

Year 2012

## THE FOREIGN POPULATION RESIDING IN ITALY - DEMOGRAPHIC BALANCE

■ Foreigners residing in Italy on January 1, 2013 are 4,387,721, 334,000 more than in the previous year (+8.2%).

■ The calculation of the foreign resident population has rebooted from the 2011 census, adding to the population censused on 9 October 2011 the enrollments and the cancellations recorded in the population registers of the 8,092 Italian municipalities, from 9 October to 31 December 2011, plus the ones recorded during year 2012.

■ After the population census the municipalities began the operations of revision of the population registers which resulted in a balance due to adjustments equal to +72,164 units, corresponding to over 20% of the foreign population increase in 2012. The operations, which will be completed by December 31, 2013, at the end of this year will determine further changes.

■ The number of foreign residents in 2012 grew mainly due to immigration from abroad (321,000 individuals), but in part also due to the births of foreign children (80,000).

■ The foreign-born in 2012 represented 15% of total births from parents residing in Italy. Compared to the previous year, the increase in births of foreign children was 1%, a lower value than the one for 2011 compared to 2010 (+1.3%).

■ In 2012, 65,383 foreign nationals residing in Italy acquired the Italian citizenship. The figure includes the acquisition of citizenship by marriage, by naturalization, automatic transmission to children below 18 by foreign parents who became Italian citizens, acquisition for election by 18 year olds born in Italy and legally resident there continuously since birth.

■ The distribution of foreign residents on the Italian territory is not uniform. 86% of foreigners reside in the North and Centre areas of the country, the remaining 14% in the South. The largest increases in 2012, however, were registered in the South (+12%) and the Islands (+10.9%).

FIGURE 1. FOREIGNERS RESIDING IN ITALY. Years 2011-2013, in thousands

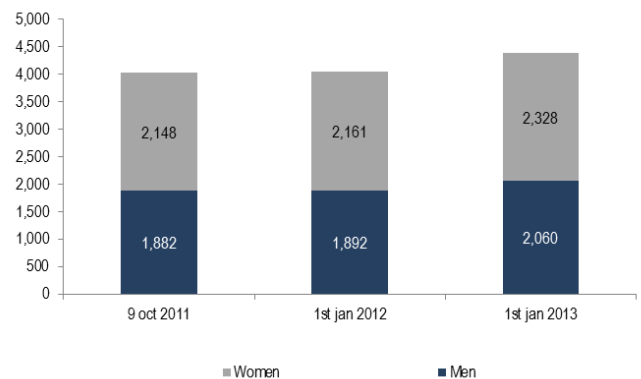


FIGURE 2. FOREIGN RESIDENTS EVERY 100 RESIDENTS IN THE ITALIAN MUNICIPALITIES. At 1st January 2013

