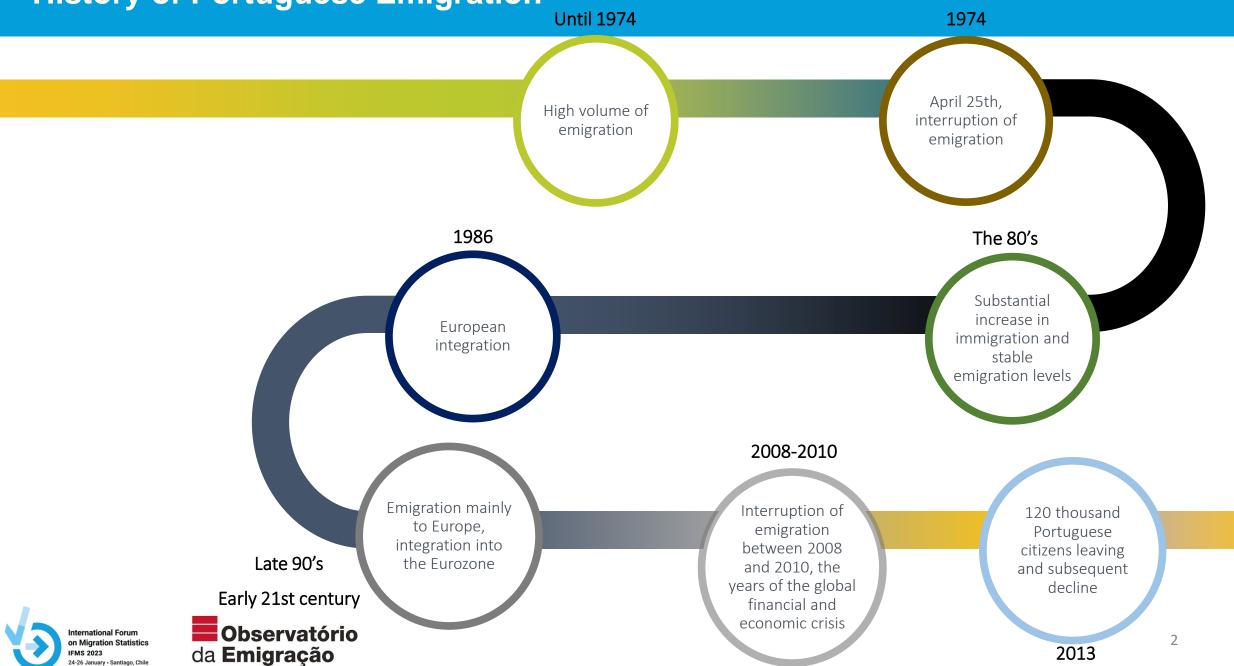
Portuguese emigration: trends and forecasts

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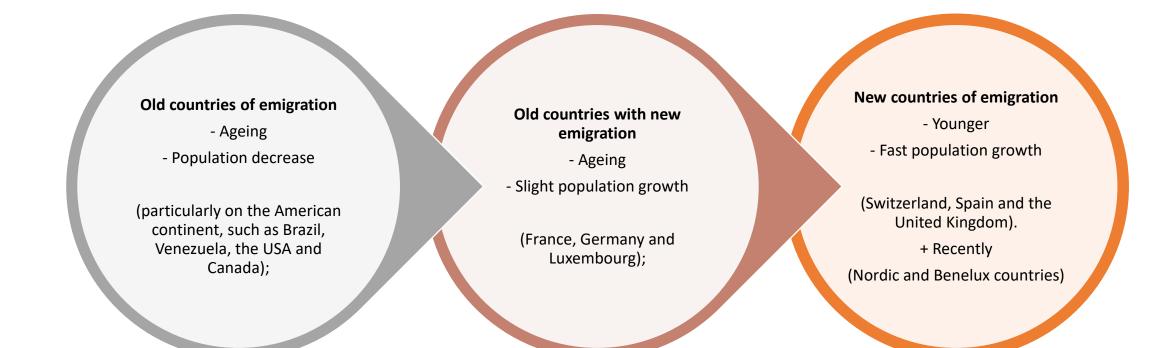


Year	2000/01	2010/11	Absolute Variation	Relative variation
United Kingdom	36 556	92 065	55 509	151,8
Spain	56 359	98 975	42 616	75,6
Switzerland	100 975	169 459	68 484	67,8
Luxembourg	41 690	60 897	19 207	46,1
Germany	70 100	75 110	5 010	7,1
France	581 062	617 234	36 172	6,2
Canada	153 530	140 315	-13 215	-8,6
USA	218 646	191 803	-26 843	-12,3
Venezuela	53 477	37 326	-16 151	-30,2
Brazil	213 203	137 973	-75 230	-35,3



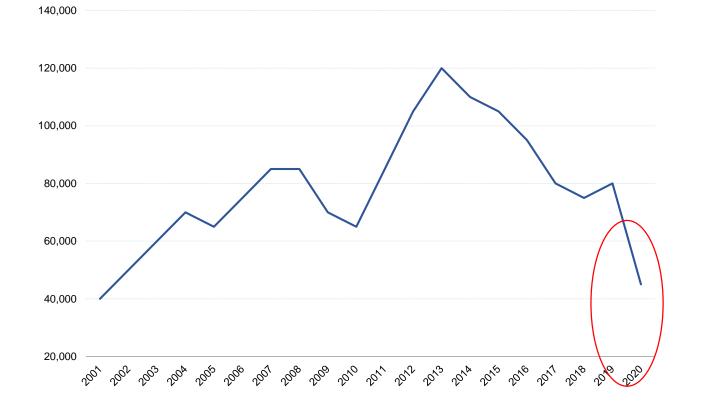
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The available data allow us to distinguish three sets of destinations, according to the different demographic profiles of the Portuguese populations that emigrated there:



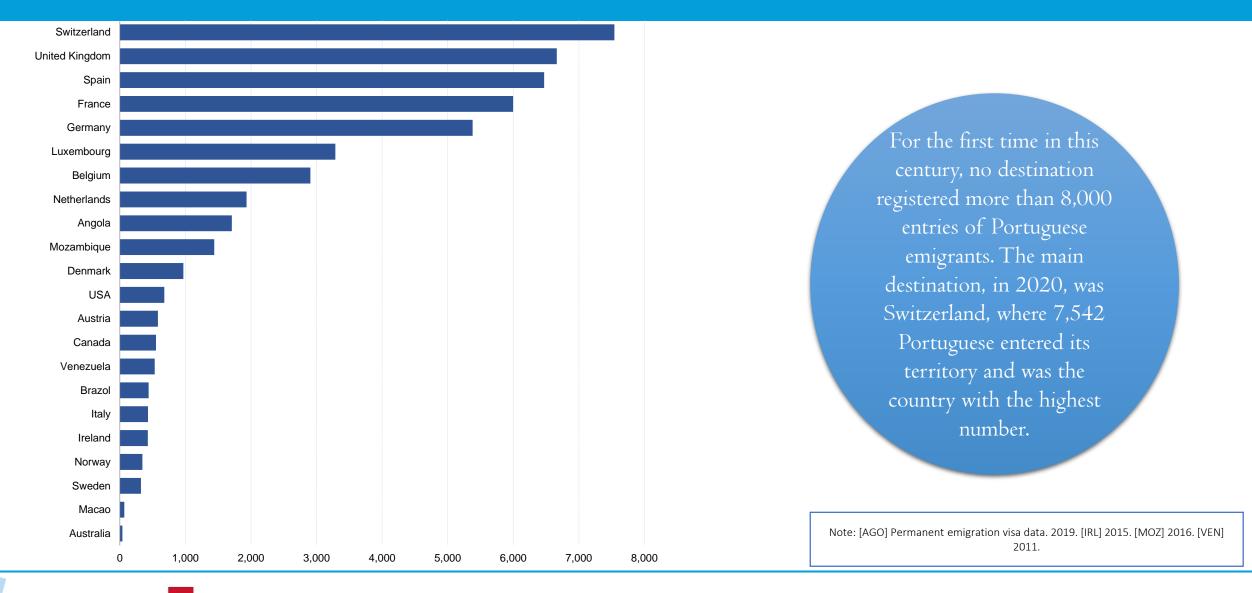






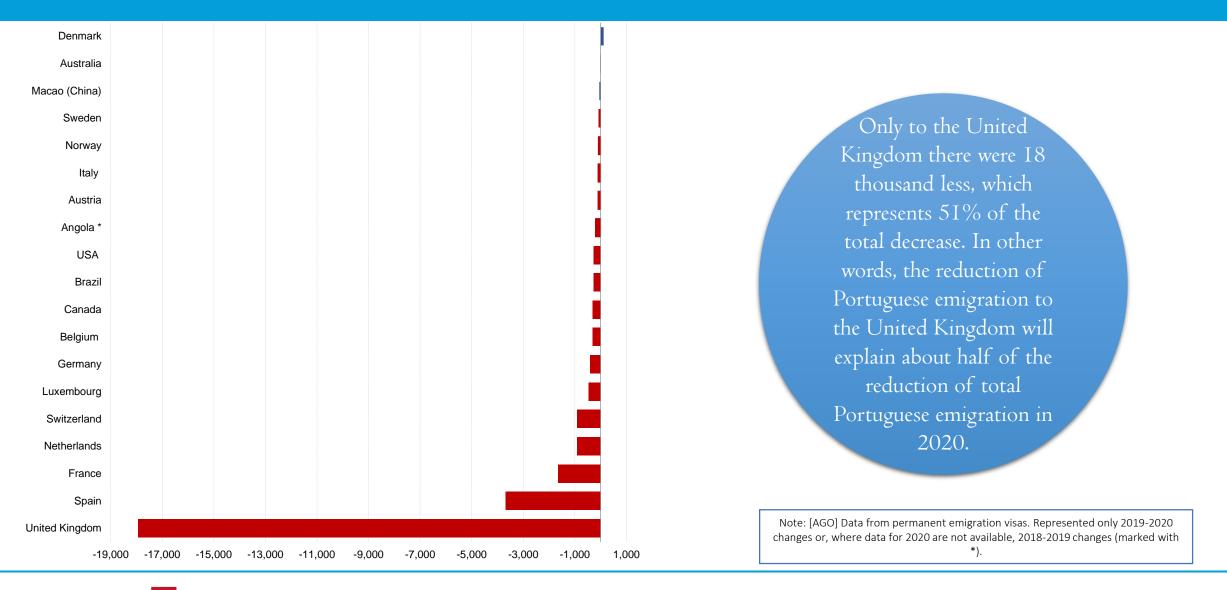
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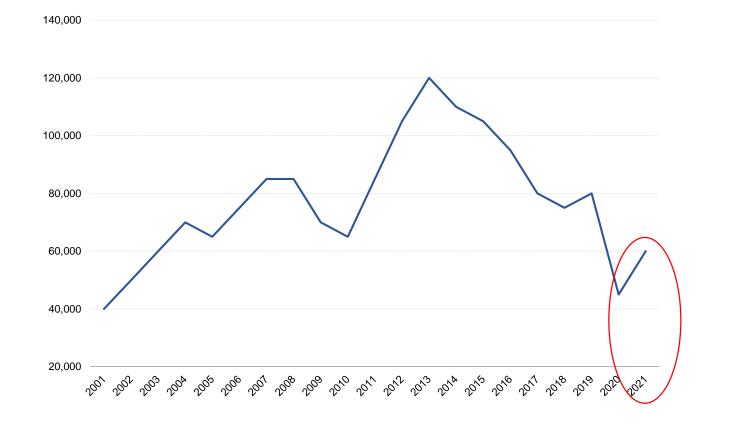


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In 2021 Portuguese emigration began to recover from the sharp drop recorded in 2020, due to the combined effect of the covid-19 pandemic and Brexit. At least around 60,000 Portuguese emigrated in 2021, 15,000 more than in the previous year.



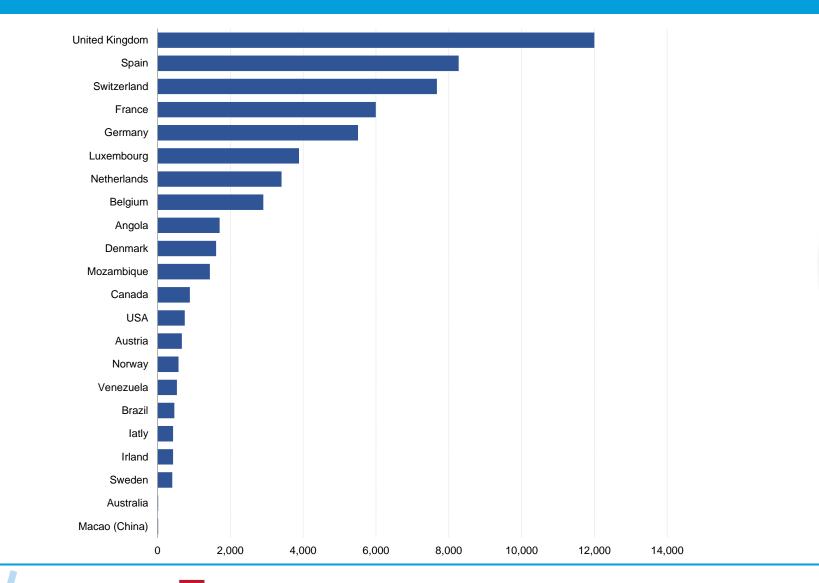
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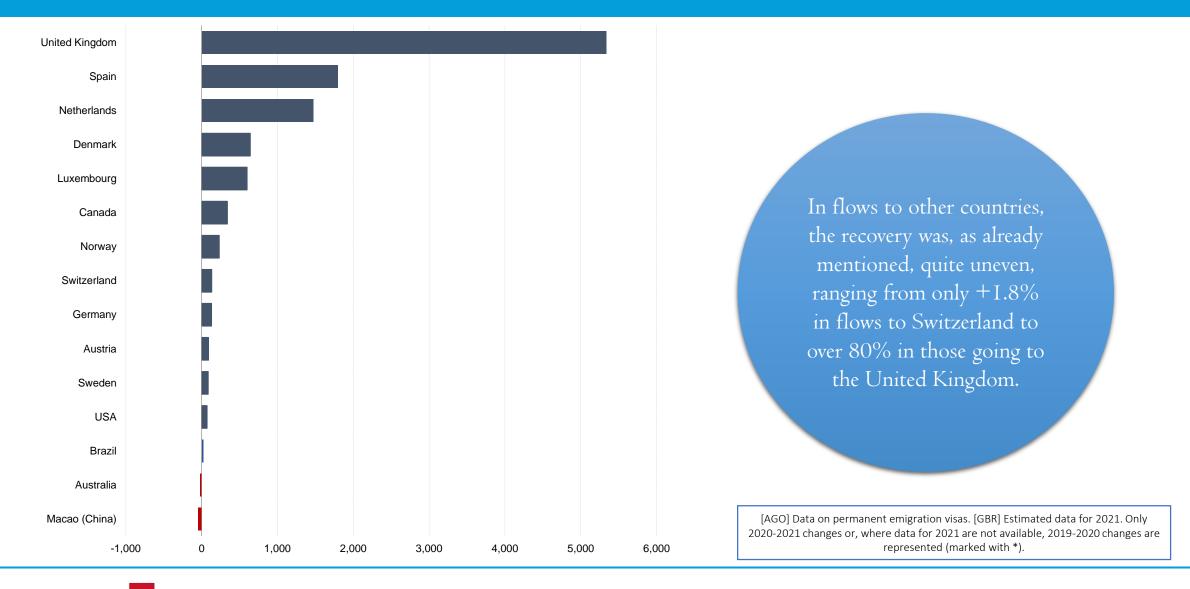
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The main destination of Portuguese emigration in 2021 will have been, once again, the United Kingdom, followed by Spain (8,272), Switzerland (7,657) and Germany (5,510). This list of main destinations should also include France, in an unknown position due to delays in the release of data on foreign arrivals in 2021.

[AGO] Permanent emigration visa data. 2019. [BEL] 2020. [FRA] 2020. [IRL] 2015. [ITA] 2020. [MOZ] 2016. [GBR] Estimated data. [VEN] 2011.

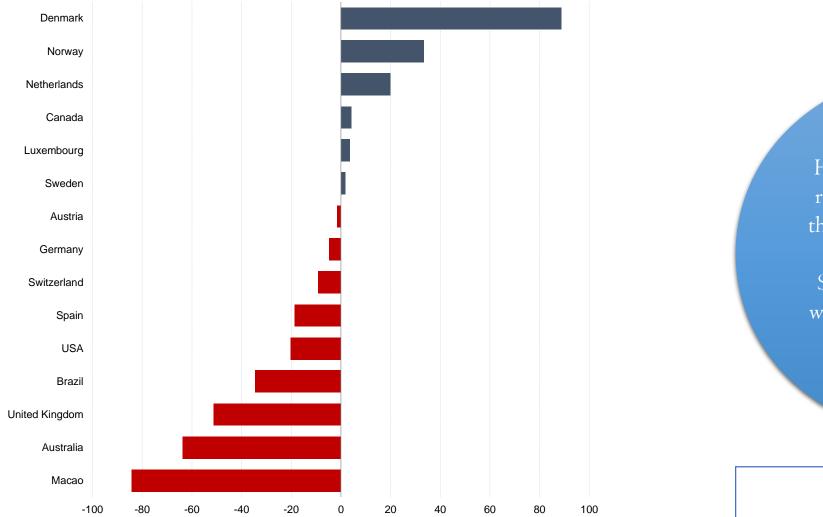
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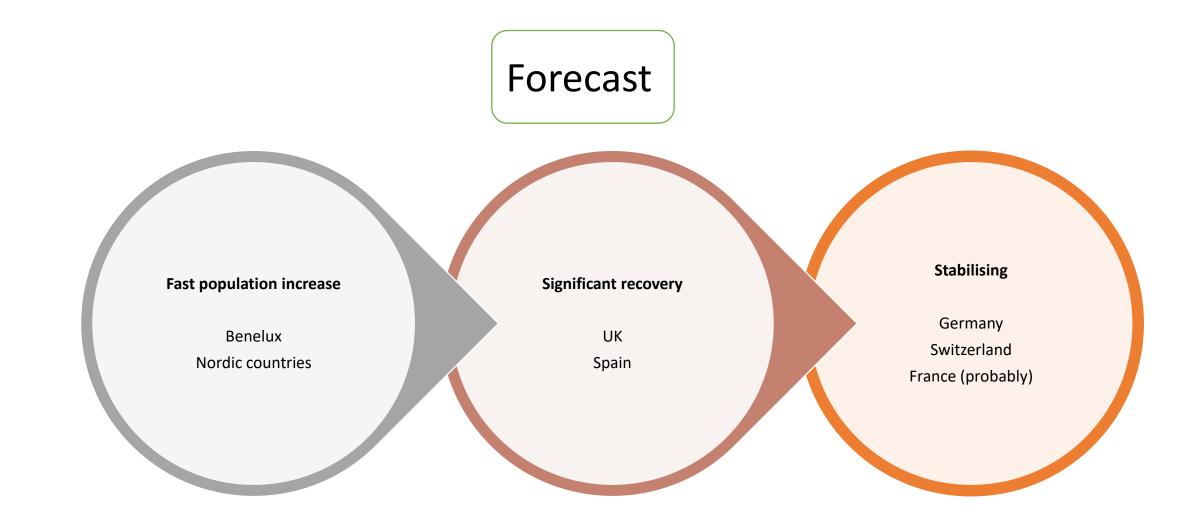


However, in six cases, the recovery is complete, and the numbers of 2019 have even been exceeded. Scandinavia and Benelux were the regions where the figures were exceeded.

[GBR] Estimated data for 2021.

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Thank you!

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