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Latin American Immigration  
to Southern Europe

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# Framework – statistical data

- Immigration in Europe
  - Foreign population
  - Foreign citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean
  - Foreign-born population from Latin America and the Caribbean
- Immigration in Southern Europe (Spain, Portugal and Italy)
  - Foreign citizens, by nationality, from Latin America and the Caribbean

Table 1  
*Stock of foreign population in selected European countries,  
 1980-2003 (thousands)*

	1980	1990	2000	2003	Variation
<i>European Union 15</i>					
Austria	282,7	456,1	698,6	755,1	167,1
Belgium	-	904,5	861,7	850,1	-6,0
Denmark	101,6	160,6	258,6	271,2	166,9
Finland	12,8	26,3	91,1	107,0	735,9
France	-	3607,6	3263,2	-	-9,5
Germany	4453,3	5241,8	7296,8	7334,8	64,7
Greece	213,0	229,1	281,5	433,1	103,3
Ireland	-	80,8	126,5	223,1	176,1
Italy	298,7	781,1	1388,2	2194,0	634,5
Luxembourg	94,3	110,0	159,4	174,2	84,7
Netherlands	520,9	692,4	667,8	702,2	34,8
Portugal	49,3	107,8	207,6	238,7	384,2
Spain	182,0	407,7	895,7	1647,0	804,9
Sweden	421,7	483,7	477,3	476,1	12,9
United Kingdom	-	1875,0	2342,0	2865,0	52,8
<i>Non-EU</i>					
Norway	82,6	143,3	184,3	204,7	147,8
Switzerland	892,8	1100,3	1384,4	1471,0	64,8

Table 2  
*Stock of foreign population as a percentage  
of total population in selected European countries,  
1980-2003 (per cent)*

	1980	1990	2000	2003
<i>European Union 15</i>				
<b>Austria</b>	3,7	5,9	8,7	<b>9,4</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	-	9,1	8,4	<b>8,2</b>
Denmark	-	3,1	4,9	5,0
Finland	0,3	0,5	1,8	2,1
France	-	6,3	5,6	-
<b>Germany</b>	7,2	8,2	8,9	<b>8,9</b>
Greece	2,2	2,3	2,6	3,9
Ireland	-	0,8	3,3	5,6
Italy	0,5	1,4	2,4	3,8
<b>Luxembourg</b>	25,8	28,6	36,8	<b>38,9</b>
Netherlands	3,7	4,6	4,2	4,3
Portugal	0,5	1,1	2,0	2,3
Spain	0,5	1,0	2,2	4,0
Sweden	5,1	5,6	5,4	5,3
United Kingdom	-	3,3	3,9	4,8
<i>Non-EU</i>				
Norway	2,0	3,4	4,1	4,5
<b>Switzerland</b>	14,1	16,3	19,3	<b>20,1</b>

Table 3.a  
*Population of foreign citizenship, by nationality, in selected European countries  
 Nationals from South America, Central America and The Caribbean,  
 2004 or latest available year*

	Latin America and The Caribbean			
	South America	Central America	Caribbean	<i>Total</i>
<i>Number</i>				
Austria	2657	242		2899
Denmark	3075	616	425	4116
Finland	920	256	221	1397
France	25357	3950	17355	46662
Germany	70152	10628	16929	97764
Italy	88543	8321	19220	116084
Luxembourg	601	45	187	833
Netherlands	17161	1390	2222	20773
Portugal	34385	364	548	35297
Spain	1016007	28131	80151	1124328
Sweden	15787	1777	1380	18944
Switzerland	27732	2823	7999	38554

Table 3.b  
*Population of foreign citizenship, by nationality, in selected European countries -  
 Nationals from South America, Central America and The Caribbean,  
 2004 or latest available year (per cent)*

	Latin America and The Caribbean				Other nationalities	Total
	South America	Central America	Caribbean	Total		
<i>Percentage</i>						
Austria	0,5	0,0	0,0	0,6	99,4	100
Denmark	1,2	0,2	0,2	1,6	98,4	100
Finland	0,9	0,2	0,2	1,3	98,7	100
France	0,8	0,1	0,5	1,4	98,6	100
Germany	1,0	0,1	0,2	1,3	98,7	100
Italy	6,0	0,6	1,3	7,9	92,1	100
Luxembourg	0,4	0,0	0,1	0,5	99,5	100
Netherlands	2,5	0,2	0,3	3,0	97,0	100
Portugal	13,0	0,1	0,2	13,3	86,7	100
Spain	36,6	1,0	2,9	40,6	59,4	100
Sweden	3,3	0,4	0,3	4,0	96,0	100
Switzerland	1,7	0,2	0,5	2,4	97,6	100

Table 4.a  
*Stock of total foreign-born population, by region of origin,  
in selected European countries - Individuals born in  
Latin America and The Caribbean, 2001 or latest available year*

	Latin America and the Caribbean			Total foreigners
	Latin America	Caribbean	<i>Total</i>	
<i>Number</i>				
Austria	6054		6054	1002532
Belgium	20387	3976	24363	1099195
Denmark	9208	785	9993	361053
Finland	1817	261	2078	131448
<b>France</b>	<b>79987</b>	<b>24836</b>	<b>104823</b>	5868242
Germany	47578		47578	10256084
Greece	5486	1128	6614	1122640
Ireland	2793	688	3481	400016
Luxembourg	1562	274	1836	142652
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>221626</b>	<b>93326</b>	<b>314952</b>	1615377
Norway	15133	1268	16401	333769
Portugal	74949	914	75863	651472
<b>Spain</b>	<b>744221</b>	<b>95979</b>	<b>840200</b>	2172201
Sweden	59965	2840	62805	1077596
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>95357</b>	<b>232940</b>	<b>328297</b>	4865563

Table 4.b  
*Stock of total foreign-born population, by region of origin,  
in selected European countries - Individuals born in  
Latin America and The Caribbean, 2001 or latest available year (per cent)*

	Latin America and the Caribbean			Other nationalities	Total
	Latin America	Caribbean	Total		
<i>Percentage</i>					
Austria	0,6	0,0	0,6	99,4	100
Belgium	1,9	0,4	2,2	97,8	100
Denmark	2,6	0,2	2,8	97,2	100
Finland	1,4	0,2	1,6	98,4	100
France	1,4	0,4	1,8	98,2	100
Germany	0,5	0,0	0,5	99,5	100
Greece	0,5	0,1	0,6	99,4	100
Ireland	0,7	0,2	0,9	99,1	100
Luxembourg	1,1	0,2	1,3	98,7	100
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>19,5</b>	80,5	100
Norway	4,5	0,4	4,9	95,1	100
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>11,5</b>	0,1	<b>11,6</b>	88,4	100
<b>Spain</b>	<b>34,3</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>38,7</b>	61,3	100
Sweden	5,6	0,3	5,8	94,2	100
United Kingdom	2,0	<b>4,8</b>	6,7	93,3	100



Table 8.a  
*Legal foreigners, by nationality, in Spain, Portugal and Italy -  
 Nationals from South America, Central America and Caribbean countries,  
 2004 or latest available year*

	Spain	Portugal	Italy
<i>South America</i>			
Argentina	119357	575	7679
Bolivia	47558	51	1179
Brazil	33867	28956	19003
Chile	25685	244	3302
Colombia	225312	453	9170
Ecuador	433110	221	10342
Peru	62207	253	32706
Uruguay	28625	103	1219
Venezuela	35041	3470	3497
<i>Central America</i>			
Mexico	16422	265	2797
<i>The Caribbean</i>			
Cuba	35781	445	7047
Dominican Rep.	43405	63	11114
Total	1124328	35297	116084

Table 8.b  
*Legal foreigners, by nationality, in Spain, Portugal and Italy -  
 Nationals from South America, Central America and Caribbean countries,  
 2004 or latest available year (per cent)*

	Spain	Portugal	Italy	Total
	<i>Percentages</i>			
<i>South America</i>				
Argentina	93,5	0,5	6,0	100
Bolivia	97,5	0,1	2,4	100
Brazil	41,4	35,4	23,2	100
Chile	87,9	0,8	11,3	100
Colombia	95,9	0,2	3,9	100
Ecuador	97,6	0,0	2,3	100
Peru	65,4	0,3	34,4	100
Uruguay	95,6	0,3	4,1	100
Venezuela	83,4	8,3	8,3	100
<i>Central America</i>				
Mexico	84,3	1,4	14,4	100
<i>The Caribbean</i>				
Cuba	82,7	1,0	16,3	100
Dominican Rep.	79,5	0,1	20,4	100
Total	88,1	2,8	9,1	100

## In synthesis:

- Main flows from LAC countries to Europe since the Second World War:
  - Colonial and post-colonial flows from the Caribbean to the UK, France and Netherlands
  - Politically induced flows from LAC towards many European countries (particularly Nordic and Iberian countries)
  - Economic migrations, mainly since the 1980s towards Southern Europe
- Immigrants's characteristics, motivations, strategies, legal status and contexts of reception have varied deeply

- Main recent inflows:
  - All Spanish-speaking LAC countries to Spain - two immigration waves:
    - From South America: mainly Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, since the 1970s (better economic and social integration)
    - From Andean and Caribbean countries: mainly Ecuador, Colombia and Peru, since the 1990s
  - Brazil to Portugal - also two immigration waves:
    - The first since the 1980s, displaying better integration
    - The second (from lower social origins) since the late 1990s
  - Some LAC countries to Italy: Peru, Brazil and Dominican Republic