

Coordinating migration related statistics and analyses at Statistics Norway

– Bridging users and producers

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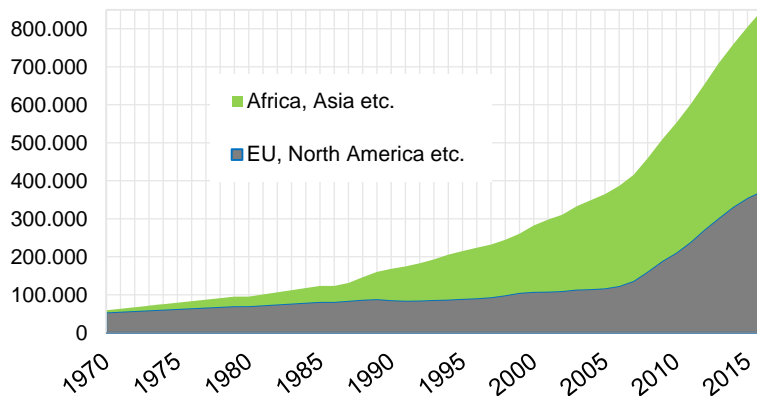
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Immigration to Norway

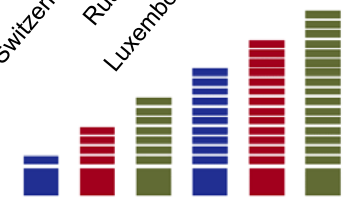
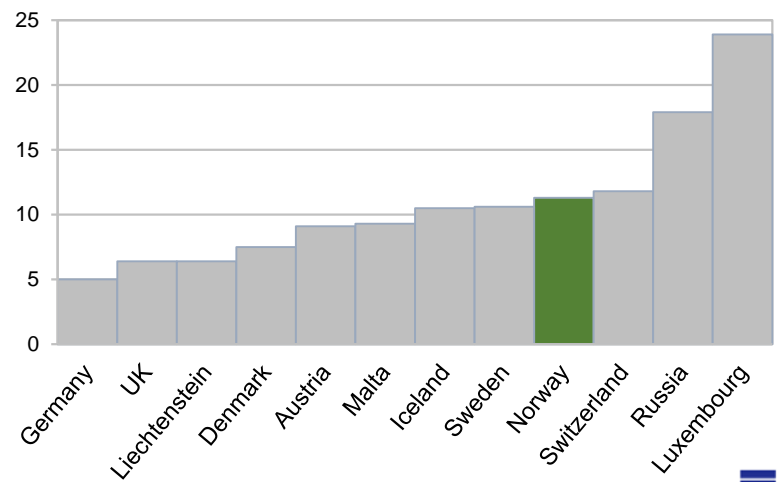


- Norway part of Schengen and Dublin
- 5 million residents
 - 13 % immigrants, 3% descendants
- High population growth
 - Due to labor immigration from EU
- Influx of refugees in 2015

Immigrants and their children born in Norway, by parents' region of origin.

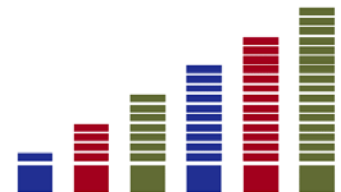


Population growth rate per 1000, 2014. Source: Eurostat



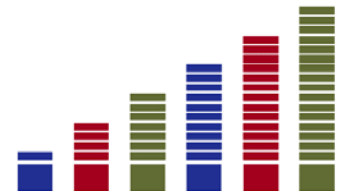
Statistics Norway (SN) and migration

- Independent, reliable, timely, accurate statistics and analyses on immigration and integration
- 2015
 - 40 publications, mostly reports and articles
 - 45 official migration related statistics
 - 50 large and small migration-related projects
- Largest producer of migration and integration analyses in Norway
- Largest quantitative research institution on migration issues in Norway
- Tradition of analytical activities (Research department)

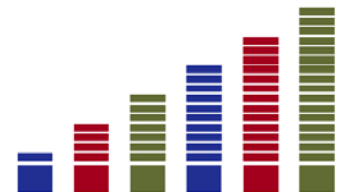
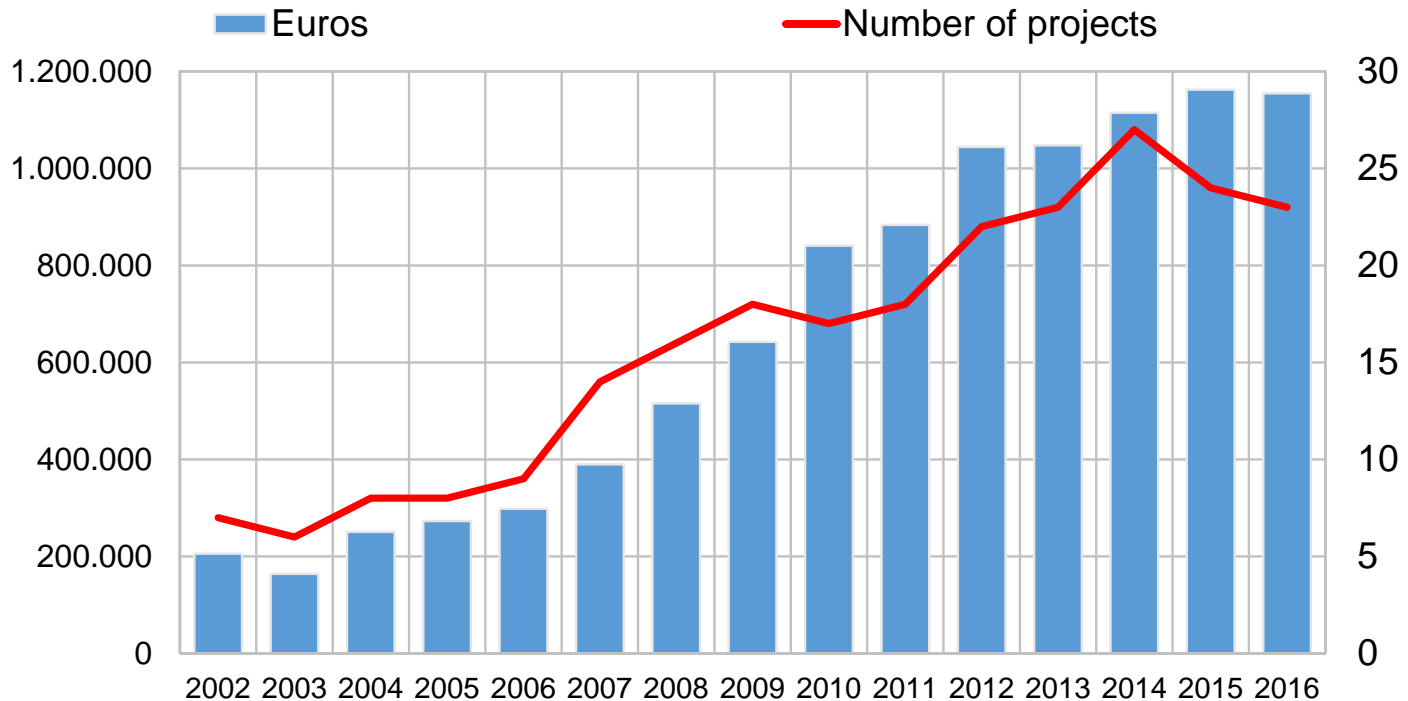


Coordinator of Migration Statistics and Analyses

- Full time position since 1997
- Within the Framework Agreement on migration statistics and analyses (1million € per year)
- Financed by SN (1/3) and the Ministry of Justice and Public Security (2/3)
- Bridge users and producers:
 - Main point of contact for Ministry
 - Facilitate communication across the agency
 - Interdisciplinary field, fragmented institution
 - 10 divisions and 3 departments
 - Coordinate new project proposals

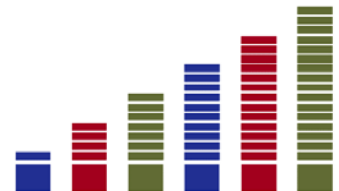


Framework Agreement on migration statistics and analyses



The role of the Coordinator

- Maintain overview of existing research
- Match research needs with resources and experts
- Inform about new projects and proposals
- Ensure common standards
- Build common knowledge base across agency:
 - Monthly seminars with presentations of research
 - Internal newsletter
 - Annual internal workshop for and by experts
 - Talks, meetings with public
 - Open seminar on migration



Pros and cons...

- Trustworthy facts provider: Independence essential
- + Changing governments, stable interests over time:
 - The monitoring of immigration and integration over time, across generations, by reason for immigration...
 - Vast knowledge base for integration policies and debates
- + Coordinator bridges users and producers
- Descriptive vs. analytical
- Ongoing monitoring vs. new explorative research
- Disadvantaged groups vs. broader overview, synthesis

