



BERGEN KOMMUNE

Refugee Agency in the City of Bergen



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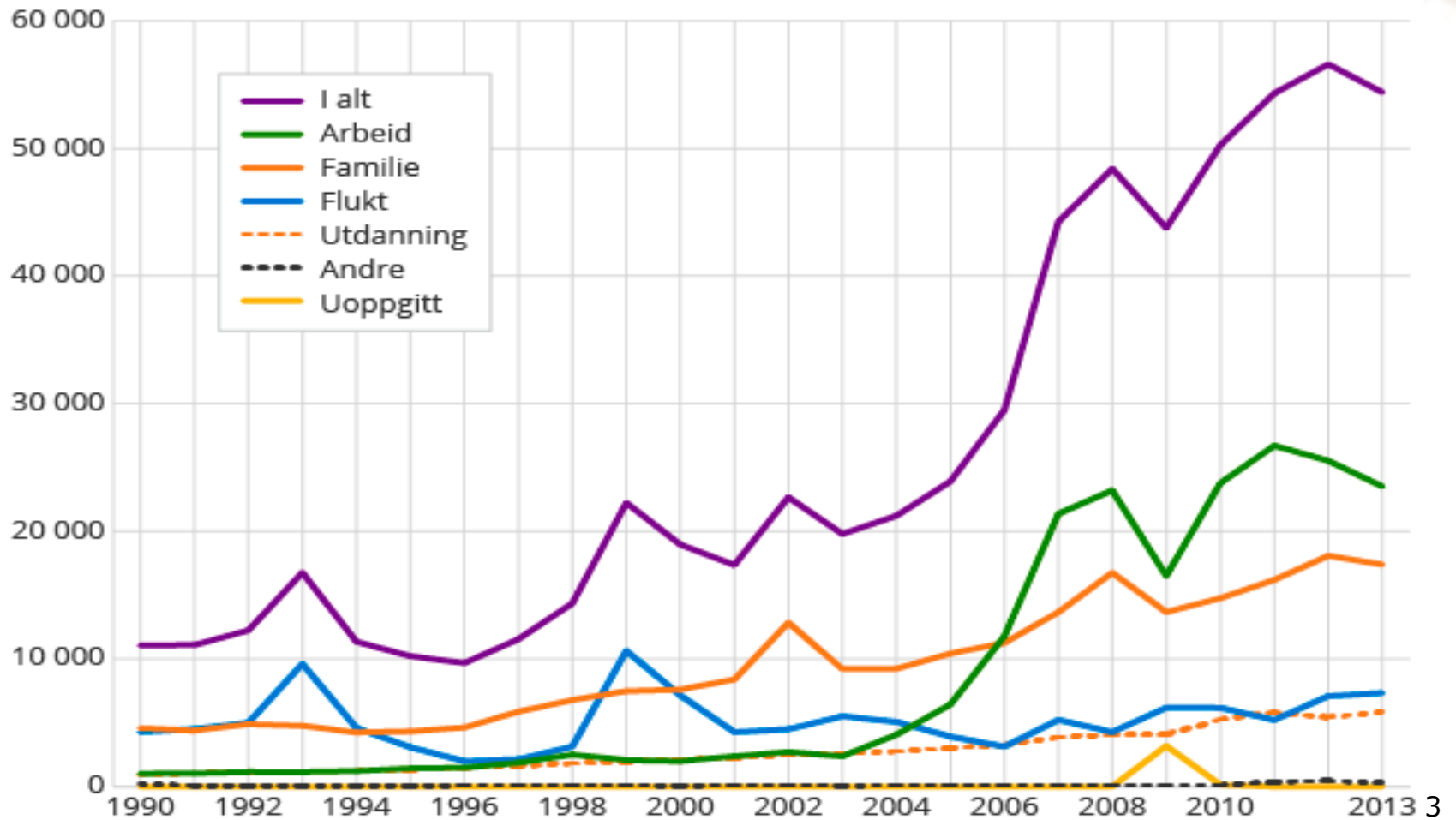


Location and population

- Bergen is the capital of Western Norway and Norway's second largest city
- Population: 272000 (January 1. 2014)
- Immigrants 36 000 (13,3 % \approx average level in Norway)
 - Poland 5 000
 - Irak 1 850
 - Vietnam 1 350
 - Germany 1 350
 - Chile 1 250
 - Sri Lanka 1 200



Figur 1. Innvandringer, etter innvandringsgrunn og innvandringsår





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The Introduction Act (2004)

Implemented 01.09.2004

Local municipal authorities are responsible for offering Introductory programme

The aim:

- Providing basic Norwegian language skills
- Insight into the Norwegian society
- Prepare refugees to enter into the labour force or education
- To strengthen newcomers participation in work life, education and in society
- To become financially self-reliant through the qualification-programme



Refugees (only newcomers) 2014 in Bergen

Land/ Country of origin	TOTAL
Somalia	131
Statsløs (Palestina)	4
Eritrea	127
Syria	63
Afghanistan	18
Etiopia	30
Nigeria	5
Irak	7
Yemen	0
Iran	8
Sudan	18
Usbekistan	1
Kina	3
Kongo	4
Libanon	1
Russland	2
Burundi	3
SUM (total)	425

Barn / children (part f total) alder (age/birth year)	TOTAL:
Barnehagebarn/ Nursery (2009 - 2014)	43
Skulebarn /Elementary school (1999 - 2008)	57
V.g./ high school (1997 - 1998)	7
Antall barn (total)	107



Our main tasks

- Reception and resettlement of refugees
- Introduction Programme
 - Make an individual strategic integration plan
 - Offer a suitable programme – in line with plan
- Interpreter Services
- Administration of government funding



Who can participate?

Refugees with political asylum

UNHCR resettled refugees

Persons granted residence permit on humanitarian grounds

Family reunification

Newly resettled between 18-55 years of age

Need for basic qualification

Settled in accordance with an agreement between the
Direktorate (IMDi) and the local authorities



Overall objective

Improving the participants' opportunities within the Norwegian society

Develop adequate strategies for personal growth

- Become self reliant
- Participate in labour force or
- Further education
- Society at large



Compulsory programme

- Norwegian language tuition
- Measures to attain skills for labour market entry
- Career guidance
- Measures to continue education
- Social studies in the immigrant's native language (when feasible)
- Programme time equals ordinary workinghours

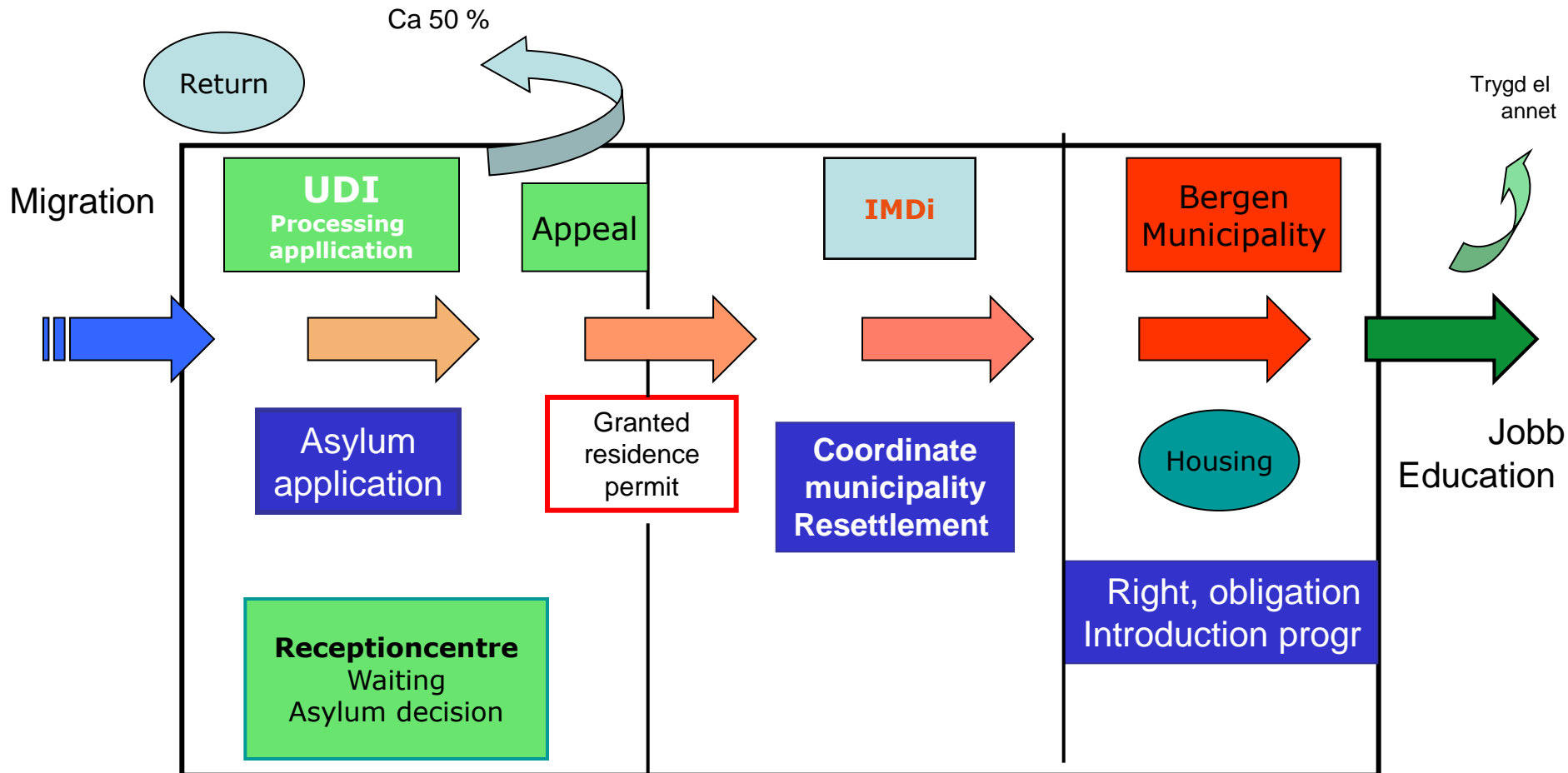
Entitled to introduction benefit ($2G - 88\,300 \times 2 = 176\,600$ per year – EUR 21 000)



More information

- New in Norway: www.nyinorge.no
- The Norwegian Directorate of Integration and Diversity (IMDi): www.imdi.no
- The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI): www.udi.no

A road map / seeking asylum



A refugee's path through the Introductory Programme

