

International and internal migration

Year 2012

In 2012, 351,000 people immigrated to Italy, compared to 386,000 people who immigrated during the previous year.

The decline in immigration is mainly due to the decrease in the number of foreign immigrants (from 354,000 in 2011 to 321,000 in 2012). In the same year, also the number of Italian immigrants shows a decrease, from 31,000 to 29,000.

Among immigrants, the largest number of entries are counted for Romanian (82,000), Chinese (20,000), Moroccans (20,000) and Albanese (14,000) nationals.

A decrease was registered for immigrants with Moldavian (-41% fewer than in the previous year), Ukrainian (-36%), Peruvian (-35%) and Ecuadorian (-27%) nationals. On the other hand increases were seen for immigrants with African citizenships (+1,2%) and for those nationalities which experienced military conflicts in the Country of origin, such as Nigeria, Pakistan, Mali and Ivory Coast.

During 2012, 106,000 emigrants left the Country, a number higher than the one of the previous year, when 82,000 people emigrated. The fall in immigration and the rise of emigration drove a decrease in net migration (+245,000 in 2012, compared to +303,000 in the previous year).

The increase in emigration is mainly due to the rise in the number of national emigrants (from 50,000 in 2011 to 68,000 in 2012). In the same year, also the number of foreign emigrants shows an increase from 32,000 to 38,000.

Germany, Switzerland, United Kingdom and France were the top countries for emigration of nationals in 2012.

More than 25% of over 24 nationals who emigrated (53,000) were graduated.

FIGURE 1. IMMIGRATION, EMIGRATION AND NET MIGRATION. Years 2007 to 2012, in thousand

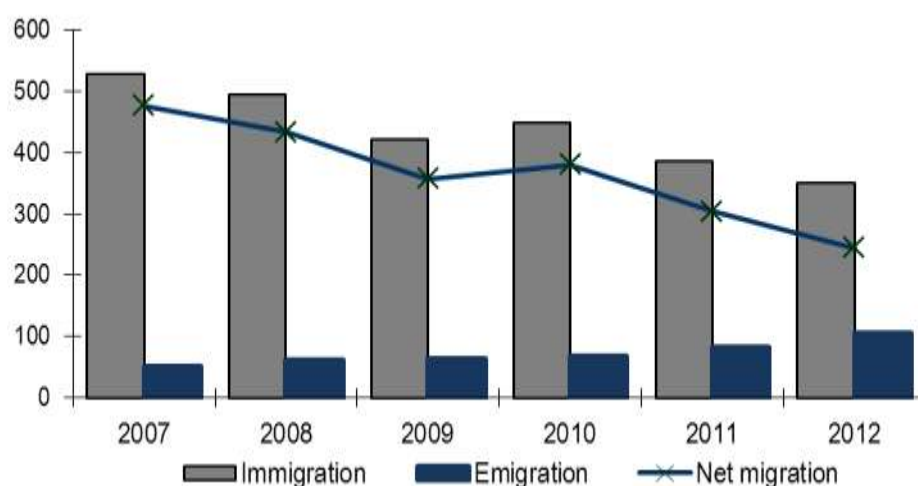


TABLE 1. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION BY CITIZENSHIP. Years 2007 to 2012

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
IMMIGRATION						
Italy	36,693	32,118	29,330	28,192	31,466	29,467
Europe (excluding Italy)	377,687	293,962	213,540	213,905	179,138	152,695
EU	312,484	198,092	130,434	117,040	113,808	104,078
of which: Romania	261,273	162,277	100,680	90,895	90,096	81,666
Non-EU countries	65,203	95,870	83,106	96,865	65,330	48,617
of which: Albania	21,926	33,339	25,545	22,248	16,613	14,118
Africa	44,164	71,191	68,833	75,035	64,283	65,025
of which: Morocco	19,720	35,382	30,727	29,618	23,885	19,590
Asia	35,771	57,067	69,042	86,076	76,176	76,078
of which: China	9,363	11,945	16,606	22,535	20,055	20,463
America	32,489	39,739	40,778	44,188	34,435	27,219
Oceania	292	277	314	323	270	255
Stateless persons	27	40	22	25	25	33
All	527,123	494,394	421,859	447,744	385,793	350,772
EMIGRATION						
Italy	36,299	39,536	39,024	39,545	50,057	67,998
Europe (excluding Italy)	9,189	15,602	17,477	17,122	19,948	23,899
EU	6,957	12,485	13,469	12,205	14,396	16,467
of which: Romania	2,742	6,392	7,720	6,437	7,693	9,131
Non-EU countries	2,232	3,117	4,008	4,917	5,552	7,432
of which: Albania	609	753	1,085	1,279	1,525	1,794
Africa	1,606	2,035	2,709	3,632	3,955	4,719
of which: Morocco	651	822	1,234	1,719	1,761	1,960
Asia	2,317	2,316	3,424	4,666	5,534	6,276
of which: China	580	602	853	1,303	1,672	1,773
America	1,650	2,114	2,219	2,465	2,879	3,244
Oceania	52	65	63	67	84	75
Stateless persons	-	3	5	4	4	5
All	51,113	61,671	64,921	67,501	82,461	106,216

FIGURE 2. IMMIGRATION, EMIGRATION AND NET MIGRATION OF ITALIAN CITIZENS, Years 2007 to 2012, in thousand

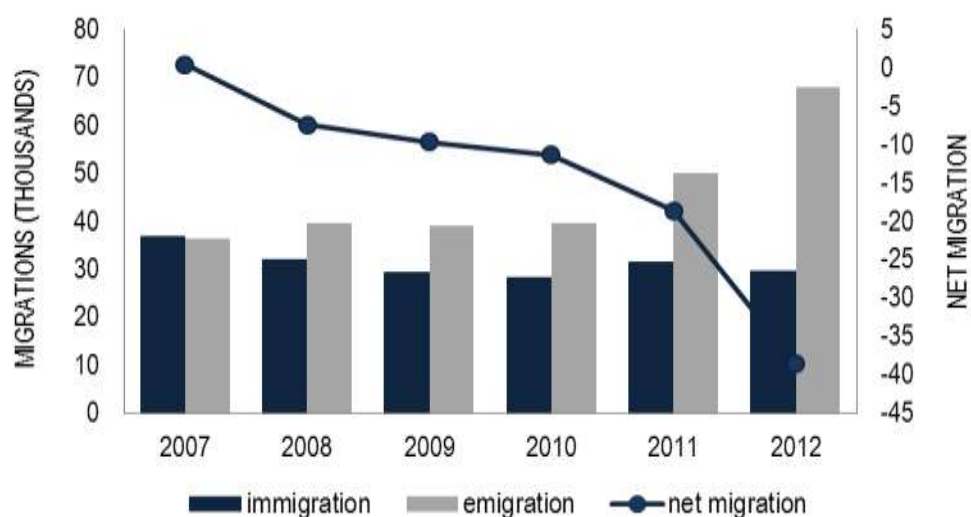


TABLE 2. ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION, Year 2012, in thousand

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/DESTINATION	Immigration	Emigration	Net migration
Germany	4,453	10,352	-5,899
Switzerland	2,850	8,431	-5,581
United Kingdom	2,202	7,404	-5,202
France	2,106	6,639	-4,533
United States of America	2,030	4,429	-2,399
Spain	1,561	3,636	-2,075
Belgium	673	2,165	-1,492
Brazil	1,415	2,758	-1,343
Austria	232	1,437	-1,205
Australia	457	1,339	-882
Argentina	690	1,549	-859
Netherlands	336	1,139	-803
Ireland	239	794	-555
China	476	921	-445
Canada	416	821	-405
Other Countries	9,331	14,184	-4,853
All	29,467	67,998	-38,531

During 2012, 1 million and 556,000 people changed the residence between Italian Municipalities, compared to 1 million and 358,000 people who migrated during the previous year (+15%).

The vast majority (1 million and 175,000 people) changed the residence within the same region (75.5% of the total movements), while 381,000 people chose a different region of residence (24.5%).

Increases were seen in the number of foreign citizens that migrated within the Country (279,000 in 2012, compared to 238,000 during the previous year). Romanian is the top citizenship with 64,000 changes of residence.

TABLE 3. CHANGES OF RESIDENCE BETWEEN ITALIAN MUNICIPALITIES BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT. Years 2007 to 2012, absolute values, percentages and rates of change

YEARS	Within the same region				Between different regions		Total	Annual rates of change
	Within the same province	%	Between different provinces	%	Absolute values	%		
2007	852,537	61,8	193,179	14,0	333,815	24,2	1,379,531	-
2008	856,494	61,7	191,099	13,8	341,154	24,6	1,388,747	0,7
2009	806,653	61,4	183,095	13,9	323,015	24,6	1,312,763	-5,5
2010	816,030	60,7	202,178	15,0	327,258	24,3	1,345,466	2,5
2011	825,366	60,8	204,805	15,1	327,866	24,1	1,358,037	0,9
2012	938,225	60,3	236,851	15,2	381,251	24,5	1,556,327	14,6

Methodological note

Official statistics on migration flows are based on the changes of residence administrative source, which Istat carries out every year. It highlights synthetically the main aspects, quantity and characteristics of the migration flows. This source, based on individual forms, reports both the origin and the destination of the flows, whether someone moves within the national territory from one municipality to another, or to and from abroad. Besides, the change of residence includes information on the main socio-demographic characteristics of migrants, such as citizenship, place and date of birth, gender, marital status, and education degree.

More detailed data are available online by consulting the datawarehouse I.Stat at <http://dati.istat.it/>. Historical series data starting from 1995 are published at <http://demo.istat.it>, in the “Other data” section.

For more detailed information, please refer to the Italian version

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