

UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS IN ITALY

Semiannual Report
data as of June 30, 2023



The Directorate General for Immigration and Integration 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.

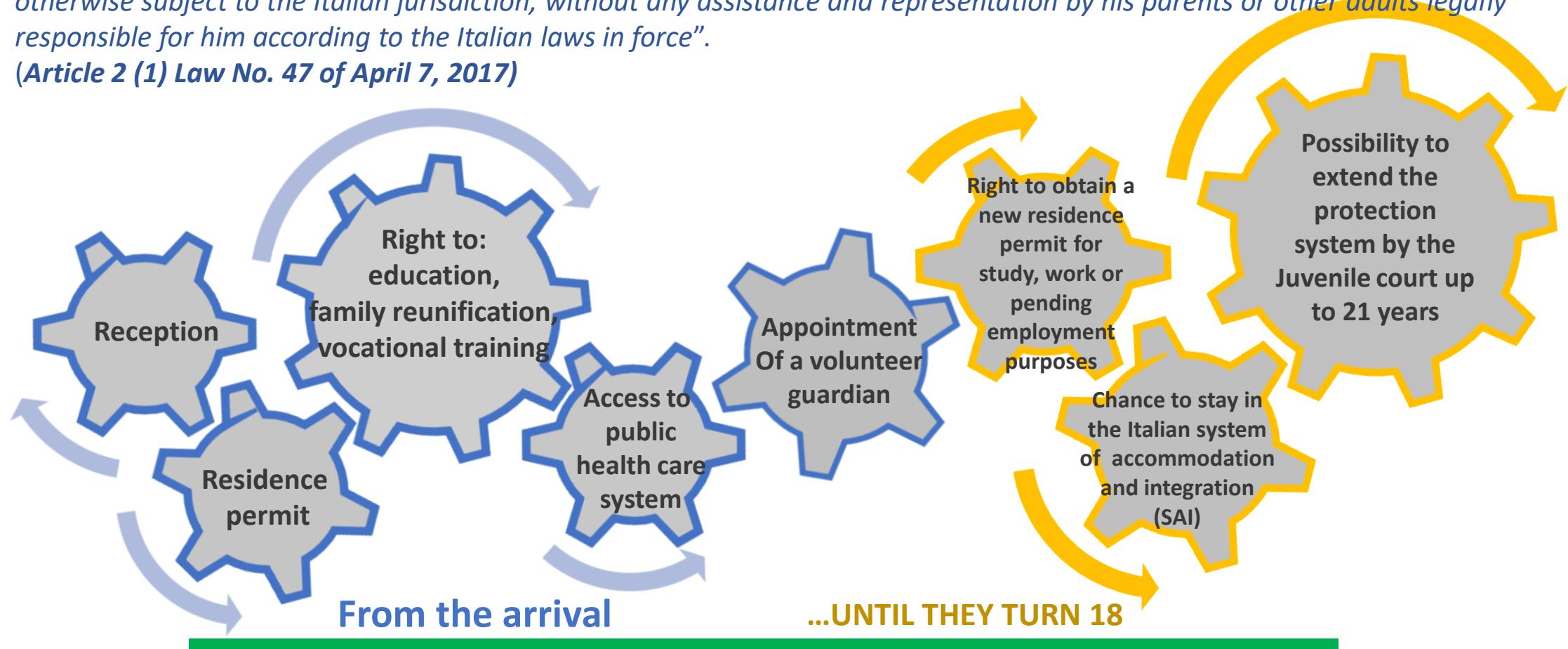
All the semiannual reports on unaccompanied foreign minors and the monthly statistical reports with the main data in Italy are available on the website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/temi-e-priorita/immigrazione/focus-on/minori-stranieri/Pagine/Dati-minori-stranieri-non-accompagnati.aspx>).



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 DG FOR IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION 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

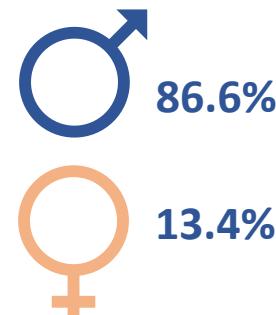


National Database on UAMs

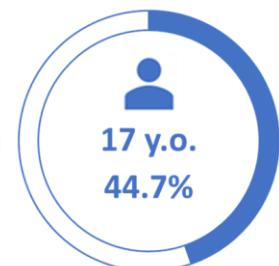
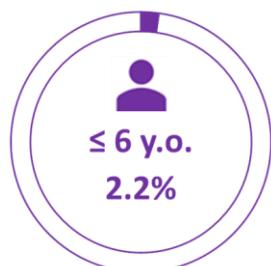
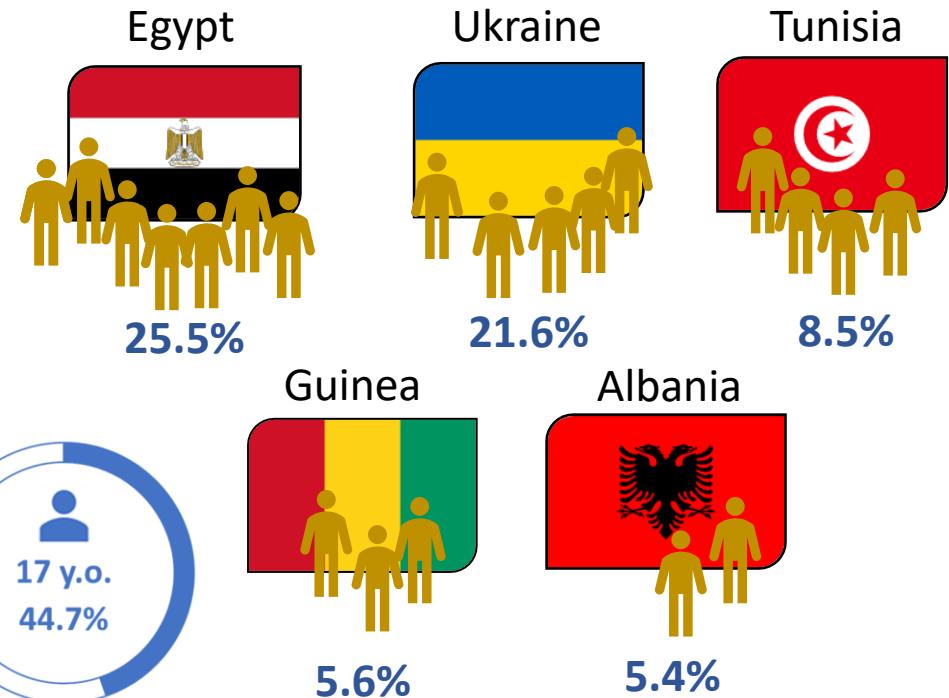


Handling personal
data of minors and information about their
status and placement on the territory

UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY AS OF JUNE 30, 2023



Most represented citizenships



UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

Regions hosting the largest number of minors

Sicily



22.1%

Lombardy



13.2%

Emilia-Romagna



8.3%

Calabria

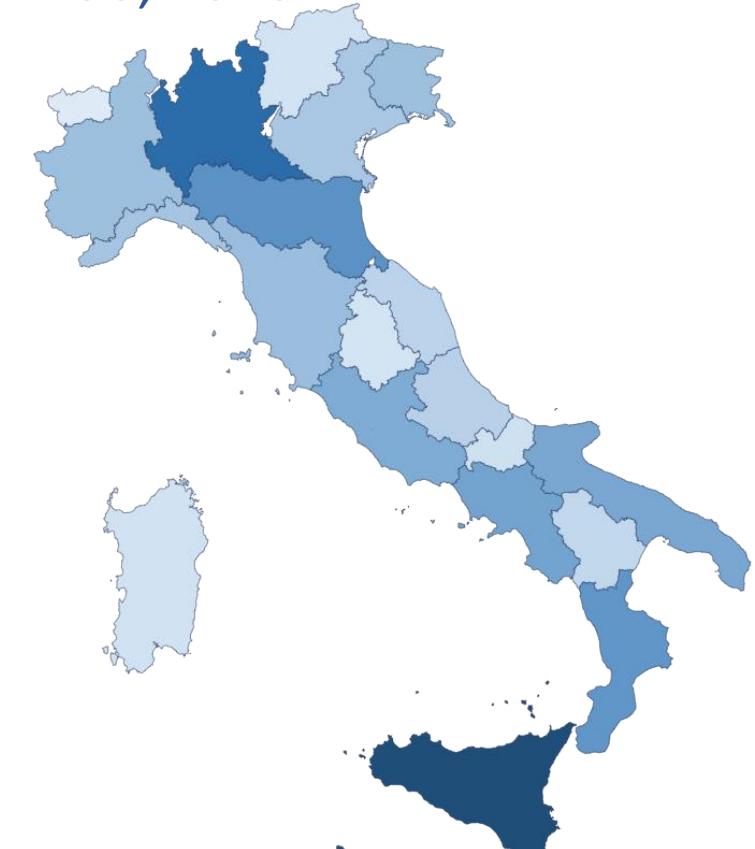


8%

Campania



6.7%



Hospitality

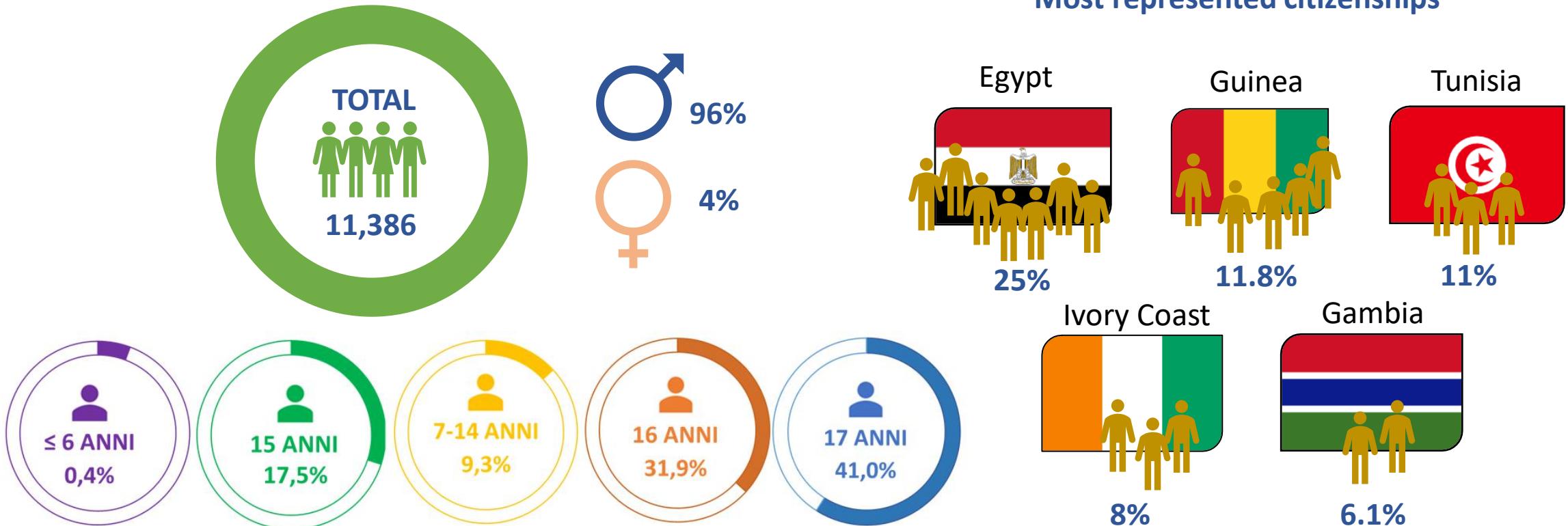


Reception facilities – 80% → First reception facilities – 21%

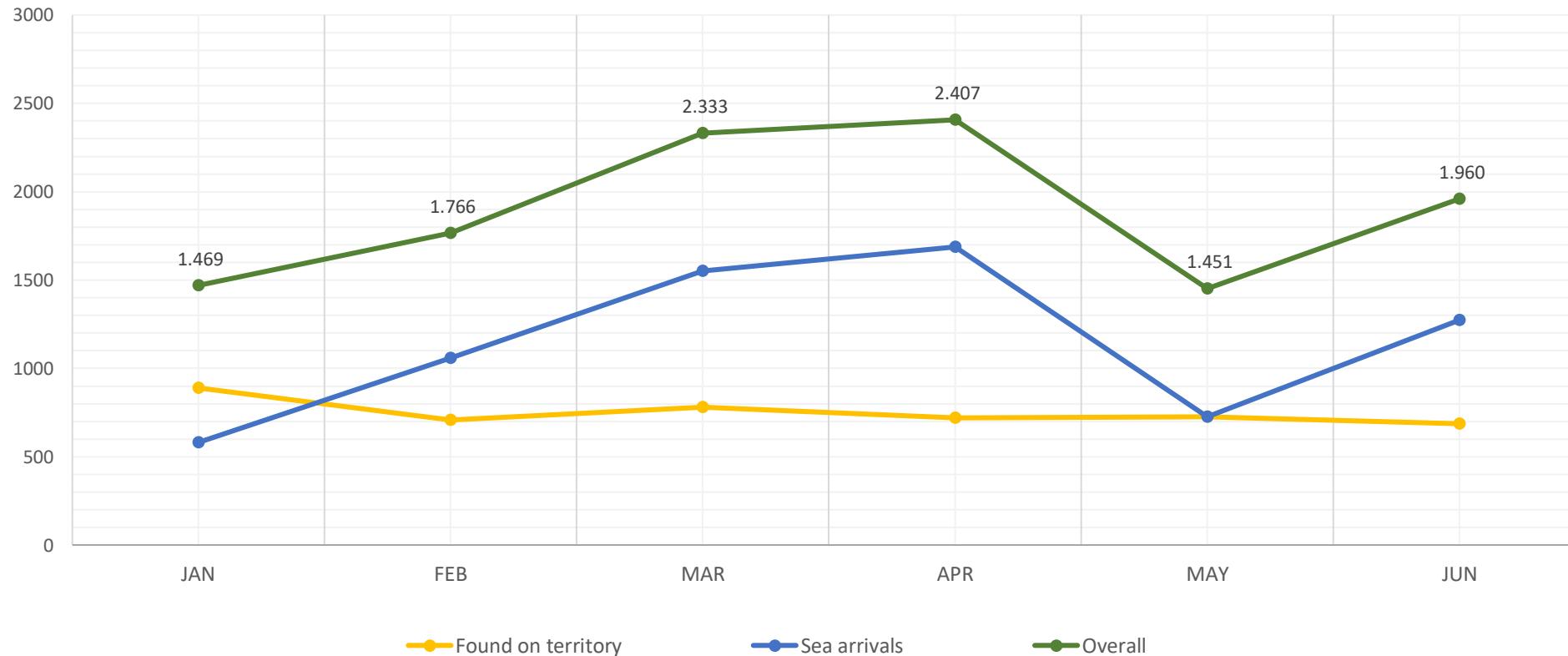
Private - 20%

→ Second reception facilities – 59%

ENTRY FLOW OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS INTO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2023

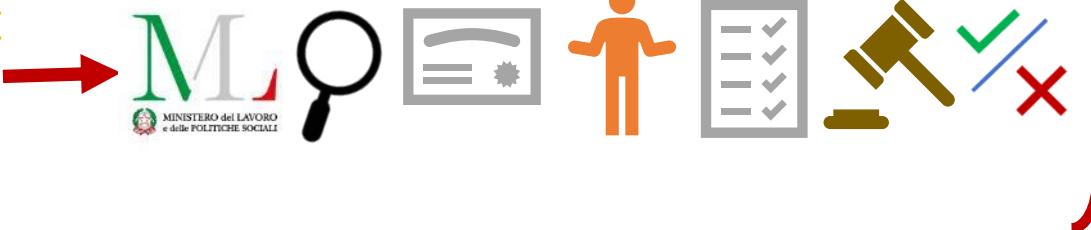


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Most represented citizenships
Egypt (34.7%), Albania (21.7%),
Bangladesh (17.6%),
Kosovo (10.2%), Tunisia (7.6%)

Most involved Regions

Lombardy (24.4%),
Lazio (12.1%)

Friuli-Venezia Giulia (11.4%),
Emilia-Romagna (11.3%)



FAMILY TRACING



47 in the first half of 2023

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

STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Hussnain Raza



Hussnain is from **Pakistan**. When he arrives in Italy, in 2019, he is seventeen years old. From the north it reaches Fermo, in the Marche region, and subsequently **Grottammare**, a small town in the province of Ascoli Piceno, in the same region. Here he is received in a center for minors, begins to study Italian and makes himself available. So he took the opportunity to carry out an internship at a **bar** in Grottammare, where he covered the duties of **dishwasher** and **waiter** as needed. His dedication allows him, after six months of training, to obtain an **employment contract** and now Hussnain feels he has succeeded. He feels comfortable in his new work environment, with his colleagues, who have now become friends, and the close relationship he has created with the educators who have followed him since he arrived in the community makes him feel almost at home.

It is 2020 when Issa, a young man from **Senegal**, finally arrives in Italy after a very long journey that lasted four years. In Calabria he is received in a community for minors in **Acquaformosa**, in the province of Cosenza. The opportunity for a job that would allow him to support himself comes thanks to a **tavern in a village near Catanzaro**. Here Issa takes care of all the preparations that have to do with the fryer, but he is willing to learn more recipes and tricks of the trade every day in order to be as useful as possible. Even if he wanted to be a tire repairer, he doesn't complain about the job he has found in the tavern, and for the moment he limits himself to adjusting the flavor of the dishes he helps prepare. The working environment is very serene and among his colleagues there is also the friend with whom he shares the apartment where he lives.

Issa Diao



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Mohamed Louadi



Mohamed's journey begins in 2017, when he is still only thirteen. In fact, he left **Morocco** for Italy in search of opportunities for a better life than he thought he would have in his country. Find hospitality in a center for minors in **Genoa**. In this city comes the opportunity for a six-month internship as **assistant cook in a Genoese specialty restaurant**. He now has a **permanent contract**, albeit part-time. He says he has made many friends, both Italian and Arab, with whom he invents new things to do every day: when the weather is fine, they never miss the opportunity to go and dive into the sea. In Genoa he found his dimension. His future does not see him anywhere else.

It is 2021 when Geraldo crosses the Adriatic with his father on a journey that would take them from **Albania** to Brindisi. However, their destination is Turin, the city where Geraldo has to undergo delicate eye surgery. Later they return to Ancona: the father returns to Albania while Geraldo remains alone in Italy. He's still seventeen. He will be received in a center for minors in **Grottammare**, a municipality in the province of Ascoli Piceno in the Marche region. Here he finds a **permanent job at a sofa factory in Martinsicuro**, in the province of Teramo in Abruzzo. He works as a sofa fitter and is very happy with it. In his spare time he confesses to cultivate a great dream: to sing. He has a friend with a recording studio and with his help he has already recorded three or four pop songs.

Geraldo Muho



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Rahman Ali



Rahman is sixteen when he leaves **Bangladesh** to reach Italy. It's 2018. Find hospitality in a center for minors in **Verona**. Here he participates in a six-month apprenticeship as a dishwasher and assistant cook, three months in a restaurant and three months in a fast-food restaurant. But the opportunity to change and improve his condition comes after a year, when he finds a job as a **bartender in a bingo hall in Padua**. This time the job is full-time and Rahman can afford a house to rent and plan his life with more peace of mind. Rahman's dream is to buy a house in Italy, the country where he sees his future, even if not necessarily in Veneto. He likes all of Italy. Now Rahman wants to get his driving license and has started going to the gym again. He wouldn't mind becoming a personal trainer, but for the moment his life is fine as it is.



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