Demographic changes, research questions and data needs: issues about    
migrations

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After a synthetic introductory analysis on the recent demographic trends, the aim is to focus on the migratory component of population dynamics in Italy, highlighting the recent changes occurred to foreign immigration (for example, the importance of family reunifications and the growth of asylum seekers) to foreign-origin presence (from first to second generation, and from foreigners to new Italians), as well as to Italian emigration and to internal mobility. This background framework will outline new information and research needs to which Italian public statistics system could or should handle considering the gained experience in other European countries (from cross-sectional to longitudinal surveys).