

Key figures on immigration 2024

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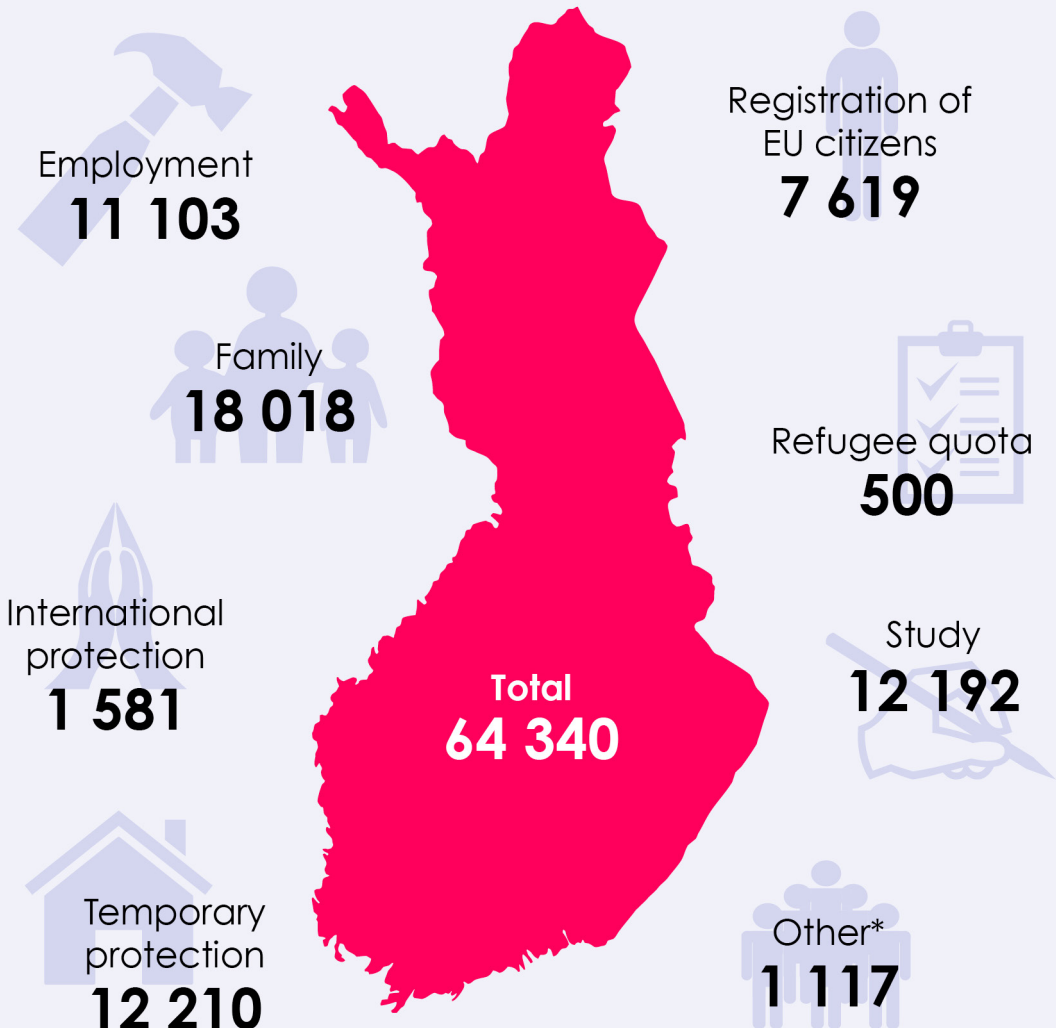
The Finnish National Contact Point of the European Migration Network (EMN) has compiled this statistical review from the statistics of the Finnish Immigration Service, the Police, the Finnish Border Guard, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Eurostat. In addition, the EMN has produced the annual report on migration, which covers all aspects of migration and asylum in Finland in 2024. The report provides advanced information on the phenomena discussed in this statistical review as figures.

The Finnish National Contact Point of the EMN is responsible for any potential errors and misinterpretations in this statistical review.

Overview 2024

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 their family members. It also includes the beneficiaries of temporary protection.

In 2024, the largest group was third-country nationals who entered the country on the grounds of family ties. The second-largest group consisted of people who had fled the war in Ukraine and were granted temporary protection.





First residence permits issued, top 10 nationalities by grounds of issuance

The map indicates the top 10 countries to whose citizens the Finnish Immigration Service issued the highest number of first residence permits in 2024. The graphs show the distribution of the grounds of issuance of residence permits per nationality.*



* Grounds in the graphs: employment, family, study, international protection and other. The "Other" category includes the following grounds for residence permits: adoption, au pair, victim of trafficking in human beings, working holiday, looking for work, established relationship, other grounds, former Finnish citizen and residence permits issued on other grounds in the asylum process.

** Also includes other residence permits issued in connection with international protection



Russia



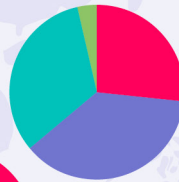
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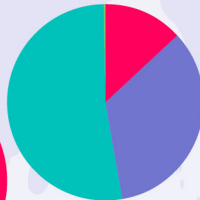
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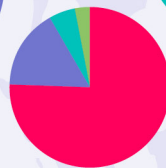
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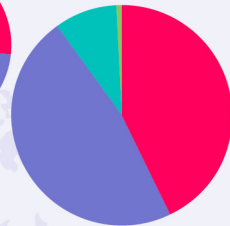
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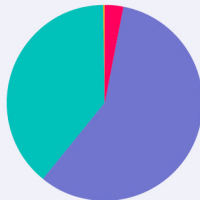
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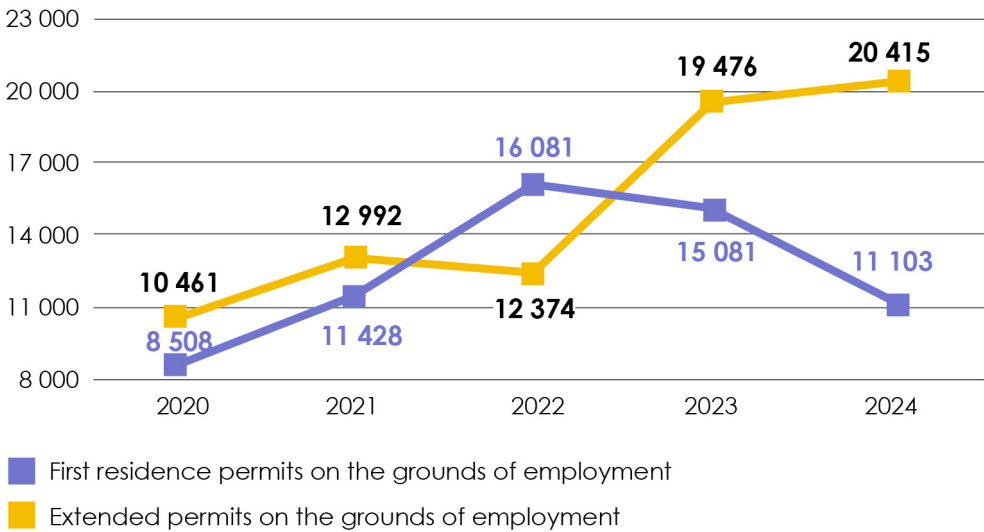


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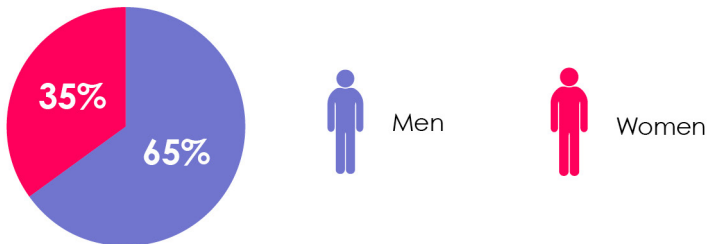
Work in Finland

In 2024, a total of 11 103 first residence permits were issued on the grounds of employment, showing a slight decrease from the previous year. The number has been showing an upward trend in the longer term, with the exception of the year 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic caused a temporary drop in the numbers.

First residence permits and extended permits issued on the grounds of employment, 2020–2024



Gender distribution, first residence permits issued 2024



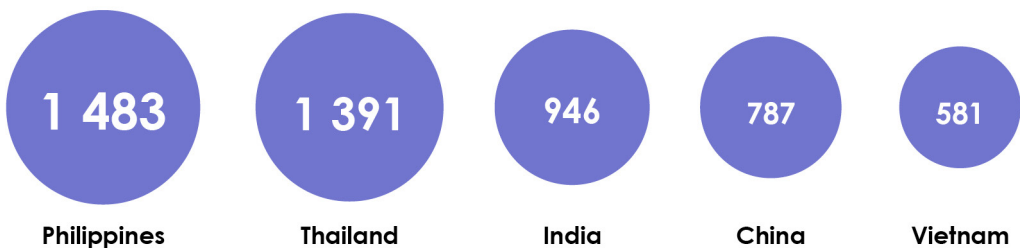
The graph below lists all first residence permits issued on different employment-related grounds in 2024.

First residence permits issued on the grounds of employment, all categories, 2024*

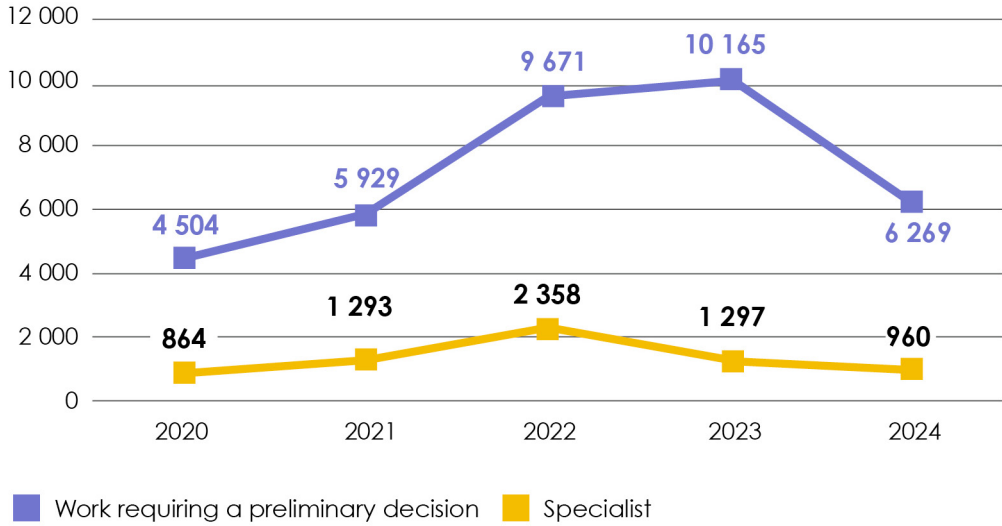
| | Positive | Negative | Total |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Self-employment | 75 | 155 | 230 |
| Residence permit for an employed person | 6 269 | 2 967 | 9 236 |
| Scientific research | 1 238 | 3 | 1 241 |
| Internship | 31 | 0 | 31 |
| Sports and coaching | 289 | 66 | 355 |
| Specialist | 960 | 22 | 982 |
| Other work | 127 | 10 | 137 |
| Specialist, Blue Card | 130 | 10 | 140 |
| Other internship | 31 | 7 | 38 |
| National researcher | 97 | 0 | 97 |
| Degree or research completed in Finland | 21 | 28 | 49 |
| Seasonal work | 1 248 | 137 | 1 385 |
| Seasonal work, preliminary decision | 249 | 73 | 322 |
| Intra-corporate transfer | 75 | 2 | 77 |
| Mobile intra-corporate transfer | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Startup entrepreneur | 225 | 12 | 237 |
| Total | 11 067 | 3 492 | 14 559 |

* Excludes dismissed and expired applications

First residence permits issued on the grounds of employment, top 5 nationalities, 2024



First residence permits issued, comparison: work requiring a preliminary decision and specialist, 2020–2024



Migration to Finland on the grounds of family ties

In 2024, the most common grounds for issuing a residence permit were family ties. A total of 18 018 applicants were issued a first residence permit on the basis of family ties by the Finnish Immigration Service, which represents a decrease from the peak year 2023 (20 278).

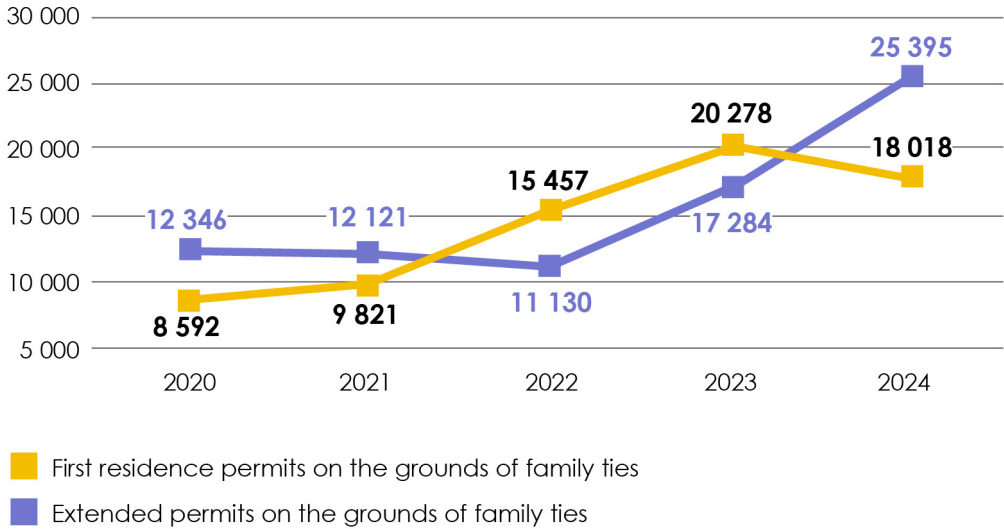
Of these, 2 760 were applicants considered to be family members of Finnish citizens. A total of 1 278 residence permits were issued to family members of beneficiaries of international protection. Similarly to the previous year, the most common categories by far were spouse of a third-country national (6 545) and child of a third-country national (7 391).

Pursuant to the Aliens Act, family members of foreign nationals living in Finland and Finnish citizens are:

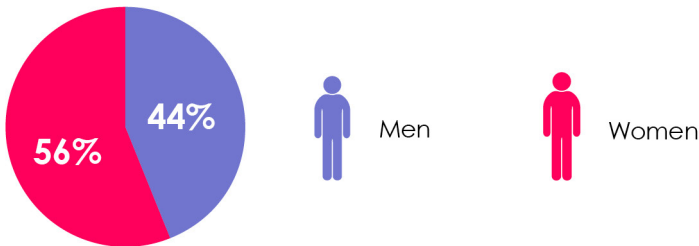
- spouse
- registered partner
- cohabitation partner (a requirement of living together for two years unless the couple has a child in joint custody)
- unmarried child under 18 years of age under the care and custody of the person living in Finland
- guardian, if the person living in Finland is under 18 years old.

The statistics on residence permit applications on the grounds of family ties also include applicants outside the nuclear family, other relatives, for example the parents and siblings of an adult.

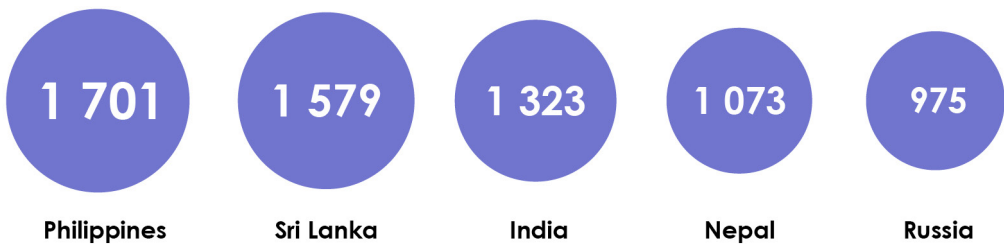
First residence permits and extended permits issued on the grounds of family ties, 2020–2024



Gender distribution, first residence permits issued 2024



First residence permits issued on the grounds of family ties, top 5 nationalities, 2024



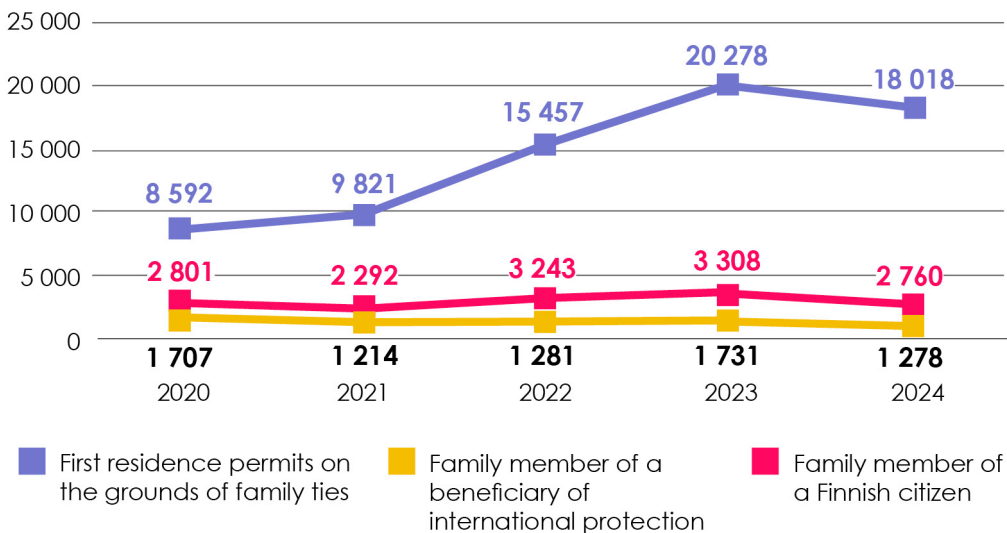
First residence permits issued on the grounds of family ties, all categories, 2024*

| | Positive | Negative | Total |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Guardian of a beneficiary of international protection | 71 | 13 | 84 |
| Child of a beneficiary of international protection | 837 | 84 | 921 |
| Other family member of a beneficiary of international protection | 117 | 195 | 312 |
| Spouse of a beneficiary of international protection | 253 | 60 | 313 |
| Guardian of a third-country national | 43 | 20 | 63 |
| Child of a third-country national | 7 391 | 497 | 7 888 |
| Relative other than a family member of a third-country national | 1 | 31 | 32 |
| Spouse of a third-country national | 6 545 | 397 | 6 942 |
| Guardian of a Finnish citizen | 76 | 14 | 90 |
| Child of a Finnish citizen | 385 | 72 | 457 |
| Relative other than family member of a Finnish citizen | 16 | 172 | 188 |
| Spouse of a Finnish citizen | 2 283 | 74 | 2 357 |
| Total | 18 018 | 1 629 | 19 647 |

Source: Finnish Immigration Service

* Excludes expired and dismissed applications

First residence permits issued on the grounds of family ties to a beneficiary of international protection or a Finnish citizen, 2020–2024



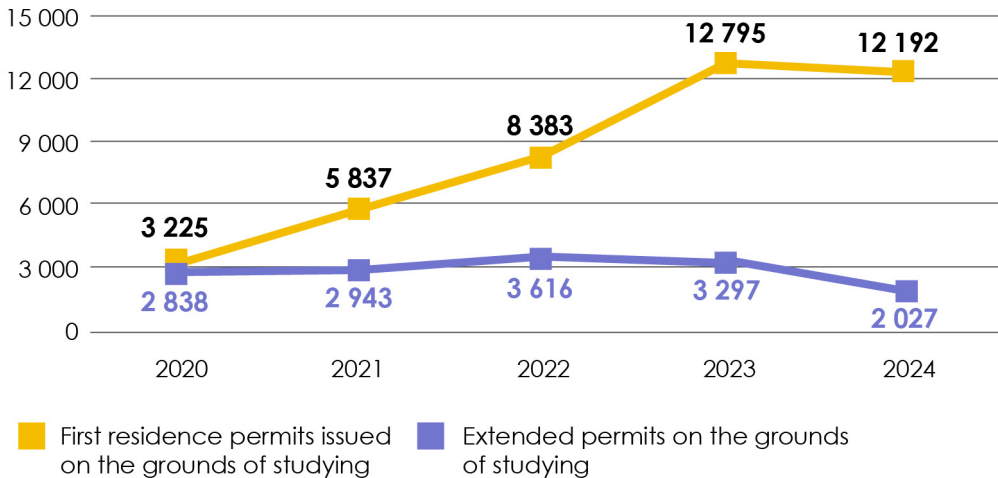
Migration to Finland on the grounds of studying

Residence permits for studies were issued to 12 192 third-country nationals in 2024. The number was close the level seen in 2023 (12 795) and marked the continuation of a rising trend. The drop in 2020 was mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of 568 applicants (approx. 5%) received a negative decision on their application for a first residence permit for studies. A negative decision usually results from irregularities concerning the requirement for sufficient financial resources.

The top nationalities for residence permits issued on the grounds of studying were Bangladesh (1 439), Nepal (1 432) and China (1 068).

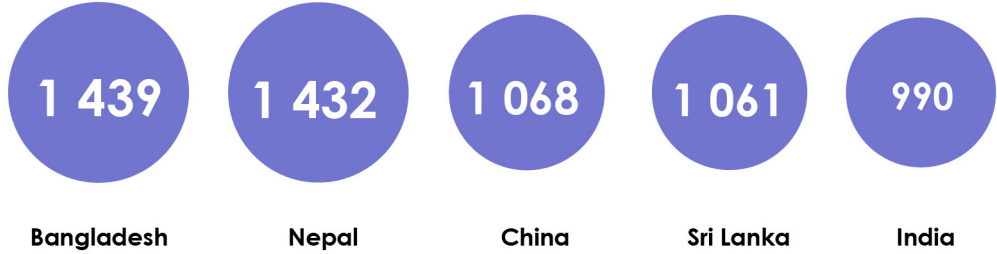
First residence permits and extended permits issued on the grounds of studying, 2020–2024



First residence permits issued on the grounds of studying 2024

| Positive | Negative | Total |
|----------|----------|--------|
| 12 192 | 568 | 12 760 |

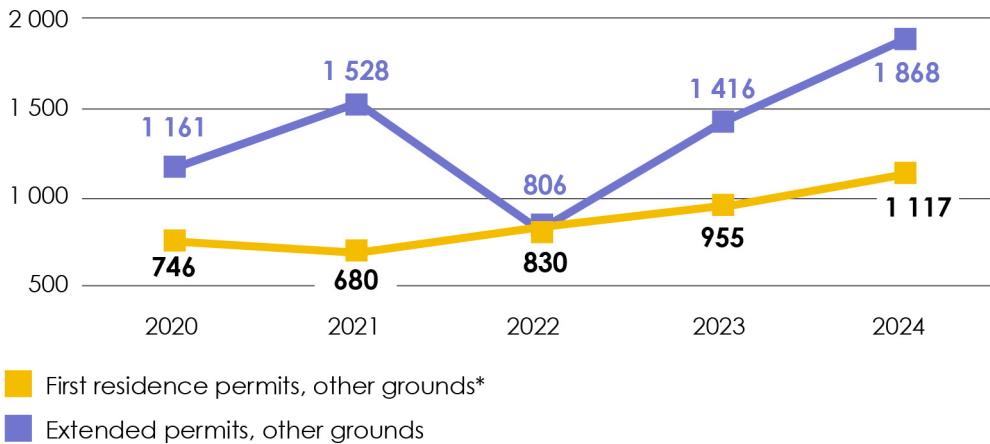
**First residence permits issued on the grounds of studying,
top 5 nationalities 2024**



Other grounds

A total of 1 117 Finnish residence permits were issued on other grounds in 2024. This category includes the following grounds: adoption, au pair, former Finnish citizen, Finnish origin, victim of trafficking in human beings, other grounds, established relationship, working holiday, looking for work, and permits issued on other grounds in the asylum process.

First residence permits issued on other grounds, 2020–2024

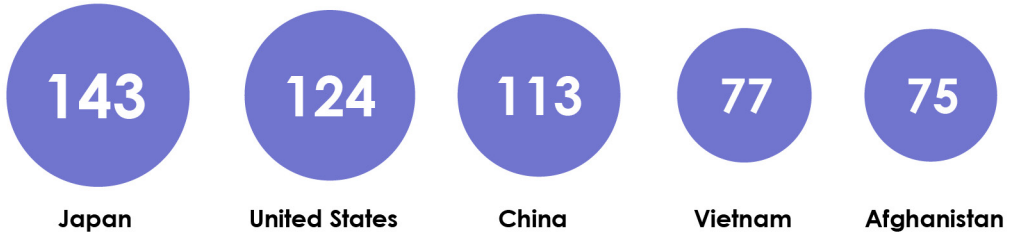


*Also includes residence permits issued on other grounds in the asylum process

First residence permits issued on other grounds, all categories 2024

| | Positive | Negative | Total |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Adoption | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| Au pair | 50 | 117 | 167 |
| Former Finnish citizen, Finnish origin | 48 | 11 | 59 |
| Residence permit for a victim of trafficking in human beings | 26 | 6 | 32 |
| Other grounds* | 680 | 134 | 814 |
| Working holiday | 210 | 2 | 212 |
| Looking for work | 37 | 5 | 42 |
| Established relationship | 48 | 12 | 60 |
| Total | 1 117 | 288 | 1 405 |

* Also includes residence permits issued on other grounds in the asylum process

First residence permits issued on other grounds, top 5 nationalities 2024*

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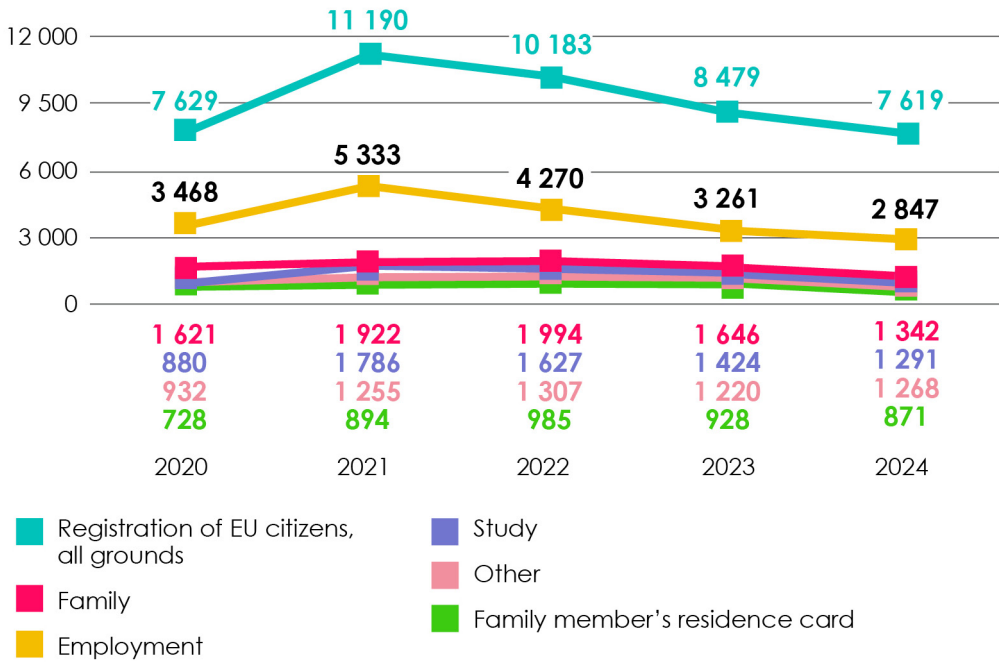


Registration of the right of residence of an EU citizen and family members

The Finnish Immigration Service registers the right of residence of EU citizens and issues residence cards to the family members of EU citizens. A residence card is issued to an EU citizen's family member who is not an EU citizen. In 2024, the number of registrations of rights of residence of EU citizens continued the declining trend seen in recent years. The largest group for whom registrations were performed in 2024 was, as in the previous years, Estonians (1 129).



Registration of EU citizens, positive decisions, 2020–2024



Registration of EU citizens, grounds, 2024

| | Positive | Negative | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Family | 1 342 | 100 | 1 442 |
| Employment | 2 847 | 196 | 3 043 |
| Study | 1 291 | 49 | 1 340 |
| Other | 1 268 | 95 | 1 363 |
| Family member's residence card | 871 | 101 | 972 |
| Total | 7 619 | 541 | 8 160 |

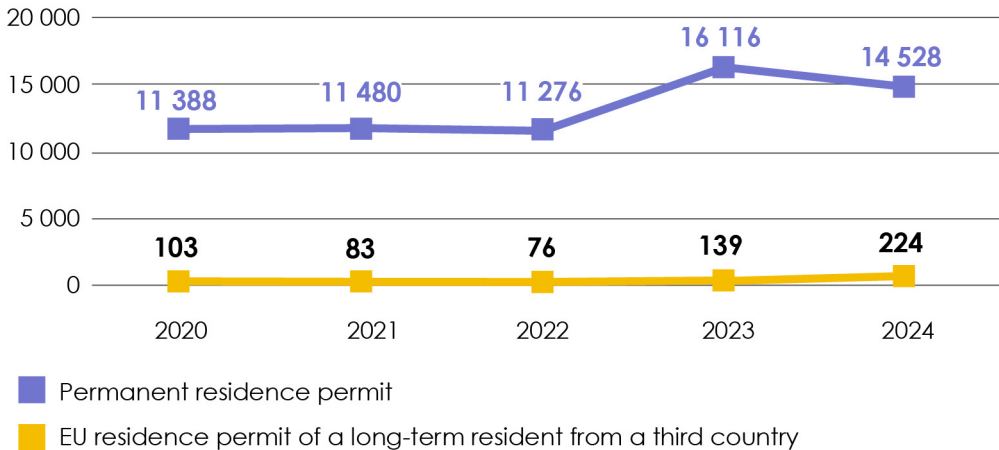
Registration of EU citizens, positive decisions, top 5 nationalities, 2024



Permanent residence permit

A permanent residence permit is valid until further notice. In other words, its validity is not limited. A permanent residence permit may be issued when the person has resided in Finland continuously for four years on a continuous residence permit and the conditions for issuing a continuous residence permit are still met. The EU residence permit of a long-term resident from a third country is also considered a permanent residence permit. This requires five years of continuous residence in Finland and it also entitles the holder to stay in another Schengen country for at most 90 days.

Permanent residence permits issued, 2020–2024



Permanent residence permits issued, grounds, 2024

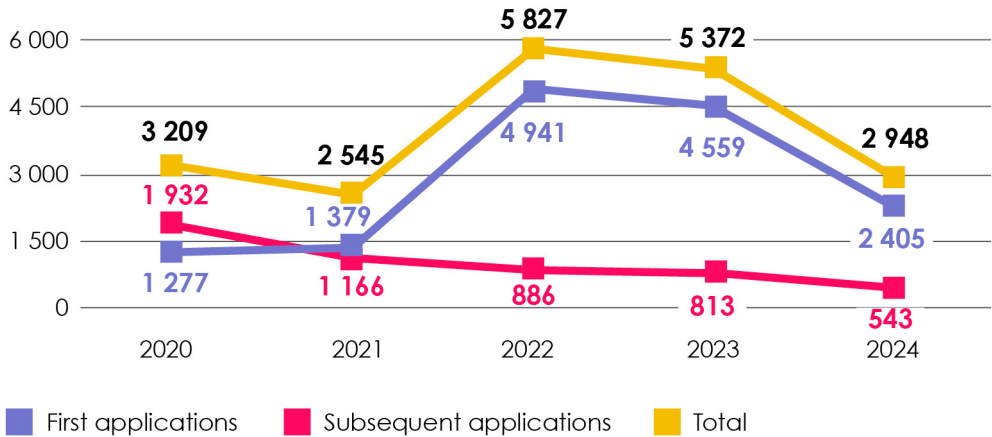
| | Positive | Negative | Total |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Permanent residence permit | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Family | 6 344 | 158 | 6 502 |
| Employment | 4 668 | 184 | 4 852 |
| Self-employment | 177 | 28 | 205 |
| International protection | 2 565 | 170 | 2 735 |
| Other grounds | 769 | 52 | 821 |
| EU residence permit of a long-term resident from a third country | 224 | 43 | 267 |
| Total | 14 752 | 637 | 15 389 |

Permanent residence permits issued, top 5 nationalities, 2024

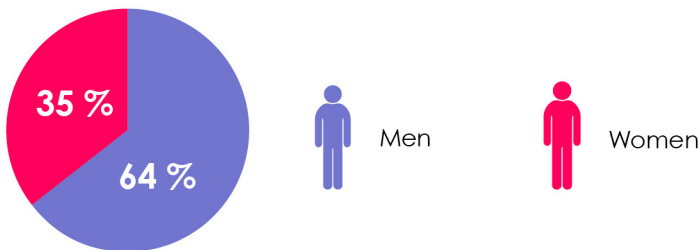
How many people sought asylum in Finland?

A total of 2 948 persons applied for international protection in Finland in 2024. Of these, 214 were asylum-seeking unaccompanied minors. Of the asylum applications, approximately 18% (543) were subsequent applications. A subsequent application is an application for international protection filed by a foreign national after receiving a final decision on a previously submitted application.

First applications and subsequent applications, 2020–2024



Gender distribution, asylum applications 2024



Where did the asylum seekers come from?

In 2024, the top nationalities of asylum seekers were Somalia (377), Iraq (293) and Afghanistan (273).

Asylum seekers, top 5 nationalities, 2024



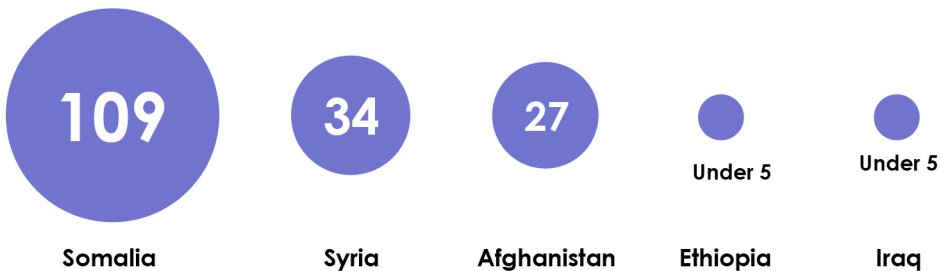
Who were the asylum-seeking unaccompanied minors?

The term “asylum-seeking unaccompanied minor” refers to a person who states that he/she is under 18 years of age and who enters the country either completely alone or with a person who is not his/her parent or guardian (or sufficient evidence of guardianship of the said person is not provided) in order to seek asylum.

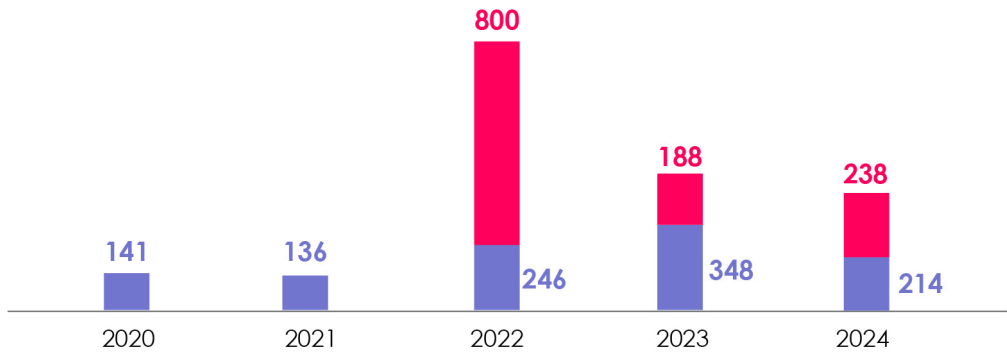
A total of 214 asylum-seeking unaccompanied minors entered Finland in 2024. In addition, a total of 238 unaccompanied minors fled Russia’s war of aggression from Ukraine to Finland and applied for temporary protection in Finland.

The countries of origin with the most unaccompanied minor asylum seekers entering Finland were Somalia (109), Syria (34) and Afghanistan (27).

**Asylum-seeking unaccompanied minors,
top 5 nationalities, 2024**



Unaccompanied minors entering Finland, 2020–2024



- Applicants for international protection
- Applicants for temporary protection

Source: Finnish Immigration Service



Decisions made in the asylum process

The Finnish Immigration Service made 4 176 asylum decisions in 2024. Positive asylum decisions accounted for 38% of all decisions in the asylum process. The share of negative decisions of all decisions was approximately 22%. The number of decisions to dismiss the application (including Dublin decisions) was 659 (16%). The number of expired applications was 1 019 (approximately 24% of all decisions), representing a fairly large increase from the previous year, when the number of expired applications was smaller by almost half (590).

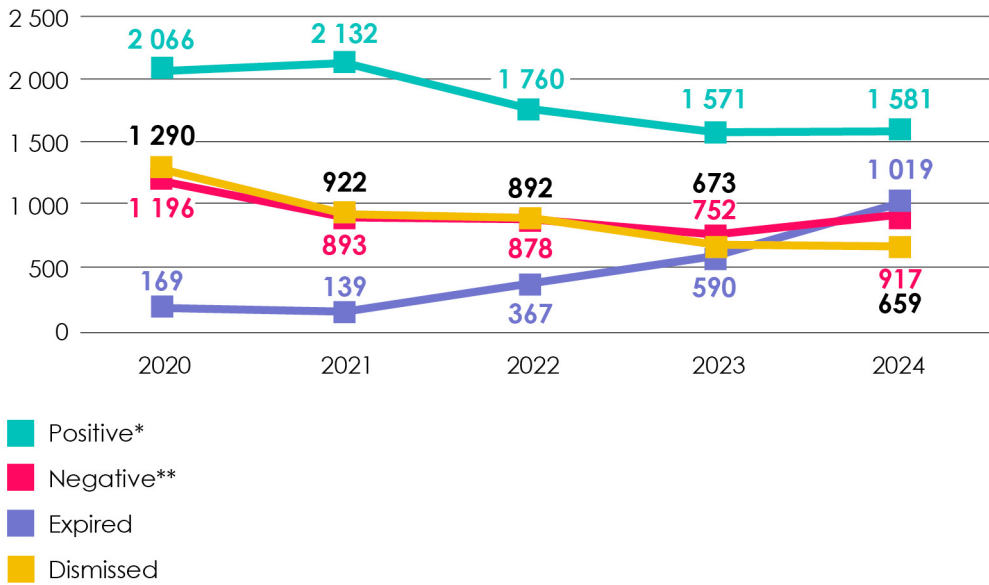
In 2024, a total of 204 decisions were made in the asylum process concerning asylum-seeking unaccompanied minors, and practically all of the decisions were positive.

Asylum decisions for the top 10 nationalities

| | Positive | | | | Negative* | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Asylum | Subsidiary protection | Other residence permits | Total | | Expired | Dismissed | Total |
| Russia | 160 | 6 | 7 | 173 | 237 | 188 | 31 | 629 |
| Syria | 220 | 28 | 19 | 267 | 0 | 215 | 31 | 513 |
| Somalia | 242 | 18 | 37 | 297 | 68 | 40 | 90 | 495 |
| Iraq | 81 | 2 | 48 | 131 | 139 | 66 | 135 | 471 |
| Afghanistan | 179 | 2 | 75 | 256 | 4 | 38 | 35 | 333 |
| Turkey | 108 | 0 | 2 | 110 | 56 | 36 | 50 | 252 |
| Iran | 55 | 9 | 0 | 64 | 30 | 42 | 28 | 164 |
| Nigeria | 12 | 0 | 8 | 20 | 21 | 27 | 76 | 144 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 33 | 3 | 81 |
| Ukraine | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 75 | 0 | 79 |
| Top 10 nationalities total | 1 057 | 67 | 196 | 1 320 | 602 | 760 | 479 | 3 161 |
| Total all | 1 256 | 95 | 230 | 1 581 | 917 | 1 019 | 659 | 4 176 |

* Includes manifestly unfounded applications

Decisions on asylum applications 2020–2024

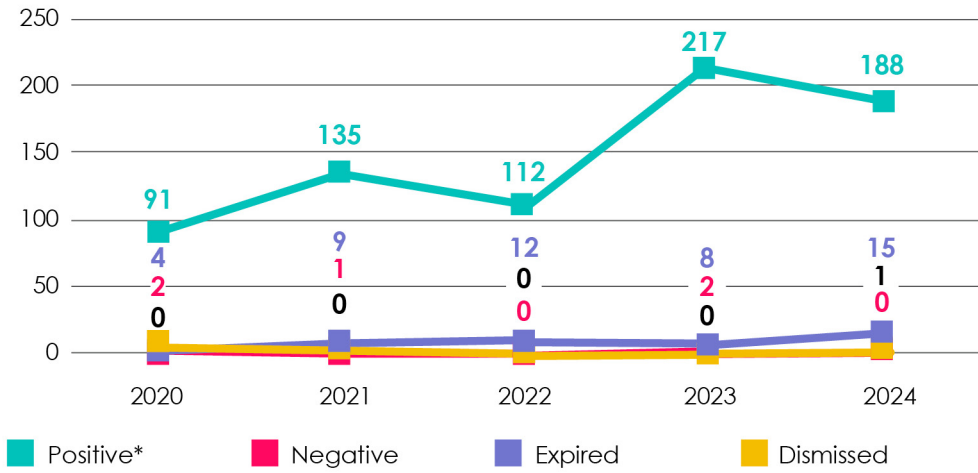


* Also includes residence permits issued on other grounds in the asylum process

** Includes manifestly unfounded applications



Asylum decisions for unaccompanied minors, 2020–2024



* Also includes residence permits issued on other grounds in the asylum process



Temporary protection

In 2022, millions of people sought shelter in the EU and its neighbouring countries due to Russian's military attack on Ukraine that started on 24 February 2022. As a result, the EU activated the Temporary Protection Directive on 4 March 2022.

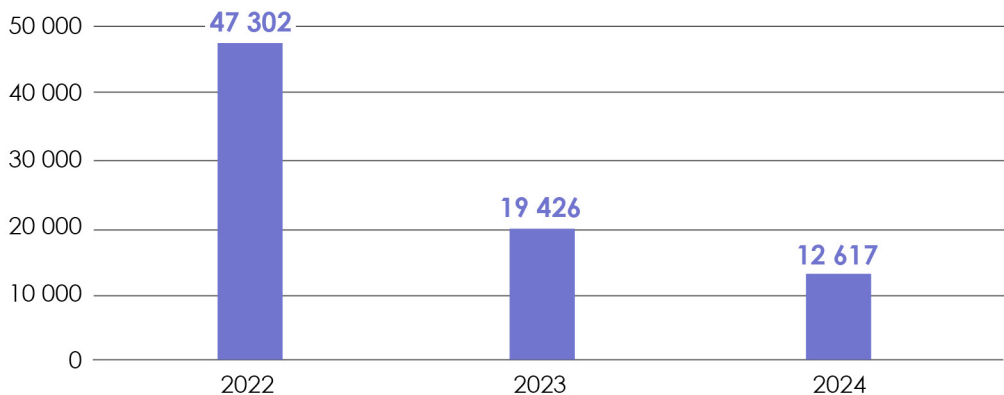
Temporary protection is the EU's emergency mechanism, which is activated in cases of exceptional mass influx. The mechanism offers collective protection to displaced persons. This separate protection category also reduces the pressure on the EU Member States' national asylum systems. In June 2024, the European Council decided that temporary protection would be extended by a fourth year, until 4 March 2026.

The number of applicants for temporary protection continued to decline in 2024. In 2024, a total of 12 617 new applications for temporary protection were lodged in Finland, which was 35% less than in the previous year (2023: 19 426).

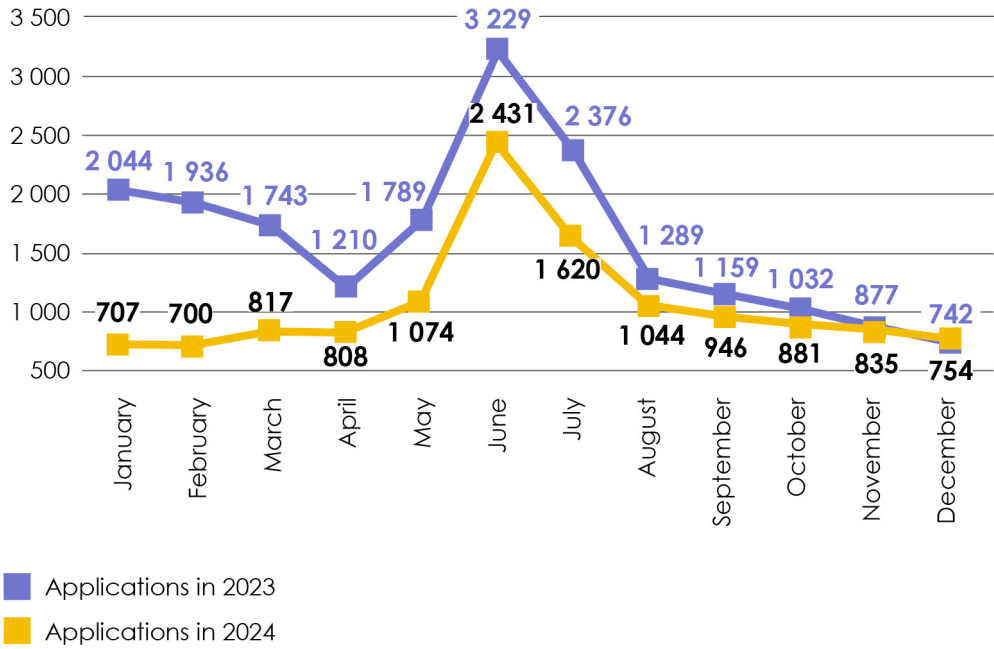
Temporary protection was granted to 12 210 people who had fled Ukraine (2023: 18 969), with 28 negative decisions made (2023: 111). In addition, 1 135 applications expired.

The number of applications remained stable in 2024, with the exception of an uptick in applications in the early summer due to Ukrainians arriving for seasonal work by virtue of temporary protection.

Applications for temporary protection, 2022–2024



Applications for temporary protection per month, 2023–2024



Source: Finnish Immigration Service



Quota refugees

Under the refugee quota, Finland accepts persons whom the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has designated as refugees or other foreign nationals who are in need of international protection. The quota has been increasing steadily over a long period of time.

Between 2001 and 2023, the size of Finland's refugee quota has ranged from 750 to 1 500 persons, depending on the international refugee situation and political decisions. In 2024, the quota was reduced to 500 persons.

In 2024, a total of 501 positive quota selection decisions were made, part of which were related to the quota for 2023. In 2024, a total of 808 quota refugees arrived in Finland. Quota refugees usually arrive in Finland within 1–2 years of being selected for Finland.

Quota refugees selected for Finland in 2024

| Country | Accepted | Nationality of the accepted quota refugees |
|-----------------------|------------|--|
| Emergency cases 2023* | 1 | Various nationalities |
| Emergency cases 2024 | 50 | Various nationalities |
| Iran | 152 | Afghanistan |
| Peru | 49 | Venezuela |
| Rwanda (ETM) | 30 | Sudan 17, Eritrea 13 |
| Rwanda | 119 | Democratic Republic of the Congo |
| Turkey | 97 | Syria |
| Children born** | 3 | Various nationalities |
| Total | 501 | |

* The selection decision was made in 2024

** Children born after the decision of the Finnish Immigration Service but before arriving in Finland

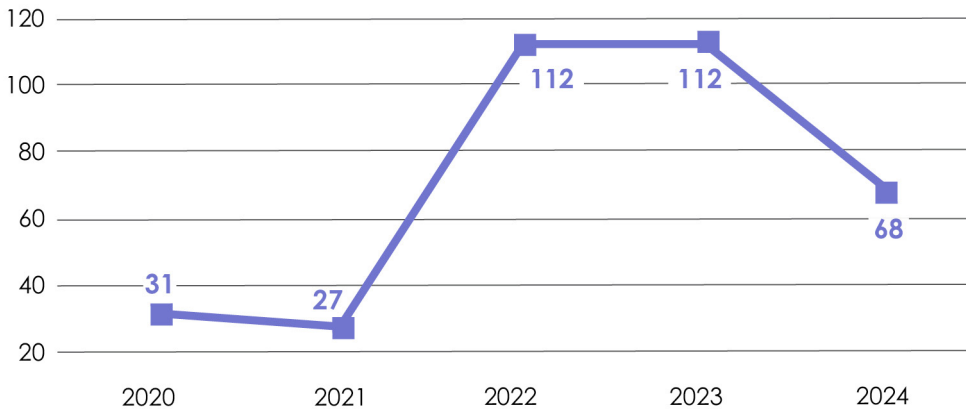
Reception of asylum seekers

The reception capacity of Finland has been continuously adjusted and the number of reception facilities had been reduced year by year compared to the situation at the end of 2015. However, there was a sharp uptick in the number of customers in 2022 due to the war in Ukraine, which required a fast capacity increase, resulting in a large number of new reception units being established.

At the beginning of 2024, there were 112 reception centres and group homes for unaccompanied minors in operation. The reception centre capacity was adjusted as the year went on. At the end of 2024, the total number of centres and group homes was 87.

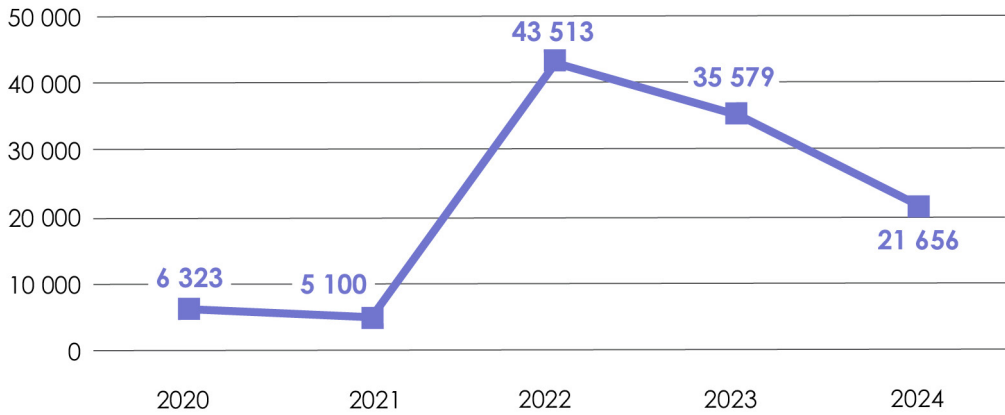
The reception system covered 21 656 persons on 31 December 2024.

Reception units, 2020–2024*



* At the end of each year, including special units for minors

Source: Finnish Immigration Service

Persons covered by reception services 2020–2024*

* Includes all accommodation types



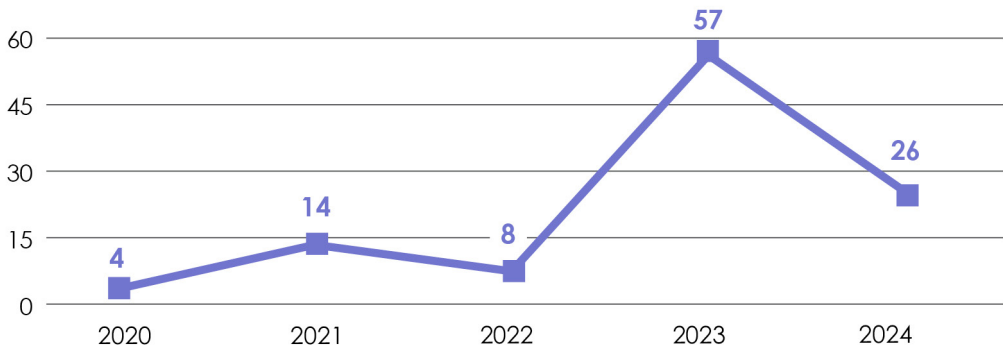
Trafficking in human beings

Residence permits issued to victims of trafficking in human beings

A first residence permit for a victim of human trafficking was issued to 26 persons in 2024 (2023: 57), which was less than half of the previous year's level. A fixed-term residence permit (extended permit) on the same grounds was issued to 42 persons (2023: 25).

The number of cases involving indications of trafficking in human beings is substantially higher. Some of them have been granted international protection or a residence permit on other grounds, or the conditions for a residence permit have not been met. There are no reliable statistics available on cases involving suspected trafficking in human beings, as it does not constitute the primary grounds for the residence permit.

First residence permits issued, victims of trafficking in human beings 2020–2024

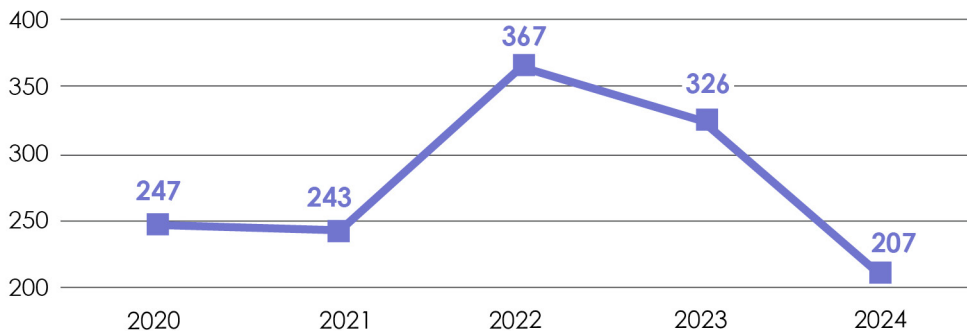


Source: Finnish Immigration Service

National Assistance System for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings

The National Assistance System for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings operates as part of the Joutseno reception centre. The Assistance System maintains statistics on persons who have sought inclusion in the system and who have been admitted to the system. At the end of 2024, the Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking included 1 610 people, of whom 1 331 were identified victims and 279 were their minor children. Of the victims, 10 were minors. The number of new clients admitted to the Assistance System in 2024 was 207, which showed a decrease from the previous year (2023: 326).

New clients in the Assistance System 2020–2024

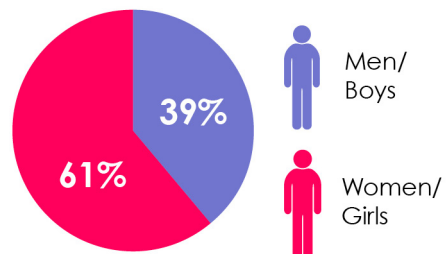


Forms of exploitation, 2024

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Forced labour | 93 |
| Forced marriage | 66 |
| Sexual exploitation | 41 |
| Forced criminal activity | 4 |
| Other exploitation | 3 |

Source: Joutseno reception centre, National Assistance System for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings

Gender distribution, new clients, 2024

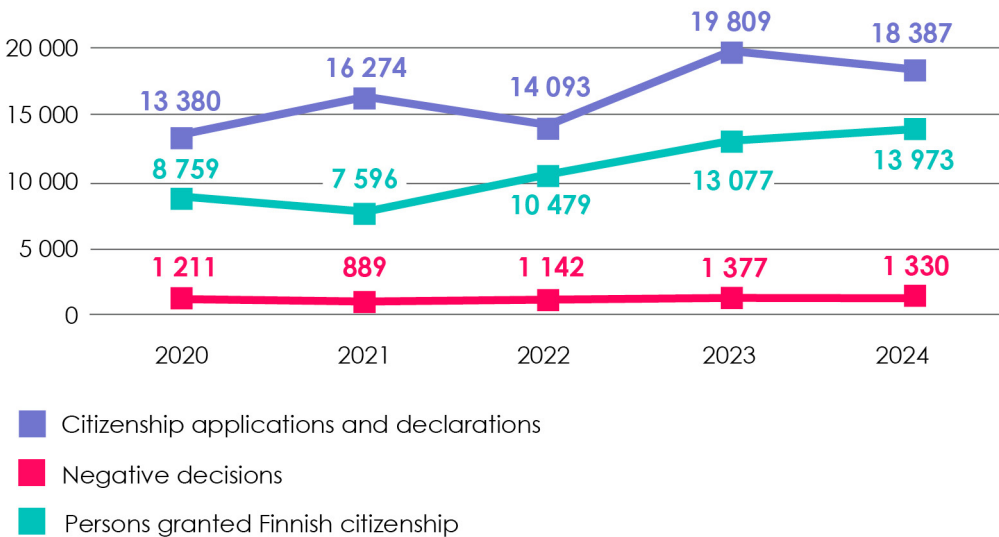




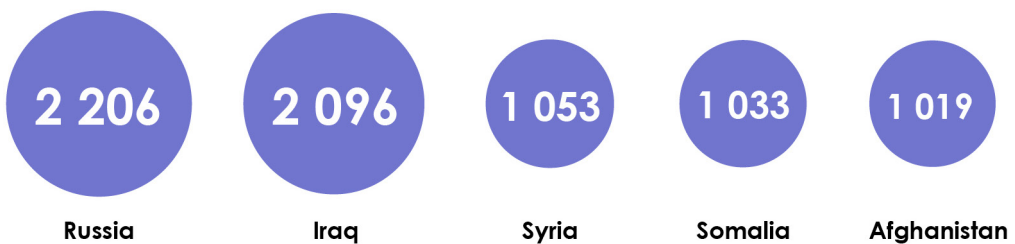
Citizenship

The number of citizenship applications decreased slightly in 2024 when compared to the previous year, with a total of 17 063 applications lodged (2023: 18 296). In spite of this, the number of applications was still remarkably high in historical terms.

Citizenship applications, citizenship declarations and persons granted Finnish citizenship, 2020–2024



Citizenship applications, top 5 nationalities, 2024



Citizenship declarations, top 5 nationalities, 2024



Persons who were granted Finnish citizenship (by application and declaration), top 5 by former nationality, 2024



Finnish citizenship, negative and positive decisions, 2020–2024**

| | Positive | %* | Negative | % | Total |
|------|----------|----|----------|----|--------|
| 2020 | 8 759 | 75 | 1 211 | 10 | 9 970 |
| 2021 | 7 596 | 76 | 889 | 9 | 8 485 |
| 2022 | 10 510 | 79 | 1 142 | 9 | 11 652 |
| 2023 | 13 906 | 79 | 1 377 | 8 | 15 283 |
| 2024 | 13 973 | 80 | 1 330 | 8 | 15 303 |

* share of all decisions, including expired, dismissed, determination of nationality and decisions regarding loss of citizenship

** Also includes release applications

Irregular migration

Persons found to reside in the country illegally

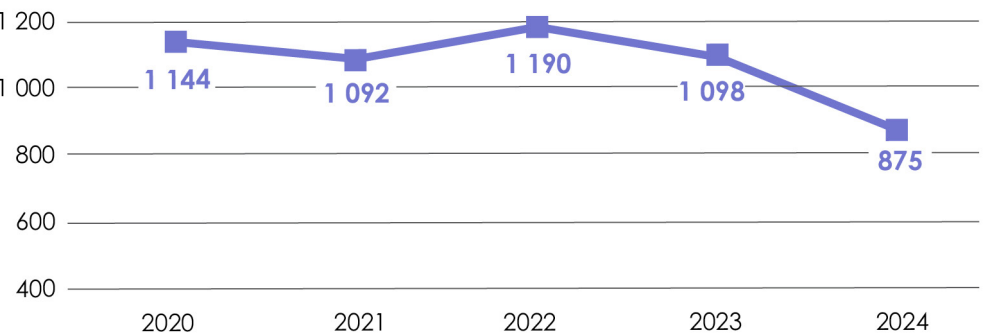
The statistics shown below include — in accordance with the Eurostat criteria on illegal stay — persons found staying or working in without a valid permit either inland or at the external borders as well as persons who have been found to reside irregularly without valid documents before applying for asylum in Finland. Most of the irregular migrants included in the statistics only stay in the country for a short period. An example of this is persons who are at an external border of Finland leaving the Schengen area.

Irregular migrants, top 5 nationalities, 2024 (excluding persons working without a work permit)

| | |
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| India | 67 |
| Turkey | 57 |
| Syria | 56 |
| Iran | 51 |
| Iraq | 48 |

Source: National Bureau of Investigation

Persons found to reside in the country illegally 2020–2024





Irregular employment

Irregular employment is part of the informal economy, which is partly connected to irregular stay. For most irregular migrants, undeclared employment is the only possible means of livelihood, but the international supply of cheap labour and undeclared workers is also growing, and challenges related to the monitoring of the platform economy have been related phenomena in Finland.

Not nearly all of the persons who work illegally are staying irregularly in the country. Work permit violations can also be caused by a person working in a different sector than the one for which their work permit was issued or in a manner that is contrary to the terms of employment associated with the work permit.

The following statistics include persons working without any work permit regardless of whether they were otherwise staying in the country legally or not.

Third-country nationals working without a work permit, top 5 nationalities, 2024

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| Iraq | 19 |
| Thailand | 9 |
| Vietnam | 8 |
| Turkey | 7 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 6 |

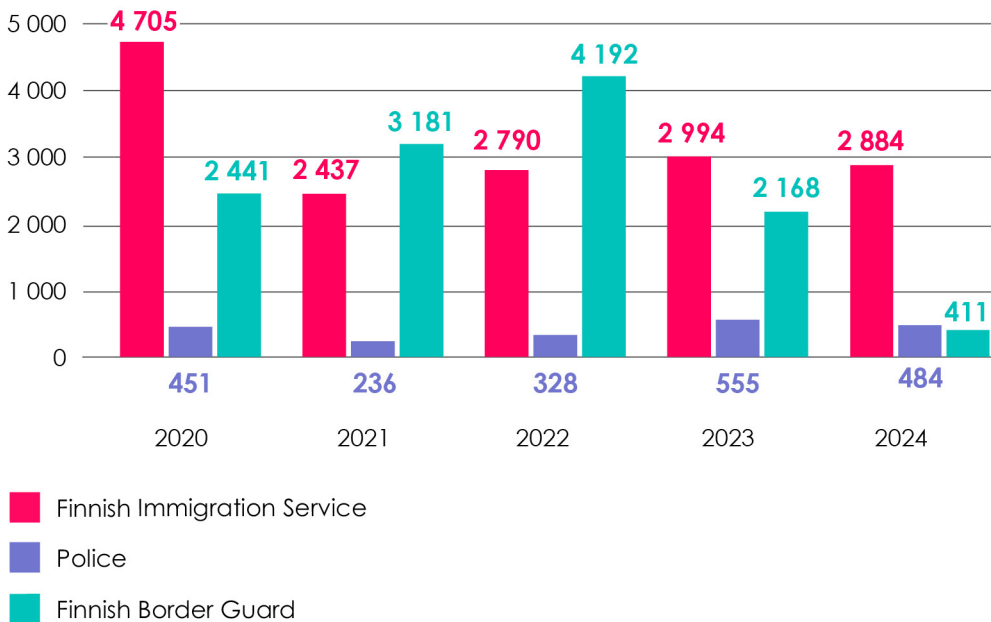
Source: National Bureau of Investigation

Removal decisions and entry bans

Decisions on refusal of entry

Decisions on refusal of entry may be made directly at the external border (returning) when the person does not meet the entry requirements or within the country on the grounds stipulated in the Aliens Act. The Police and border control authorities may decide on refusal of entry within three months of the alien's entry into the country. After that period, the Police or border control authorities must submit a proposal to the Finnish Immigration Service to the effect that the alien be refused entry or deported.

Refusal of entry decisions



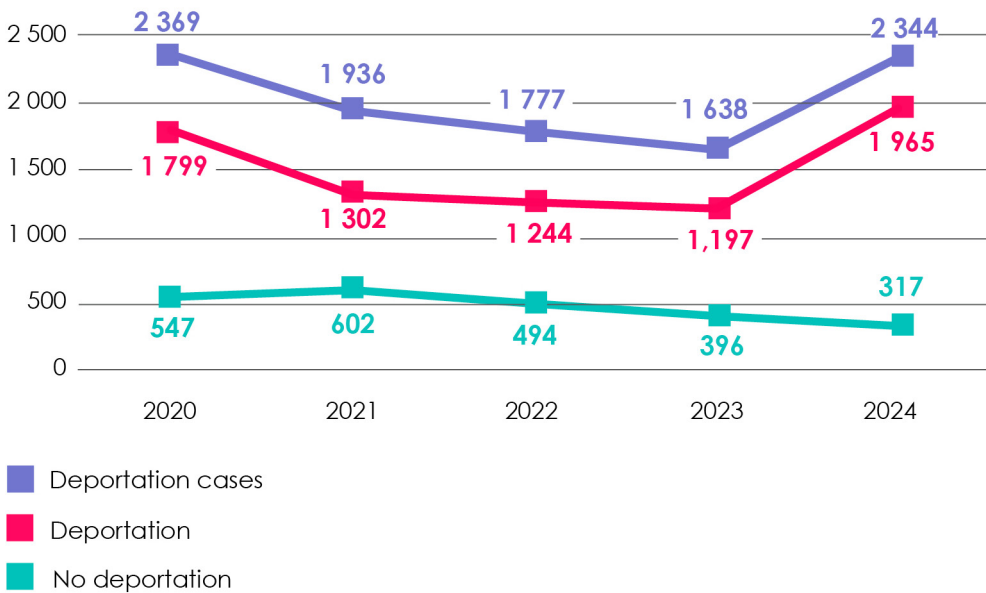
Source: Finnish Immigration Service, Police, Finnish Border Guard

Deportation cases and decisions

When a foreign national has, or has had, a residence permit (the right of residence of an EU citizen has been registered / the EU citizen's family member has a residence card), and a decision is made to remove him/her from the country, he/she is subject to deportation. In 2024, a total of 2 441 deportation cases were opened in Finland and 2 344 deportation proposals were made.

A deportation decision was made on 1 965 cases. The most common grounds for deportation in 2024 were that a new temporary residence permit could not be issued for the person or the previous permit had been revoked. The reasons for not issuing a permit or for revoking it included, for example, circumvention of the rules on entry or insufficient subsistence. Criminal grounds were the reason in 126 deportation cases (approximately 6%).

Deportation cases and decisions 2020–2024



Source: Finnish Immigration Service

Decisions on deportation cases, top 10 nationalities, 2024

| | No deportation | Deportation | Total |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Russia | 40 | 263 | 303 |
| Iraq | 44 | 127 | 171 |
| Philippines | 19 | 135 | 154 |
| India | 8 | 145 | 153 |
| Uzbekistan | 11 | 103 | 114 |
| Kosovo | 10 | 100 | 110 |
| Vietnam | 12 | 95 | 107 |
| Bangladesh | 6 | 85 | 91 |
| Iran | 11 | 75 | 86 |
| Turkey | 19 | 63 | 82 |
| Top 10, total | 180 | 1191 | 1371 |
| Total all | 317 | 1965 | 2282 |

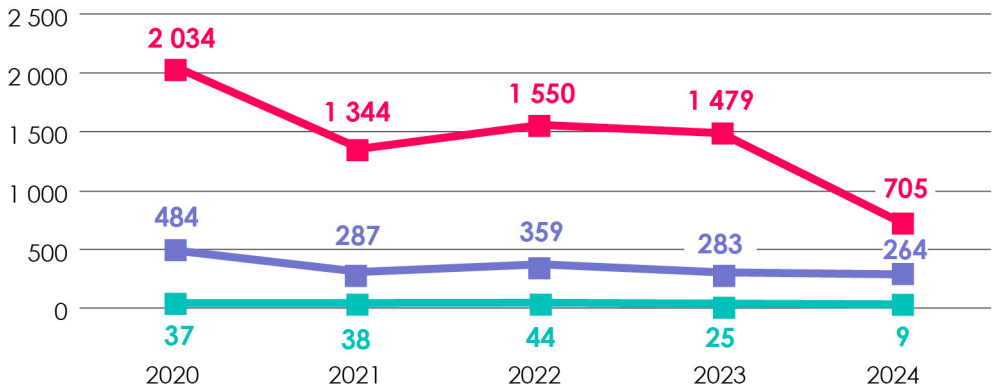
Source: Finnish Immigration Service



Prohibitions of entry

The Finnish Immigration Service, the Police and Finnish Border Guard issue a prohibition of entry on a person usually in connection with decisions on refusal of entry and deportation. The cases may include circumvention of the rules on entry or involvement in crime (among others, drug and property crimes).

Entry bans, 2020–2024



- Entry ban relating to a decision according to the Finnish Aliens Act, section 142(2)
- Entry ban relating to a deportation decision
- Entry ban relating to a refusal of entry decision based on the Schengen Borders Code

Source: Finnish Immigration Service, Police, Finnish Border Guard

Violations of entry bans

Criminal activity is often the cause for imposing an entry ban, which is evident among those who violate entry bans as well. As such, these figures reflect international itinerant crime.

Third-country nationals detected violating an entry ban, top 5 nationalities, 2024

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Belarus | 30 |
| Stateless | 11 |
| Not known | 10 |
| Gambia | 8 |
| Georgia | 6 |

Source: National Bureau of Investigation

Enforcement of removal from the country

In 2024, the Police removed a total of 2 202 persons from the country (2023: 2 123), of whom 417 were removed escorted (2023: 372). In general, the trend has been falling, and it has correlated with the decrease in the number of asylum seekers.

Removed by the Police, 2024

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Persons removed by the Police, total | 2 202 |
| Of whom escorted | 417 |

Source: Police

Persons removed from the country, top 10 nationalities, 2024

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Estonia | 376 |
| Romania | 180 |
| Russian Federation | 119 |
| Iraq | 85 |
| Belarus | 78 |
| Nigeria | 69 |
| Turkey | 65 |
| Thailand | 64 |
| Georgia | 53 |
| Latvia | 53 |
| Top 10 total | 1 142 |
| Total all | 2 202 |

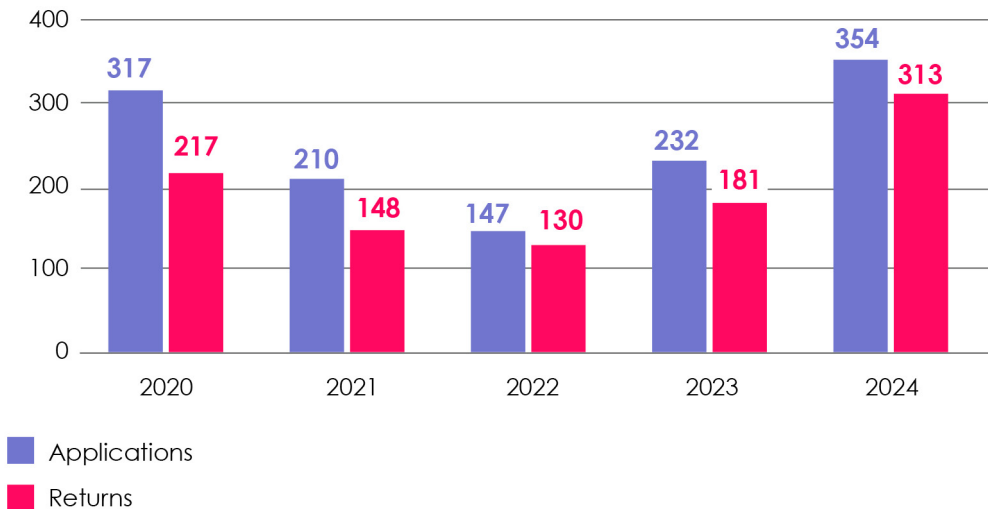
Voluntary return

In 2024, the number of people returning from Finland to their countries of origin through the voluntary return programme was 313, which was higher than in the previous year (2023: 181). There were altogether 48 countries of return. Among individual countries, the number of returnees was the highest for Russia (74), Iraq (67) and Georgia (22).

Of adults who returned voluntarily, 58 per cent were men and 21 per cent were women. Of children, 10 per cent were girls and 10 per cent were boys.

Finland has had project-based voluntary return programmes in place since 2010. The programmes have been co-funded by the EU Return Fund. The practical implementation has been carried out by the International Organization for Migration, IOM, which continues as the service provider for arranging the returns.

Assisted voluntary return



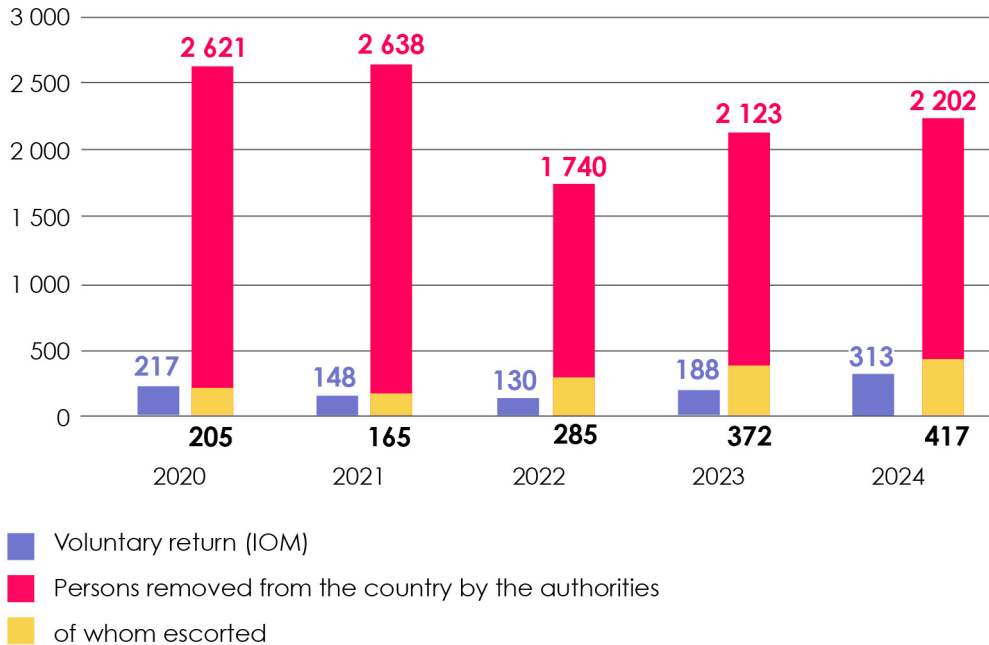
Source: International Organization for Migration IOM (the Helsinki office), vapaaehtoinenpaluu.fi

Top 10 countries of return, 2024

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Russia | 74 |
| Iraq | 67 |
| Georgia | 22 |
| Colombia | 17 |
| Turkey | 20 |
| Nicaragua | 12 |
| Thailand | 9 |
| Iran | 8 |
| El Salvador | 7 |
| China | 5 |
| Top 10, total | 241 |
| Total | 313 |

Source: IOM

Returnees through the voluntary return programme and persons removed from the country by the authorities, 2020–2024

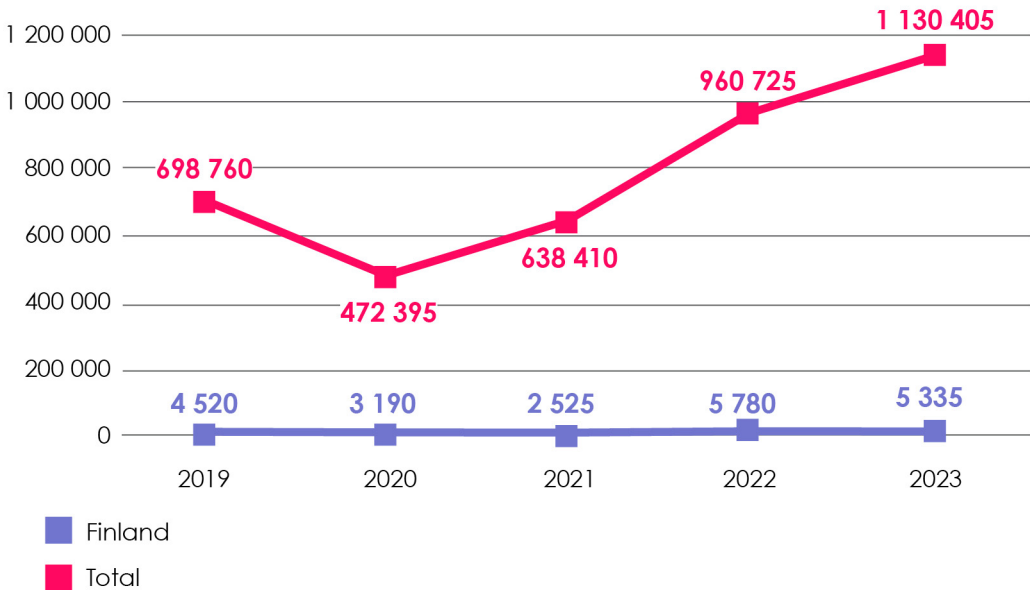


EU-level statistics on asylum and migration

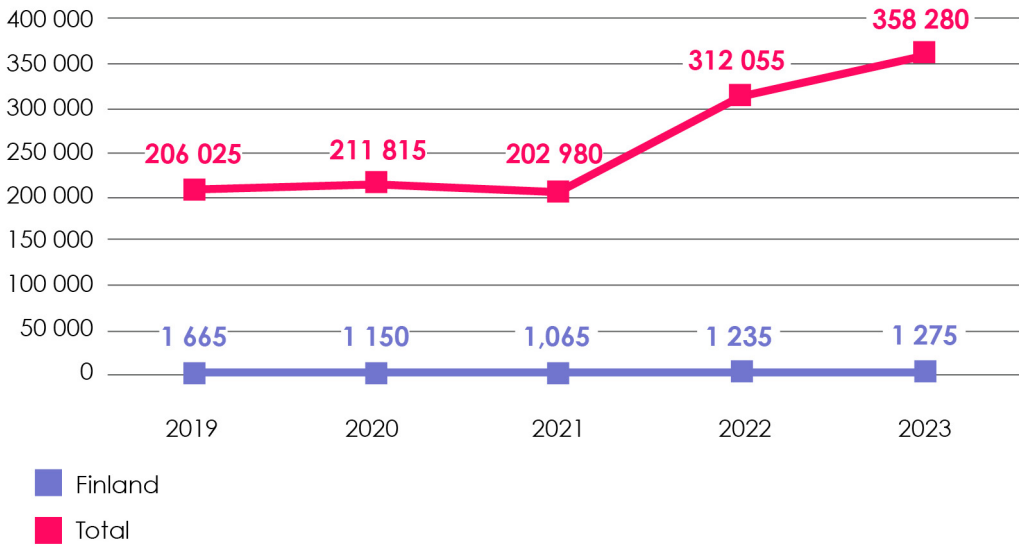
The table below presents figures on migration and asylum for the EU as a whole for the period 2019–2023 and the figures of temporary protection in 2024. They give a scale to migration at the EU level and place migration to Finland in the full European context.

International protection (source: Eurostat)

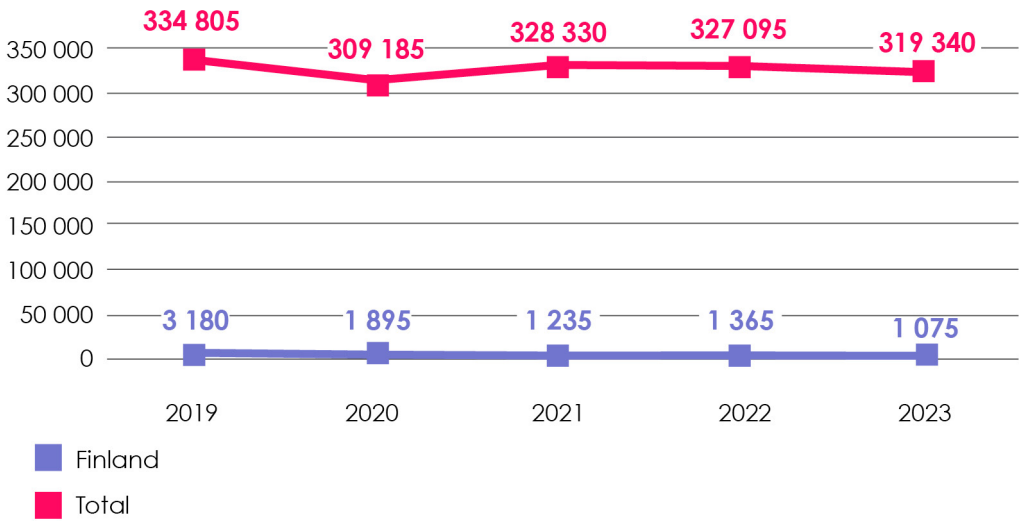
Asylum seekers EU-27



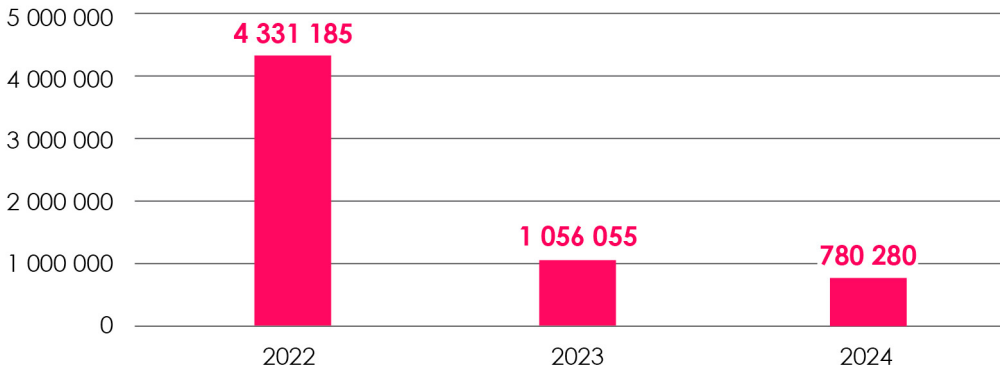
Positive decisions



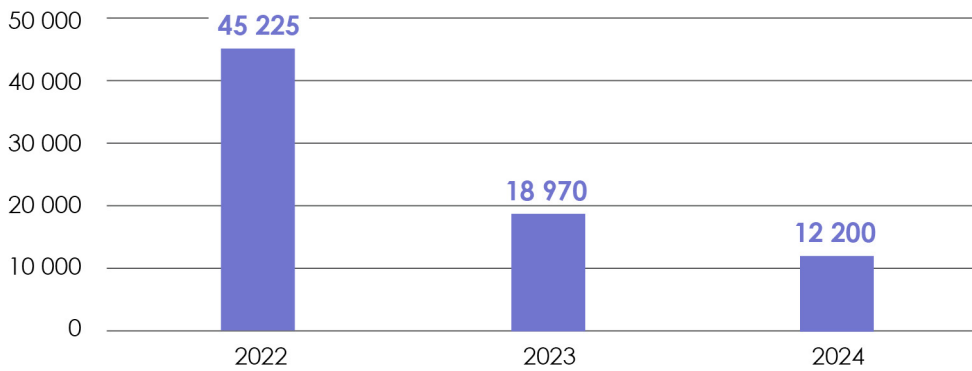
Negative decisions



Temporary protection – positive decisions



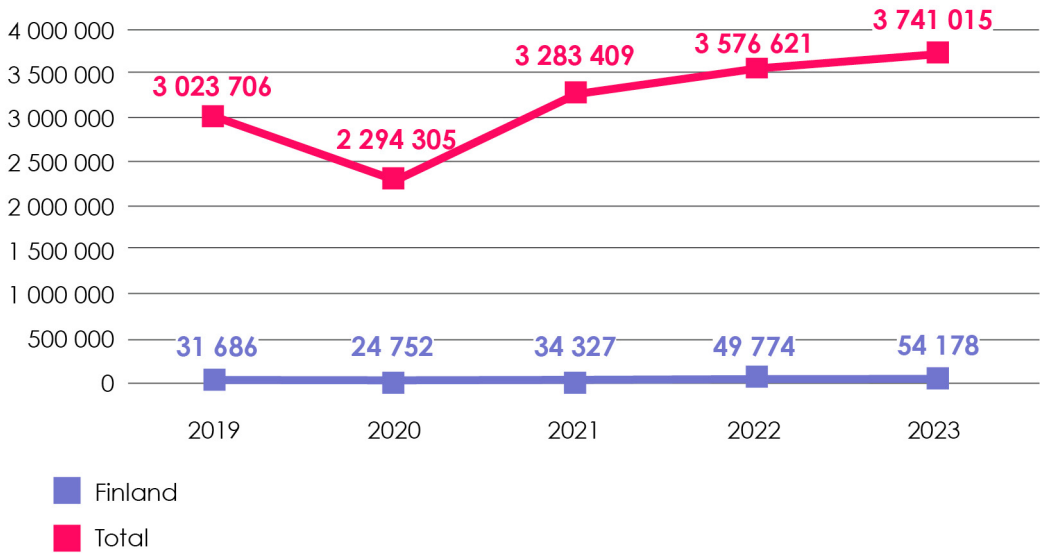
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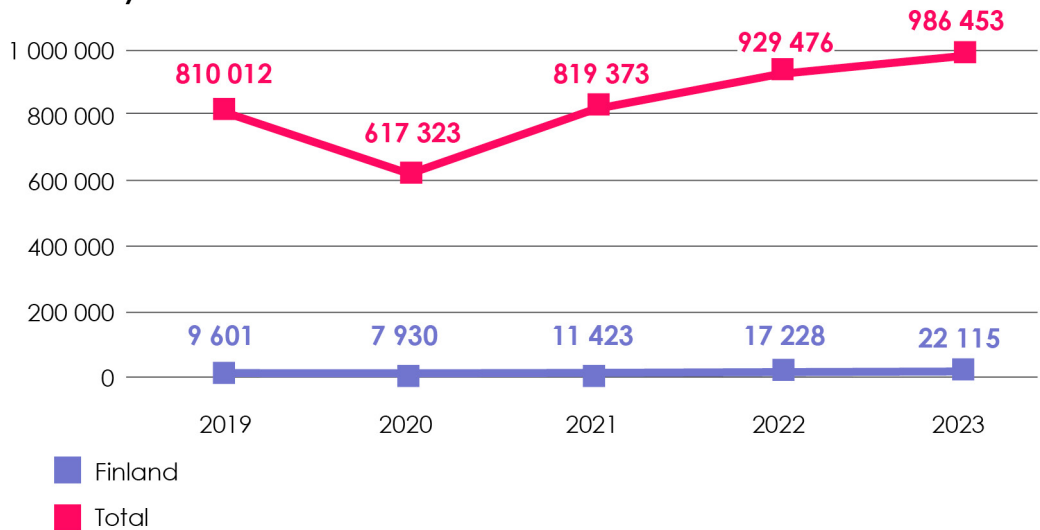
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Residence permits (source: Eurostat)

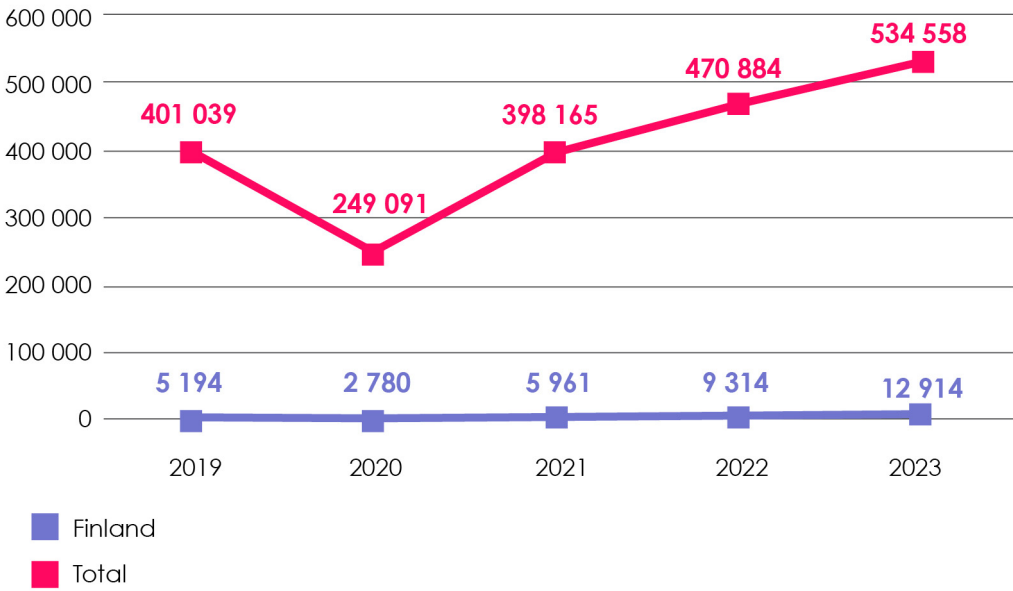
First residence permits issued, EU-27



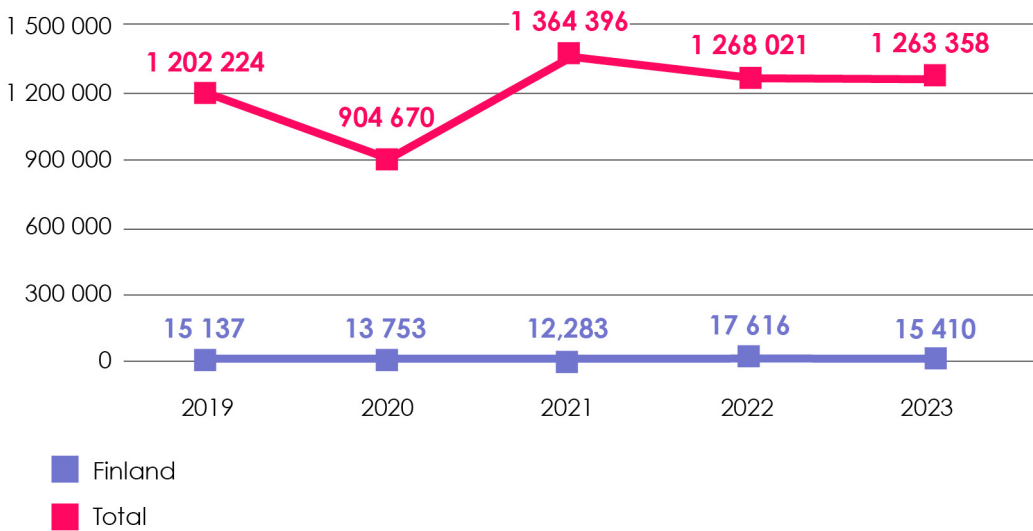
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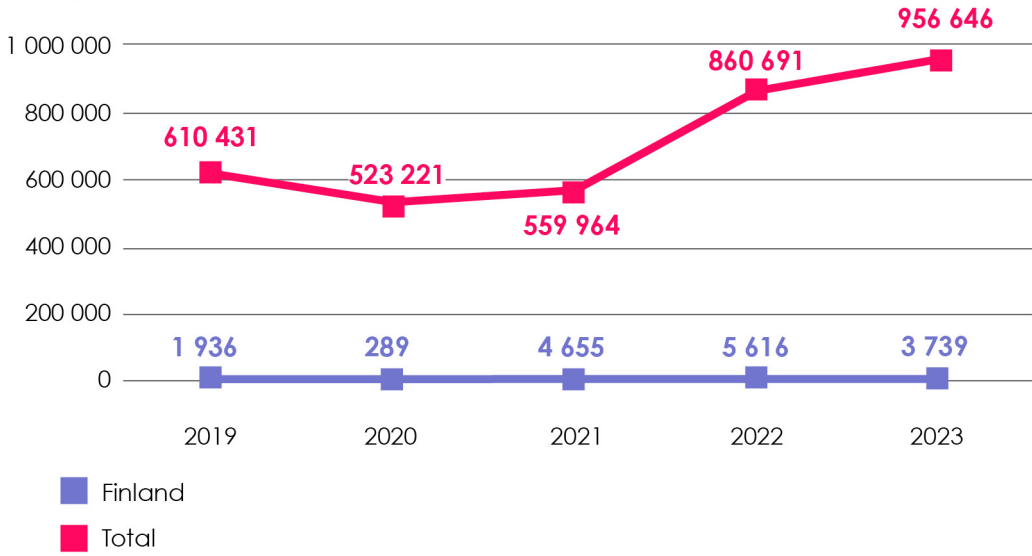


Study



Employment



Other

Online statistics

Finnish Immigration Service | <http://tilastot.migri.fi/>

- Residence permit statistics
- International protection statistics
- Nationality statistics
- Deportation statistics
- Reception statistics

European Migration Network | <http://www.emn.fi/en>

Previous years' Key figures on immigration,
Annual Reports on Migration and Asylum and
other publications are available on the EMN website.

Statistics Finland | http://www.stat.fi/tup/maahanmuutto/index_en.html

- Thematic pages on migration and integration

Eurostat | <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database>

- Population, migration and asylum statistics from EU Member States