

# UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS IN ITALY

Monitoring Report  
*data as of June 30, 2021*



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 monitoring 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>).



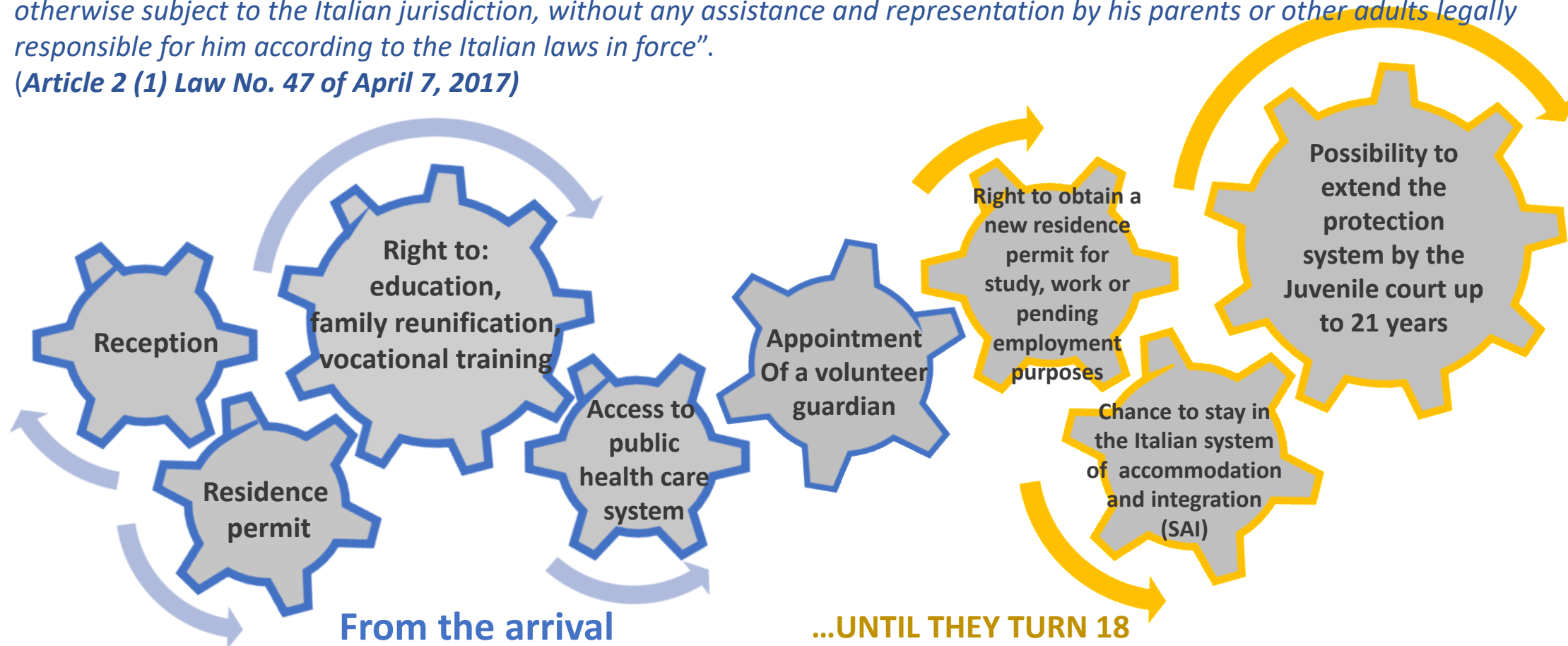
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## THE SPECIAL CARE AND PROTECTION OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY

*"(...) 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



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FAMILY TRACING



INTEGRATION POLICIES

### MAIN ACTIVITY



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

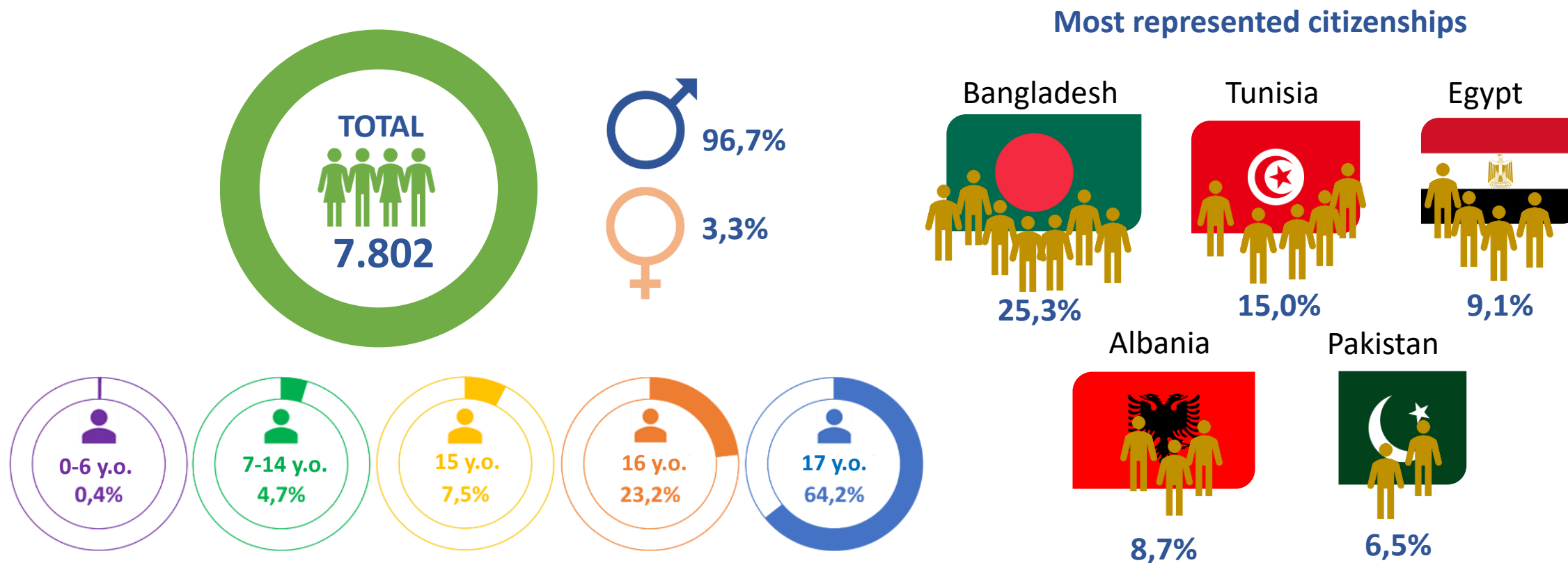


National Database on UAMs



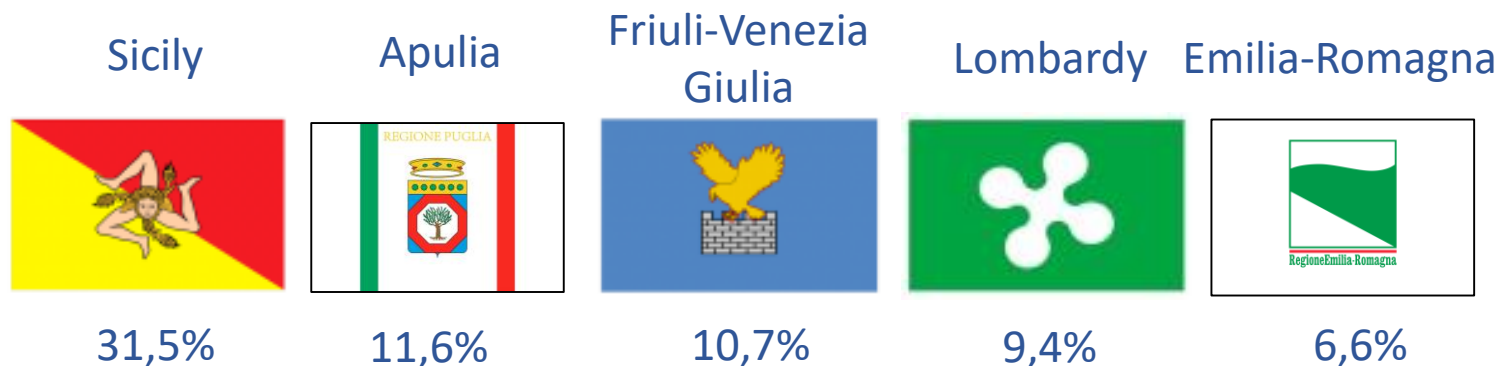
Handling personal  
data of minors and information about their  
status and placement on the territory

## UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY AS OF JUNE 30, 2021



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### Regions hosting the largest number of minors



### Hospitality



Reception facilities - 97%

Private - 3%



First reception facilities – 27,3%

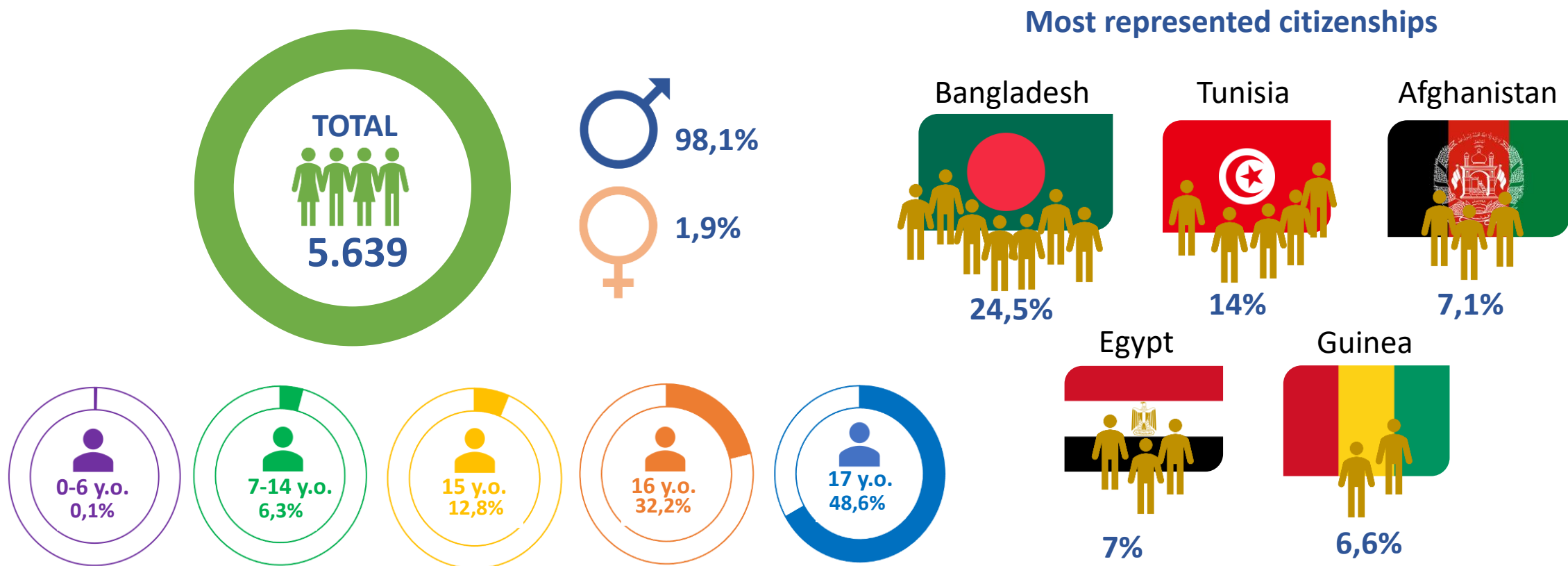


Second reception facilities – 69,7%

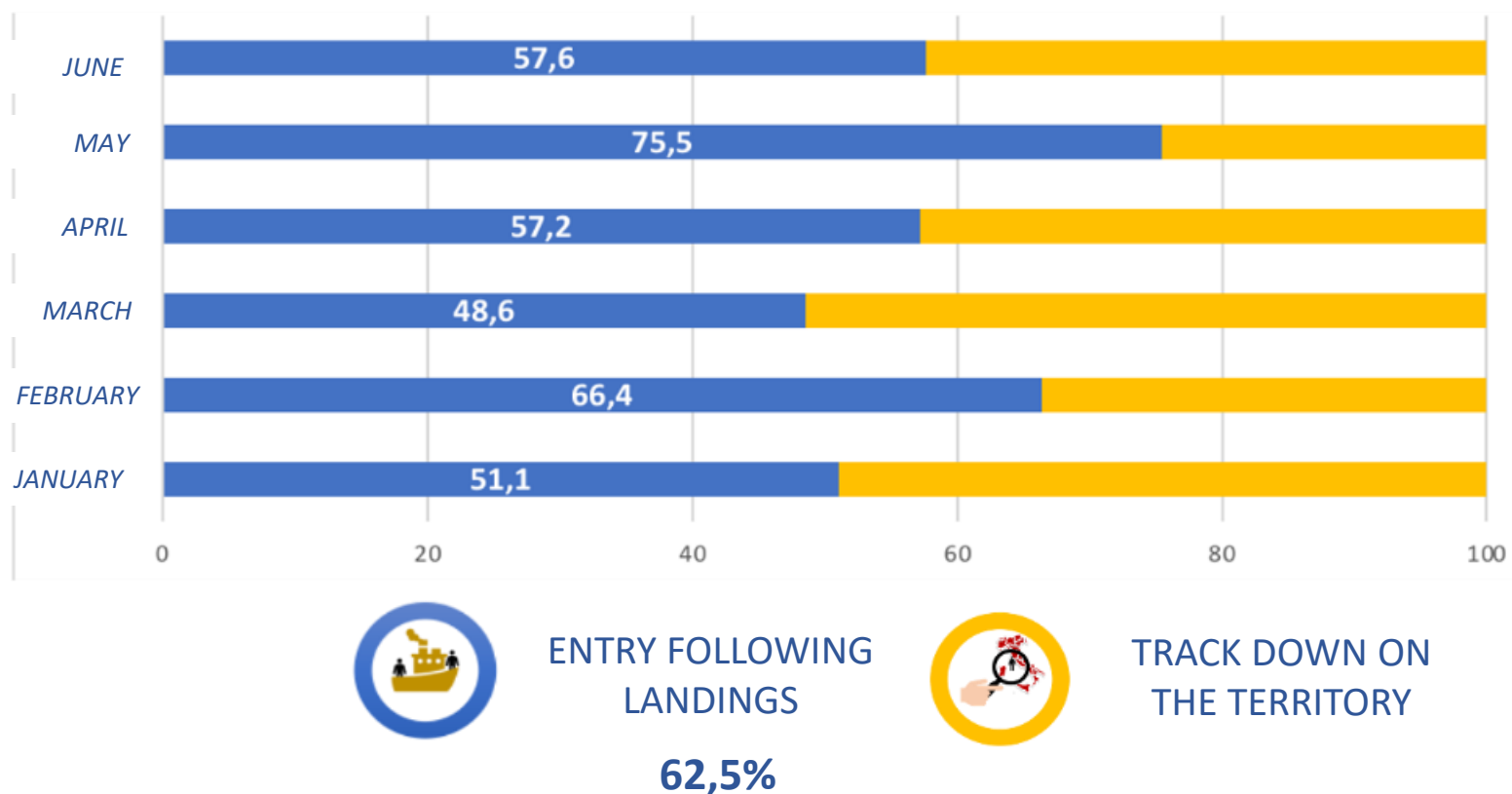
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## ENTRY FLOW OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS INTO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2021



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**777** in the first half of 2021

**Most represented citizenships**  
Albania (31,5%), Bangladesh  
(21,4%), Egypt (16,7%), Kosovo  
(15,3%)

**Regions most involved**

Friuli-Venezia Giulia (22,5%),  
Lombardy (17,5%)  
Emilia-Romagna (12,4%),  
Campania (8,0%)



FAMILY TRACING



**57** in the first half of 2021

*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



*Percorsi*



## STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

### Suzy Afokoghene



Suzy arrived in Italy in 2017, starting from **Nigeria**, making the first stop in Agadez, Niger, to then cross the desert to reach the coasts of Libya and from there cross the Mediterranean to Lampedusa. Now she lives in **Messina**, where thanks to an internship carried out as part of the PUOI project in a community for minors, she has had the opportunity to help people, which is what she wants to do in her life. In particular, she helped the kids with their homework, teaching them everything she knows. His dream is to study law and become a lawyer. In the meantime, after having attended the cultural mediation course, Suzy is often engaged as a mediator in the territorial commissions for the recognition of international protection in various cities of Sicily such as Catania, Palermo and Messina itself.

Habib left **Pakistan** in 2017, crossed Iran, spent two months in Turkey and then reached Greece, where he stayed for more than a year; to arrive in Italy he then passed through Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia. An endless journey that ended in 2019, when he arrived in Gorizia when he was still seventeen. From there he was transferred to a community for minors in **Pavia**, where he immediately made himself available to everyone as an assistant cook. But the passion for engines was stronger. Thus, with the help of the community, Habib obtained the opportunity to carry out a training internship at a real workshop in Pavia. A few months later, at the end of the internship, Habib gets a five-year employment contract. *"This is my life, what I will always want to do, I ask no more".*

### Ali Habib Quasim



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### **Elhadji Malick Toure**



Malick left **Senegal** because he wanted to study, but his family couldn't afford it. After the death of his older brother, his father wanted Malick to leave his studies to continue his work as a fisherman. However, the desire to study was stronger, and with the help of his mother he managed to leave, arriving first in Spain and then, in 2019, in Italy, in **Parma**. His efforts paid off, considering that, despite the pandemic challenges and the commitments of his new job in the construction industry, Malick is now attending school at a profit. Work, yes, because when Malick is offered the opportunity to work, he doesn't let it slip away. In fact, today he has a full-time apprenticeship contract with a firm in Parma that deals with restorations. He is happy with his job, even if he confesses that he would not mind trying his hand also as a metalworker. But the most important thing of all, for him, is the study, because he knows that only through it will he be able to grow and find his way.

Omar has been working as a waiter in a tavern for a few months, although he would never have said it. He didn't really see himself in that role, he believed he could only do one thing well: play football. Omar comes from **Gambia** and arrived in Sicily in 2016, at the age of seventeen, crossing Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso and Libya. After Giarre arrives in **Messina**, then the civil service, a very important opportunity for him which, however, does not yet allow him real economic independence. Autonomy that instead comes thanks to an internship carried out as part of the PUOI project at the tavern where he works today, in Messina. *"From the first day of my internship my employer was amazed at my abilities, he couldn't believe it was the first time I worked in the restaurant business".*

### **Omar Drammeh**



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**Amadou Barry**



Amadou will spend this summer in San Vito Lo Capo, in Sicily, one of the most coveted places by vacationers. In fact, he found work for the summer season in a hotel, where he takes care of a little bit of everything, from arranging the kitchen to pruning the plants in the garden: *"where I am needed I am"*. For him it has always been important to get busy, on the other hand when he left his country, **Mali**, he knew that to reach the goal of autonomy he would have to commit himself. The travel difficulties encountered first in Algeria and then in Libya did not make him lose heart and in 2018, at the age of seventeen, he finally arrived in Lampedusa after crossing the Mediterranean Sea. He attended several centers for minors, two in **Termini Imerese** and one in **Palermo** until the opportunity came to participate in an internship thanks to the PUOI project. For six months Amadou worked as a gas station attendant in Palermo, a very important training experience for him, but which he will not continue. In fact, he is happy in the world of catering, even if for after the summer he has already set himself the goal of dedicating all his energy to studying, *"so, hopefully, I'll graduate next year"*.



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