

GLOSSARY

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Asylum Applications: these figures refer to all persons who apply on an individual basis for asylum or similar protection, irrespective of whether they lodge their application on arrival at the border, or from inside the country, and irrespective of whether they entered the country legally or illegally. Due to different methods of collecting the information, data from different countries may not be entirely comparable.

Decision of Asylum: data on decisions refer to the date on which a decision was made, not to the date of the asylum application. Data is collected on decisions at 1st instance. Total decisions equals positive decisions + negative decisions + other non-status decisions.

Acquisition of citizenship: these figures refer to grants of citizenship of the reporting country to persons who have previously been citizens of another country or who have been stateless.

Population foreigners: total number of foreigners including citizens of other EU Member States and non-EU citizens, usually resident in the reporting country. January, 1

Migration net: the difference between immigration into and emigration from a given area during the year (net migration is negative when the number of emigrants exceeds the number of immigrants). Since most countries either do not have accurate figures on immigration and emigration or have no figures at all, net migration is generally estimated on the basis of the difference between population change and natural increase between two dates (in Eurostat's database it is then called corrected net migration). The statistics on net migration are therefore affected by all the statistical inaccuracies in the two components of this equation, especially population change. the indicator is defined as the ratio of net migration plus adjustment during the year to the average population in that year, expressed per 1.000 inhabitants. The net migration plus adjustment is the difference between the total change and the natural change of the population. i: Data up to 2001 are not comparable with 2002 and more recent data.