

Summary

This report presents an estimate of the number of illegal aliens residing in the Netherlands in the year running from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. As this estimate partly uses other data than were used for the estimate presented in the report on the year 2009, a new estimate for the year 2009 was made to obtain comparable estimates.

In making the estimates use is made of data on the number of stops and arrests of illegal aliens, registered in the Police Suite Immigration Enforcement (Politie Suite Handhaving Vreemdelingen, PSH-V) of the Police. Maximum comparability was pursued with the way earlier estimates were made of the number of illegally residing foreigners in the period 1997-2003 and the year 2005.

The method estimates the population of illegal aliens residing in the Netherlands for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 at 35,530, with a 95% Confidence Interval ranging from 22,881 to 48,179. For the year 2009 the estimate is 41,835 illegal aliens residing in the Netherlands, with a 95% confidence interval of 20,654 to 63,015.

Additionally, estimates were made of a number of distinct nationalities of aliens without legal residence and a number of characteristics of illegal aliens, such as gender and age. These are listed in Appendix 2 of this report.

The decrease, identified in earlier reports, in both the number of observed and the estimated number of aliens illegally residing in the Netherlands during the years 1997-2009, and becoming stronger since 2002, is continuing. The decreasing number of illegal residents from European countries is largely responsible for this decline. This development is connected with the expansion of the number of countries that are members of the EU. Nevertheless, the number of illegal aliens from countries outside the EU is declining as well.