



MIGRANTS AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION



The presence of foreign nationals in Veneto has become part of everyday life and is growing steadily. This phenomenon is becoming increasingly visible in the larger cities, in the most industrialised areas, in schools and in the workplace. The arrival of immigrants is often a result of poverty or conflict in their countries of origin. Their aim, therefore, is to find work and, in general, to improve their living conditions.

Along with the increase in migration flows goes the gradual integration and stabilisation of immigrants in the region. This can be seen in the creation of new families, in family reunification, in the increase in birth rates and the numbers of children going to school, and in the growing number of immigrant workers and entrepreneurs. The presence of foreigners, therefore, is a strong characterising feature of our society and can be seen as a real opportunity to be

studied, understood and consequently managed.

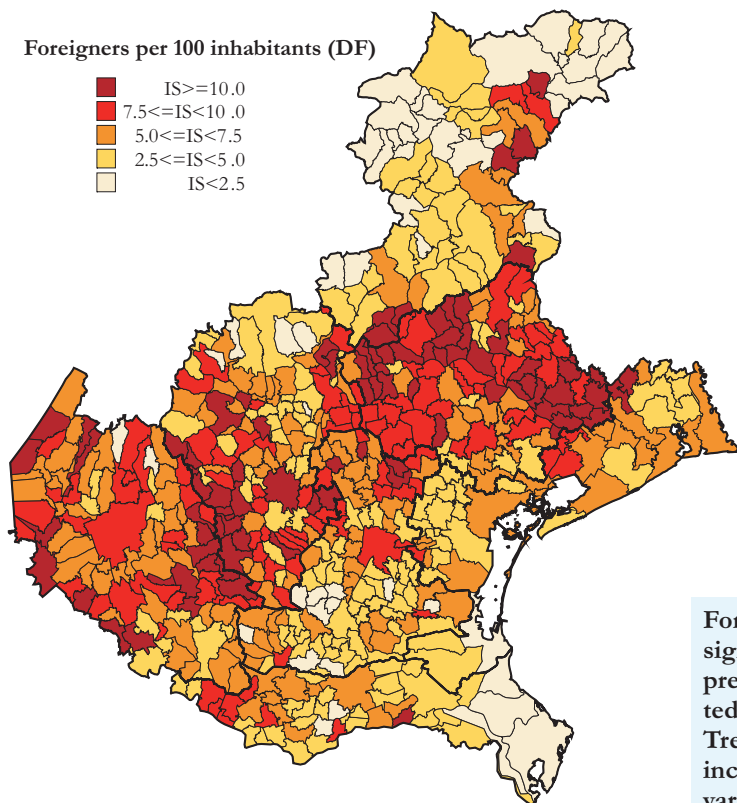
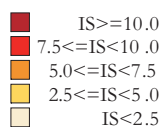
The availability of statistical information on migration is therefore increasingly necessary to understand and monitor the phenomenon, as well as to develop appropriate policies. There has been a sharp increase in the production of official statistics concerning foreign population, its composition according to citizenship, age and sex.

In this issue of Flash Statistics, the data on migration processes contain three different perspectives: the demographic aspect relative to resident population, the aspect concerning stabilisation and social integration, as well as the aspect concerning integration in schools and the workplace. In particular, it will consider businesses, with an analysis of the rising entrepreneurial skills of the immigrant population.

Foreign resident population in Veneto – Year 2006

Density of foreign residents

Foreigners per 100 inhabitants (DF)



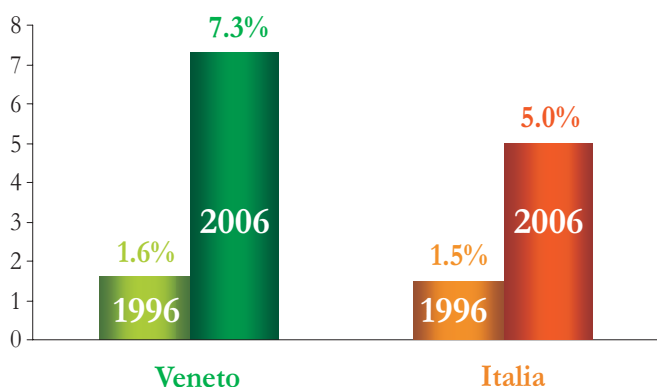
	Foreign residents	% increase compared to 2005	% of foreign residents to total resident population
Belluno	9,939	7.9	4.7
Padova	58,498	10.9	6.5
Rovigo	10,746	10.9	4.4
Treviso	77,947	7.6	9.1
Venezia	44,996	13.8	5.4
Verona	72,459	10.5	8.2
Vicenza	75,630	5.7	9.0
Veneto	350,215	9.2	7.3
Italia	2,938,922	10.1	5.0

Foreign residents in Veneto make up 7.3% of the population, a significant share compared to the rest of the country. Their presence extends over the whole region, but they are concentrated mainly in the more industrial areas in the provinces of Treviso, Vicenza and Verona, and in Cadore. The number increased by 9.2% in 2006, with different rates of increase in the various provinces.

Source: processing by Regione Veneto – Direzione Sistema Statistico Regionale on Istat data

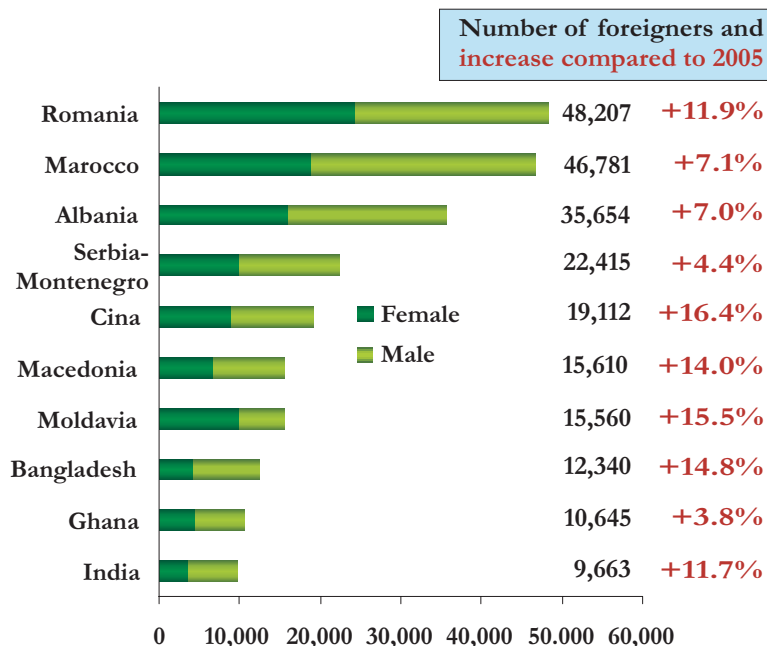
Foreign population: growth and origin

Number of resident foreign nationals – Years 1996 and 2006



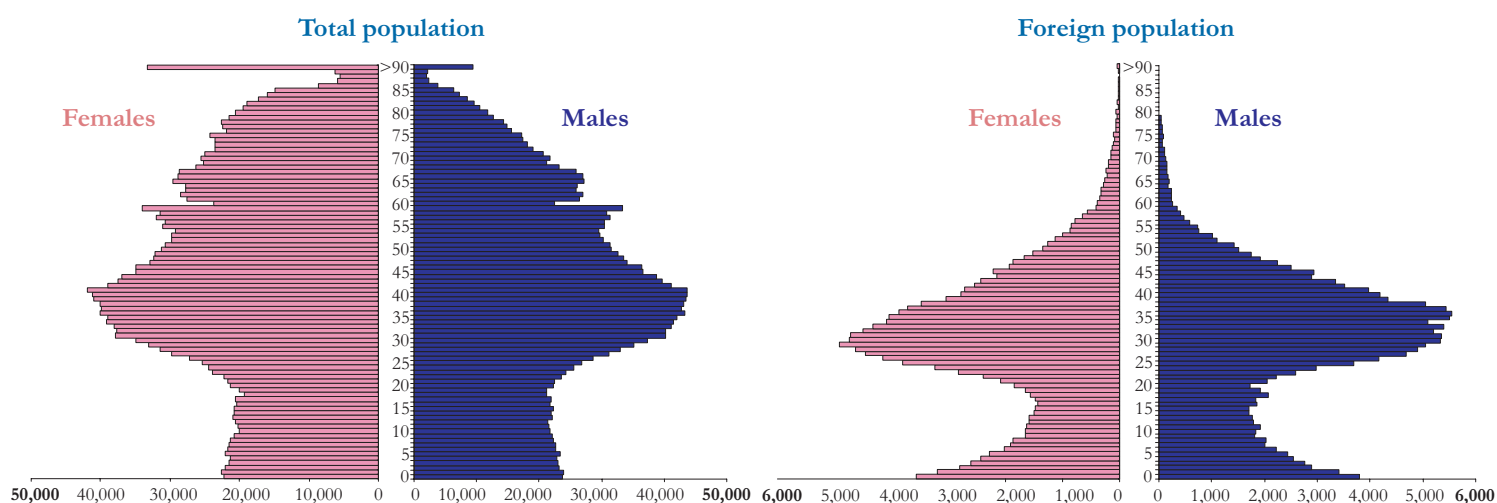
The number of foreign nationals out of the total number of residents has notably increased, rising from 1.6% in 1996 to 7.3% in 2006. This sharp increase corresponds with a levelling-out of the number of Italian citizens in the population. The number of immigrants coming from the main countries of origin, Romania, Morocco and Albania, are on the increase. There has also been a noteworthy increase in the number of Chinese and Moldovan citizens, the latter being predominantly female immigrants.

Ranking of first 10 countries of origin of foreign nationals resident in Veneto – Year 2006



The young age of the foreign population

Gender and age of resident population. Veneto - 2005

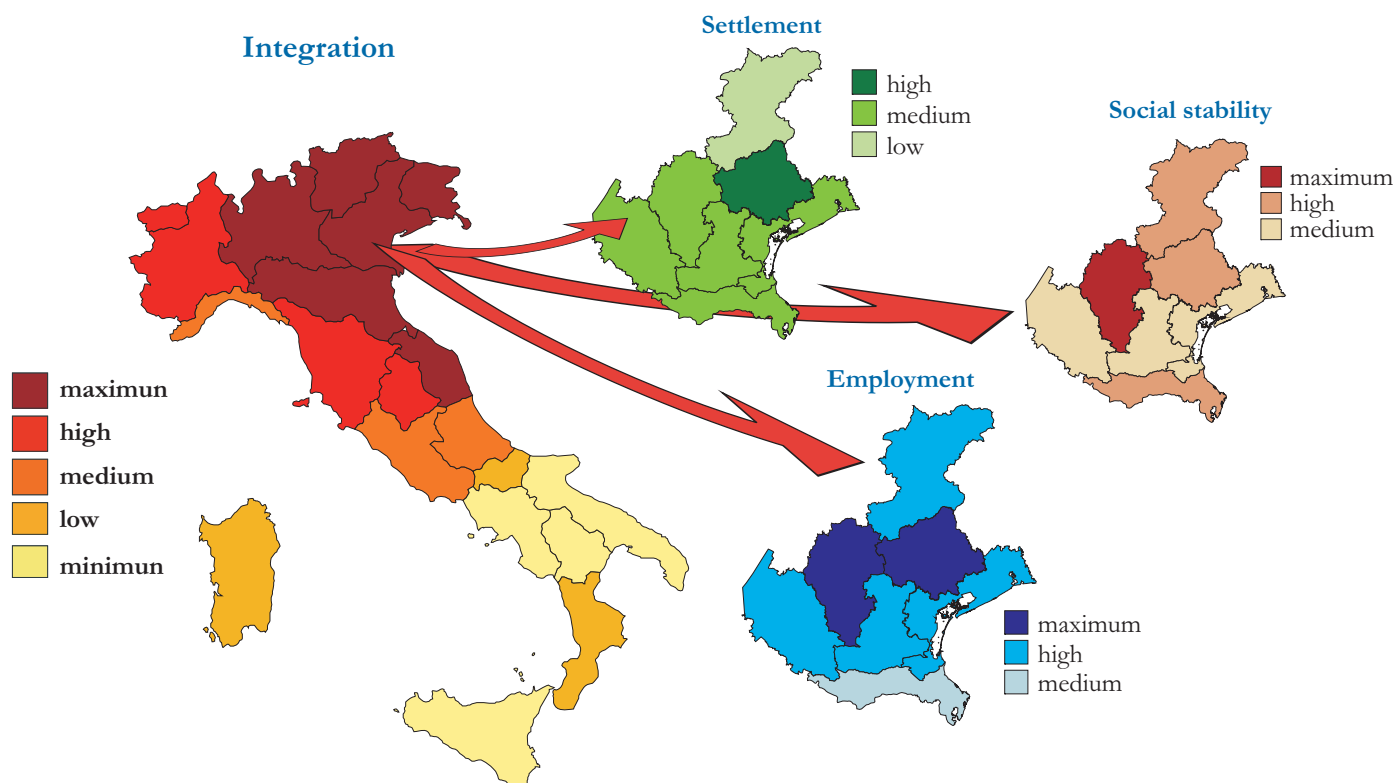


Distribution of resident foreign nationals by age group (%) – Year 2005

		0-14	15-39	40-64	65 e oltre	Age index (65 and above/0-14)*100
Veneto	Foreign nationals	21.0	55.5	22.2	1.3	6.3
	Total	13.9	32.6	34.3	19.2	138.2
Italia	Foreign nationals	19.1	53.7	25.1	2.1	11.0
	Total	14.1	32.8	33.3	19.7	139.9

In Italy the demographic imbalance in the economically active population is the reason for the “demand” for immigrants. Veneto is one of the Italian regions with the highest percentage of foreign nationals. Distribution by age of the resident population in Veneto, in fact, highlights a notable process of aging associated with a lack of young people. On the other hand, the more than three hundred thousand foreign nationals resident in Veneto are mostly of working age, and have many more children than Italians. In fact, a considerable 17.3% of the 47,000 births in 2006 in Veneto were to foreign parents.

Social Integration – Year 2004



The CNEL Report*, based on the analysis of indices of integration, compares the different levels of appeal for immigrants in the various areas of the country, evaluating the most favourable conditions for reception, social integration, and harmonious coexistence. To these ends, three summary indices have been calculated: the polarization index, which takes into account different aspects of settlement, such as the stability of stay, number of foreigners and share of minors; the social stability index, which includes data on family reunification, length of stay, births, etc.; and the employment index, which includes unemployment, demand for labour, wages, entrepreneurship, etc. The three indices then converge in an overall integration index, with Veneto in the top band, second only to Trentino Alto Adige. As regards the provinces, Trento is in first place, while the top Veneto province, Vicenza, is in fourth place.

*Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro

Position of the seven Veneto provinces on the national ranking of integration

	Summary integration index		Polarization index		Social stability index		Employment index	
	National ranking	Score	National ranking	Score	National ranking	Score	National ranking	Score
Vicenza	4	maximum	31	medium	1	maximum	15	maximum
Treviso	6	maximum	6	high	33	high	13	maximum
Verona	30	high	22	medium	51	medium	21	high
Venezia	31	high	21	medium	37	medium	32	high
Belluno	36	high	59	low	10	high	30	high
Padova	40	high	33	medium	55	medium	26	high
Rovigo	43	high	27	medium	18	high	52	medium

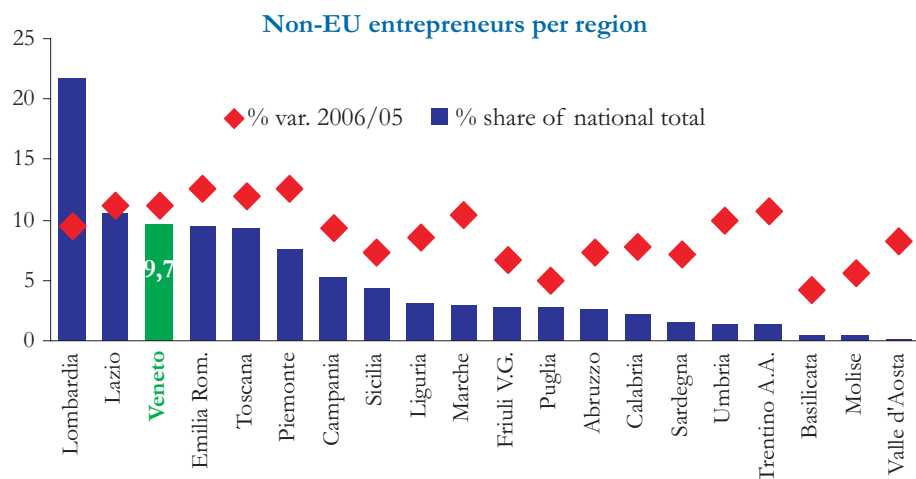
Integration in Schools

Percentage of foreign pupils

	Foreign pupils per 100 school-goers			
	Primary school pupils		Total number of pupils	
	2006/07	2002/03	2006/07	2002/03
Veneto	10.8%	6.0%	9.0%	4.6%
Italia	6.8%	3.8%	5.6%	3.0%

There is an increasing number of foreign pupils in Italian schools: more than 500,000, or 5.6% of the total number of school-goers. 12% of these foreign pupils attend schools in the Veneto, making up 9% of the total number of school pupils. This is one of the highest figures in Italy: Emilia Romagna is in first place with 10.7% and Veneto is in fourth place. It is interesting to note that the school sector with the highest percentage of foreign pupils (11%) is that of compulsory education.

Entrepreneurship of non-EU citizens

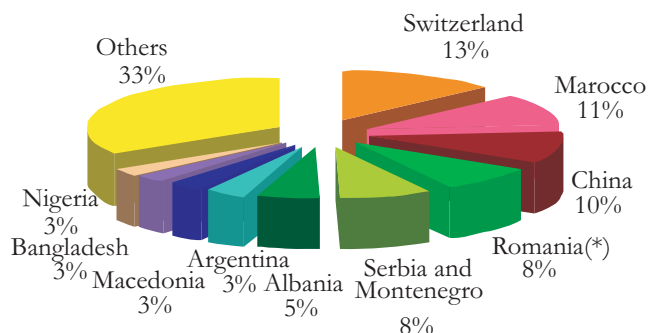


% variation of non-EU entrepreneurs, Veneto and Italy 2000:2006

Year	Veneto	Italia
2001/00	17.0	16.3
2002/01	15.5	13.0
2003/02	13.8	11.4
2004/04	14.4	11.9
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2006/05	11.2	10.1

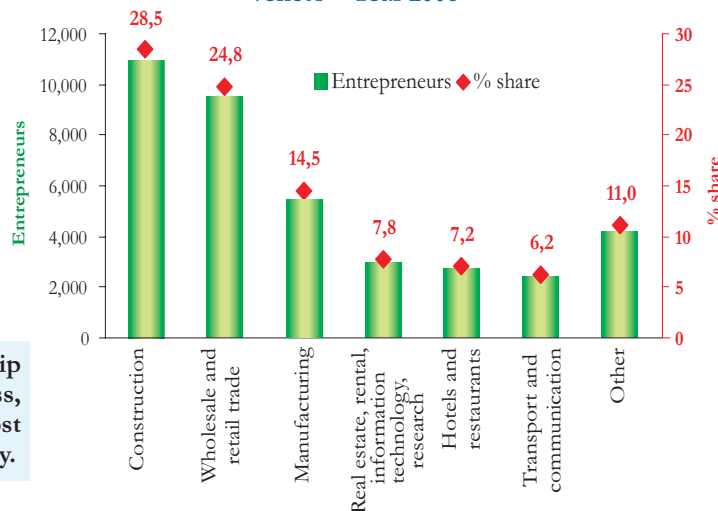
There is an increasing number of foreign workers resident in the Veneto region, 7% of the total employed population. The spread of foreign workers in the job market is matched by the development of non-EU entrepreneurship, also a result of increased integration. The phenomenon is increasing at a surprising pace: over the last six years the number of non-EU entrepreneurs in the region has risen to over 34,000, a growth of 121% compared to a two-fold national increase. In 2006 Veneto was home to 9.7% of the non-EU entrepreneurs in Italy, making the region third after Lombardia and Lazio.

Active entrepreneurs in Veneto per nationality – Year 2006



In Veneto 7% of active entrepreneurs do not have Italian citizenship and around 60% of these are non-EU citizens. They are mainly Swiss, Moroccan, Chinese, Romanian (*), Serbian and Albanian, and most work in the construction industry, retail, and manufacturing industry.

Non-EU active entrepreneurs per economic sector. Veneto – Year 2006



Active entrepreneurs in Veneto per economic sector and nationality (%) – Year 2006

	Switzerland	Marocco	China	Romania(*)	Serbia and Montenegro
Manufacturing industry	21.0	5.8	41.8	6.8	8.5
Costruction	16.2	16.0	0.4	67.1	60.6
Wholesale and retail trade	20.8	47.2	31.3	7.0	11.2
Hotels and restaurants	8.5	1.3	20.2	4.7	4.3
Transport and communication	3.4	16.2	0.6	4.2	3.9
Social and personal services	4.7	0.8	0.1	1.5	0.9
Ither	25.5	12.7	5.7	8.7	10.7
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Serbians and Montenegrins, along with Albanians, mainly work in the construction industry, Moroccans tend to work in retail, while the Chinese work in the manufacturing industry, retail and hotels and restaurants.

(*) In the EU since January 2007

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