

EMN: The total number of residence permits issued in Finland decreased in 2017

According to the recent reviews by the European Migration Network, particularly the number of residence permits issued on the grounds of international protection declined in 2017 compared to the previous year. At the same time, there was an increase in family migration and labour migration.

According to the 2017 statistical review and migration and asylum report published by the EMN, a total of 33,674 persons were granted their first residence permit or had their residence in Finland registered. Compared to the previous year, this represents a decrease of approximately 6,000.

The largest group consisted of those migrating to Finland from outside the EU for family reasons (27%). Registrations of the right of residence of EU citizens constituted the second-largest group (23%), followed by employment (20%), studies (15%) and international protection (13%).

“Family migration and labour migration are seeing substantial growth,” says Rafael Bärlund, Senior Adviser at the European Migration Network.

The number of people granted international protection decreased by approximately 2,500 in 2017. Likewise, the number of asylum seekers that entered Finland during the year declined substantially.

– The number of asylum applications filed last year (5,046) was on par with the previous year. This does not, however, reflect the actual number of asylum seekers who entered Finland during the year. More than one third of the asylum applications filed in 2017 were subsequent applications filed by asylum seekers whose previous application had been rejected,” says Jutta Saastamoinen, Senior Adviser at the European Migration Network.

The number of persons who were granted Finnish citizenship reached a record level in 2017. The figure of 12,600 represents an increase of nearly 3,000 compared to the previous year.

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The European Migration Network's *Annual Report on Migration and Asylum* describes the key developments and trends related to migration. In addition, the statistical review *Key figures on immigration* provides comprehensive annual migration statistics for Finland. The European Migration Network also produces a synthesis report on the development of migration and asylum affairs in the EU as a whole. Together, the three publications provide a unique review of migration in Finland and the European Union.

Links to studies:

Annual Report on Migration and Asylum - Finland 2017 (bilingual publication)

http://www.emn.fi/files/1812/Maahanmuutto_ja_turvapaikka_FI_EN_SCREEN.pdf

Key Figures on Immigration 2017

http://www.emn.fi/files/1813/Maahanmuuton_tunnusluvut_2017_EN_SCREEN2.pdf

Annual Report on Migration and Asylum 2017

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/00_arm2017_synthesis_report_final_en.pdf

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The Finnish National Contact Point for the European Migration Network (EMN) operates in connection with the Finnish Immigration Service. National Contact Points have been set up in each EU Member State, as well as in Norway, which also participates in the network. The network is chaired by the EU Commission. The European Migration Network celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2018.

The task of the EMN is to support policy-making in the European Union by providing up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum. In addition to politicians and government officials, information is also disseminated to the general public.

Among the most important outputs of the EMN are annual reports on the development of the immigration policies of EU Member States and institutions as well as various thematic studies on topical migration issues.

Finland's national EMN website is at www.emn.fi.

The international website of the European Migration Network: <https://ec.europa.eu/emn>

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Overview 2017

The figure includes the first residence permits issued by the Finnish Immigration Service to third country nationals as well as the registration of the right of residence of EU citizens and family members. The largest group is third country nationals arriving on the basis of family ties, a total of 9,089 people. The number of EU citizens and their family members registered was 7,800.

FAMILY

9 089



REGISTRATION OF
EU-CITIZENS

7 800



STUDY

5 194



EMPLOYMENT

6 751



INTERNATIONAL
PROTECTION

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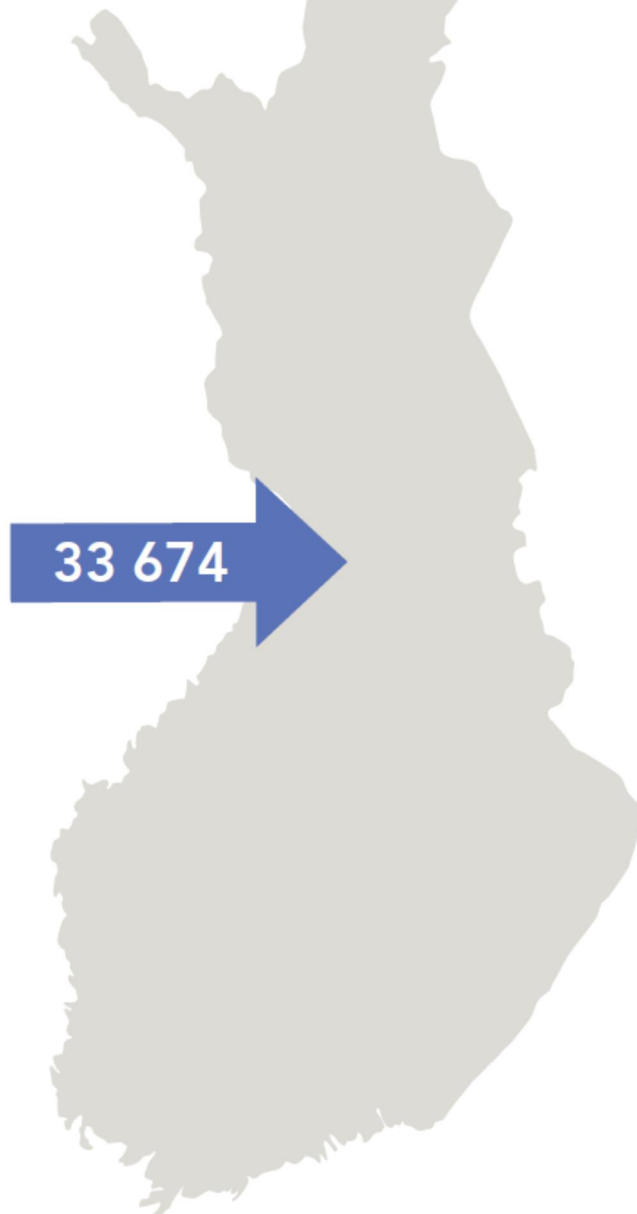
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REFUGEES

750



OTHER

306



Source: Finnish Immigration Service

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