Similarities and differences between intentions and behaviour of immigrants in the Netherlands

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Introduction

Unknown migration motives of non-Dutch immigrants

- All countries
- EU/EFTA countries
- Third country nationals
Data and methods

- Data from the Dutch municipal population register, a fully automated population system (*demographic information*)

- Data from the Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service (*migration motives*)

- Data from the system of Social Statistical Databases (to derive *migration purposes*)
### Data and methods

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Derived migration purpose</th>
<th>Rules to determine migration purposes</th>
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<tr>
<td>Family</td>
<td>Immigrated within 120 days after immigration of the partner or within 120 days after immigration of the father or the mother (<em>family reunion</em>). Married or cohabiting at the moment of immigration or within 120 days after immigration (<em>family formation</em>)</td>
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<td>Labour</td>
<td>Working within 120 days after immigration</td>
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<td>Asylum</td>
<td>Migration motive 'asylum' (according to INS data): including estimates of Statistics Netherlands</td>
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<td>Study</td>
<td>Studying within one year after immigration</td>
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<td>Other purpose</td>
<td>None of the above-mentioned rules apply to the immigrant</td>
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Results

Derived migration purposes

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<th>Purpose</th>
<th>%</th>
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<td>45</td>
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<td>Labour</td>
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<td>Other purposes</td>
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Results

Number of derived migration purposes

% of respondents

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or 4

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or 4
Results

Sequence of derived migration purposes

- Family
- Asylum
- Labour
- Study

Derived as first migration purpose
Derived as second migration purpose
Derived as third or fourth migration purpose
## Results

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<td>0,0</td>
<td>18,2</td>
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Migration purpose 'other' vs. unknown migration motive

%
Conclusions / discussion

– Almost no information on migration motives for half of the immigrants coming to the Netherlands

– Strong need for an alternative tool

– Mismatch between registered migration motives (INS) and derived migration purposes: how to deal with it?

– INS data still useful for specific groups (asylum seekers)

– How to present the results?
Thank you!

– Questions?