



**Valley of the Sun Chapter
American Pilgrims on the Camino**

**March 2, 6-7 pm
March 4, 10-11 am**

Agenda

- Welcome
- History of the Valley of the Sun Chapter
- Future of the Chapter
- Camino Information
- Q&A/Next Steps
- Wrap up

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Introductions

1. What is your name?
2. Have you walked* a Camino?
 - If yes, which one(s)
3. Do you plan to walk a Camino in the future?

*Walk, bike, ride a horse, etc.

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History of the Valley of the Sun Chapter

Chapter was originally formed in September 2012 and continued until May 2020.

- Normally met at Total Wine. Last meetings in 2019.
- In 2021 American Pilgrims on the Camino queried interest in restarting the chapter.
 - a core group agreed and identified coordinators.

March meetings will determine if the chapter will be officially reinstated.

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Future of the Valley of the Sun Chapter

Coordinator's job is to invite, encourage & provide opportunities for people to share and learn.

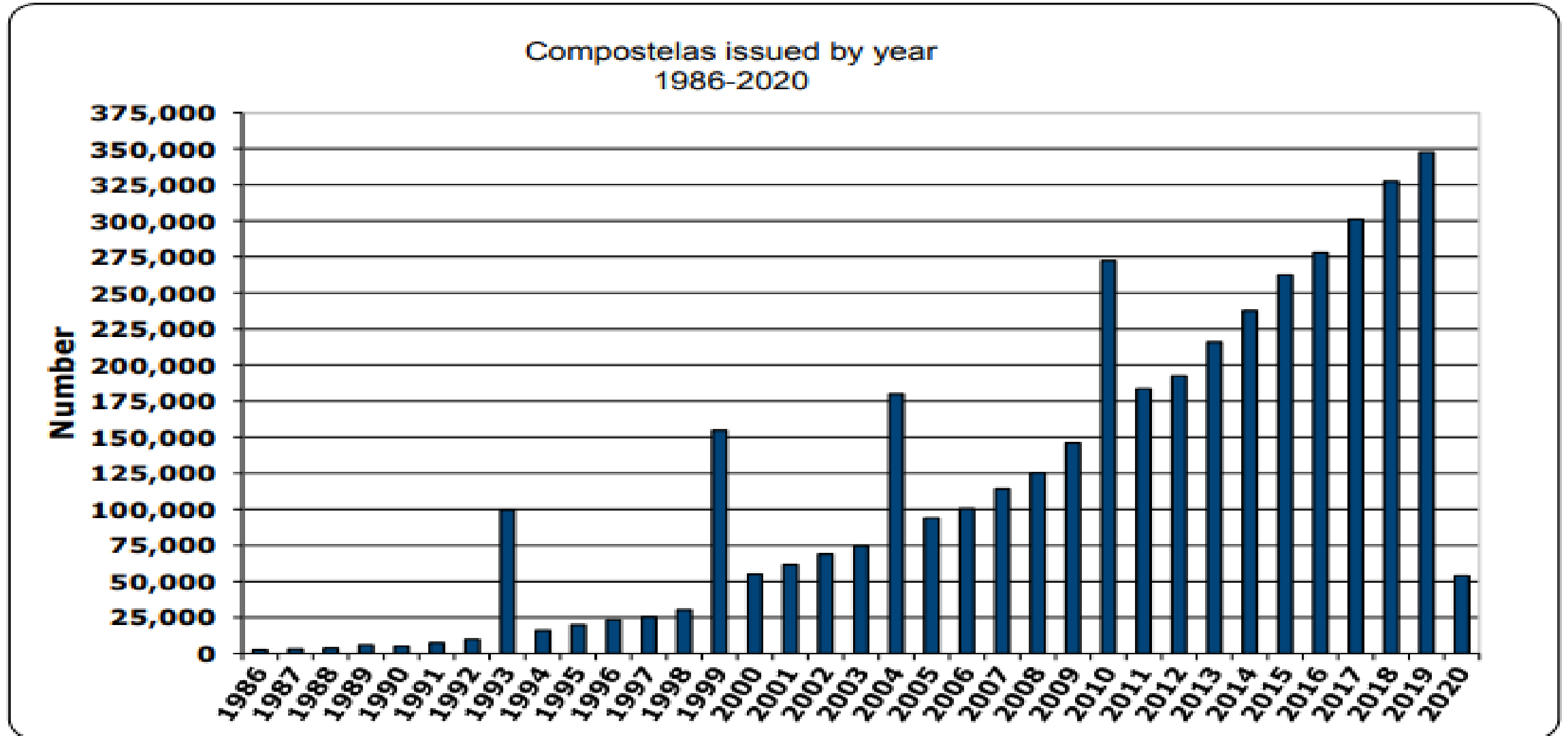
- Distribute a questionnaire on your Camino experiences and your chapter expectations.
- Identify a team to assist in coordinating opportunities

Your responses will ensure we develop a strong and viable chapter; a fun group that enjoys sharing past and future experiences.

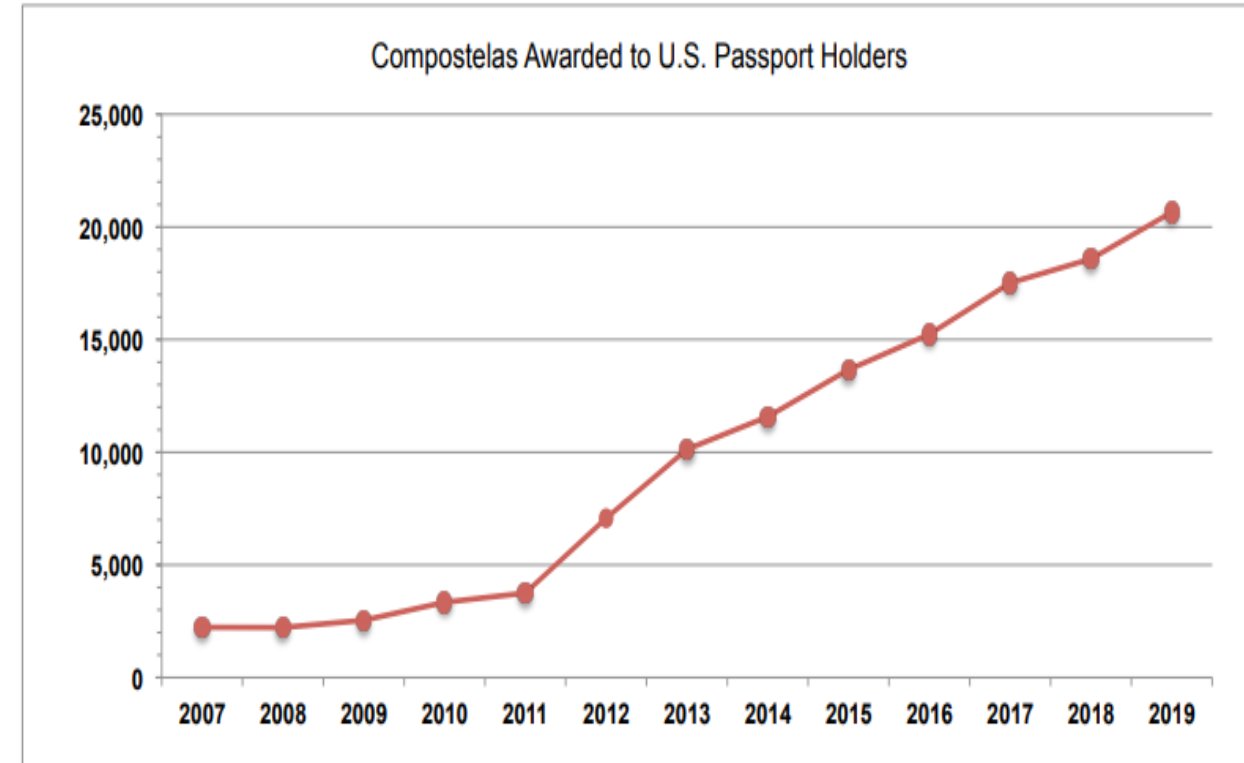
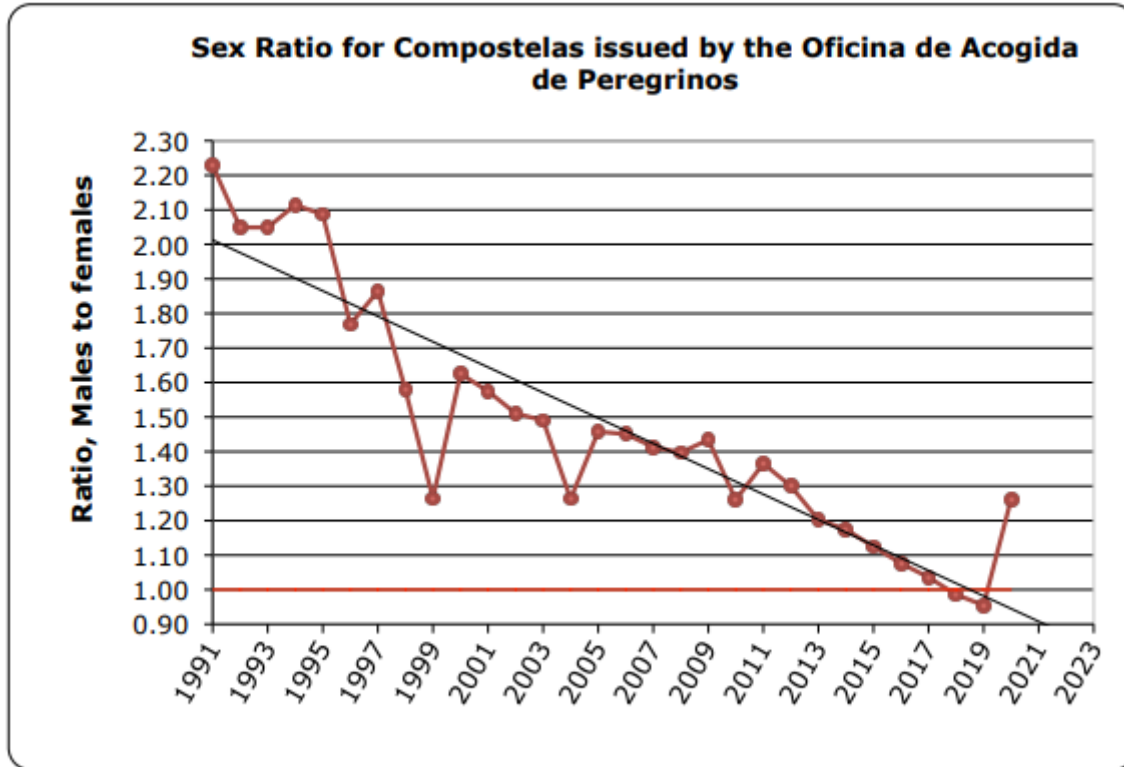


Camino Information and Stats

Compostelas issued by the Oficina de Acogida de Peregrinos by year



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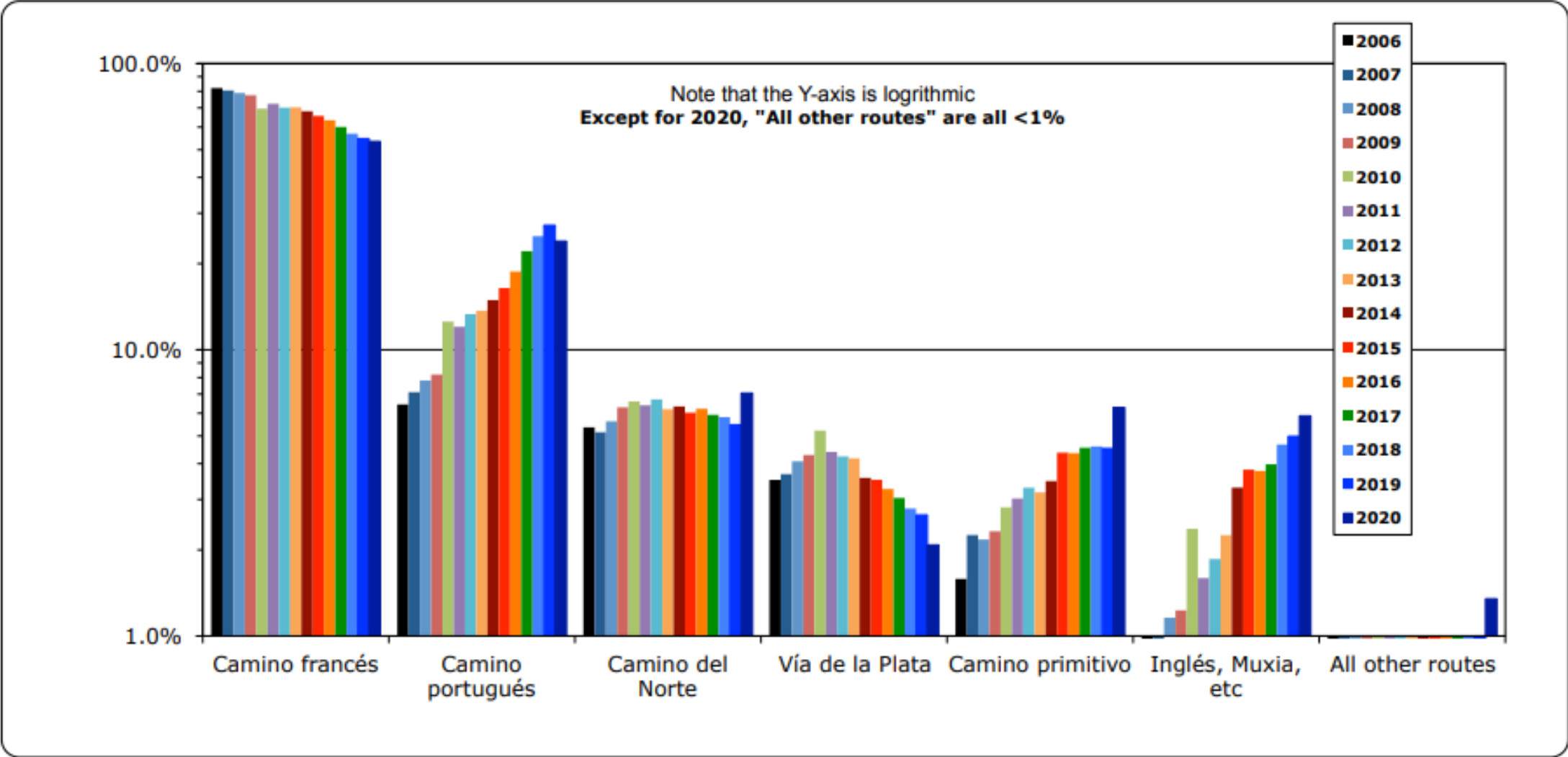


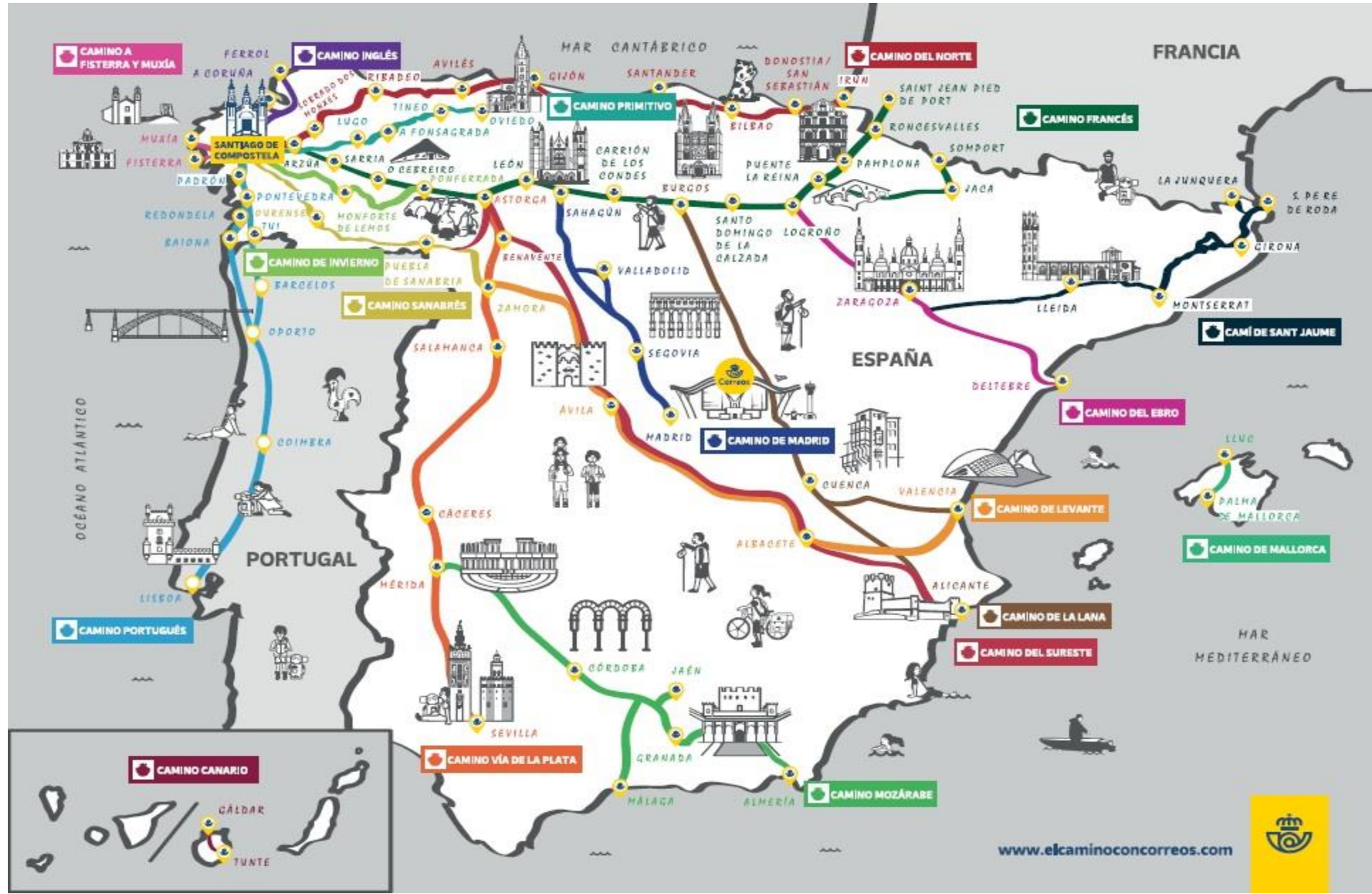
In 2018, for the first time in recorded history more women than men received Compostelas and the trend continued even stronger in 2019. The COVID year of 2020 reversed that trend.

Approximately 5.7% of the total in 2019 were US Passport holders

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Compostelas issued by the *Oficina de Acogida de Perigrinos* by route traveled
2006 through 2020





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Suggested Resources

American Pilgrims On The Camino

<https://americanpilgrims.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/57453722347>

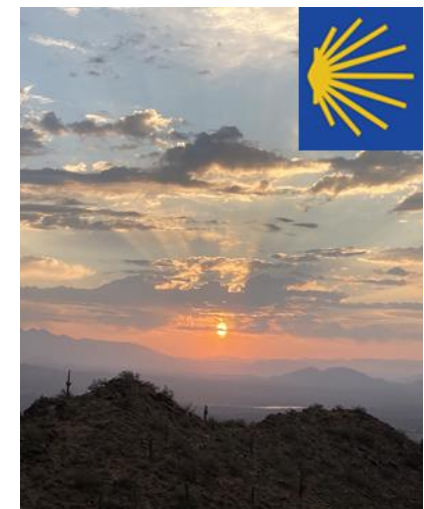
The Camino Forum – Ivar Rekve

<https://www.caminodesantiago.me/community/>

CAMIGAS ~ A Buddy System for Women on the Camino

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CaminoBuddySystemForWomen>

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Next Steps

Based on participation at these first two meetings, the American Pilgrims on the Camino national organization will determine if the Valley of the Sun Chapter should be reinstated.

After we are officially a chapter, we will:

- Send out the questionnaire
- View your responses and develop priorities
- Schedule our next meeting

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Comments/Feedback

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THANK YOU & BUEN CAMINO!

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