



Gemeente
Amsterdam



Immigration in Amsterdam

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Amsterdam population, 2012

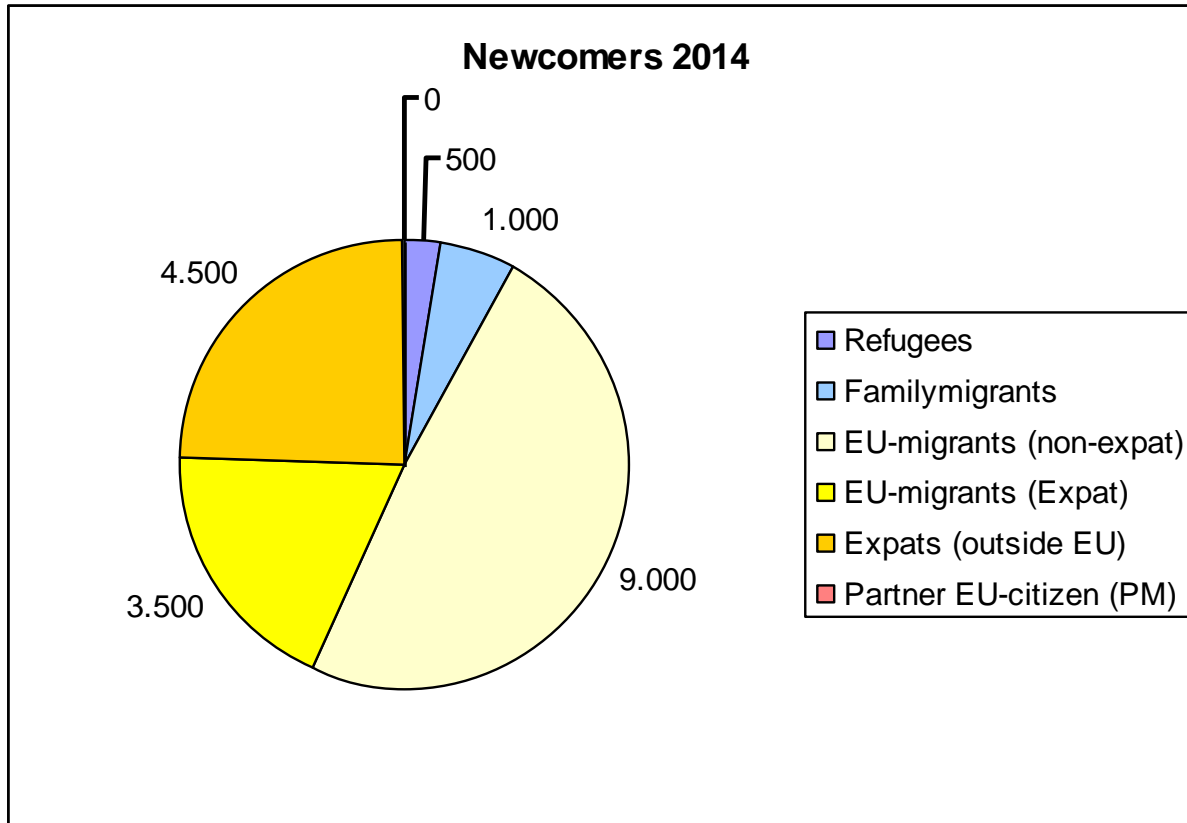
	1st generation	2nd generation	native Dutch	total
Surinamese	38655	29883		68538
Antillean	6934	4957		11891
Turkish	22071	19448		41519
Moroccan	34200	37260		71460
other non-Western	55214	27770		82984
total non-Western	157074	119318		276392
Western	69446	53393		122839
native Dutch			390813	390813
total	226520	172711	390813	790044

✘ ✘ Situation in Amsterdam (figures) ✘

810.000 inhabitants (Amsterdam region: 2.300.000)

- Around 180 nationalities
- 80.000 migrants from an EU-country, +/- 13.500 new in 2013, number is increasing
- Yearly 1.500 new obliged newcomers from outside EU (mainly refugees (500) and family-migrants (1.000)).
- In 2014 new 8.000 expats (temporary permits)

XXX Newcomers to Amsterdam 2014





EU-migrants

- 80.000 in Amsterdam, South and Eastern are fastest growing
- 13.500 new 2014
- Free movement of persons within the EU.
- In some municipalities (problematic) experiences in employment, housing, social nuisance.
- Differs from other municipalities in NL: more diverse, higher educated and spread around town and labourmarket



Statement mayor and elderman

"Amsterdam wants to be an economically, culturally and socially vital city. Amsterdam remains a trading-town with an open mind to Europe and the world. New immigrants who are here for a short or long time to stay are welcome to settle here and to contribute to the city."

A good thought-through policy on newcomers and how they can be successful in economic and social ways is a key-aspect for successful cities.

XXX Municipal Newcomers activities

Specific for newcomers

- expatcenter, incl. website
- office for immigration and naturalization
- introduction program
- arrival events
- European project together with 5 cities -> local welcome policies
- language courses

Together with national government

- multi-language information brochures
- websites from national organizations in English (taxes, labour)



Language is a key in integration

- Amsterdam considers learning the Dutch language as a keyfactor to enduring integration, \pm 70.000 citizens have a need to learn or improve the Dutch language and customs.
- We offer a program of citizenship for newcomers (history, cultural aspects, diversity, urban competitions and partipation in events).
- We offer and create language courses for those who need it the most, mostly tailor-made. 60% is orientated on finding a job.
- Introduction of more digital learning and voluntary coaches.
- In 2015 we want to involve 5.600 mainly new citizens.



Developing policy national level

- Highlighting unique (??) 'dutch values': Freedom, equality, solidarity, participation
 - multi-language brochure
 - workshop
 - participation-statement (non-legal)
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- what does the city think: be practical, don't pursue the values.