with respect to the total of residing enterprises. 2021



By activity sectors, multinational group enterprises generate the highest turnover in *Industry*, with 21.8% of the total (9.8% those belonging to Spanish multinationals and 12.0% those belonging to foreign ones).

With regard to enterprises that don't form part of a group, the largest contribution comes from the *Trade* sector, which generates 16.0% of the turnover of residing enterprises.

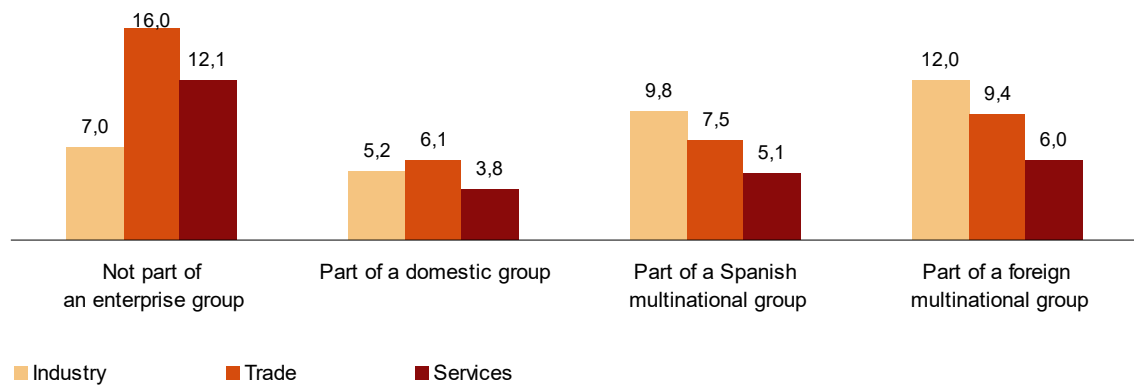
## Turnover by sector of activity of the enterprise. 2021

Millions of euros

	Total	Industry	Trade	Services
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.156.194</b>	<b>734.026</b>	<b>840.794</b>	<b>581.374</b>
Not part of an enterprise group	757.462	151.554	345.369	260.539
Part of a domestic group	325.482	112.350	130.871	82.260
Part of a Spanish multinational group	481.287	210.615	161.186	109.485
Part of a foreign multinational group	591.963	259.506	203.368	129.089

## Turnover by sector of activity of the enterprise.

Percentage with respect to the total of residing enterprises. 2021



Analysing different indicators, enterprises that belong to business groups (especially multinationals) display higher productivity, export more and have greater investment intensity than the others.

## Indicators according to business group membership and sector of activity. 2021

	By membership to an enterprise group				
	Total	Not part of an enterprise group	Part of a domestic group	Part of a Spanish multinational group	Part of a foreign multinational group
<b>Productivity (euros)</b>	<b>43.394</b>	<b>30.835</b>	<b>47.796</b>	<b>68.708</b>	<b>68.307</b>
- Industrial Sector	71.561	42.416	69.960	110.810	100.691
- Trade Sector	41.406	32.176	45.390	59.597	64.717
- Services Sector	35.641	27.773	40.786	52.255	53.453
<b>Sales outside Spain rate (%)</b>	<b>18,4</b>	<b>10,3</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>24,4</b>	<b>26,8</b>
- Industrial Sector	31,1	20,6	19,9	30,2	42,7
- Trade Sector	12,3	8,9	11,1	20,8	12,2
- Services Sector	11,2	6,0	8,0	18,3	17,9
<b>Tangible investment rate (%)</b>	<b>13,9</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>14,6</b>	<b>19,1</b>
- Industrial Sector	16,3	12,4	20,1	16,6	17,4
- Trade Sector	10,3	7,7	18,5	11,8	10,2
- Services Sector	14,2	9,1	16,2	13,8	25,4

*Productivity: added value at factor cost / employed personnel.*

*Sales rate outside Spain: sales outside Spain / turnover\*100.*

*Material investment rate: Investment in material assets / value added at factor cost \* 100.*

## Affiliates of foreign enterprises in Spain (FILINT)

In 2021, there were 14,761 affiliates of foreign enterprises in the *Industry, Trade* and *Non-financial market services* sectors. These affiliates generated a turnover totalling 591,963 million euros and employed 2,014,409 people.

Affiliates of foreign enterprises are regarded as those residing in Spain that are controlled by an institutional unit or a non-resident enterprise. They're a set of enterprises that form part of a foreign multinational.

### Results by sector and branch of activity <sup>2</sup>

47.8% of the affiliate enterprises belonged to the *Services* sector, 31.6% to the *Trade* sector and 20.7% to the industrial sector.

Affiliates in the industrial sector generated 43.8% of the total turnover of these enterprises, those in *Trade* generated 34.4% and those in the *Services* sector generated 21.8%.

As for employment, the affiliates in the *Services* sector employed 51.8% of the total, those in *Industry* employed 26.2% and those in *Trade* employed 22.0%.

### Affiliates of foreign enterprises in Spain.

Main variables by activity sector. 2021

Sector	Affiliates		Personnel employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Millions of euros	%
Industry	3.050	20,7	527.598	26,2	259.506	43,8
Trade	4.662	31,6	443.914	22,0	203.368	34,4
Services	7.050	47,8	1.042.896	51,8	129.089	21,8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14.761</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.014.409</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>591.963</b>	<b>100,0</b>

By branches of activity, those that registered the highest number of affiliate enterprises were *Professional, scientific and technical activities* (12.6% of the total) and *Wholesale trade of ICT equipment and other machinery and equipment* and *Non-specialised wholesale trade* (12.5%).

As for turnover, the branches that contributed the most were *Transport material and wholesale trade of agricultural raw materials and live animals, food, beverages and tobacco and domestic appliances* (11.1% of the total).

The activity branches of affiliate enterprises with the most employed personnel were *Administrative activities and auxiliary services* (17.0% of the total) and *Transport material* (6.9%).

<sup>2</sup> The enterprises studied are classified according to their main activity. Similarly, all the study variables referring to the enterprise are assigned to the corresponding activity.

## Affiliates of foreign enterprises in Spain.

Main results by activity branch. 2021

Branch of activity	Affiliates		Personnel employed		Turnover	
	Number	%	Number	%	Millions of euros	%
<b>Industry</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>20,7</b>	<b>527.598</b>	<b>26,2</b>	<b>259.506</b>	<b>43,8</b>
- Mining and quarrying, energy, water supply and sewerage	739	5,0	56.253	2,8	58.744	9,9
- Food, beverages and tobacco	324	2,2	62.810	3,1	30.568	5,2
- Textile, apparel, leather and footwear	80	0,5	6.897	0,3	1.340	0,2
- Wood and cork, paper products and printing	130	0,9	20.942	1,0	6.874	1,2
- Manufacture of chemical and pharmaceutical	357	2,4	57.838	2,9	33.358	5,6
- Rubber and plastic products	186	1,3	34.814	1,7	9.655	1,6
- Other non-metallic mineral products	99	0,7	21.421	1,1	6.415	1,1
- Basic metals and fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	243	1,6	41.155	2,0	23.191	3,9
- Electrical, electronic and optical equipment	159	1,1	38.265	1,9	12.430	2,1
- Machinery and mechanical products	296	2,0	27.806	1,4	7.792	1,3
- Transport equipment	165	1,1	138.891	6,9	65.706	11,1
- Other manufacturing, repair and installation of machinery and equipment	272	1,8	20.506	1,0	3.434	0,6
<b>Trade</b>	<b>4.662</b>	<b>31,6</b>	<b>443.914</b>	<b>22,0</b>	<b>203.368</b>	<b>34,4</b>
- Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	217	1,5	26.105	1,3	28.166	4,8
- Trading agents	607	4,1	9.568	0,5	1.507	0,3
- Wholesale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, food, beverages and tobacco and household goods	1.386	9,4	99.019	4,9	65.434	11,1
- Wholesale of ICT equipment and other machinery and equipment and non-specialized wholesale trade	1.840	12,5	78.946	3,9	58.986	10,0
- Retail sale of food, automotive fuel and ICT equipment	66	0,4	108.949	5,4	26.246	4,4
- Other retail sale	545	3,7	121.328	6,0	23.030	3,9
<b>Services</b>	<b>7.050</b>	<b>47,8</b>	<b>1.042.896</b>	<b>51,8</b>	<b>129.089</b>	<b>21,8</b>
- Transport, postal and courier activities	109	0,7	31.898	1,6	5.619	0,9
- Warehousing and support activities for transportation	341	2,3	63.469	3,2	15.061	2,5
- Accommodation and food and beverage service activities	483	3,3	125.597	6,2	5.610	0,9
- Publishing, motion picture, radio and TV programming and broadcasting, and telecommunications	394	2,7	41.717	2,1	18.444	3,1
- Computer programming and consultancy, and information service activities	1.147	7,8	135.625	6,7	15.777	2,7
- Real estate activities	1.125	7,6	11.524	0,6	6.549	1,1
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.866	12,6	129.299	6,4	23.707	4,0
- Administrative and support service activities	1.109	7,5	343.248	17,0	22.747	3,8
- Education	138	0,9	12.935	0,6	989	0,2
- Human health and social work activities	132	0,9	121.584	6,0	9.209	1,6
- Repair of computers and personal and household goods	159	1,1	16.183	0,8	4.488	0,8
- Other personal service activities	48	0,3	9.817	0,5	889	0,2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14.761</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.014.409</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>591.963</b>	<b>100,0</b>

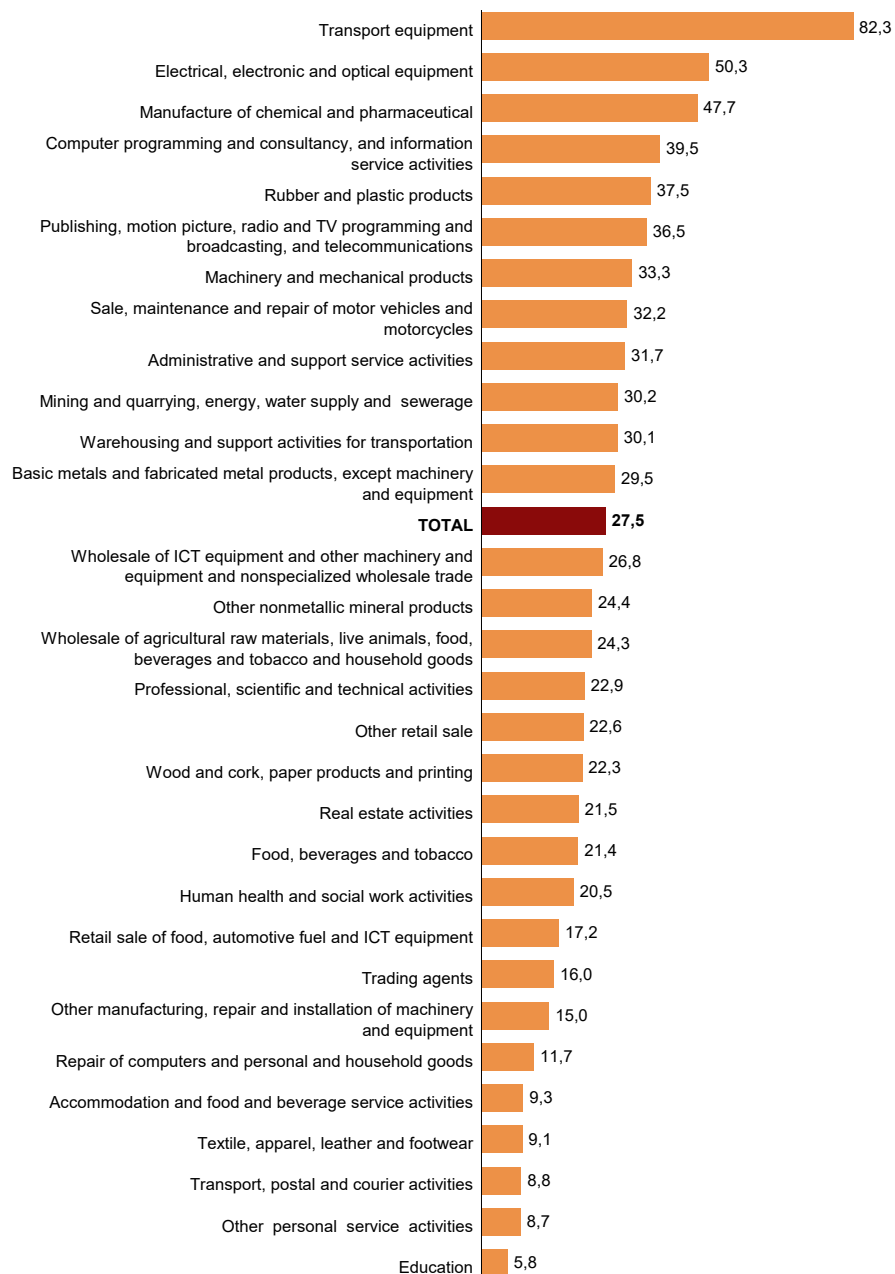
With regard to the contribution of each branch of activity, we should highlight *Transport material*, for which 82.3% of the overall turnover was generated by foreign affiliate enterprises.

The following branches with the greatest contributions were *Electrical, electronic and optical materials and equipment* and *Chemical and pharmaceutical industry*, with respective totals of 50.3% and 47.7%.

In contrast, the branches of activity with the lowest contributions were *Education*, *Other services (except associative activities)*, *Transport and postal and courier activities*, *Textile, clothing, leather and footwear* and *Hospitality*, all of them with less than 10.0%.

### Affiliates of foreign enterprises in Spain.

Percentage of the turnover generated by the affiliates with respect to the total for each branch. 2021.



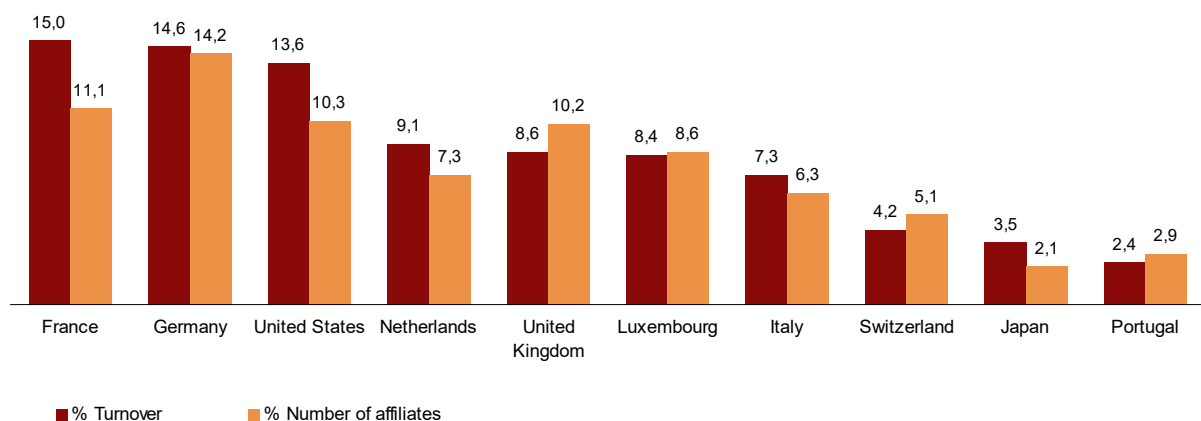
## Results by country of the parent enterprise

The countries whose affiliates generated the greatest turnovers in 2021 were France (15.0% of the total), Germany (14.6%) and the United States (13.6%).

In turn, the enterprises that contributed the greatest number of affiliates were Germany (14.2% of the total), France (11.1%) and the United States (10.3%).

It should be noted that the main ten countries accounted for 78.3% of the total number of affiliates and 86.7% of the turnover generated by these affiliates.

### Main parent enterprise countries, according to turnover and number of affiliates. 2021. Percentage



By geographical areas, the affiliates with parent enterprises in the Euro Zone generated 60.1% of the turnover of all affiliates in Spain. Those from America accounted for 16.3% and those from the rest of Europe accounted for 13.7%.

### Turnover according to geographical area of the parent enterprise and main countries in each area. 2021

Geo zone	Total Millions €	%	Head company main countries and share of turnover to total affiliates					
			Pais 1	%	Pais 2	%	Pais 3	%
Euro zone	355.830	60,1	France	15,0	Germany	14,6	Netherlands	9,1
Rest of EU-27	14.592	2,5	Sweden	1,3	Denmark	1,0	Czechia	0,1
Rest of Europe	80.894	13,7	United Kingdom	8,6	Switzerland	4,2	Norway	0,3
America	96.404	16,3	United States	13,6	Mexico	0,8	Bermuda	0,5
Asia	42.097	7,1	Japan	3,5	Republic of Korea	0,9	China	0,8
Rest of the world	2.146	0,4	Australia	0,2	Mauritius	0,1	South Africa	0,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>591.963</b>	<b>100,0</b>						

Euro Zone: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia.

Rest of the European Union: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Sweden.

Rest of Europe: Also includes the United Kingdom, which left the European Union on February 1, 2021.

## Data reviews and updates

The data published today are final. The results are available at INEBase.

## Methodological note

The Business Statistics on Affiliated Enterprises (EEPG by its Spanish initials) presents annual information on the main economic and employment variables of enterprises residing in Spain from industrial, commercial and non-financial services sectors, classifying the statistical findings according to whether the enterprise forms part of a business group, differentiating by the type of group (entirely domestically held, Spanish multinational or foreign multinational). The statistic includes economic aggregates such as the value of production and gross value added, as well as the main indicators.

In addition, specifically for enterprises of foreign multinationals in Spain (i.e. affiliates of foreign enterprises in Spain), it describes information by the activity and size of the affiliate enterprise, as well as the country or geographical area of the parent enterprise with ultimate control over it.

The EEPG integrates the information of the Structural Business Statistics in the Industry, Trade and Services sectors and adds information related to the membership and typology of the business group that the enterprise forms part of. The above enables us to offer statistical results classifying enterprises residing in Spain into sub-populations of interest for macroeconomic analysis and the study of globalisation.

**Type of operation:** annual continuous frequency.

**Population scope:** enterprises residing in Spain in the industrial, trade and non-financial services sectors (sections B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, L, M, N, P, Q, R and divisions S95 and S96 of the CNAE-2009)

**Geographical scope:** the whole national territory.

**Reference period:** the calendar year, which, with some exceptions, coincides with the enterprise's accounting year.

**Collection method:** using information from the Structural Business Statistics of the industrial, trade and non-financial services sectors.

For further information, the methodology can be accessed at:

[https://www.ine.es/metodologia/t37/metodologia\\_EEPG\\_2021.pdf](https://www.ine.es/metodologia/t37/metodologia_EEPG_2021.pdf)

The standardised methodological report can be found at:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/es/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30227>

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