

International and internal migration

Year 2011

Between 2002 and 2011, more than 3.5 million non-national people immigrated into Italy. Among them, about one million were Rumanian citizens.

In the same period, 175 000 emigrants left the Country. However, it should be noted that 281 000 non-nationals were deregistered “ex-officio” for not residing in the Country anymore.

After the peak in 2007, the number of immigrants shows a decreasing trend. The latest figures available reveal a substantial decline in immigration in 2011 as compared with 2010 (-13.8%).

During 2011, 386 000 people immigrated into Italy, while 82 000 emigrants left the Country. Therefore, the migration balance is positive and equal to 304 000.

An analysis of the age of migrants shows that immigrants were, on average, younger than emigrants (31 and 34 years of age, respectively). Regarding the gender distribution, there was a prevalence for more women than men to immigrate (53%), while for emigration the share of male was over half and equal to 52 %.

Looking at the distribution by Country of origin and destination, Romania, Morocco, China and Ukraine collectively represented 77.4 % of the total countries of previous residence, while Romania also reported the highest number of emigrants, followed by China and Albania.

Regarding the Nationals, 31 000 people immigrated into Italy, while 50 000 emigrants left the Country. Germany, Switzerland and United Kingdom reported the highest number of both emigrations and immigration.

More than 25% of Nationals with more than 24 years of age that immigrated (22 000) or emigrated (39 000) is about graduate people.

During 2011, 1 million and 358 000 people changed the residence between Italian Municipalities. The latest figures available reveal an increase as compared with 2010 (+13 000).

The vast majority (more than 1 million people) changed the residence within the same region (76% of the total movements), while 328 000 people chose a different region of residence (24%).

The changes of residence between South and Centre-Nord are about 173 000: 112 from South to Centre North and 61 000 in the opposite direction.

Relative to the size of the resident population, Non-nationals (51 per 1 0000 Non-national inhabitants) reveal the highest rate of migration as compared with Nationals (20 per 1 000 National inhabitants).

In absolute terms, Romania reported the highest number changes of residence among Non-national Countries of citizenship (54 000 changes of residence, equal to 22.8% of the total number of Non-national movements). However, the China reveals the highest migration rate (8 per 100 Chinese residents).