

# France rises to the top as Argentina's foreign ownership doubles

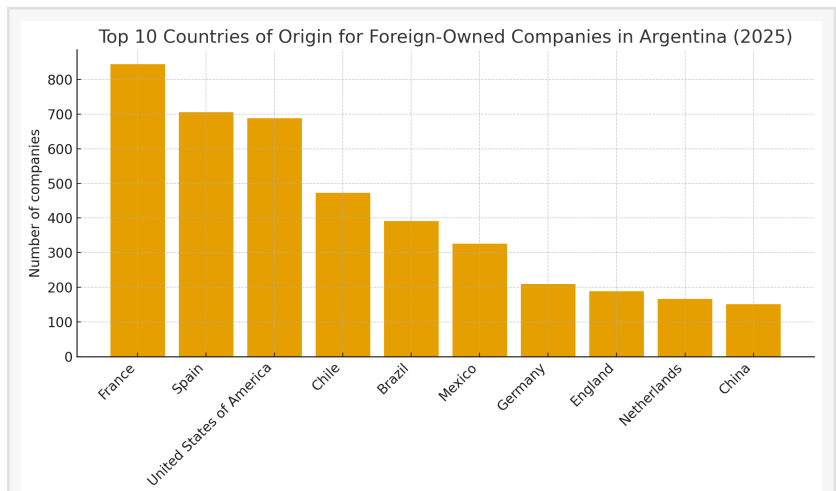
*Argentina is seeing a surge in foreign owned companies. The latest numbers from CompanyData.com show strong growth over the last decade.*

AMSTERDAM, NOORD-HOLLAND, NETHERLANDS, September 24, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- France rises to the top as Argentina's foreign ownership doubles  
France leads, Spain surges, China rises on lithium

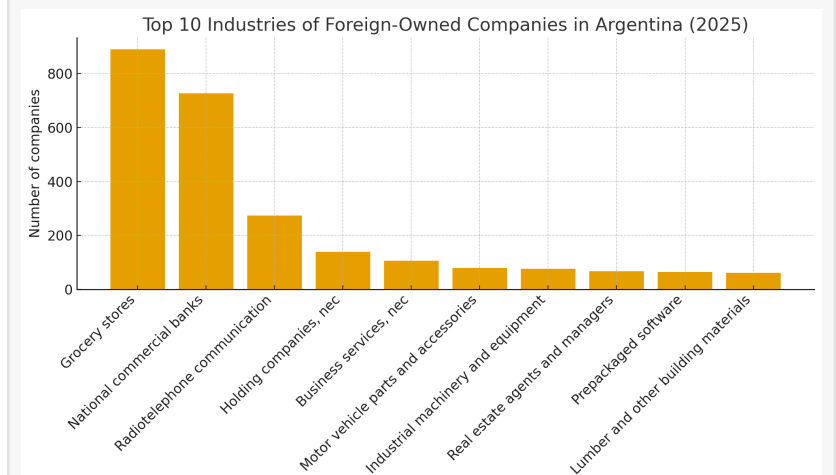
[Argentina is seeing](#) a surge in foreign owned companies. The latest numbers from CompanyData.com show strong growth over the last decade: from 2,389 in 2015 to 5,143 in 2025, an increase of 115.3%. France now leads with 844 companies, overtaking United States of America (509 in 2015). This sharp rise underlines the shifting landscape of Argentina's foreign ownership, with European countries playing an increasingly dominant role.

France becomes Argentina's top foreign owner

The number of French-owned companies in Argentina grew from 163 in 2015 to 844 in 2025, a rise of 417%. Energy has been a key driver: TotalEnergies launched gas production at the offshore Fenix field in 2024. Despite divesting a minority of shale assets in 2025, the company said it remains committed to Argentina's core gas projects. Retail is another pillar: Carrefour, [owned by France](#), operates 626 stores in Argentina, making it one of the country's largest supermarket chains and a clear example of France's corporate footprint.



Top 10 countries of origin of foreign-owned companies in Argentina in 2025.



Top 10 industries of foreign-owned companies in Argentina in 2025.

Spain also overtakes the United States

Spanish-owned companies increased from 219 in 2015 to 541 in 2025, a rise of 147%. Spain also overtook the United States to become one of Argentina's top foreign owners. Spain's presence is anchored by its banking giants, with Santander and BBVA among the largest private banks in the country, underscoring Spain's enduring financial influence.

China enters the top 10 with rapid growth

The number of companies from China increased from 17 in 2015 to 152 in 2025, a rise of 794.1%. Recent lithium investments underpin this momentum: China's Ganfeng Lithium began production at the Mariana project in Salta in 2025, with plans to expand further.

Top 10 countries of origin (2025)

Country of origin	Companies
-------------------	-----------

France	844
--------	-----

Spain	705
-------	-----

United States of America	688
--------------------------	-----

Chile	473
-------	-----

Brazil	391
--------	-----

Mexico	326
--------	-----

Germany	210
---------	-----

England	189
---------	-----

Netherlands	167
-------------	-----

China	152
-------	-----

Industries leading the charge

Among foreign-owned companies in Argentina, retail leads with 890 grocery stores. Banks are next with 727 entities, showing the weight of foreign finance. Telecommunications also feature strongly with 274 companies.



Official CompanyData.com logo, representing the global provider of verified company data.



CompanyData.com brand avatar used for press releases and media distribution.

## Top 10 foreign-owned industries (2025)

### Industry Companies

Grocery stores 890

Banks 727

Telecommunication 274

Holding companies, nec 138

Business services, nec 106

Motor vehicle parts and accessories 79

Industrial machinery and equipment 76

Real estate agents and managers 66

Prepackaged software 63

Lumber and other building materials 60

End of press release

### About CompanyData.com

CompanyData.com (formerly BoldData) is a [global company data provider](#) headquartered in the Netherlands, with offices in Amsterdam, Berlin, and Dubai. Since 2013, we've supported over 5,000 clients in 81 countries with verified, structured company data. We specialize in custom-built datasets with legal entity data, company hierarchies, contact data and B2B email data.

Our mission is to make global company data simple, transparent and truly useful.

### Note to the editor

Editors are welcome to reference this data in their reporting. Please credit CompanyData.com with a link to the source page. Additional figures or raw data are available on request.

This report is derived from CompanyData.com's global company database. The foundation of the database is official national trade registers, complemented by trusted sources such as the GLEIF, LEI Repository, chambers of commerce, and local commercial registries. For Argentina, the primary source is Registro Publico de Comercio and Boletin Oficial. From these verified records, CompanyData.com builds global company hierarchies and relationships, making it possible to analyze the role of foreign-owned companies across countries.

Daan Wolff

CompanyData.com

+ +31 20 705 2360

[email us here](#)

Visit us on social media:

[LinkedIn](#)

[Facebook](#)



Daan Wolff, Founder and CEO of CompanyData.com, author of the press release.

---

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/852027361>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2025 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.