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# Foreign immigration to Italy: past, present and future

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# **PRESENTATION STRUCTURE**

## **A general overview**

- **Immigration and foreign presence: from perceptions to statistics**
- **The contribution of foreigners to the past population trend**
- **The contribution of foreigners to Italian period fertility**
- **Possible future migratory scenarios according to demographic objectives**

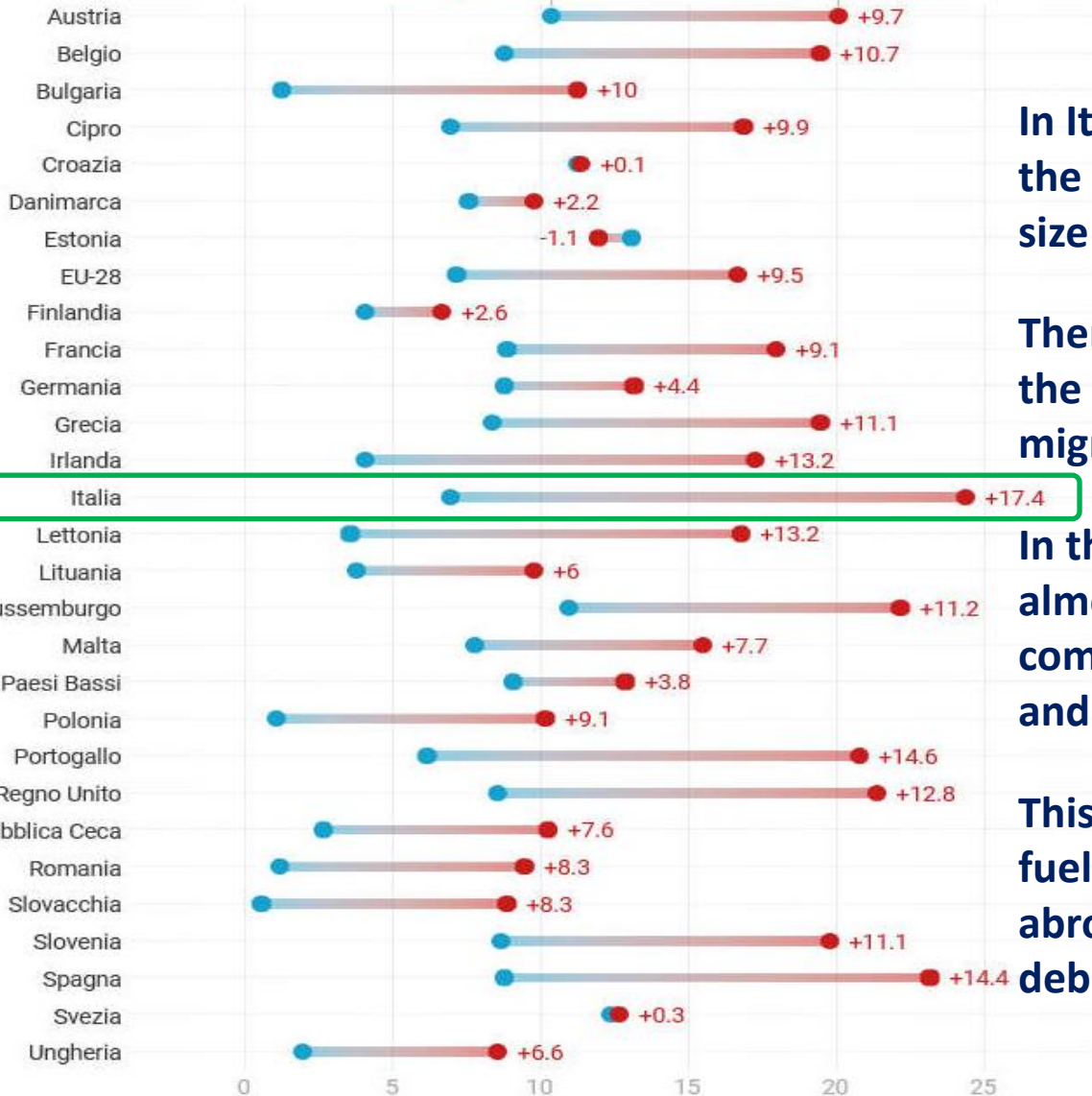
## **Two in-depth themes**

- **The wide range of nationalities and the employment of foreign women**
- **The school integration of immediate descendants of immigrants**

## **Brief and schematic conclusions**

# 1. IMMIGRATION FROM PERCEPTIONS TO STATISTICS

Actual (EUROSTAT) and perceived (EUROBAROMETER) percentages of immigrants from non-EU countries, differences in percentage points (pp). EU, 2017



In Italy there is the largest gap between the perceived and the actual (relative) size of immigration (over 17 pp more).

There is also a mistaken perception of the origins and characteristics of migrants.

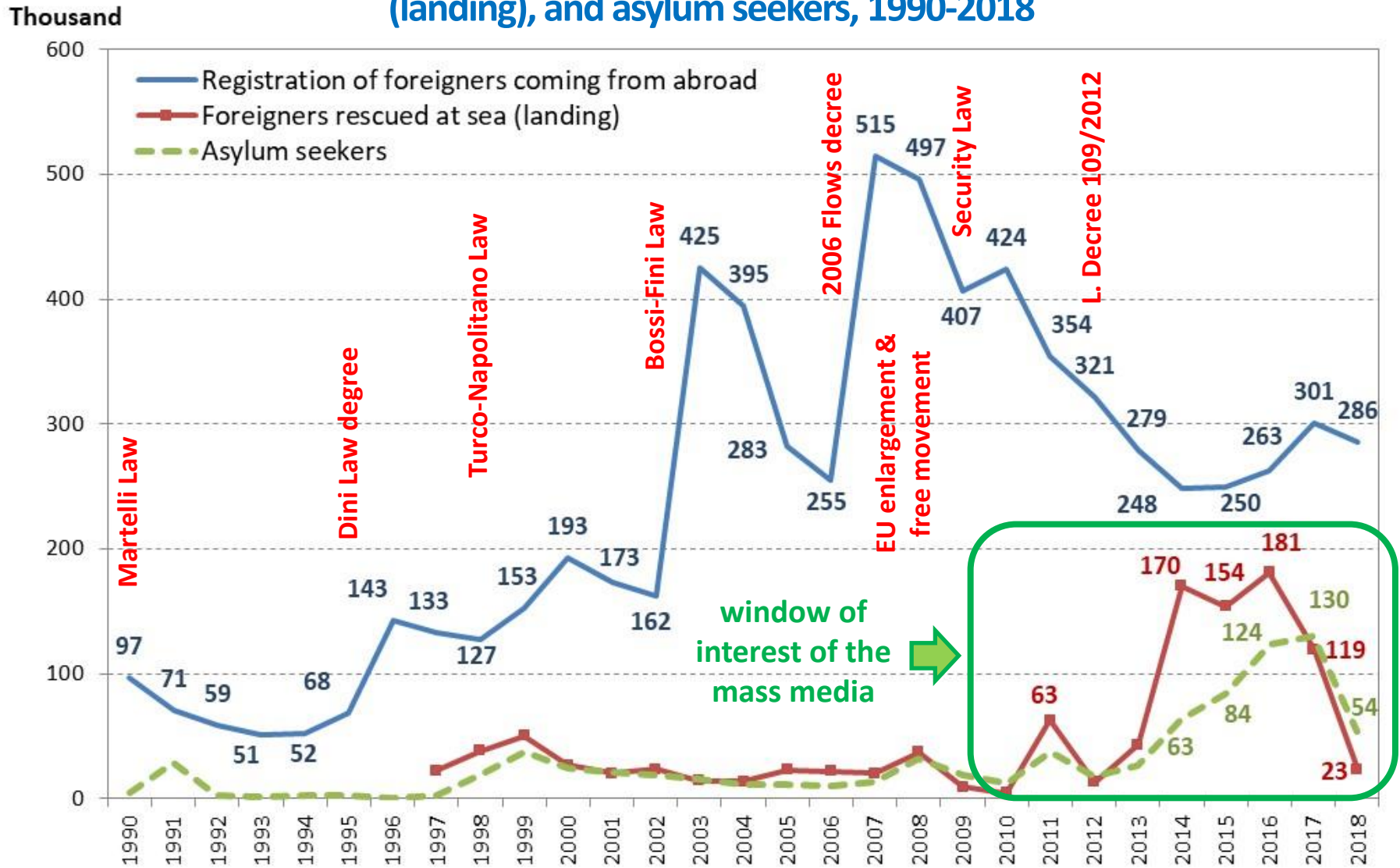
In the public debate immigrants are almost always seen as: males, blacks, coming from Africa, arriving irregularly and often seeking asylum.

This incorrect perception of reality has fueled the recent fear of invasion from abroad that is affecting the public debate and some political decisions.

Source: elaborations of the Cattaneo Institute on Eurobarometer and Eurostat data (2017).

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Registrations in PRs of foreigners coming from abroad, foreigners rescued at sea (landing), and asylum seekers, 1990-2018

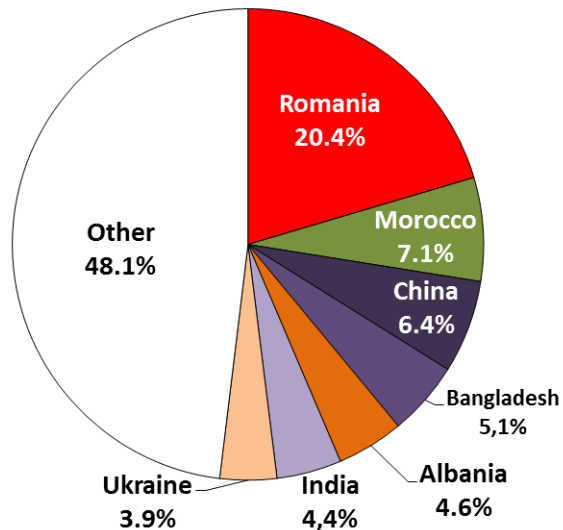


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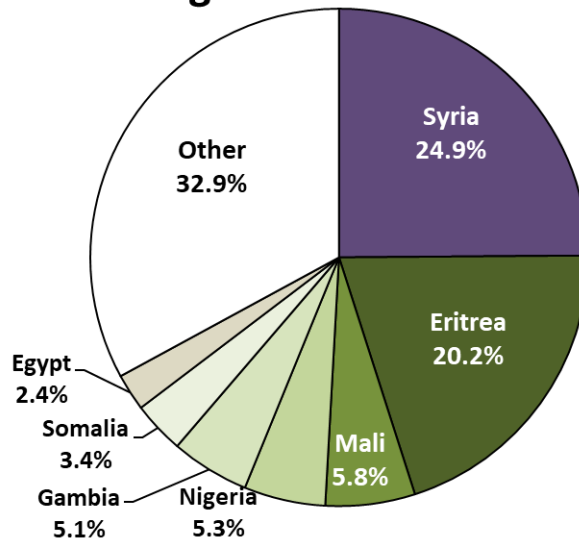
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## Distribution by country of citizenship of arrivals in 2014

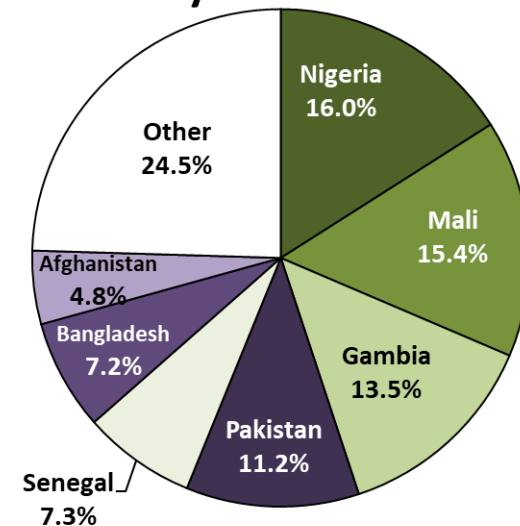
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### Foreigners rescued at sea

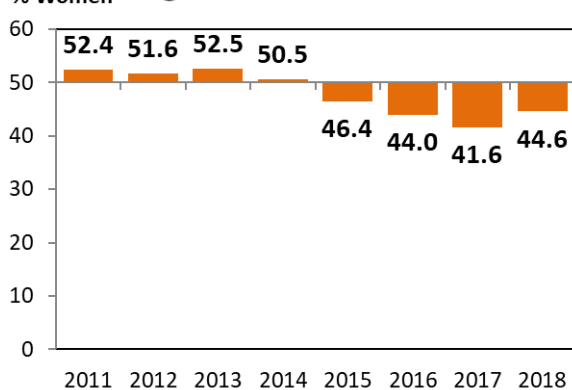


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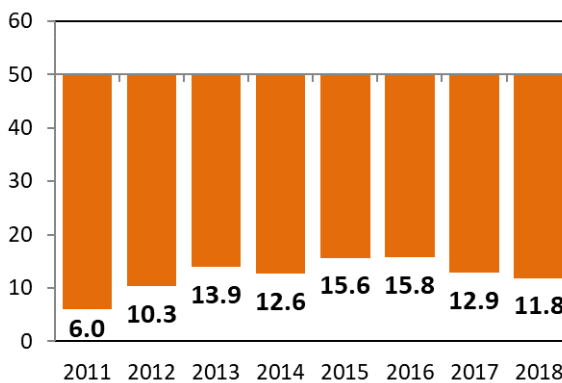


## Percentage of women among arrivals in 2011-2018

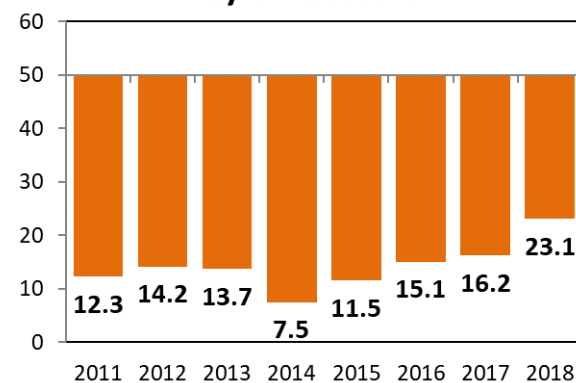
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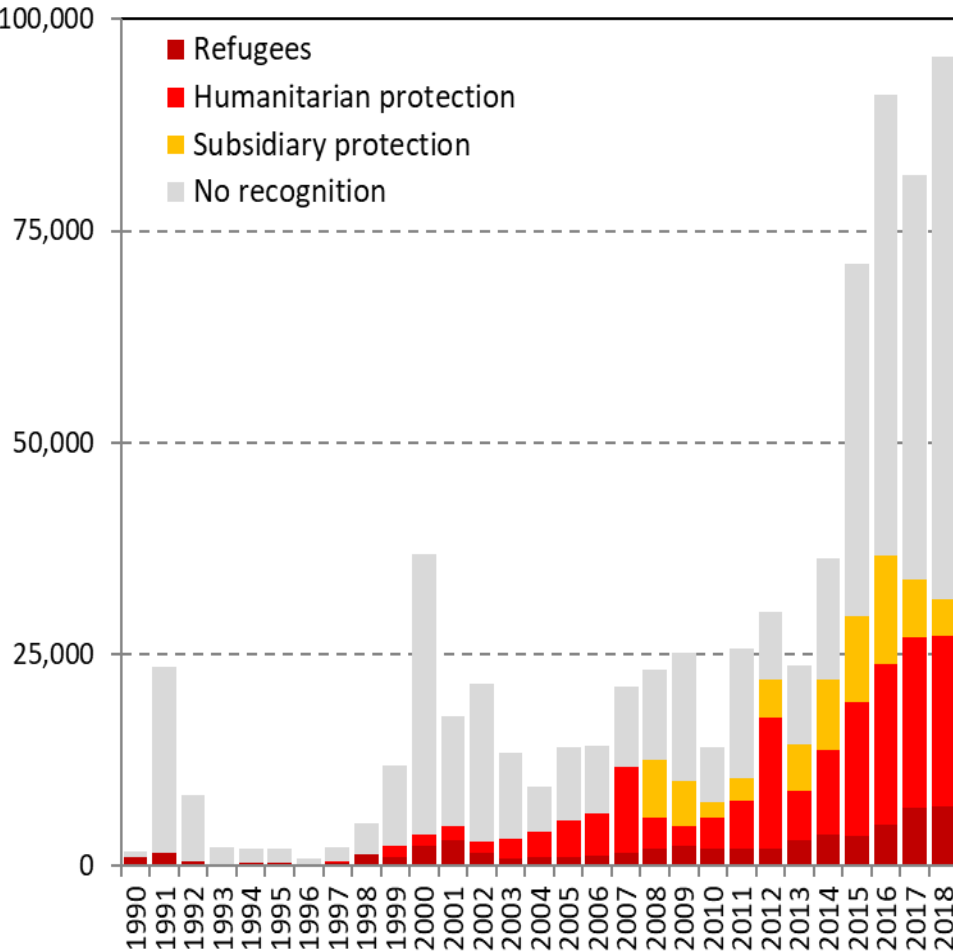
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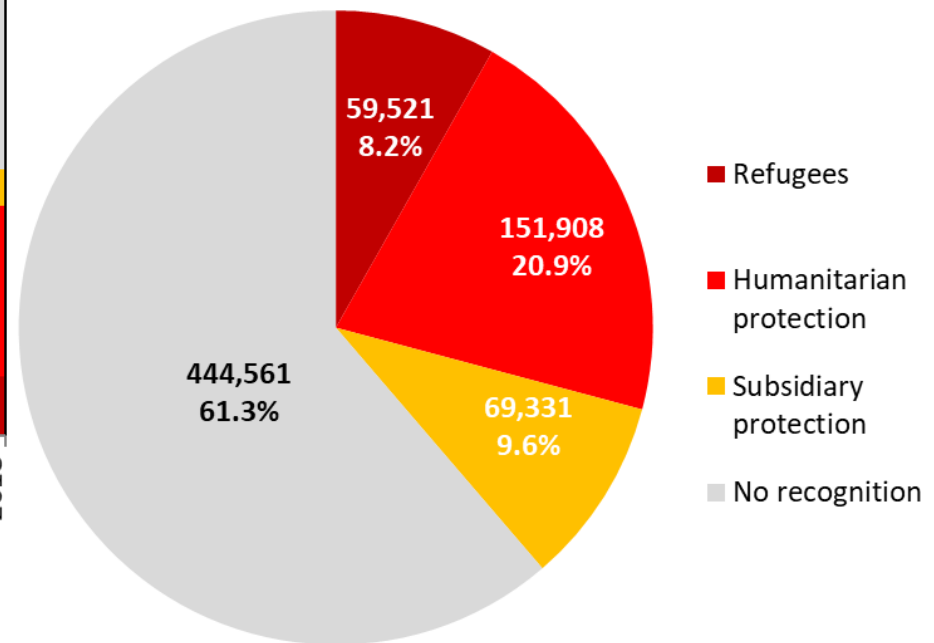
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## Requests for protection examined and their outcome. Italy, 1990-2018



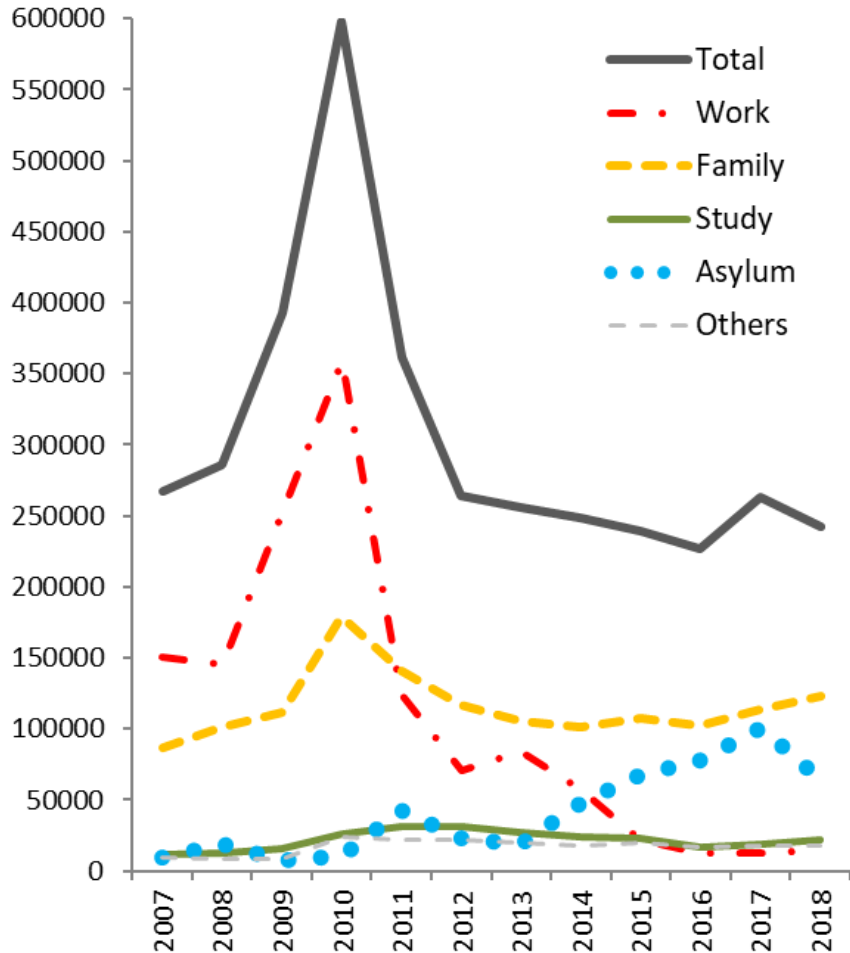
	Period		% 2011-18
	1990-2018	2011-2018	
Rescued at sea (since 1997)	1,092,462	767,001	70.2
Asylum requests	824,917	535,945	65.0
Requests examined	725,321	454,821	62.7
Concessions	280,760	200,234	71.3
<i>of which for:</i>			
Refugees	59,521	33,110	55.6
Humanitarian protection	151,908	111,859	73.6
Subsidiary protection	69,331	55,265	79.7



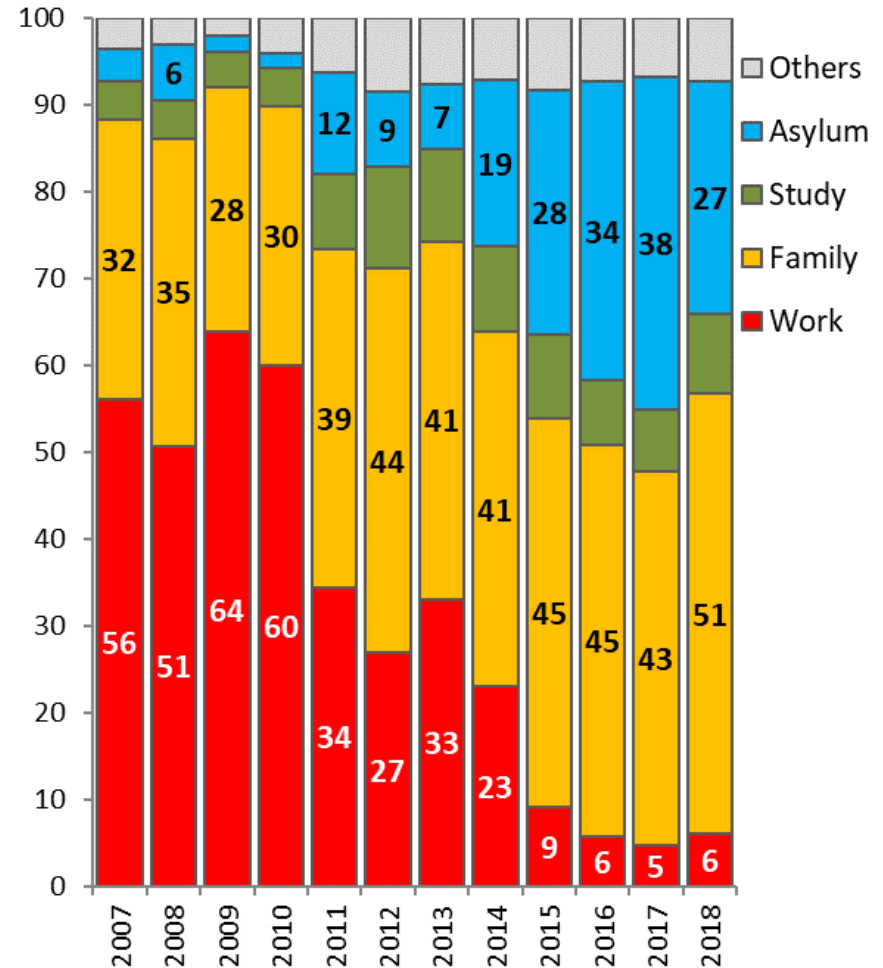
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## New permits to stay granted annually to non-EU citizens

Absolute values  
of permits by reason



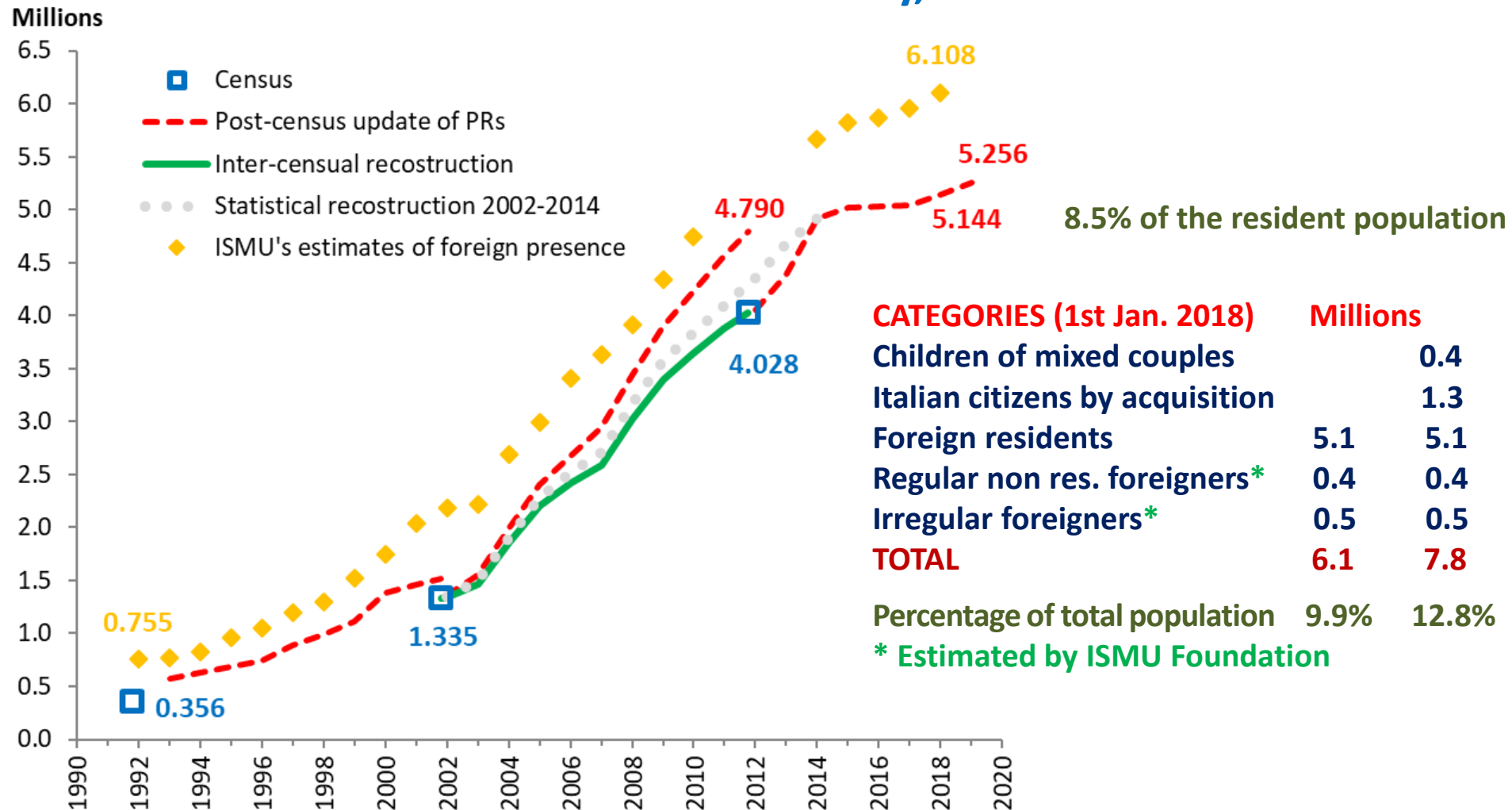
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# 1. IMMIGRATION FROM PERCEPTIONS TO STATISTICS

## Stock of resident and non-resident foreigners according to the various sources and estimates. Italy, 1991-2018





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## Foreigners by Italian geographical division of residence. Situation at beginning of 2019 and 2011-2018 average annual rates

### % foreigners on total residents



	Italian geographical divisions				ITALY
	North-West	North-East	Centre	South & Islands	
Absolute values (in thousand)	1,764.3	1,256.5	1,335.3	899.4	5,255.5
% by geographical division	33.6	23.9	25.4	17.1	100.0
<b>% on total residents</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>
2011-2018 average annual rates (per 1,000 foreigners)					
- Total Change	29.4	19.5	44.4	70.2	36.8
- Natural Change	15.9	15.8	12.8	11.4	14.4
- Net Internal Migration	2.8	2.4	0.7	-4.7	1.0
- Net International Migration	44.8	41.4	51.5	84.3	51.6
- Other reasons Change	-2.1	-3.3	1.7	-4.7	-1.9
- Italian Citizenship acquisitions	32.1	36.7	22.2	16.0	28.3

## 2. THE FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION TO THE PAST POPULATION TREND

**A HISTORY ALREADY WRITTEN.** It is possible to compare the *actual population* at the most recent date (beginning 2018) with the *expected population* at the same date computed in the absence of international migration in the period 2002-2017, adopting the so-called *retrospective 'what-if...' approach*.

It starts with 57.8 million inhabitants in Italy at the beginning of 2002, separately estimated by sex, age and citizenship (Italians/foreigners) according to the evaluation of coverage in the 2001 census.

The resident population in Italy by sex, age and citizenship was projected without migration from the beginning to the end of the time-period (2002-2017) assuming:

- i) the same trend, by sex, of mortality observed in the period starting from the estimated 2002 life tables, separated for the Italians and foreigners (the latter having a higher survivorship than the former and converging towards the level of the former);
- ii) the age-specific fertility rates for the Italian women equal to those actually observed in the period, and for foreign women (only those resident in Italy at the beginning of 2002) equal to the values estimated for 2001-2002 and updated linearly by a decrease in foreign women's TFR from 2.45 to 1.97 children per woman and a slow progressive change in the age profile approaching that of Italy (mean age at childbearing rising from 27.4 to 28.7 years). It was also considered that about a quarter of the births to foreign mothers are Italian citizens, according to data from the population registers;
- iii) the acquisition of citizenship could not be considered. Therefore, the foreign population at the end of 2017 also includes people who became Italian in the 2002-2017 time-period.

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Actual and Expected resident population and relevant demographic changes by citizenship. Italy, period 2002-2017 (values and differences in thousand)

Citizenship	Resident population Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2002 <sup>(a)</sup>	2002-2017 Natural Change (NC)			Resident population Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018	Migratory Change <sup>(b)</sup>
		Births	Deaths	NC		
<b>Actual population</b>						
Italians	56,318	7,507	9,393	-1,886	55,340	908
Foreigners	1,512	1,039	75	964	5,144	2,668
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,831</b>	<b>8,545</b>	<b>9,468</b>	<b>-923</b>	<b>60,484</b>	<b>3,576</b>
<b>Expected population<sup>(c)</sup></b>						
Italians	56,318	7,361	9,362	-2,001	54,318	0
Foreigners	1,512	320	64	255	1,768	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,831</b>	<b>7,681</b>	<b>9,426</b>	<b>-1,745</b>	<b>56,085</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Differences between actual and expected values</b>						
Italians	0	145	31	114	1,022	908
Foreigners	0	719	11	708	3,377	2,668
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>4,399</b>	<b>3,576</b>

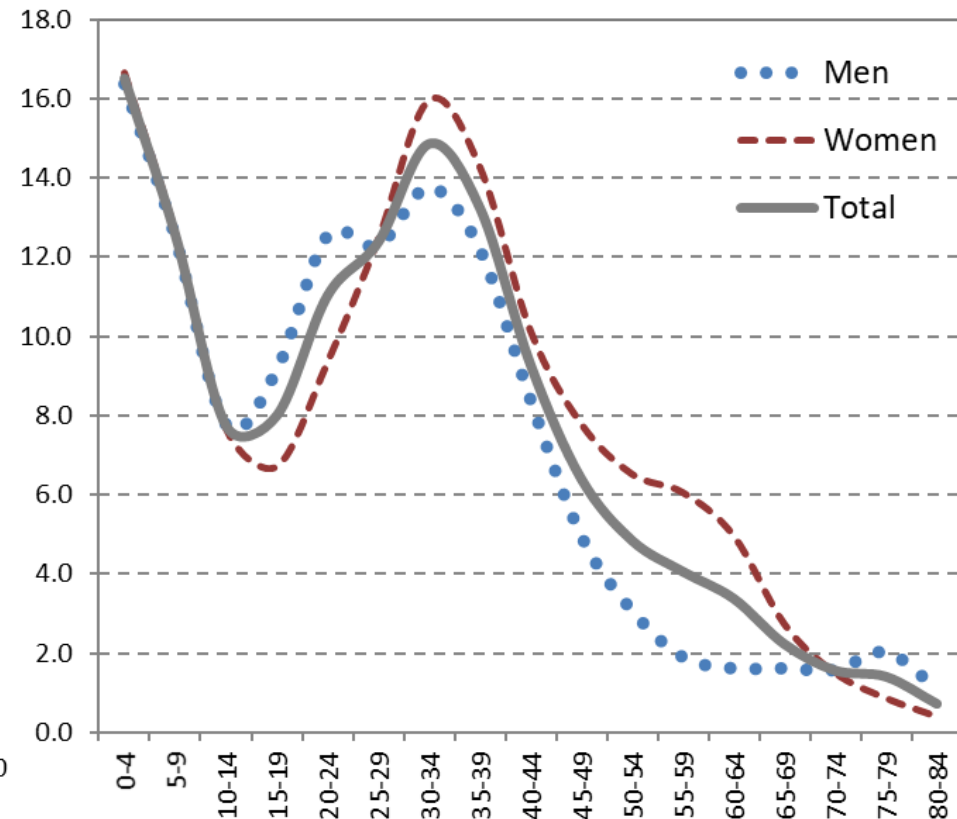
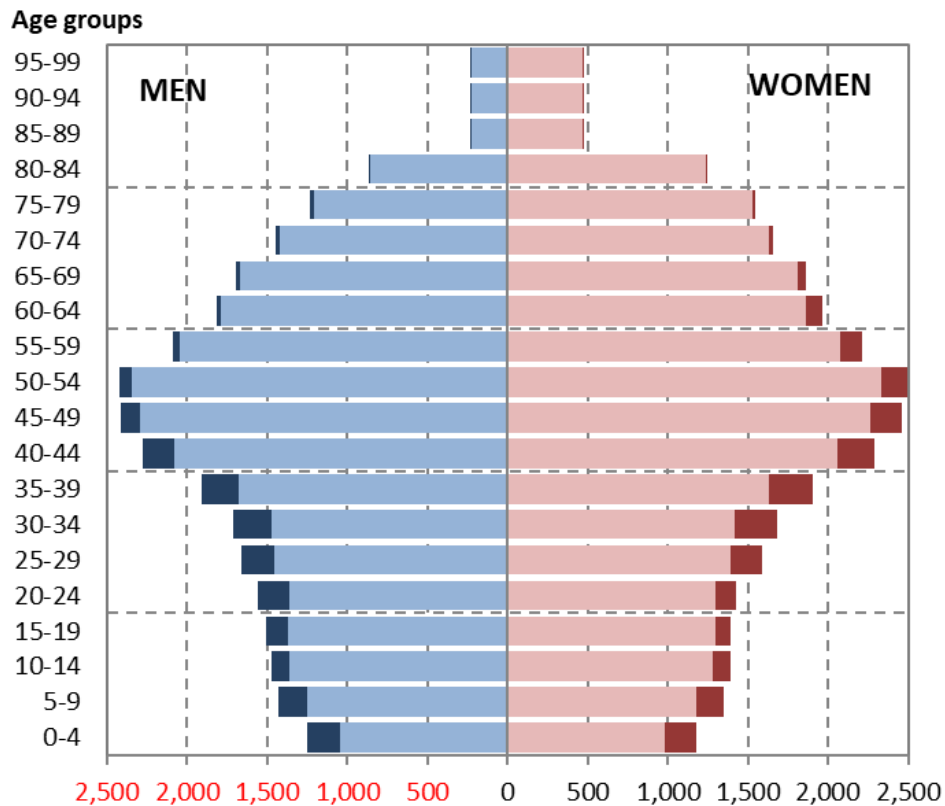
Notes: (a) The resident population by sex, age and citizenship at the beginning of 2002 was revised to consider the under-coverage in the 2001 census (Istat, 2009). (b) Differences between total change and natural change gives a residual component composed of migratory change and other secondary factors (also citizenship change in the sub-populations of Italians and foreigners). (c) Without international migration in the period 2002-2017.

Source: Own update from Gesano and Strozza, 2011 (own elaboration from Istat data).

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Age pyramid of actual (including dark area) and expected (without dark area) population residing in Italy, Jan. 1st 2018.

Percentage of actual population more than the expected population, by gender and age groups. Italy, Jan. 1st 2018.



## 2. THE FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION TO THE PAST POPULATION TREND

Distribution by wide age groups of the actual resident population (A) and expected population (E). Italy, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2002 and 2018.

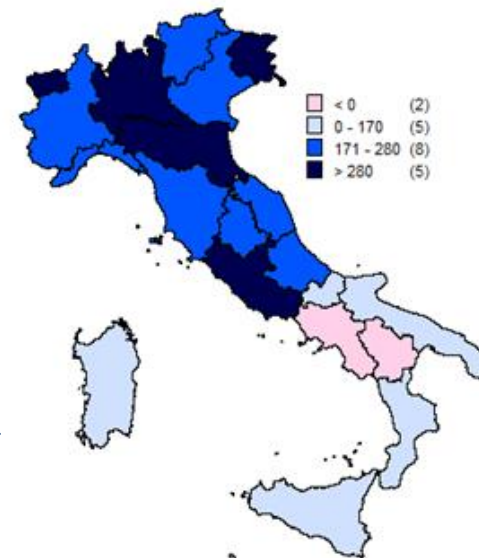
Wide age groups	Actual Pop. Jan. 1st 2002 (A02)	Expected Pop. Jan. 1st 2018 (E18)	Actual Pop. Jan. 1st 2018 (A18)	Differences		
				E18-A02	A18-A02	A18-E18
<b>Absolute values (in thousand)</b>						
0-14	8,212	7,108	8,080	-1,104	-132	972
14-39	20,166	14,371	16,342	-5,795	-3,824	1,971
40-64	18,711	21,147	22,418	2,436	3,707	1,271
65-79	8,215	9,272	9,437	1,057	1,223	165
80+	2,527	4,187	4,207	1,660	1,680	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,831</b>	<b>56,085</b>	<b>60,484</b>	<b>-1,745</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>Percentage values</b>						
0-14	14.2	12.7	13.4	-1.5	-0.8	0.7
14-39	34.9	25.6	27.0	-9.2	-7.9	1.4
40-64	32.4	37.7	37.1	5.4	4.7	-0.6
65-79	14.2	16.5	15.6	2.3	1.4	-0.9
80+	4.4	7.5	7.0	3.1	2.6	-0.5

### 3. THE CONTRIBUTION OF FOREIGNERS TO ITALIAN PERIOD FERTILITY

Geographic divisions	TFR (‰)		
	2001	2011	Differ.
North-West	1,193	1,500	307
Nord-East	1,227	1,498	271
Centre	1,168	1,440	272
South	1,347	1,362	15
Islands	1,277	1,369	92
ITALY	1,250	1,441	190

Geographic divisions	Mean age at childbearing		
	2001	2011	Differ.
North-West	30.9	31.4	0.4
Nord-East	30.9	31.3	0.4
Centre	31.2	31.7	0.5
South	30.0	31.1	1.1
Islands	29.8	30.8	1.0
ITALY	30.5	31.3	0.8

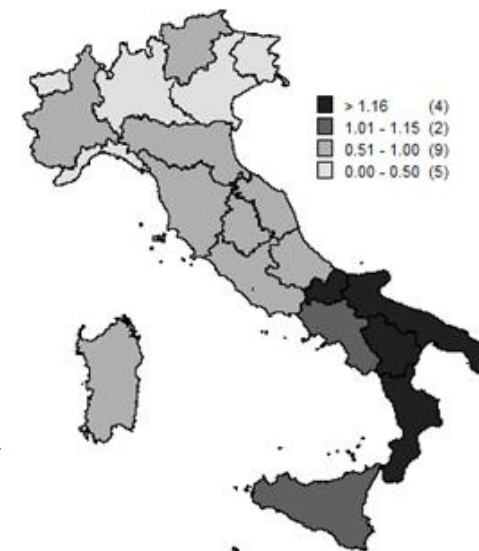
TFR (per 1,000 woman) in 2001 and 2011 and absolute variation by geographical division



Absolute variation by region



Mean age at childbearing in 2001 and 2011 and absolute variation by geographical division



Absolute variation by region



### 3. THE CONTRIBUTION OF FOREIGNERS TO ITALIAN PERIOD FERTILITY

Although immigrant women have higher fertility levels than native women, they represent a limited share of population, and thus the effect of higher fertility on overall TFR is minimal. However, the contribution of foreigners' fertility to "temporal change in period TFR and mean age at childbearing" could be more important.

Using a classical decomposition model, the **absolute variation in the TFR** in the 2001-2011 period is broken down into three effects: **a)** TFR variation of national women; **b)** TFR variation of foreign women; **c)** variation of foreign women's incidence in the reproductive age group. The contribution of each of the three factors was assessed as simple effects; the effects of conjoint variation of two factors are hypothesized to be equally distributed over the single factors.

A similar model was applied to mean age at birth in order to get an estimate of the contribution of migrants to **variation of timing of fertility** in the total population. The hypothesis is that a slowing down of the increase of mean age at birth can be explained by the effect of the younger age at childbearing of foreign women. The variations in mean age at birth, in the hypothesis of equal distribution of interactions between the single effects, has been broken down into: **a)** variation in mean age at childbearing of Italian women (weighted with Italians' average contribution to TFR over the period); **b)** variation in mean age at childbearing of foreign women (weighted with their average contribution to TFR over the period); **c)** variation of the contribution of foreign women to period TFR.

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The **TFR variation** between two years (0 and 1) can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_1TFR - {}_0TFR &= \sum_1 f'_x \cdot {}_1\bar{d}'_x - \sum_0 f'_x \cdot {}_0\bar{d}'_x + \sum_1 f^F_x \cdot {}_1\bar{d}^F_x - \sum_0 f^F_x \cdot {}_0\bar{d}^F_x && \text{and re-written:} \\
 {}_1TFR - {}_0TFR &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum ({}_1\bar{d}'_x + {}_0\bar{d}'_x) \cdot ({}_1f'_x - {}_0f'_x) \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum ({}_1\bar{d}^F_x + {}_0\bar{d}^F_x) \cdot ({}_1f^F_x - {}_0f^F_x) \right] + \\
 &+ \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum [({}_1f^F_x + {}_0f^F_x) - ({}_1f'_x + {}_0f'_x)] \cdot ({}_1\bar{d}^F_x - {}_0\bar{d}^F_x) \right] && \text{with } {}_t\bar{d}'_x \text{ and } {}_t\bar{d}^F_x \text{ the proportion of the two} \\
 &&& \text{national groups in every age.}
 \end{aligned}$$

The **variation of mean age at childbearing** between two years can be expressed as follows:

$${}_1\bar{x} - {}_0\bar{x} = {}_1\bar{x}' \cdot \frac{\sum_1 f'_x (1 - {}_1\bar{d}'_x)}{{}_1TFR} + {}_1\bar{x}^F \cdot \frac{\sum_1 f^F_x {}_1\bar{d}'_x}{{}_1TFR} - {}_0\bar{x}' \cdot \frac{\sum_0 f'_x (1 - {}_0\bar{d}'_x)}{{}_0TFR} - {}_0\bar{x}^F \cdot \frac{\sum_0 f^F_x {}_0\bar{d}'_x}{{}_0TFR}$$

values of  $\bar{x}'$  and  $\bar{x}^F$  are similar but not equal to the mean age at childbearing of Italians and foreigners, being weighted averages of age with weights given by the age-specific fertility rates multiplied by the proportion of women of that given citizenship in each age.

Defining the contribution of Italian and foreign women to period TFR (CTFR) as:

$$CTFR^F = \frac{\sum f^F_x \cdot \bar{d}'_x}{TFR} \quad CTFR' = (1 - CTFR^F) = \frac{\sum f'_x (1 - \bar{d}'_x)}{TFR}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_1\bar{x} - {}_0\bar{x} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot ({}_1CTFR' + {}_0CTFR') \cdot ({}_1\bar{x}' - {}_0\bar{x}') + \frac{1}{2} \cdot ({}_1CTFR^F + {}_0CTFR^F) \cdot ({}_1\bar{x}^F - {}_0\bar{x}^F) + \\
 &\frac{1}{2} \cdot [({}_1\bar{x}^F + {}_0\bar{x}^F) - ({}_1\bar{x}' + {}_0\bar{x}')] \cdot ({}_1CTFR^F - {}_0CTFR^F)
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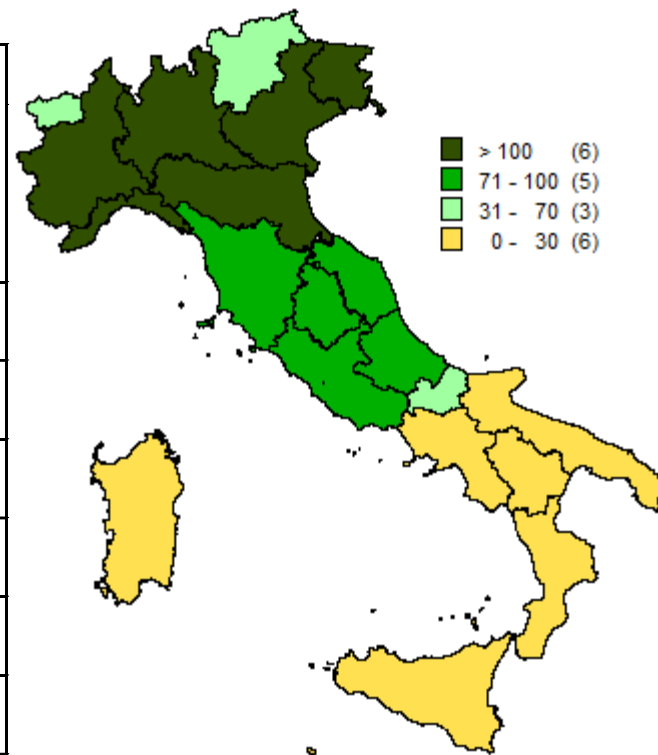


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#### Decomposition of TFR change in 2001-2011 period by Italian geographic division

Geographic divisions	Variation of TFR (per 1,000 women)	Effects due to variation of			Total foreigners' contribution (b+c)
		TFR of Italians (a)	TFR of foreigners (b)	Share of foreigners (c)	
North-West	308	170	-17	155	138
North-East	274	144	-30	159	130
Centre	273	202	-53	123	71
South	6	-11	-8	25	17
Islands	78	58	-7	27	20
ITALY	187	113	-22	96	74

#### Total foreigners' contribution to TFR variation in 2001-2011 period by Italian regions

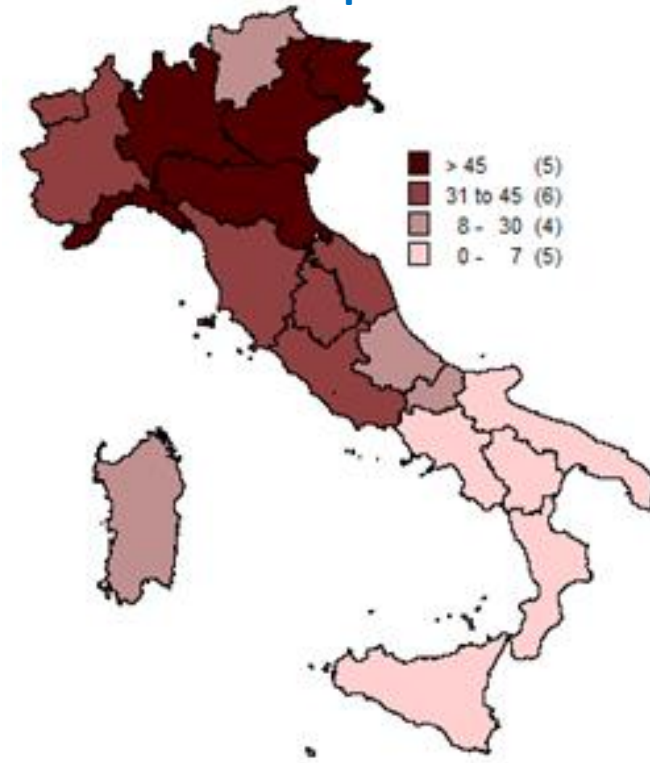


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#### Decomposition of mean age at childbearing change in 2001-2011 period by geographic division

Geographic divisions	Variation of mean age at birth	Effects due to variation of		
		Mean age at birth of Italians	Mean age at birth of foreigners	Contribution of foreigners to TFR
North-West	0.44	0.89	0.17	-0.62
Nord-East	0.40	0.86	0.20	-0.65
Centre	0.50	0.91	0.04	-0.45
South	1.11	1.18	0.02	-0.10
Islands	1.00	1.06	0.00	-0.06
ITALY	0.76	1.02	0.08	-0.34

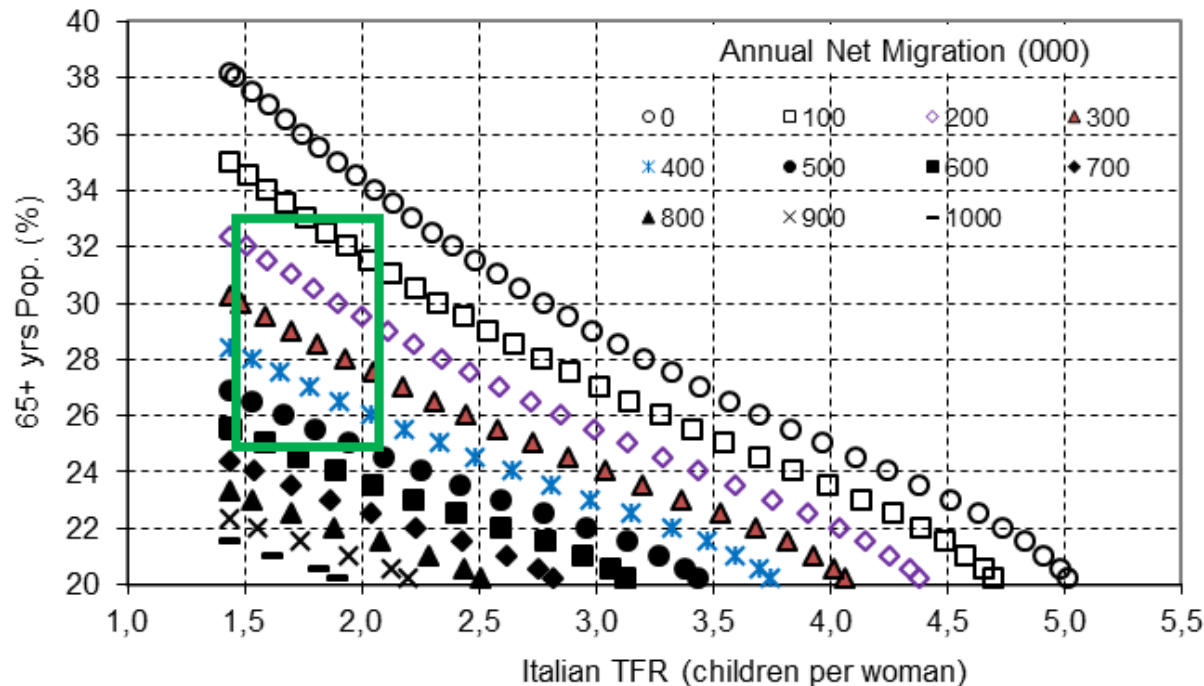
% containment of mean age at childbearing due to foreigners by Italian regions, 2001-2011 period



## 4. FUTURE SCENARIOS ACCORDING TO DEMOGRAPHIC OBJECTIVES

**THE FUTURE'S NOT FOR US TO SEE.** Population ageing has been and will be an inevitable process, mainly linked at the national level to birth control (below-replacement fertility) and to the lengthening of human life (increased longevity). On the basis of Istat's demographic forecasts (2007-2051) and adopting the **prospective 'what if ...' approach** it is possible to evaluate the effects of different combinations of fertility levels and net migration on the ageing of the population residing in Italy 20-40 years later, retaining the other assumptions introduced by Istat.

### Expected share of the elderly population by Italian women's fertility level and annual net migration. Italy, 2010-2051

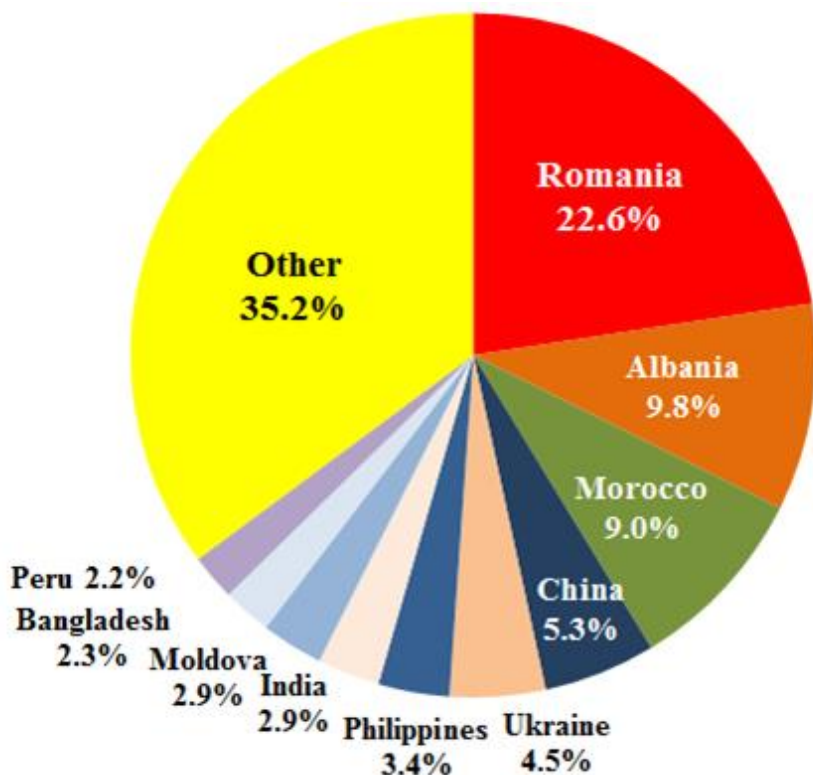


Present and future population policies in Italy, as well as in other countries with lowest-low fertility and fast population aging should combine incentives to increase fertility along with in-migrations by annually fixing quotas, developing re-settlement programmes and working towards effectively integrating the migrant population. This seems the only way to reduce the pace of population aging - not to reverse it - and to control its demographic consequences.

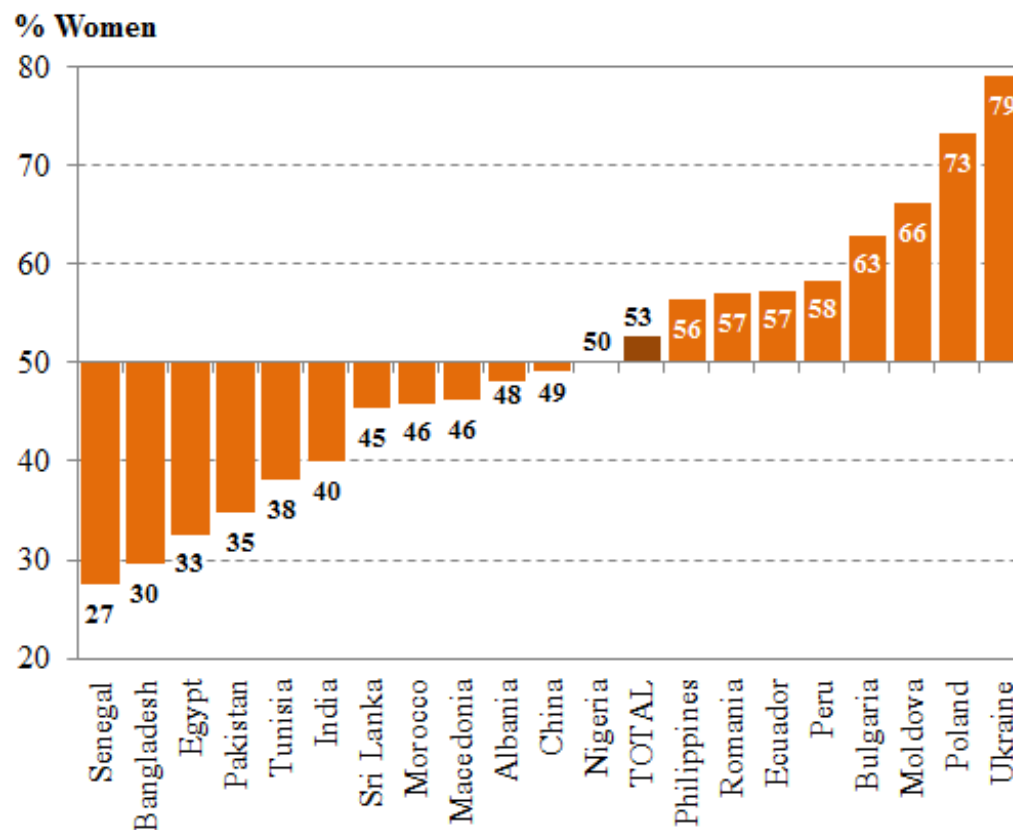
## 5. IMMIGRATION PLANET: THE WIDE RANGE OF NATIONALITIES

The range of nationalities and gender imbalances among foreign residents at the beginning of 2015

% of foreign population in the ten main countries of citizenship



% of women in the twenty main countries of citizenship



## 5. IMMIGRATION PLANET: THE WIDE RANGE OF NATIONALITIES

A factorial analysis using the principal component method has been conducted on **37 statistical units** (non-EU countries of citizenship) using **12 elementary indicators** on the foreign communities.

The indicators concern:

- A. *demographic characteristics*** (structure by gender and age groups, average age and age difference between men and women, structure of the population in working age and index of children aged 0-4 per 100 women aged 15-49);
- B. *migratory characteristics*** (share of second generations among residents in 2012, increase of residents in the last five years, percentage of valid permits to stay for at least one year and percentage of permits to stay for family and for labour-related reasons).

**Three factors** have been extracted that represent:

- 1. *demographic characteristics***, contrasting the younger male-dominated communities, with a higher proportion of children and births in Italy (positive size of the axis) with those with a female prevalence, with a higher average age and higher mean age among women than among men (negative size of the axis) ;
- 2. *the importance of labour immigration*** for the greater weight of work permits and older people of working age (positive size of the axis);
- 3. *the migration model*** that contrasts the communities with high family reunification and regular long-term presence (permits of at least one year) against the others.

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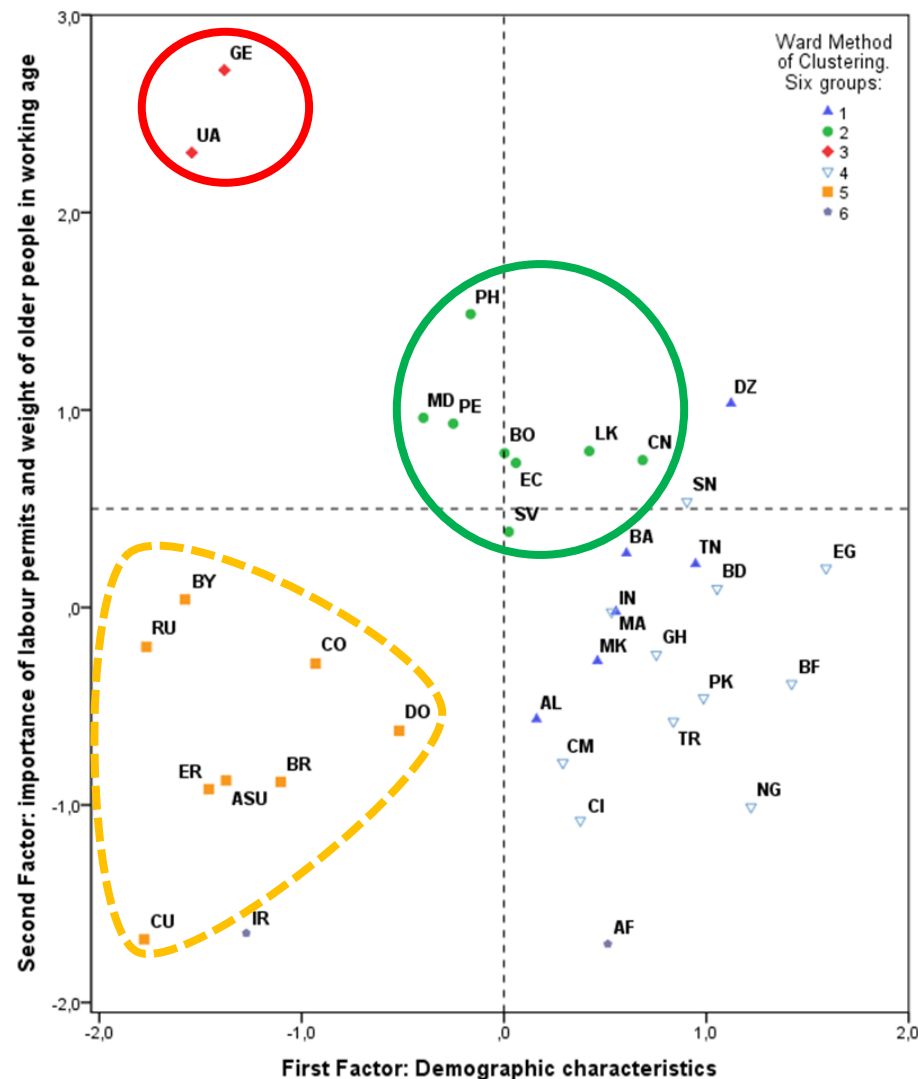
Projection of statistical units (37 non EU country of citizenship) on first two factorial axes of the factorial analysis in principal components on 12 indicators on the demographic and migratory characteristics. Italy, beginning of 2017

Six groups emerged from the aggregative hierarchical cluster analysis with the Ward criterion:

most of the communities of the FSU (**Russia, Belarus and the other Asian republics**) belong to the 5th group (consisting of 8 nationalities, mainly from Latin America) placed in the third quadrant, indicating the **prevalence of the female presence and**, at the same time, **the lesser importance of work**;

**Ukrainians and Georgians** form the 3<sup>rd</sup> group with a clear predominance of women, but also characterized by the predominance of work permits, an imbalance in the structure of the working age population in favour of older people and a low weight of family reunifications;

more strongly characterized even than that of the **Moldovans**, who go together with other nationalities (2nd group) typically characterized by prevailing female migration, especially for labour reasons, but with less marked characteristics than in the past.



The following countries of citizenship were excluded from the analysis: Kosovo and Serbia for some limitations of the available statistics; and Gambia and Mali because they were outliers (the clear prevalence of asylum seekers and refugees) from an initial analysis. The meaning of the acronyms is indicated in the following alphabetical ordered list: AF=Afghanistan; AL=Albania; **ASU=Former Asian SU Rep.**; BA=Bosnia & Herzegovina; BD=Bangladesh; BF=Burkina Faso; BO=Bolivia; BR=Brazil; **BY=Belarus**; CI=Cote D'Ivoire; CM=Cameroon; CN=China; CO=Colombia; CU=Cuba; DO=Dominican Republic; DZ=Algeria; EC=Ecuador; EG=Egypt; ER=Eritrea; **GE=Georgia**; GH=Ghana; IN=India; IR=Iran; LK=Sri Lanka; MA=Morocco; **MD=Moldova**; MK=Macedonia; NG=Nigeria; PE=Peru; PH=Philippines; PK=Pakistan; **RU=Russian Federation**; SN=Senegal; SV=El Salvador; TN=Tunisia; TR=Turkey; **UA=Ukraine**. The cases in bold concerns the FSU countries of citizenship.

Source: Benassi *et al.*, 2020 (own elaboration on Istat and Ministry of Interior data).

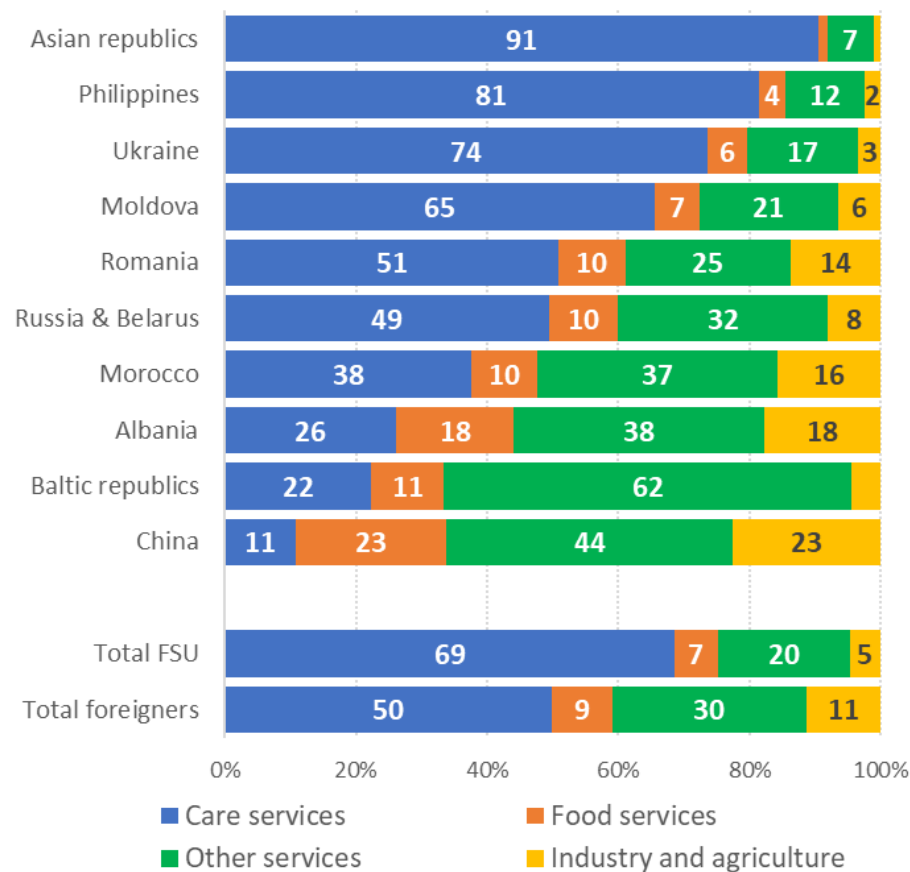
# 5. IMMIGRATION PLANET: EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN WOMEN

Occupational characteristics by specific country of citizenship of foreign women aged 20-64 (percentage values). Italy, 2015-17

Citizenship	Employment rate	Unemployment rate	Employee	Fixed-term contracts	Part-time	Over-educated <sup>(b)</sup>
Ukraine	67.8	12.5	96.9	7.6	43.5	52.0
Moldova	69.3	13.9	97.9	11.4	44.7	52.7
Russia & Belarus	53.8	18.3	87.6	17.0	41.8	42.4
Asian republics	76.9	...	...	...	31.8	52.5
Baltic republics	72.1	...	...	24.7	36.3	42.0
<b>Total FSU</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>51.3</b>
Romania	59.9	15.3	95.1	17.0	42.9	41.5
Albania	37.9	27.0	88.7	27.4	52.6	46.6
Morocco	23.9	30.4	90.7	22.8	47.4	42.6
China	69.3	3.1	50.0	14.0	27.1	9.6
Philippines	83.2	6.2	...	5.8	52.0	74.0
<b>Total foreigners</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>44.4</b>

(...) Not statistically significant.

% by occupational economic sector



Source: Buonomo *et al.*, 2020 (own elaboration on Istat data, Labour Force Surveys, 2015-2017).

## 5. IMMIGRATION PLANET: EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN WOMEN

In order to disentangle the causes of the differences in **over-education** by country of citizenship, the **two-step Heckman procedure** is used. This fits a maximum-likelihood probit model with sample selection (Heckman 1976; Winship & Mare 1992):

- The **selection equation** has a dummy dependent variable that assumes value 1 in the case of **employed** respondents and 0 otherwise.
- The **outcome equation** has **over-education** as a dependent dummy variable (over-educated vs. not over-educated).

An **alternative outcome equation** has been considered: the **occupation in household services** vs. other types of employment.

- In all estimated models, only one different predictor is included in the selection equation: the educational level.
- A number of additional covariates are included. Some covariates are included **in both equations** (selection and outcome models), such as: age groups at interview; years since migration; area of residence; types of couple and of household.
- Others are included **only in the outcome model**, such as: **type, terms, and duration of occupation; occupational sector** (analysing over-education).



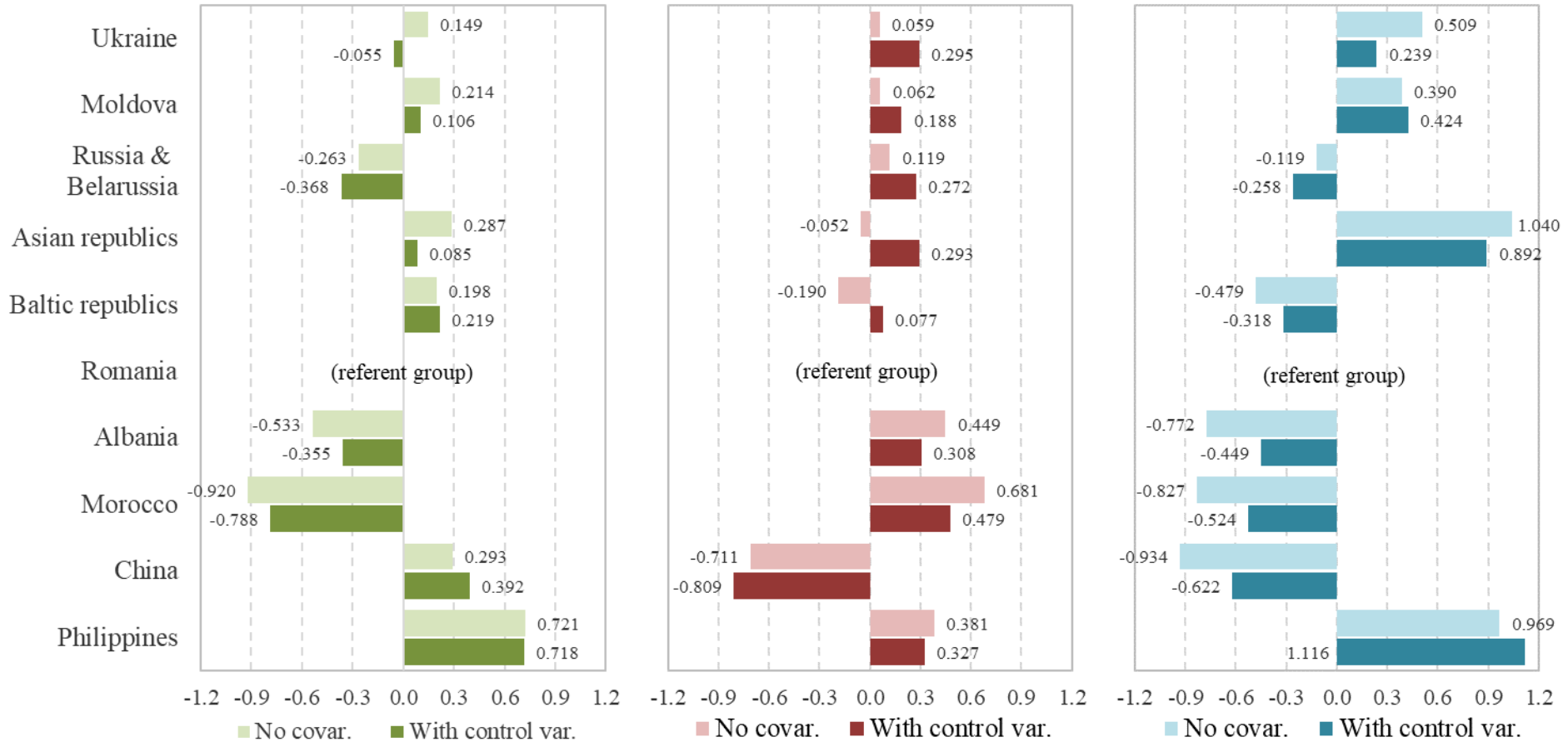
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Effects of specific country of citizenship with and without control variables.

a1. employed vs unemployed

b1. overeducated vs not-overeduc.

b2. empl. in care service vs other occup.

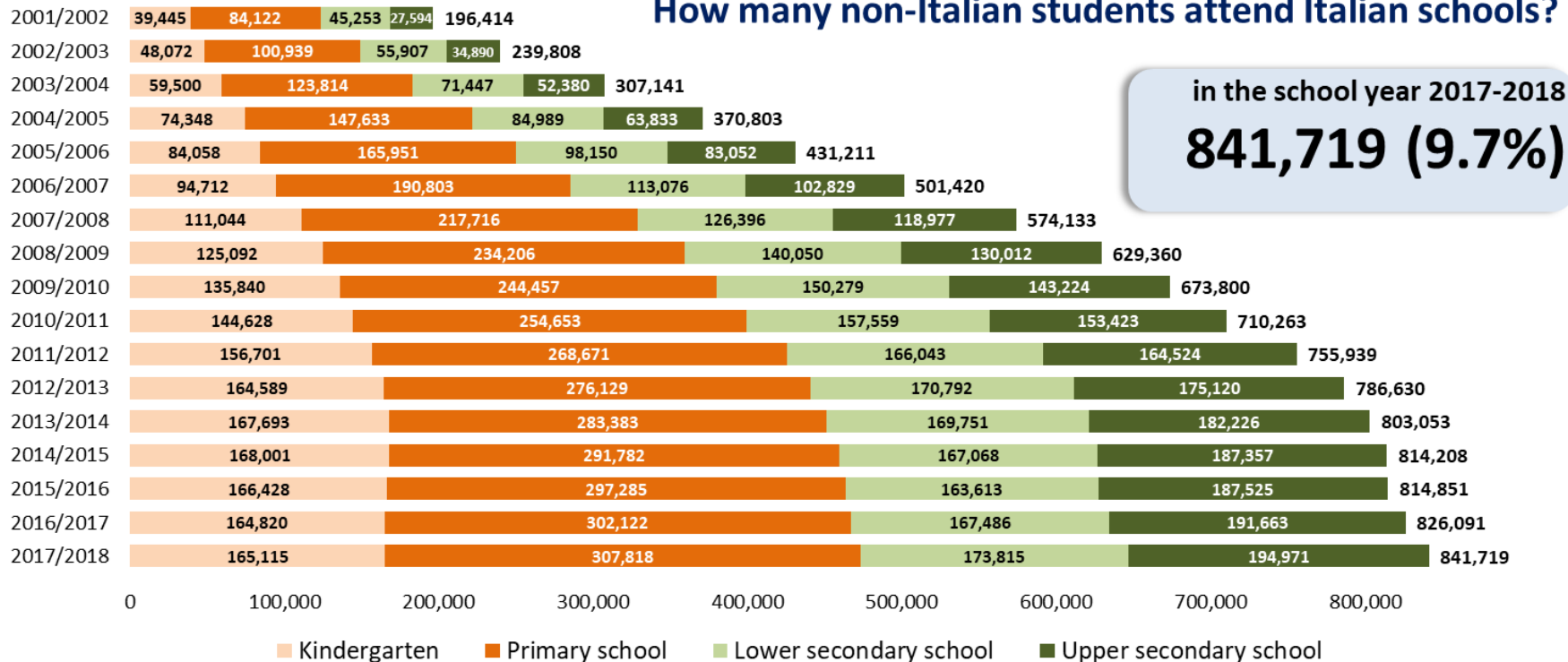


All values have 99% of significance. The a2. selection model is not shown as consistently similar to a1. selection model.

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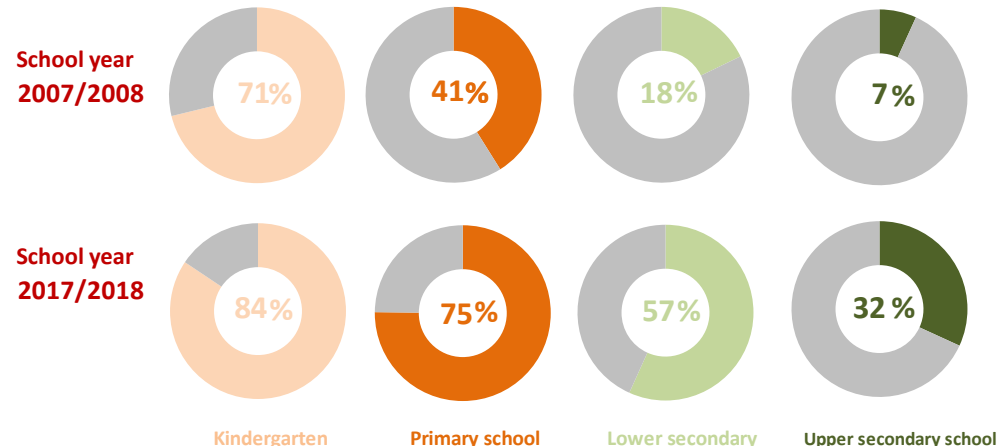
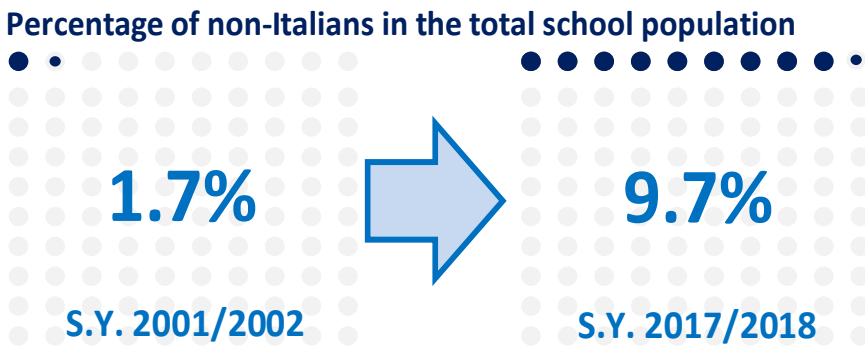
# 6. THE SCHOOL INTEGRATION OF DESCENDANTS OF IMMIGRANTS

## How many non-Italian students attend Italian schools?



in the school year 2017-2018  
**841,719 (9.7%)**

and over 531,000 foreign students were **born in Italy** (63% of the total).  
The weight per type of school is different, but in all the born in Italy are growing!



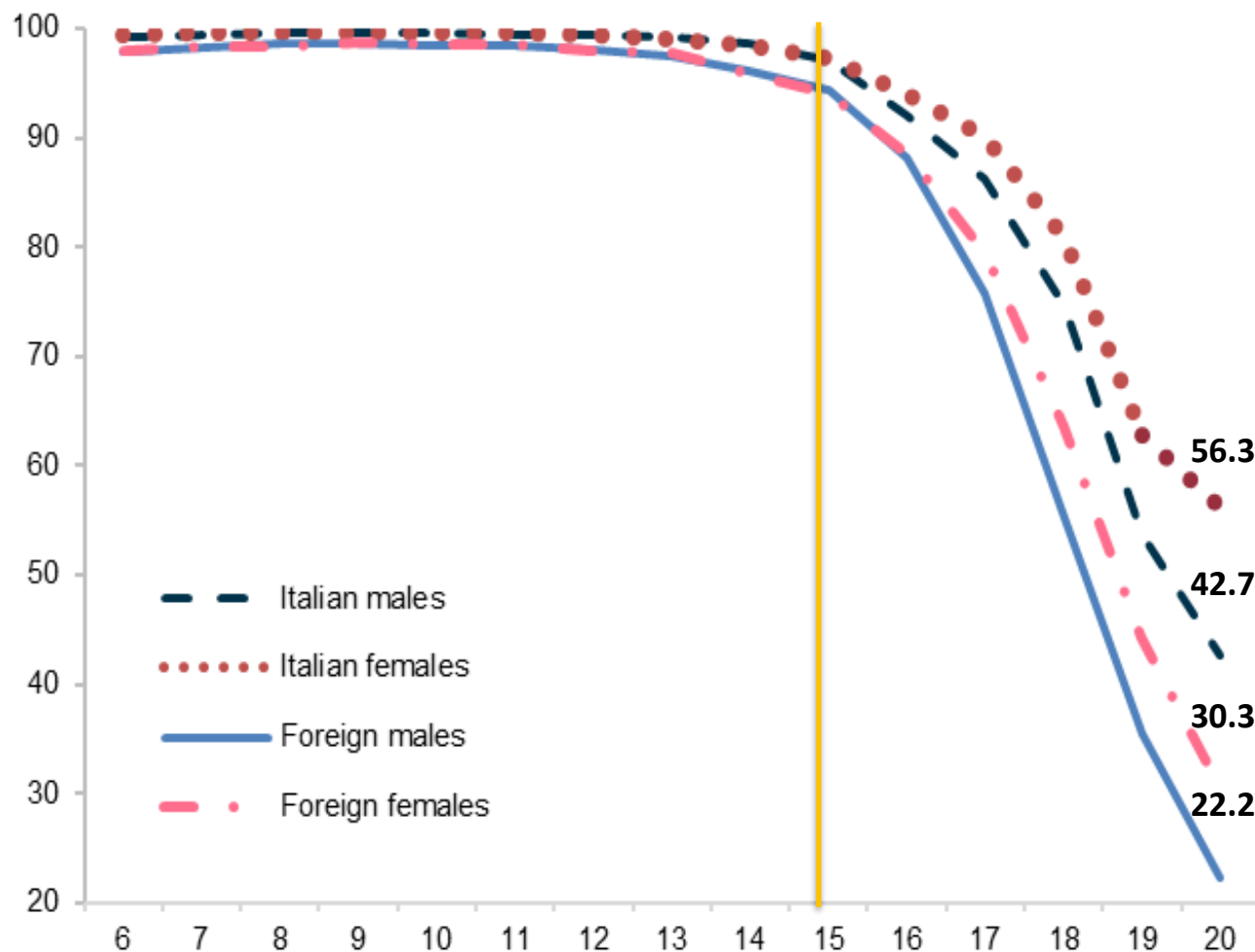
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School attendance rate by age, citizenship and migratory generation, Italy 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2011

Males and foreigners have the lowest percentages.

From age 15 the differences become relevant both by gender and by citizenship.

Gender differences are greater for Italians than for immigrants.



## 6. THE SCHOOL INTEGRATION OF DESCENDANTS OF IMMIGRANTS

The survey on “**Social Condition and Integration of Foreign citizens**” (SCIF) was conducted in **2011-2012** and collected data on families (about 12,000 households) with at least one foreign citizen, providing original information on the living conditions and integration of foreign citizens (including naturalised persons).

The data allow us to associate each young individual of immigrant origin with his/her parents’ characteristics (e.g. age, citizenship, degree of study, family type) and to estimate different indicators of integration at the individual and family levels.

Among the young foreigners aged 15-20 (1,270 sample units), the share of enrolled in school are just over 62%, that is a proportion practically in line with that recorded at the 2011 census. The use of logistic regression made it possible to evaluate the association between some individual characteristics and family situations with the risk of not being enrolled in school.

# 6. THE SCHOOL INTEGRATION OF DESCENDANTS OF IMMIGRANTS

## Logistic regression of the failure to enrol at school among foreigners aged 15-20 years old, Italy 2011-12

EXPLICATIVE VARIABLES	OR	Sign.	EXPLICATIVE VARIABLES	OR	Sign.
GENDER (ref. Males)			DIFFICULTY IN THE USE OF ITALIAN (ref. None)		
Females	0,728	**	At least one difficulty	4.262	***
AGE GROUP (ref. 15-17)			ITALIAN COABITANTS (ref. None)		
18-20	5.854	***	At least one Italian coabitant	0,292	***
GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISION (ref. North)			PARENTS LIVING WITH THE BOY (ref. Both parents)		
Centre	0,861		Only cohabiting mother	1.329	
South	2.007	***	Only cohabiting father	0,800	
CITIZENSHIP (ref. Romania)			Both parents are not coabiting	8.449	***
Albania	1.384		HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF PARENTS (ref. Graduation)		
Ukraine & Moldova	1.736		High school degree	1.681	*
Rest of Europe	2.384	***	Professional	2.752	***
Morocco	1.040		Compulsory	2.418	***
Rest of North Africa	3.391	**	Primary or less	2.676	***
Sub-saharian Africa	0,893		HOUSE PROPERTY (ref. Yes)		
ME & Central & South Asia	1.873		No	1.124	
Chine	1.603		OCCUPATIONAL CONDITION OF PARENTS (ref. Both employed)		
Rest of Asia	1.238		One employed	1.051	
America Latina	1.042		Both not employed	1.532	
MIGRATORY GENERATION (ref. G2.0)					
G1.75	0,919				
G1.50	1.032		Number of cases	1,254	
G1.25 and G1.0	1.558		pseudo-R <sup>2</sup>	0,466	

# 7. IMMIGRANTS' CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING

Foreign students, and in particular those born abroad, display in respect to Italian students:

- ❑ **low rates of admission** to the final exams of middle and secondary school;
- ❑ **high rates of school failure**, with wider gaps in the first year of every educational cycle;
- ❑ **low evaluations on average**.

The greater learning difficulties of immigrants' children compared to their Italian fellows are documented (Invalsi tests and Pisa programme).

**Widespread delay in schooling**



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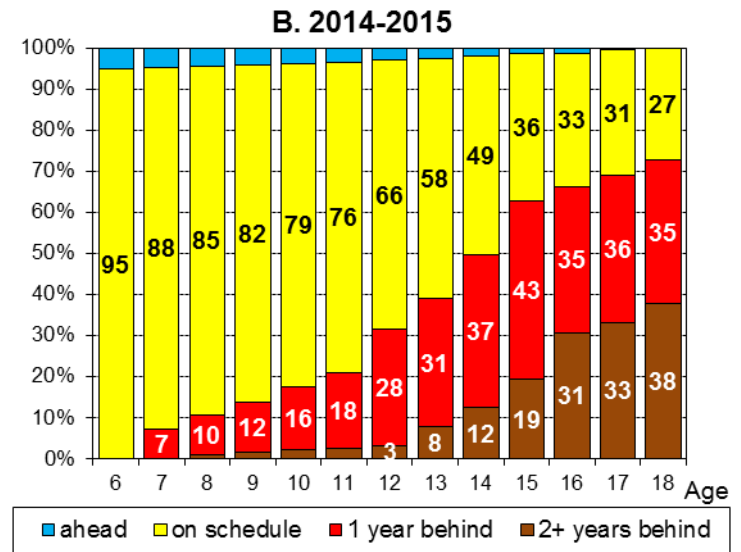
**Clear horizontal differentiation in schooling**



**Italian and foreign students by type of secondary school, s.y. 2014-2015**

Type of upper secondary school	% by type of secondary school			Location of foreigners	
	Italians	Foreigners born in Italy (G2)	Foreigners born abroad (G1,5)	Foreigners born in Italy (G2)	Foreigners born abroad (G1,5)
High school focusing on classical studies	6.5	1.9	1.3	0.29	0.20
High school focusing on sciences	22.1	15.4	9.2	0.70	0.42
High school focusing on languages	7.6	8.6	5.9	1.13	0.78
Artistic education	4.2	2.9	3.4	0.69	0.81
Former high school focusing on education	7.5	6.8	4.1	0.91	0.55
Technical school	31.7	36.3	36.8	1.15	1.16
Vocational school	20.4	28.1	39.3	1.38	1.93
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Index (%) of dissimilarity with Italians		13.3	24.0		

**Non-Italians students by their educational path according to age. Italy, s.y. 2014-2015**



## 6. THE SCHOOL INTEGRATION OF DESCENDANTS OF IMMIGRANTS

Clear links have appeared between schooling delay, drop-out or choice of less demanding educational pathways, using the data of the **ITAGEN2 sample survey** carried out in the first months of 2006 on over 20,000 middle school students, more or less divided between Italians and immigrants' children.

*Ceteris paribus*, delayed schooling progress plays a statistically significant role in determining the educational intentions of children. Other factors come into play, but being in a lower grade than the age leads to the choice of dropping out of school or to opt for less demanding educational pathways.

Relative risk of having High or Low future school aspirations. Results from the multinomial logistic regression (reference modality = I don't know)

Sample →	All students		Only immigrants' children	
	High	Low	High	Low
Future educational aspirations → (ref. = I don't know)				
Educational pathway (ref. = on schedule)				
1 year behind	0.82 ***	1.23 ***	0.92	1.21 **
2+ years behind	0.77 **	1.40 ***	0.83	1.36 ***

Low = aggregates those who want to drop out of school or enroll in a technical school.

Controlling for gender, migratory generation, level of knowledge of Italian language, hours spent studying, helps doing homework, parents' education, father's job, presence of brothers and/or sisters, owned house, crowding in the house, type of friends, grade, perceived performance, province of residence/survey and mother's country of birth.

Level of significance in relation to the reference modalities : \*\*\*<=0.001; \*\*<=0.01; \*<=0.05.

## BRIEF AND SCHEMATIC CONCLUSIONS

- More than 40 years have passed since Italy became an immigration country.
- Immigrants and their descendants are now a structural component of the Italian productive system and society.
- Foreign immigration has slowed the population aging and contributed to the slight recovery in the period fertility in the past decade.
- To guarantee the future demographic balance it would be necessary to introduce effective pro-natalist policies and foreign immigration at more or less the same levels as the past decade.
- It will be necessary to start managing migration flows *ex ante*.
- Effective integration policies and the revision of the law on citizenship are necessary too.
- The most important challenge remains the school inclusion of immigrant descendants!



A black and white photograph of a group of people, likely students, standing on a train platform. They are looking towards the camera. The text "Thank you very much!" is overlaid in red in the center of the image.

**Thank you very much!**