

# UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS IN ITALY

Semiannual Report  
*data as of December 31, 2022*



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.

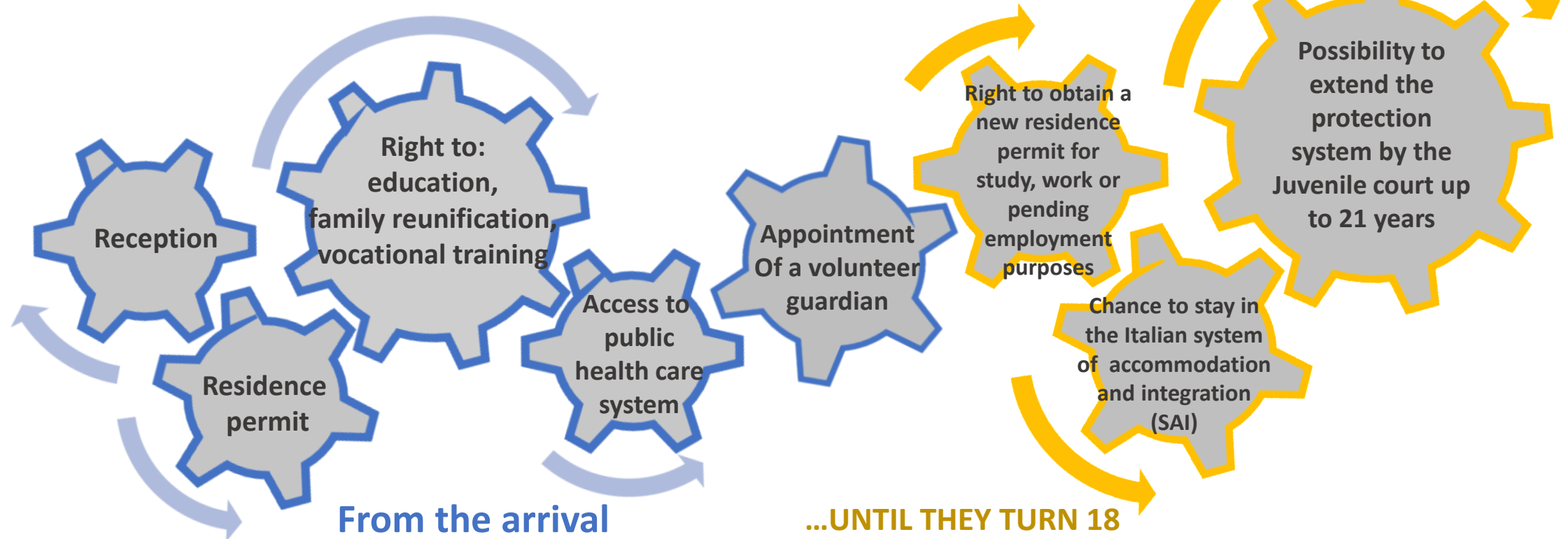
All the semiannual reports on unaccompanied foreign minors and the monthly statistical reports with the main data in Italy are available on the website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/temi-e-priorita/immigrazione/focus-on/minori-stranieri/Pagine/Dati-minori-stranieri-non-accompagnati.aspx>).



## 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

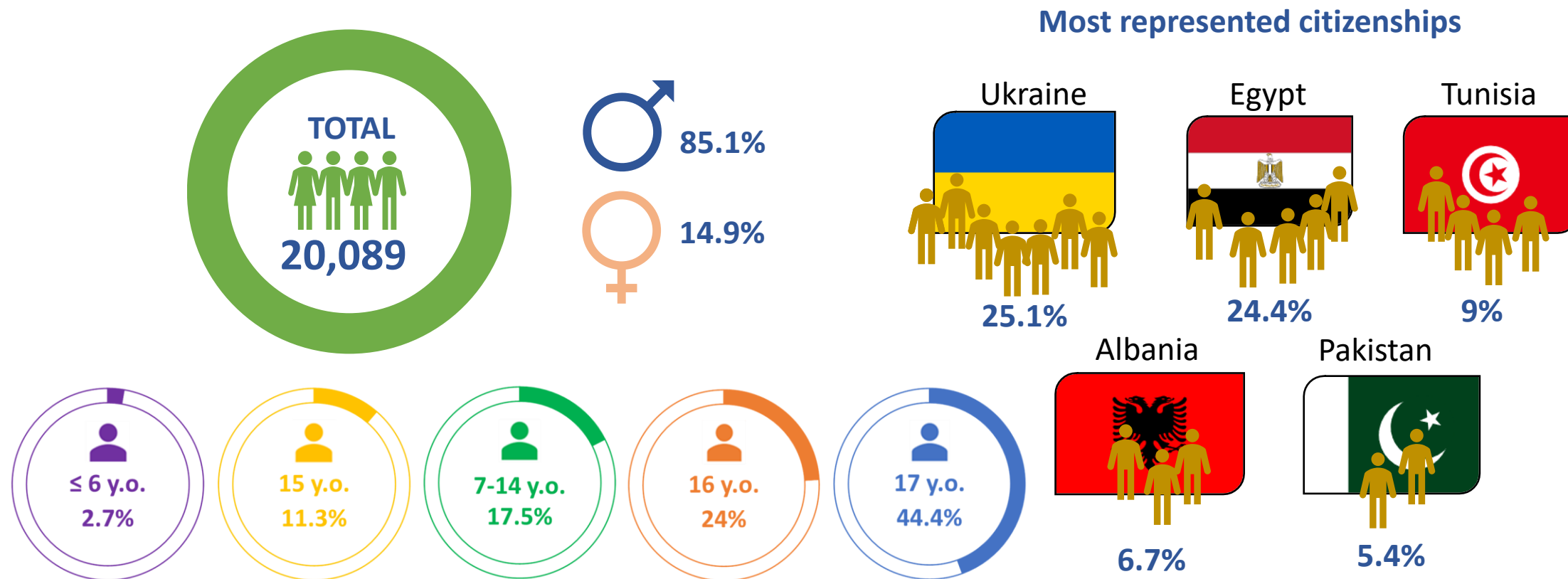


National Database on UAMs



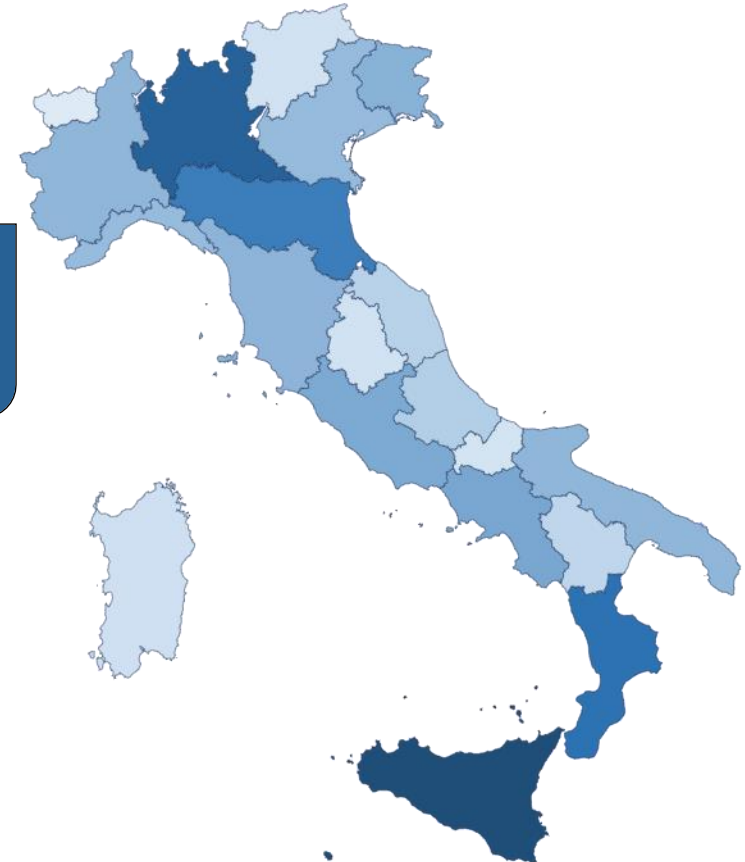
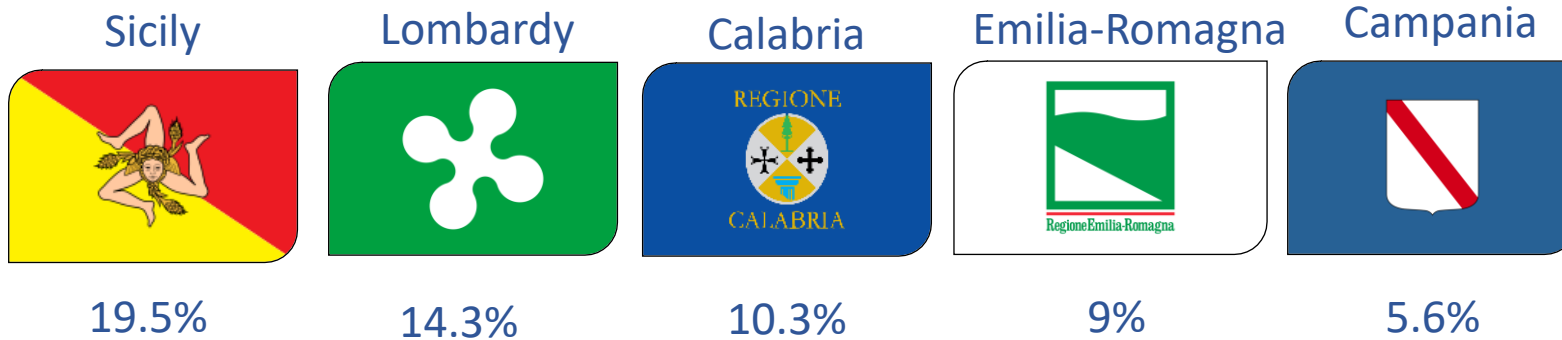
Handling personal  
data of minors and information about their  
status and placement on the territory

## UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022



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### Regions hosting the largest number of minors



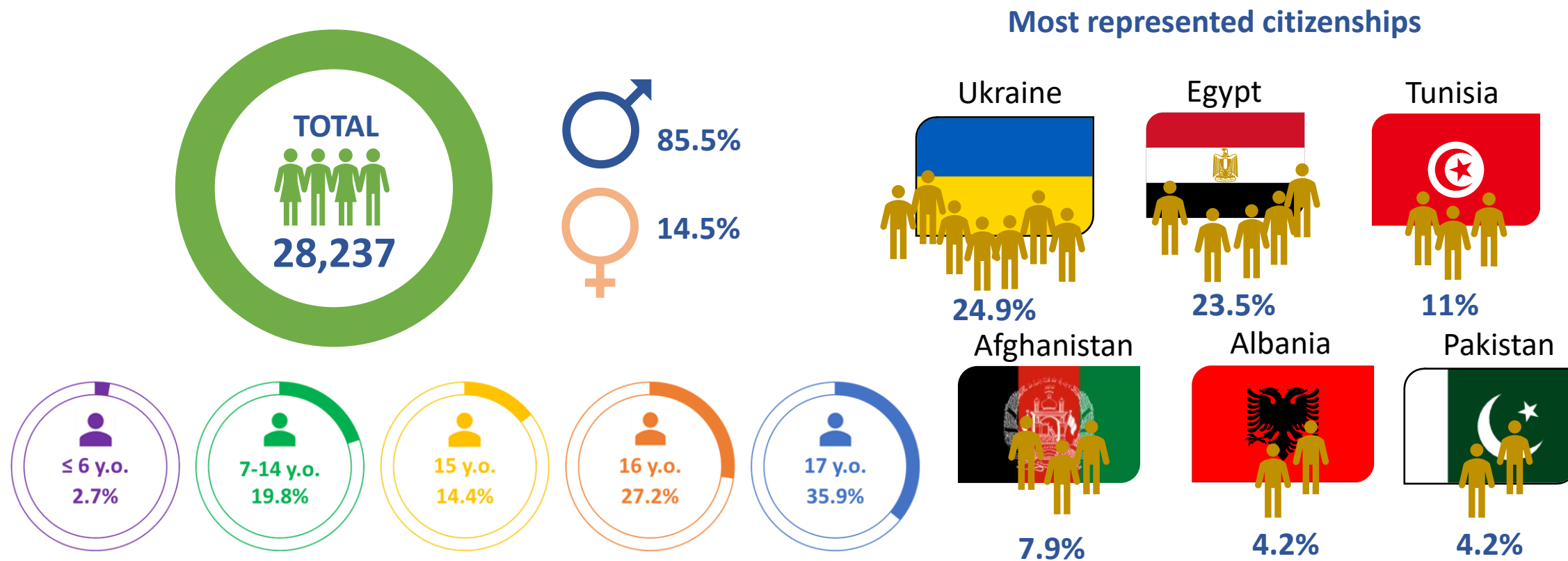
Regional distribution (n)   
14 3.923

### Hospitality

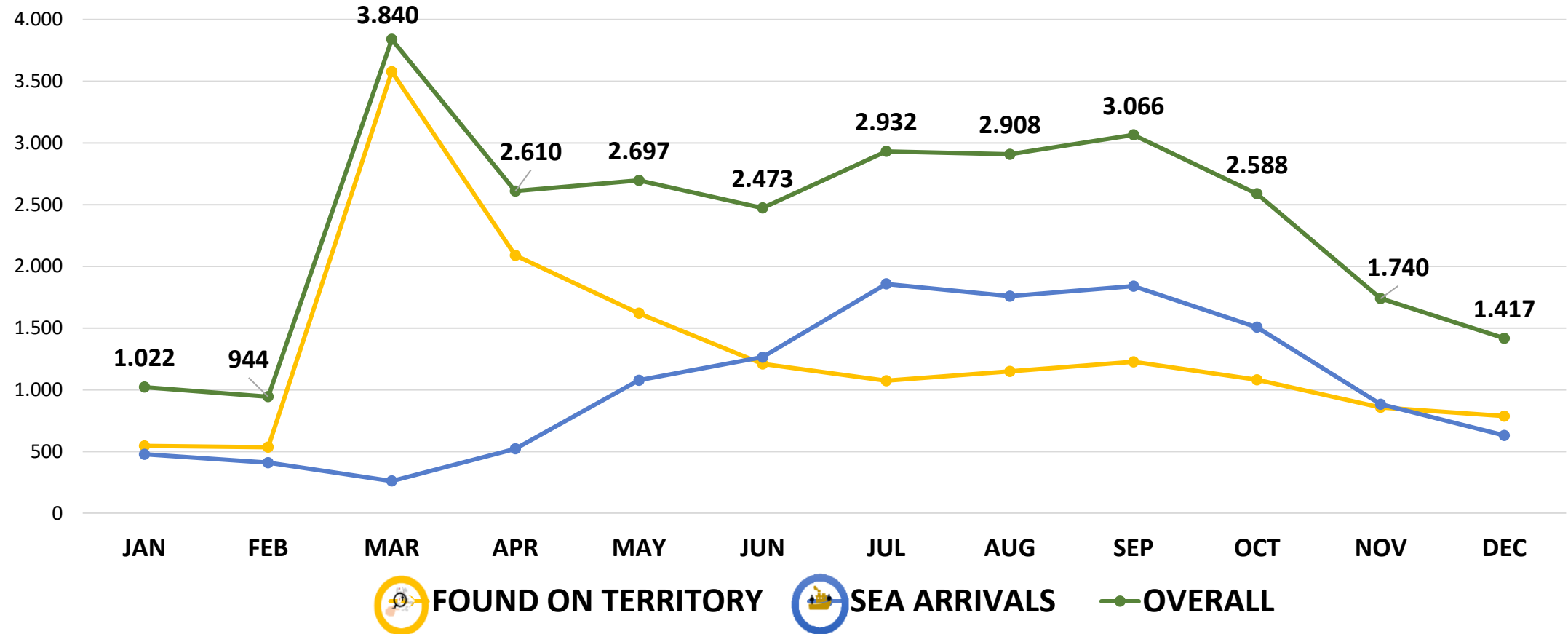


Reception facilities - 77% → First reception facilities – 25.1%  
Private - 23% → Second reception facilities – 74.9%

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**2,597** in 2022

**Most represented citizenships**  
Bangladesh (27.5%), Egypt  
(22.9%), Albania (20.4), Kosovo  
(11.9%), Tunisia (9.9%)

**Most involved Regions**

Friuli-Venezia Giulia (24.4%),  
Lombardy (19.3%)  
Lazio (12.1%),  
Emilia-Romagna (11.7%)



FAMILY TRACING



**133** in 2022

*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

**Musa Nieng**



Musa leaves **Gambia** at 15 in search of a better life. He dreams of becoming a footballer, but what really matters to him is being able to find a job and become independent. After a first stop in Ancona, he was received in a center for minors in **Portogruaro**, in the **Veneto** region. But it is in **Verona** that he finds his first job opportunities. In fact, he participates in two internships, one to become a baker and one as a dishwasher, an activity that he will then continue to carry out for another two years. However, Musa knows he can give more and therefore goes in search of new opportunities. His commitment pays off because he finds a job as a **cook**, and in particular as a pizza maker, in an important *made in Italy* restaurant chain. "I really like it here, both the work and the environment, we are all young, close-knit, Italians and non-Italians".

In 2017 Idriss left **Mali** at the age of 15 to embark on a long journey to Italy. After a stop in Crotone he settled in the small Calabrian town of **Acquaformosa**, in the province of Cosenza, where he was welcomed into a community for minors. Here he attends school and has the opportunity to participate in a three-month internship during which he learns the profession of plumber, an activity for which Idriss feels inclined. However, Idriss prefers to focus on his studies to finish school. After school and leaving the community, he finds an unexpected job as a **cook** in a tavern in **Catanzaro** which allows him to live independently and plan his future. "Actually in life I never thought of being a cook, but fate sometimes reserves surprises. In fact, I feel comfortable here, I have a good relationship with all the guys I work with, it's a quiet place and I would like to continue doing this job."

**Idriss Keita**



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*Ammar Syed*



Ammar arrives from **Pakistan** at a very young age, first in Udine, then in Treviso and finally he is welcomed into a community for minors in **Mestre**. Here he attended school and in the meantime also participated in an internship at a Pakistani restaurant and then at an important hotel in **Venice**. He turns 18, and even if he would have liked to continue studying with the dream of becoming a computer scientist, he realizes that working and studying together is not easy at all. The big break was offered to him by a **printing company in the province of Padua** which offered him a six-month trial contract, a period during which Ammar learned to use the machinery to print books and all the tricks of the trade. “At the end of the trial period, the employers told me: you are good, and they hired me. I really like this job a lot, I like printing books, also reading them, but not too much”.

Jonida arrives in Italy in 2020, he hasn't turned 17 yet. She is welcomed into a community for minors in **Padua**, but due to the pandemic she will not be able to attend school immediately, limiting herself to following lessons remotely. In the meantime, he participates in an internship in a Paduan **company that deals with the printing of logos on workwear**. He feels good but for the moment he prefers to concentrate on studying. However, the following year, contacted by the company again, she decides to make a commitment, work during the day and attend night school, where she will complete the third and fourth year together. Today Jonida is in her fifth year, her last, and has been hired by the company as an administrative employee.

*Jonida Sejdini*



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### *Ali Aquib*



Ali leaves **Pakistan** in 2016 with the aim of reaching Europe and finding there the conditions to build a worthy future, the one he cannot see in his village. His journey will be particularly long and marked by some periods of stalemate: in fact he stops for four months in **Greece** making himself available in the activity of picking oranges. His journey will then take him to Trieste and later to a community for minors in **Grottammare**, a small town in the province of Ascoli Piceno in the Marche region. Here he attends school, learns Italian and therefore enthusiastically undertakes his first internship as a gas station attendant, which will keep him busy for a year. But now Ali lives in **Milan** where he found work as an employee in a perfume company.



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