

Annual figures IND

Recently, the Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service (IND) published the annual figures for 2021.

As every year, IND has used the statistics of the following categories in its overview:

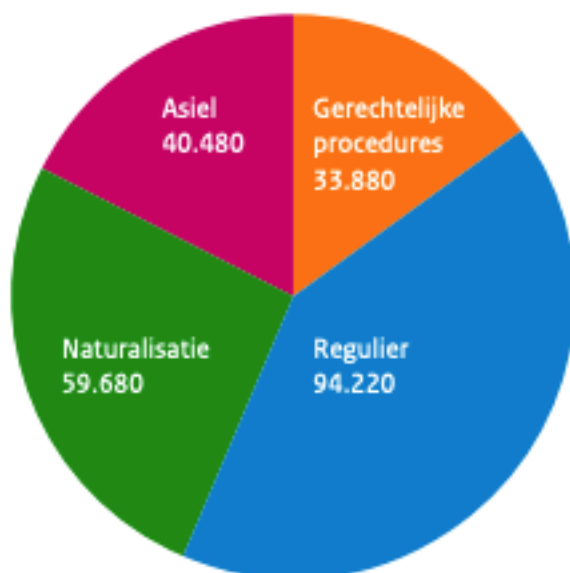
- Family
- Knowledge & Talent
- Startups
- Students
- Migrant workers
- Brexit (as of 2020)
- Naturalization (i.e. application for a Dutch nationality) and Asylum applications.

In general, the main conclusion is that compared with 2020 more applications have been submitted in 2021. However, when comparing with 2019 the number of applications is more or less the same. The 2020 Annual Report of the IND already showed that in 2020 less applications were submitted in general due to the Covid-19-crisis.¹

First, the IND diagrams will be shown below about the numbers of applications in 2021. After that, the above categories will be looked at on a case-by-case basis and a comparison with previous years will be made.

IND diagrams

Aantal aanvragen en procedures



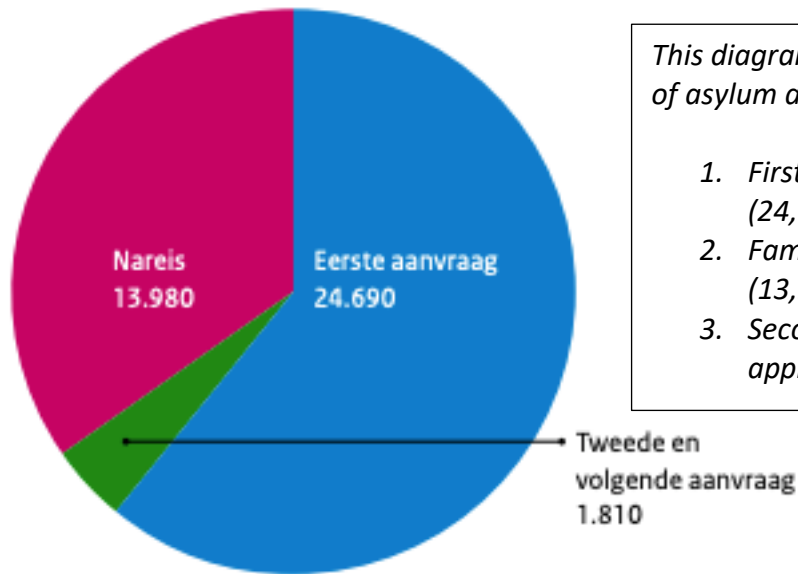
This diagram shows the number of applications and procedures in 2021.

1. *Regular applications** (94,220)
2. *Naturalization* (59,680)
3. *Asylum* (40,480)
4. *Legal proceedings* (33,880)

** See diagram 4 for the content of regular applications.*

¹ <https://ind.nl/nieuws/Paginas/Jaarverslag-2020-door-corona-minder-aanvragen-ingediend.aspx>

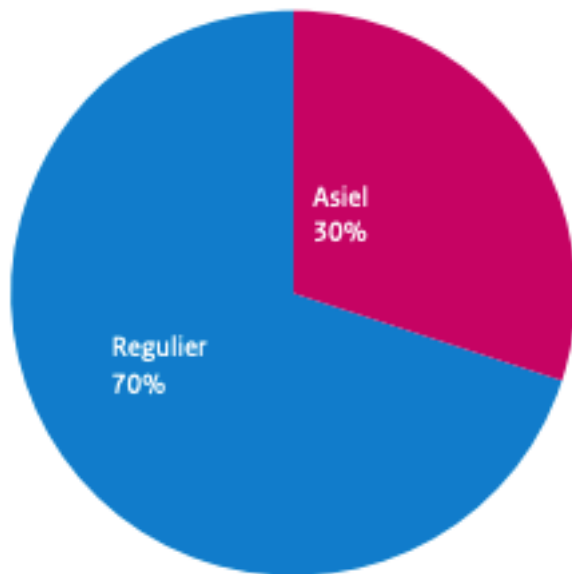
Asielaanvragen



This diagram shows the number of asylum applications in 2021.

- 1. First time applications (24,690)*
- 2. Family reunification (13,980)*
- 3. Second and subsequent applications (1,810)*

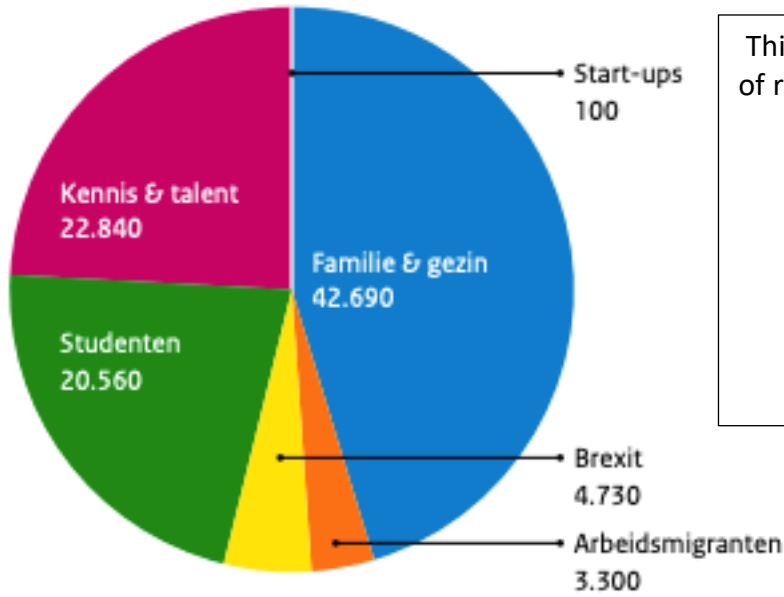
Aantal aanvragen verblijf in Nederland



This diagram shows the percentage of applications for residence in the Netherlands in 2021.

- 1. Regular (70%)*
- 2. Asylum (30%)*

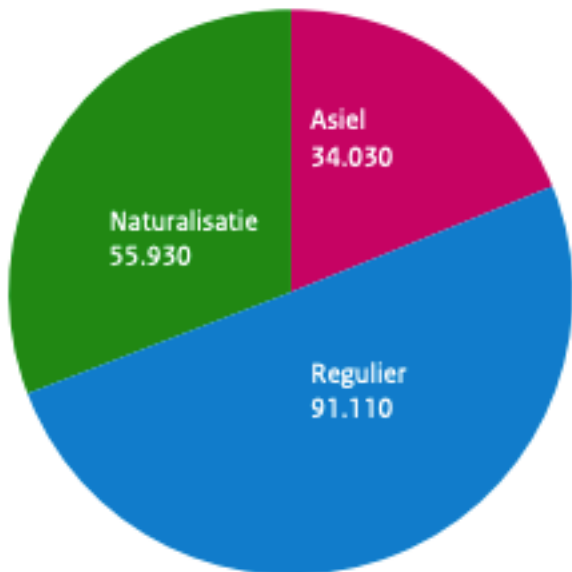
Reguliere aanvragen



This diagram shows the content of regular applications in 2021.

1. *Family (42,690)*
2. *Knowledge & Talent (22,840)*
3. *Students (20,560)*
4. *Brexit (4,730)*
5. *Migrant workers (3,300)*
6. *Startups (100)*

Aantal beslissingen



This diagram shows the number of IND-decisions in 2021.

1. *Regular (91,110)*
2. *Naturalization (55,930)*
3. *Asylum (31,030)*

*Source of the diagrams is <https://ind.nl/Documents/Jaarcijfers%202021.pdf>

Categories

Family

In 2021, 42,690 applications for a residence permit for family reunification were submitted with a granting rate of 82%.

In 2020, that number was 32,730 (80%) and 44,400 (97%) in 2019.

Most applications for family reunification in 2021 came - as in 2020 - from Indian, Turkish and Syrian citizens.

Knowledge & Talent

In 2021, there was a significant increase in the number of applications for a residence permit as a European Blue Card Holder, Highly Skilled Migrant and Intra-Company Transfer submitted compared to 2020.

In 2021 22,840 applications of which 94% has been granted.

In 2020, there were 13,710 applications with a granting rate of 91%.

If we look at years before 2020 the increase in 2021 compared to those years is not striking. (20,970 (94%) applications submitted in 2019 and 19,840 (94%) in 2018 for one of the above-mentioned residence permits.

In 2021, most applications in the Knowledge & Talent category came from employees from India, China and Turkey. It is notable that after many years, Turkish employees have replaced American employees in the top three.

Startups

The residence permit applications for startups were 100 in 2021 as in 2020.

In 2019, there were 150 applications. It is striking that in 2020 all applications were accepted.

In 2020 and 2019, that percentage was 64 and 68, respectively.

The top three consisted of Indian, Iranian and Russian entrepreneurs in 2021.

Students

In 2021, 20,560 student permit applications were submitted with a granting rate of 99%.

In 2020, this number was 12,310 (96%) although 20,430 applications had been submitted in 2019 and 18,640 in 2018. It is clear that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, far fewer students than usual came to the Netherlands in 2020.

The top three nationalities of the students who came to the Netherlands in 2021 are - as in the past five years - Chinese, Indian and American.

Migrant workers

The work permit applications were 3,300 (with a granting rate of 72%) in 2021.

In 2020, there were 2,480 (70%) applications, and in 2019, 3,710 (78%).

The top three of 2021 consisted of Chinese, American and Indian workers.

Brexit

In the context of Brexit, almost 5000 more applications were submitted in 2021 than in the previous year (2021: 39,520; 2020: 34,790).

Naturalization

The number of applications for a Dutch nationality has increased significantly in 2021 compared to 2020 as well. In 2021, 59,680 applications were submitted with a granting rate of 98%. In previous years the application numbers were as follows: 2020: 43,660 (97%), 2019: 44,400 (97%), 2018: 26.080 (96%), 2017: 23.360 (97%) and 2016: 23.190 (97%).

Via de sources mentioned below detailed information is available:

- <https://ind.nl/nieuws/Paginas/Jaarverslag-2020-door-corona-minder-aanvragen-ingediend.aspx>
- <https://ind.nl/Documents/Jaarcijfers%202021.pdf>
- <https://ind.nl/Documents/Tabel%20NL%202020.pdf>
- <https://ind.nl/Documents/Tabel%202019.pdf>
- <https://ind.nl/Documents/Cijferoverzicht%20IND%20Jaarresultaten%202018.pdf>
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