

# NATIONAL MIGRATION TRENDS IN SOUTH AMERICA

## Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

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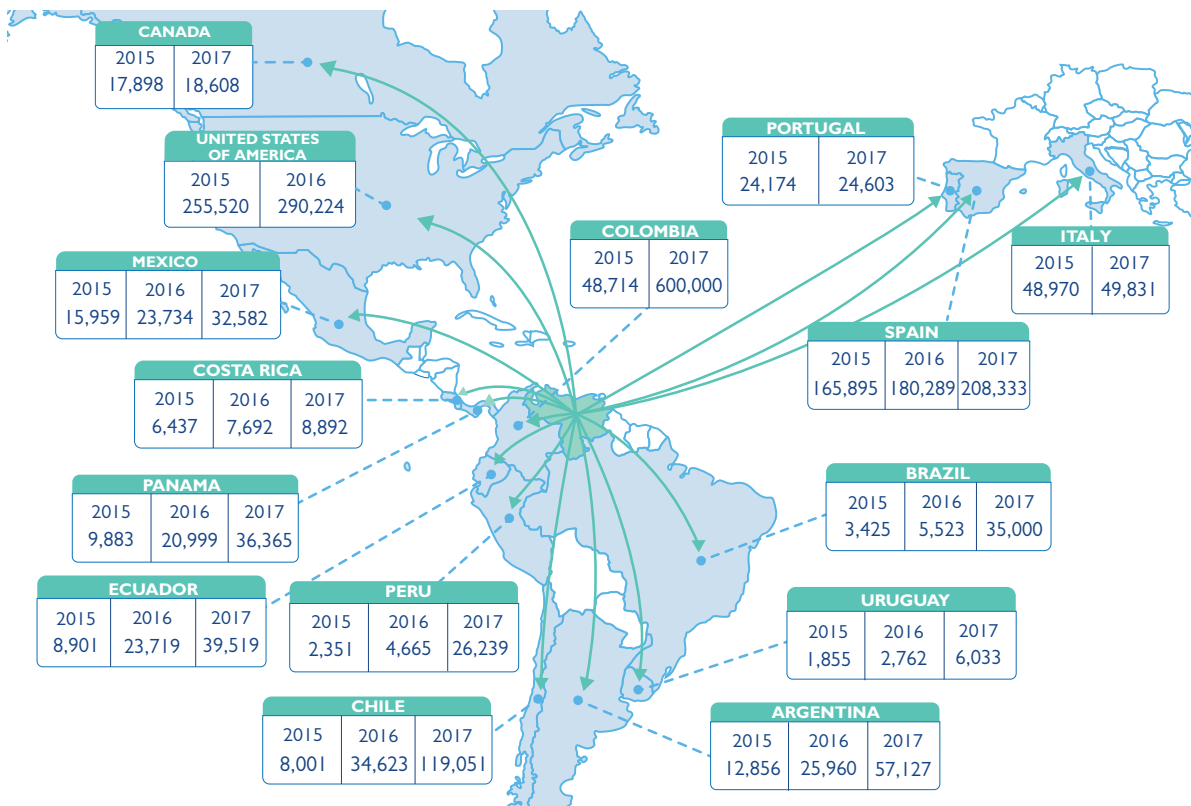
### EVOLUTION OF THE VENEZUELAN POPULATION ABROAD

Traditionally, the migration dynamic in South America is marked by intra- and extra-regional patterns. In recent years, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has seen changes in its migration processes. Thus, in recent times, there has been an intensification of flows towards traditional destinations as well as new destinations in the region and the world.

**United States** and **Spain** account for around half a million Venezuelans. **Colombia** stands out as the most popular destination for Venezuelan in South America. In the case of **Brazil**, the highest number of entries by Venezuelans is registered in the state of Roraima - border with Venezuela. **Peru**, **Ecuador**, **Chile** and **Argentina** stands out as one of those new destinations for Venezuelan people.

### ESTIMATE ON SIGNIFICANT DESTINATIONS 2015/2017

According to updated information based on official available sources (such as population statistics, migration records and estimates), the map shows the approximate Venezuelan population stock in selected countries. Likewise, due to the limited sources, it is difficult to quantify **irregular migration** as well as **transit population**.



	2005	2010	2015	2017
WORLDWIDE	437,280	556,641	697,562	1,622,109
SIGNIFICANT DESTINATIONS (See map)	380,790	496,352	630,839	1,552,407
SOUTH AMERICA	54,616	62,240	88,975	885,891

### REGULARISATION OF VENEZUELAN POPULATION (2015-2017)

Between 2015 and 2017, more than **300,000 (temporary and permanent) residence permits** were issued to Venezuelan nationals by ordinary and extraordinary migration normative tools. Venezuelans have benefited by the approval of specific legislation in the following countries of the region:

ARGENTINA	Applies <b>MERCOSUR Residence Agreement</b> (Law No. 25.871/2004).
BRAZIL	Grants a 2-year <b>Temporary Residence</b> to foreigners from bordering countries for whom the MERCOSUR Residence Agreement is not effective (CNIg Resolution No. 126/2017).
COLOMBIA	Grants a 2-year <b>Special Permit of Permanence</b> (PEP in Spanish) (Resolution No. 5797/2017, 1272/2017 and 0740/2018).
ECUADOR	Through the <b>Migration Statute</b> (2011, only for Venezuelans) and <b>UNASUR visa</b> (2017), the nationals of the block can have access to a two-year temporary residence.
PERU	Grants a 2-year <b>Temporary Permit of Permanence</b> (PTP in Spanish) (Supreme Decree No. 002-2017, No. 023-2017 and No. 001-2018).
URUGUAY	Grants Permanent Residence to nationals of the member states of <b>MERCOSUR</b> (Law No. 19,254/2014).

