

National demographic balance

Year 2016

As of December 31, 2016 Italy had 60,589,445 inhabitants, more than 5 million of whom had foreign citizenship: 8.3% at national level, 10.6% in Central-northern regions.

The decrease in the number of inhabitants was still going on: the overall balance showed an important drop (-76,106 units). The reduction applied to the people with Italian citizenship: -96,981 residents, while the foreign population increased slightly, +20,875. Moreover, the female component of foreign population for the first time decreased (-1,767 units).

The natural population change (births minus deaths) was negative by almost -142 thousand units. As the balance was positive for foreign nationals (almost +63 thousand units), for the Italian ones the decline was even more significant (-204,675 units).

The decrease in the number of births that started in 2008 was still going on. In 2016 children born were less than half a million, just over 69,000 of which were foreign (14.7% of the total). Compared to 2015, there was an overall reduction of 12,000 units (2,700 for the foreigners).

The deaths were over 615,000, almost 32,000 less than in 2015. The decrease in 2016 was due to a high level of mortality registered in the previous year.

In 2016 the international migratory movement determined a positive balance of approximately 144,000 units, a stable value compared to previous years.

Registrations from abroad increased: they were 300,823 (+7.4% over 2015), 87.4% of which involved a foreign citizen. On the other hand, cancellations for emigration increased (+ 6.9%): for Italians (by birth and by naturalization) they were 114,512 units, for foreigners they were 42,553.

The attractiveness of the northern and central regions to which were addressed most migration flows (both internal and from foreign countries) was confirmed.

The trend in the number of the acquisition of Italian citizenship was still upward: in 2016 there were 201,501 new Italian citizens.

The different nationalities of foreigners residing in Italy are about 200. Over 50% of foreign residents (more than 2.6 million individuals) are nationals of a European country. The most represented nationality is the Romanian (23.2%), followed by the Albanian (8.9%).

FIGURE 1. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION BALANCE BY CITIZENSHIP. Years 2012-2016

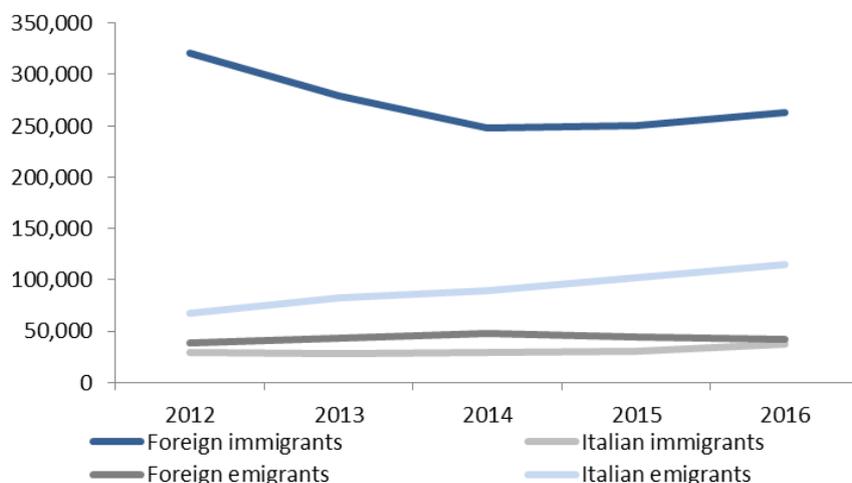


TABLE 1. RESIDENT POPULATION BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. On 31 December 2016

Geographical Areas	Population as of 31 Dec 2016					Changes on 31 Dec 2015			
	Total	of which foreigners	of which foreigners%	Composition % Total Population	Composition % foreign Population	Total population	Total population %	Foreign population	Foreign population %
North-west	16,103,882	1,704,918	10.6	26.6	33.8	-7,095	-0.04	-10,816	-0.63
North-east	11,637,102	1,212,340	10.4	19.2	24.0	-6,499	-0.06	-19,202	-1.56
Centre	12,067,524	1,295,431	10.7	19.9	25.7	-279	0.00	16,837	1.32
South	14,071,161	594,824	4.2	23.2	11.8	-39,610	-0.28	25,158	4.42
Islands	6,709,776	239,515	3.6	11.1	4.7	-22,623	-0.34	8,898	3.86
Italy	60,589,445	5,047,028	8.3	100.0	100.0	-76,106	-0.13	20,875	0.42

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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