

UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS IN ITALY

Semiannual Report

data as of December 31, 2025



The Directorate General for Migration Policies of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies publishes a monitoring report on unaccompanied foreign minors every six months, it is the main and the most up-to-date source of information on this issue in Italy. In addition to the data on the presence of the unaccompanied foreign minors and the data on the new arrivals, the report presents the latest updates on national and international legislation on this issue. The report also presents the pathways of social and work integration, including some stories of the protagonists. This report is enriched by contributions from other international institutions and organizations, which investigate various aspects of the phenomenon.

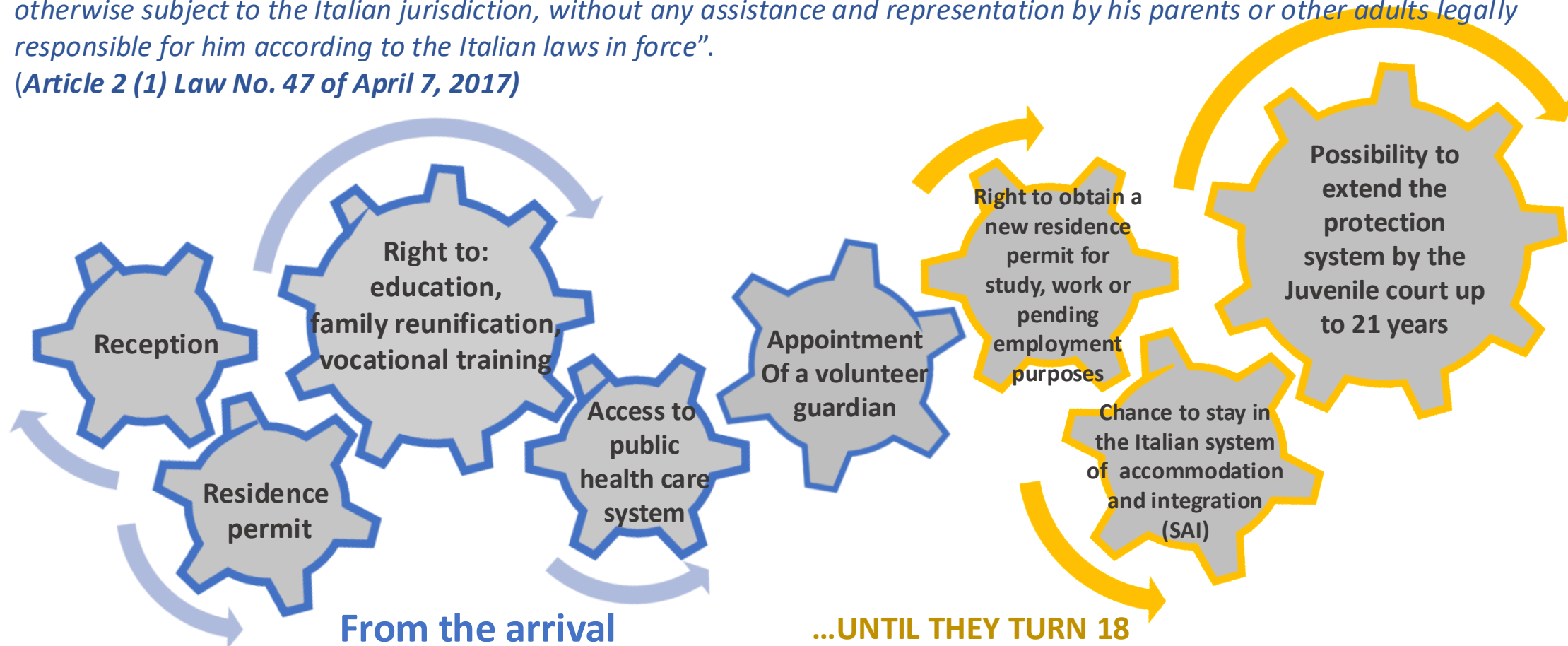
All the semiannual reports on unaccompanied foreign minors and the monthly statistical reports with the main data in Italy are available on the website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/temi-e-priorita/immigrazione/focus-on/minori-stranieri/Pagine/Dati-minori-stranieri-non-accompagnati.aspx>).



THE SPECIAL CARE AND PROTECTION OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY

"(...) is a minor who has neither Italian nor EU citizenship, who is, for any reason, in the territory of the State or who is otherwise subject to the Italian jurisdiction, without any assistance and representation by his parents or other adults legally responsible for him according to the Italian laws in force".

(Article 2 (1) Law No. 47 of April 7, 2017)



THE RESPONSABILITIES OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR MIGRATION POLICIES



MANDATORY OPINION ON THE
TRANSITION TO ADULthood
PROCEDURE



FAMILY TRACING



INTEGRATION POLICIES

MAIN ACTIVITY



Monitoring the presence of the
minors and tracking their
movements on the
Italian territory

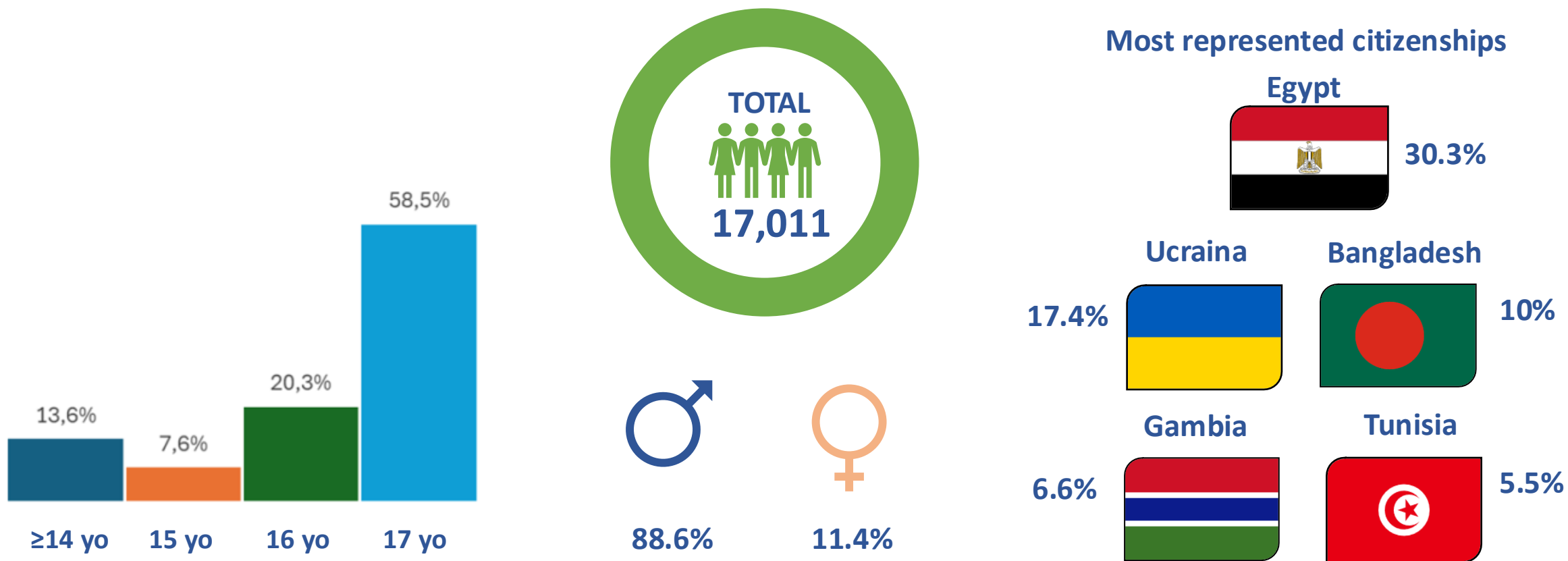


National Database on UAMs



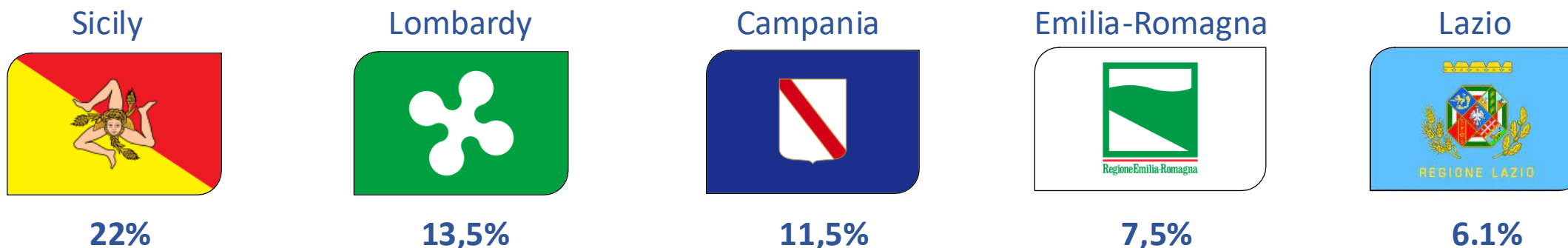
Handling personal
data of minors and information about their
status and placement on the territory

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Regions hosting the largest number of minors



Hospitality



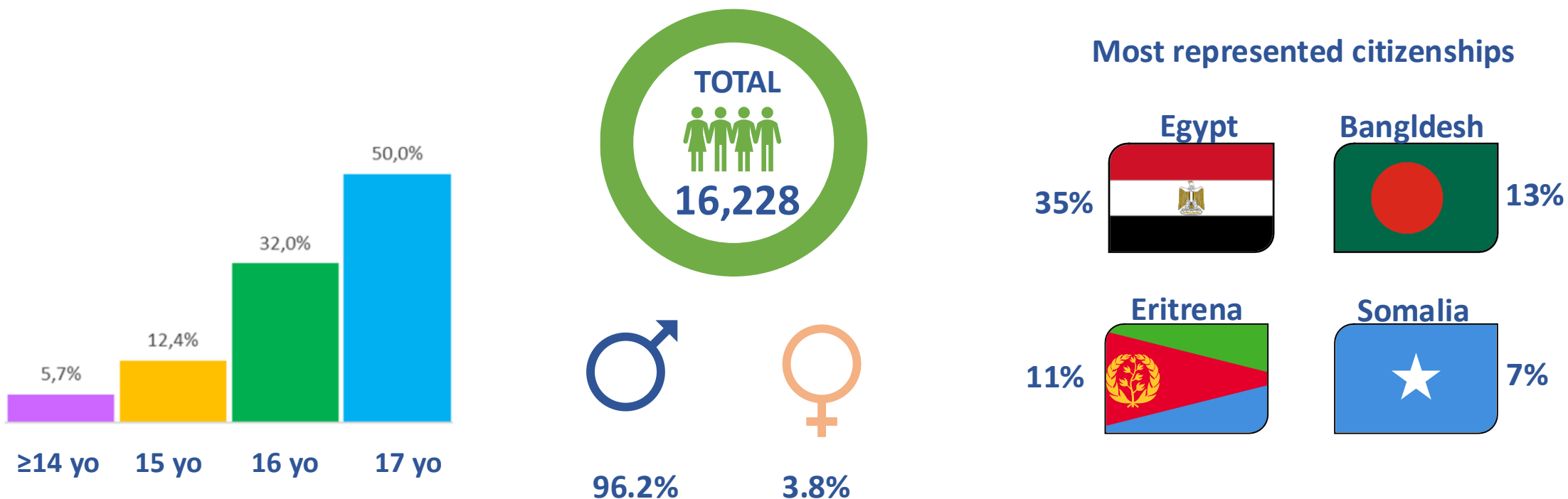
Reception facilities **82%**

Private **18%**

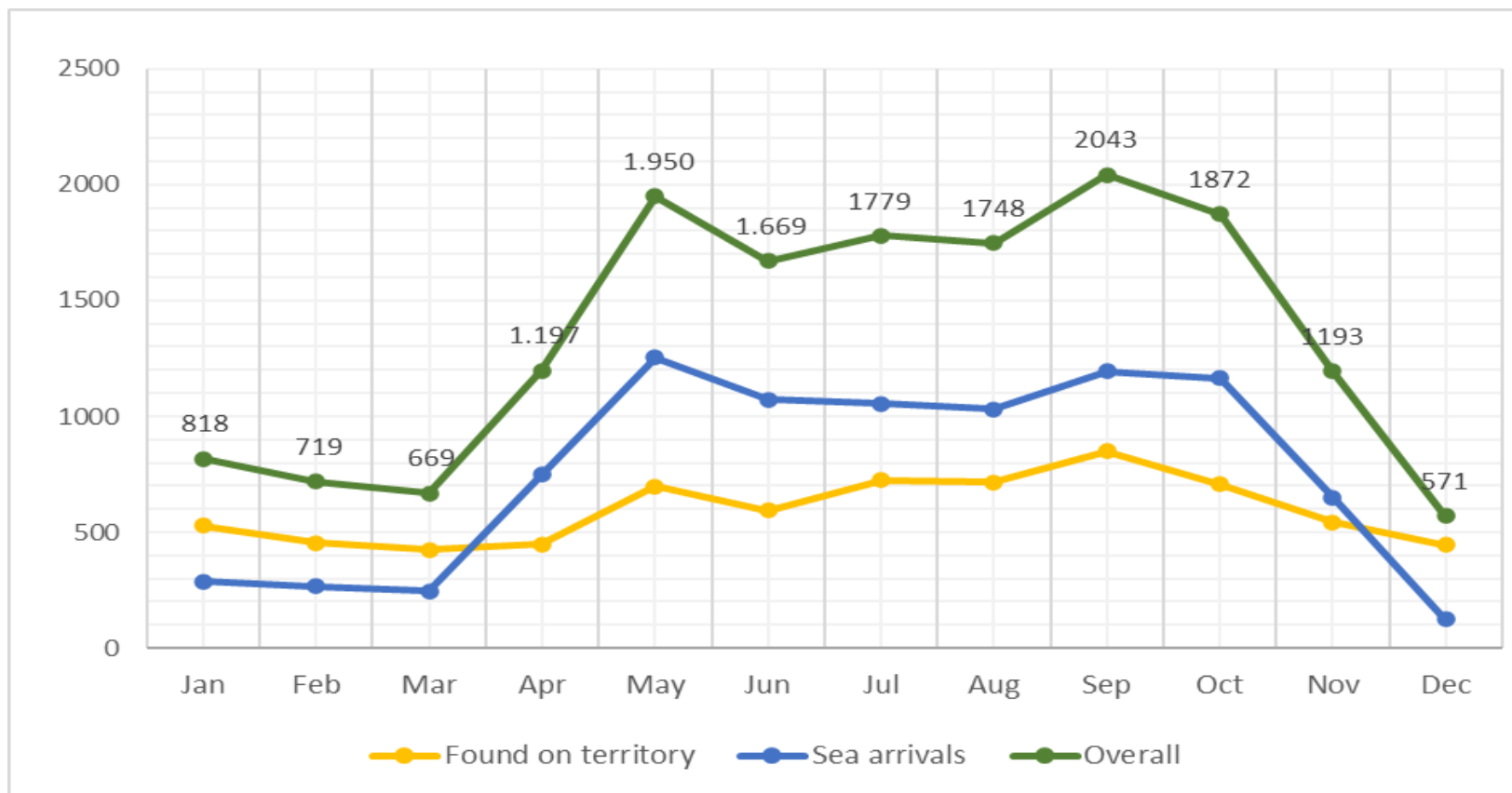
→ First reception facilities **19%**

→ Second reception facilities **65%**

ENTRY FLOW OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS INTO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DURING 2025



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4,367 in 2025

Most represented citizenships

Egypt (42%), Tunisia (11%),
Albania (10.8%),
Kosovo (8.2%)

Most involved Regions

Lombardy (23%),
Lazio (15.3%),
Emilia-Romagna (14%)
Friuli-Venezia Giulia (11%),



FAMILY TRACING



88 in 2025

The information obtained through family tracing is used to better calibrate the reception and integration process in Italy, and to evaluate the opportunity for assisted voluntary repatriation or family reunification pursuant to the Dublin Regulation.



INTEGRATION POLICIES



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STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Ahmed Haj Ali



Ahmed arrived in Italy from Tunisia in 2022 at just 17. After settling in a youth community in Brindisi, he studied, learned Italian, and started building his future. At 18, he began a six-month internship in a metalworking company, a job he had dreamed of since childhood. His commitment paid off: the company hired him permanently, and today he proudly works as a skilled metalworker, determined to keep improving and grow professionally.

Kalissa Ibrahima Sory



Kalissa came from Guinea in 2022 after a long and difficult journey. In Italy, he focused on school, learned the language, and quickly returned to what he already knew: mechanics. Thanks to an internship in a car repair shop in Rende, he proved his skills and earned a real job. Today he works repairing cars, lives independently, and values the respect and teamwork he found in his workplace.

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Mahmoud Said



Mahmoud arrived from Egypt in 2023 after crossing many countries before reaching Italy. Once he turned 18, he had to leave the youth community, but he didn't stop. He moved to Ancona, found housing and work, and gained experience in construction and metalwork. Today he works in naval carpentry, building ship components, proud of his job and focused on learning more, while still dreaming of opening a restaurant one day.

Moustafa Ibrahim

Moustafa came from Egypt in 2022 when he was only 16. After arriving in Italy, he studied and started working immediately, first as a deli worker and later as a baker. Even though those jobs were not his dream, they helped him grow and adapt. Today he works as a plumber, a job he enjoys and is learning step by step. With supportive colleagues and steady work, he has found independence and a path forward.



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Salif Guiro



Salif arrived from Ivory Coast in 2017 at 16, after crossing several countries and the sea. In Padua, he studied Italian at night while working during the day. He trained as a metalworker and became skilled in building gates and fences, a job he still does today. While he is proud of his work, his biggest goal is to return to studying - especially agriculture - so he can one day use his knowledge to support his family's land and build a stronger future.



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