



# Annual overview 2021

## Regular residence

<b>FAMILY <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	42,690	32,730	40,830
Decisions	39,580	32,460	40,320
Approved	82%	80%	85%
<sup>1</sup> Including Family reunification based on art. 8 ECHR for unaccompanied minors (AMV) (2021: 4,900 applications, 3,790 decisions, 44% grants).			
<b>KNOWLEDGE AND TALENT</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	22,840	13,710	20,970
Decisions	21,580	13,760	21,390
Approved	94%	91%	94%
<b>Start-ups</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	100	100	150
Decisions	100	120	140
Approved	82%	64%	68%
<b>Students</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	20,560	12,310	20,430
Decisions	20,600	12,640	20,630
Approved	99%	96%	99%
<b>Labour migrants</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	3,300	2,480	3,710
Decisions	2,810	2,600	3,610
Approved	72%	70%	78%
<b>Brexit</b>	<b>until 2021</b>	<b>until 2020</b>	
Applications	39,520	34,790	
Decisions	39,360	32,920	
Approved	98%	99%	

## Naturalisation

<b>NATURALISATION</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	59,680	43,660	44,400
Decisions	55,930	50,870	27,090
Approved	98%	97%	97%

## Asylum

<b>FIRST ASYLUM APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	24,690	13,670	22,530
Decisions	19,910	17,350	18,190
Approved	59%	49%	25%
<b>Second and subsequent applications for asylum</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	1,810	1,600	2,720
Decisions	1,340	1,540	3,680
Approved	22%	12%	10%
<b>Family reunification <sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Applications	13,980	9,300	6,130
Decisions	12,780	5,970	5,250
Approved	81%	70%	66%
Family members who joined the asylum seekers and entered the country <sup>4</sup>	10,120	3,860	4,180

<sup>2</sup> Family members of asylum status holders may qualify for an asylum permit under certain conditions.

<sup>3</sup> Excluding Family reunification based on art. 8 ECHR for unaccompanied minors (AMV) (2021: 4,900 applications, 3,790 decisions, 44% grants).

<sup>4</sup> This concerns the number of people who came to the Netherlands as part of family reunification based on asylum permit.

## Top 3 nationalities approved

### Family

1. Indian
2. Turkish
3. Syrian

### Knowledge and talent

1. Indian
2. Chinese
3. Turkish

### Start-ups

1. Indian
2. Iranian
3. Russian

### Students

1. Chinese
2. Indian
3. American

### Labour migrants

1. Chinese
2. American
3. Indian

## Naturalisation

1. Syrian
2. Eritrean
3. Indian

## 1st applications

1. Syrian
2. Afghan
3. Iranian

## 2nd and subsequent applications

1. Iranian
2. Afghan
3. Iraqi

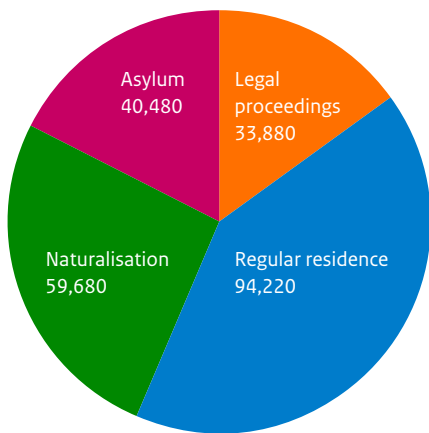
## Family reunification

1. Syrian
2. Turkish
3. Yemeni

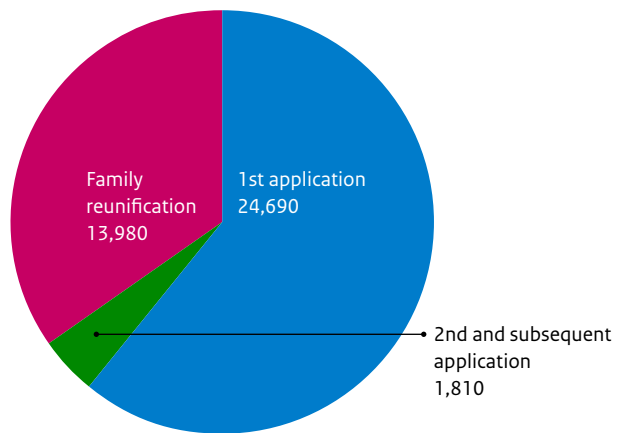
Legal Cases

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS	2021	2020	2019
Number of legal proceedings received	33,880	41,150	54,940
Number of legal proceedings concluded	34,780	39,880	51,280
Percentage asylum upheld	86%	91%	92%
Percentage regular residence upheld	84%	86%	83%

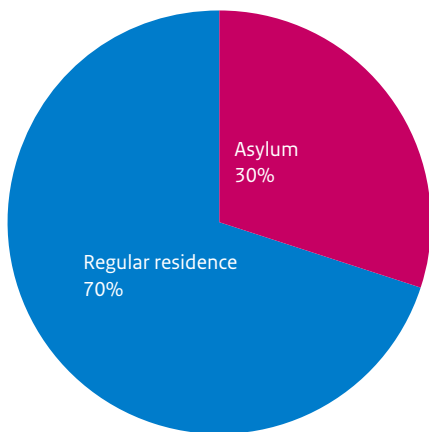
Number of applications and proceedings



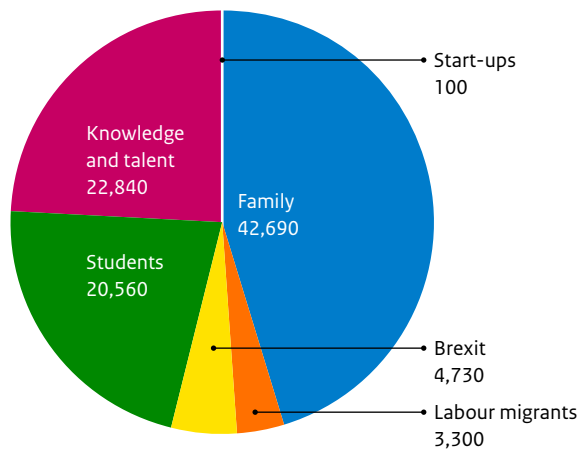
Applications for asylum



Number of applications for residence in the Netherlands



Applications for regular residence



Number of decisions

