

# 2016

31 December 2016

**785**  
EMPLOYEES  
**317**  
OF WHOM WERE  
NEW EMPLOYEES



EXPENDITURE  
**€ 673.8** MILLION  
REVENUE  
**8.1** MILLION

**84,112**  
MATTERS BECAME PENDING

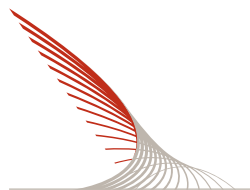
**96,739**  
DECISIONS

**56,156**  
CUSTOMER  
CALLS ANSWERED

**82**  
JUDICIAL EXPERT  
OPINIONS

MORE THAN **800**  
COUNTRY INFORMATION  
REQUESTS ANSWERED

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The Finnish Immigration Service made a total of **96,739** decisions in 2016.

THE NUMBER OF DECISIONS  
ROSE FROM 2015

**+75%**

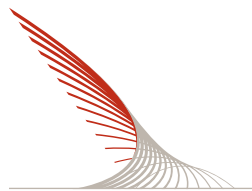
**24,290**   
RESIDENCE PERMIT DECISIONS

 **28,200**  
ASYLUM DECISIONS

**126**  
RECEPTION CENTRES  
ON 31 DECEMBER 2016

  
**12,088**  
CITIZENSHIP DECISIONS

**32,161**  
OTHER DECISIONS

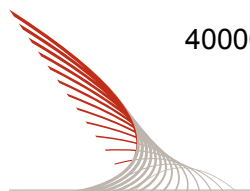
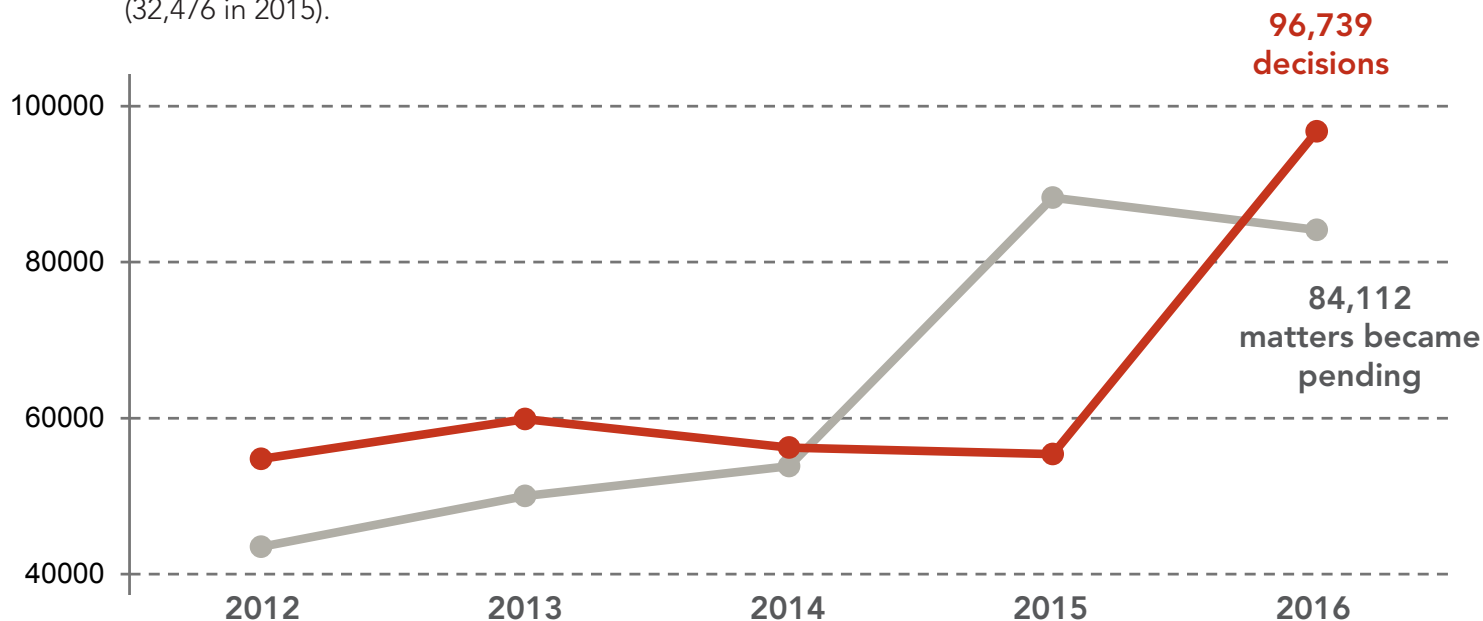


# Over 40,000 decisions more than in the previous year

The number of decisions increased particularly because the Finnish Immigration Service hired new employees to process the backlog of asylum applications. The number of decisions rose by about **75%** from the previous year.

At the same time, the number of asylum applications decreased: a total of **5,657** persons applied for asylum. This is **83%** less than in the previous year (32,476 in 2015).

In 2016, a total of 3,855 asylum applications expired. This is 21% more than in 2015.

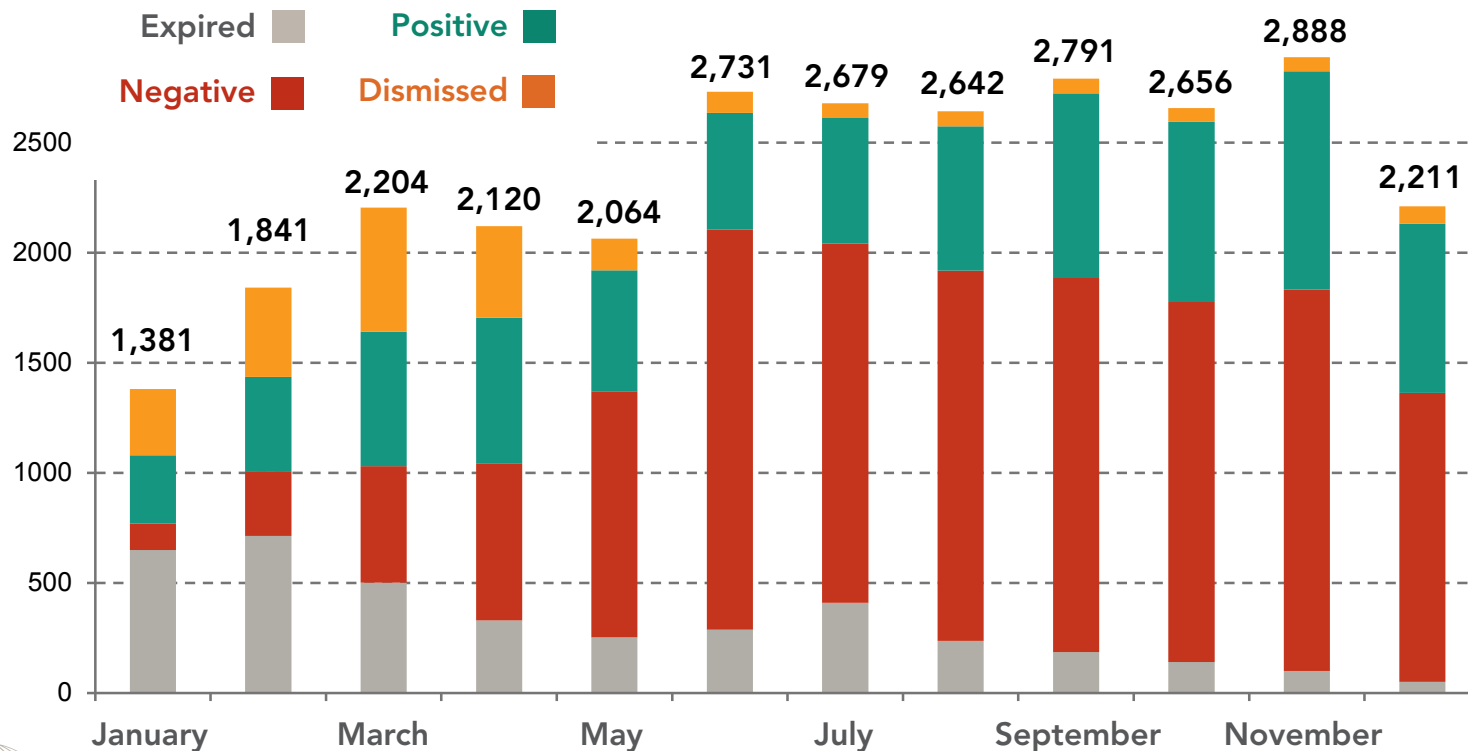


# About 28,200 asylum decisions were made

Four times more decisions were made in 2016 than in 2015.

Asylum means refugee status or subsidiary protection.  
Humanitarian protection was removed from the Aliens Act in May 2016.

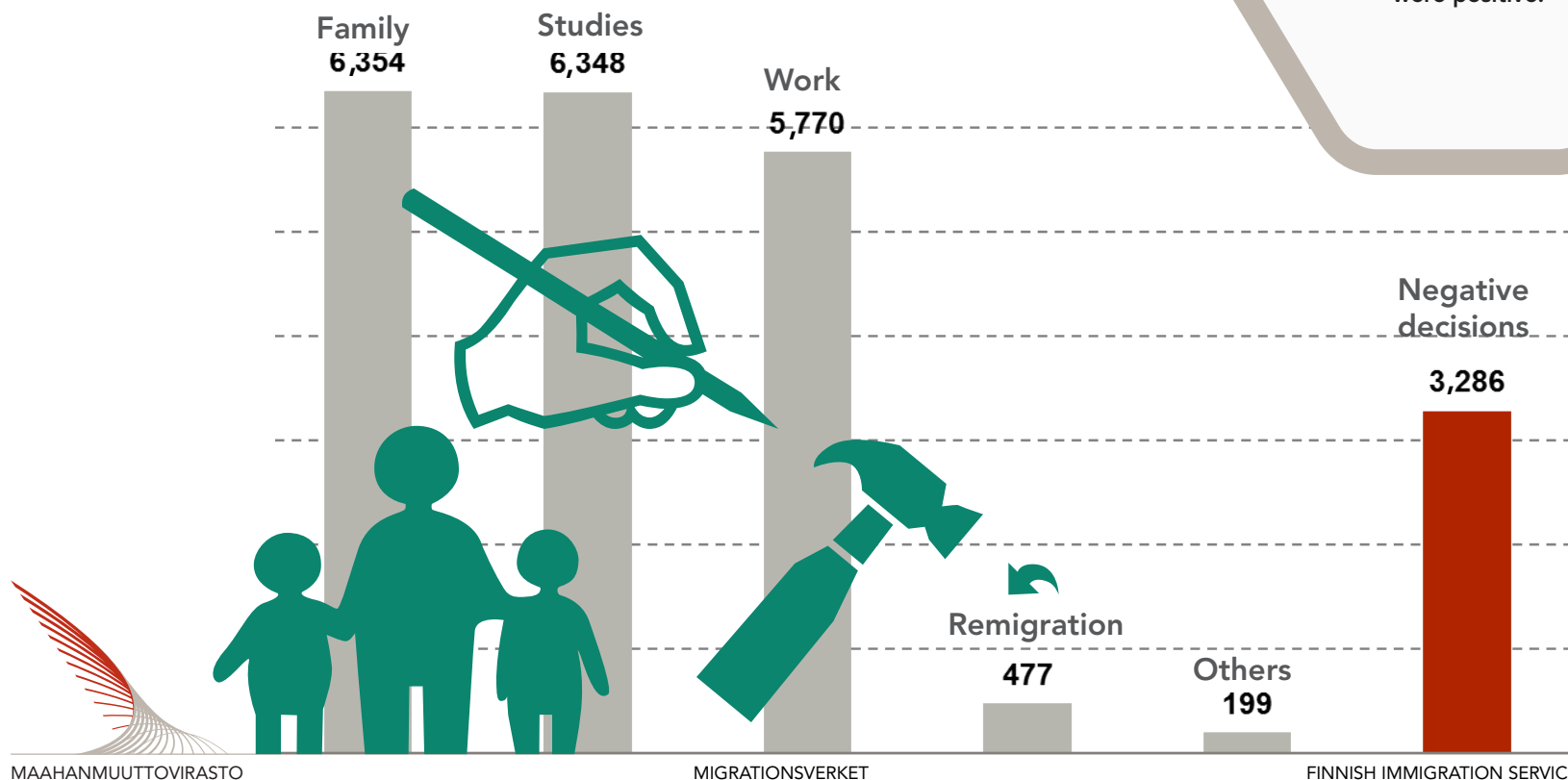
## Asylum decisions



# Family, studies and work are reasons for coming to Finland

26,071 residence permit applications were submitted in total.  
**19,148** permits were granted.


## Residence permits granted



85% of residence permit decisions were positive.

# 8,895 persons became Finnish citizens on application

**784** persons became Finnish citizens by declaration. The Finnish Immigration Service made **11,782** decisions on citizenship applications, of which **75%** were positive. A total of **11,918** citizenship applications and declarations became pending in 2016.

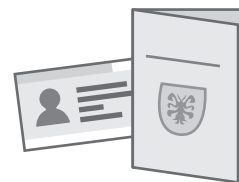


The number of decisions rose by 20% from 2015.

## The requirements for acquiring citizenship on application:



Language skills



Established identity



Period of residence



Integrity



Means of support



Fulfilled payment obligations