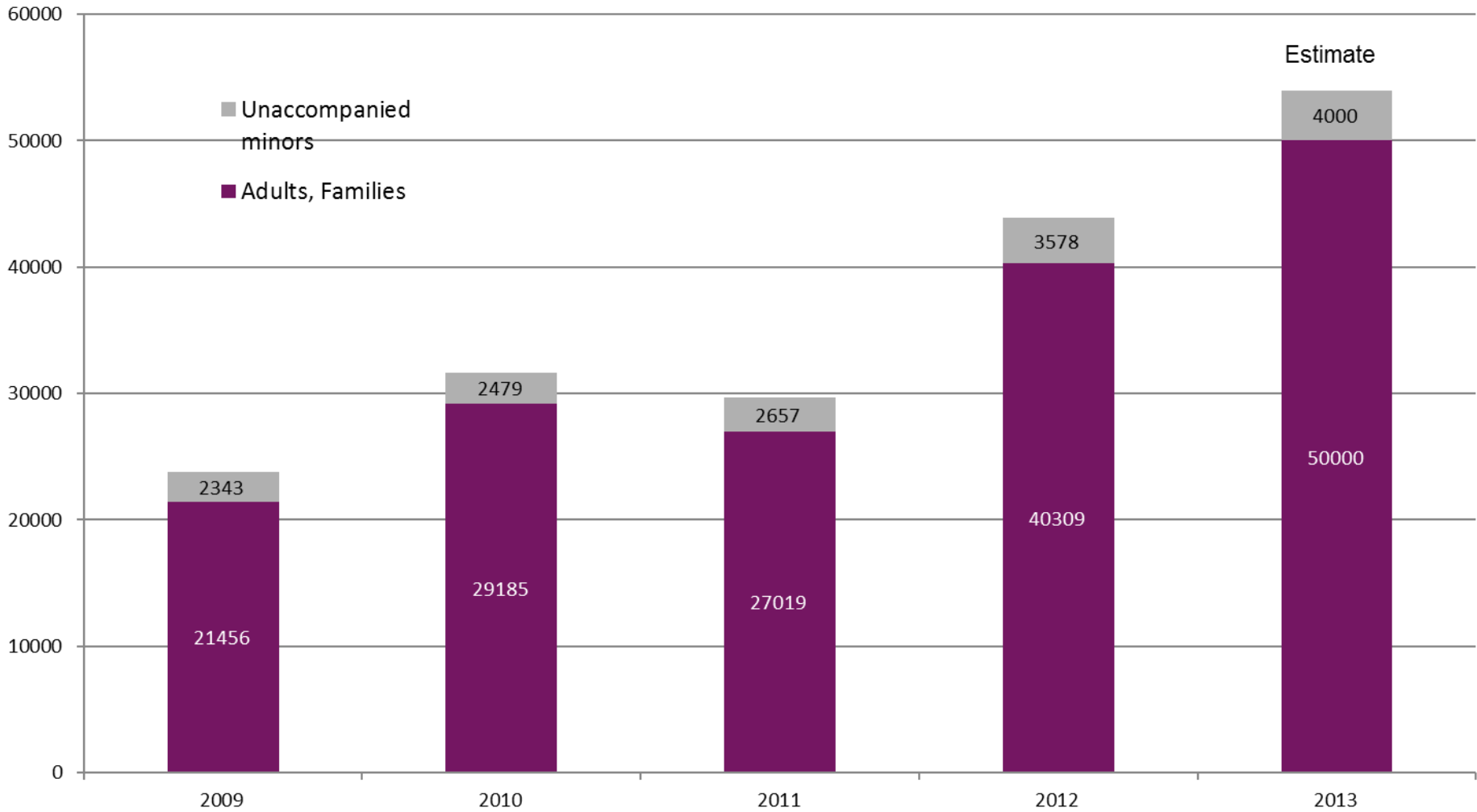




Migrationsverket

Swedish Migration Board

Asylum applications 2009 --



Who do we receive?

The largest asylum seeking groups in 2012

Syria	7 814 persons
Somalia	5 644 persons
Afghanistan	4 755 persons
Serbia	2 697 persons
Eritrea	2 356 persons
Stateless	2 289 persons

In total, 43 887 persons



The Division for Reception of the Swedish Migration Board deals with

- providing accommodation
- granting financial allowance
- giving information on Swedish society
- operating detention centres
- voluntary returns to country of origin



State operated reception units

- 25 reception units
- Daily allowances
- Introduction to society
- Interviews concerning ID
- Interviews concerning return



Other units within Division for Reception

- 5 detention units
- Unit for verification of documents
- Specialized unit for return



What are the rights of an asylum seeker?

- Free accommodation in apartments, rented by the Migration Board.
- May arrange accommodation with family or friends by themselves.
- Free medical examination.
- Emergency medical and dental care for adults.
- The same medical and dental examinations as Swedish children.
- Those who do not have their own means, can apply for a daily allowance.



Daily allowance

- 8 euros /day for single adult
- 7 euros/day for adults sharing accommodation
- 4-5,5 euros/day for children depending on age

- A family of 2 parents and 3 children will receive approx. 770 euros per month.

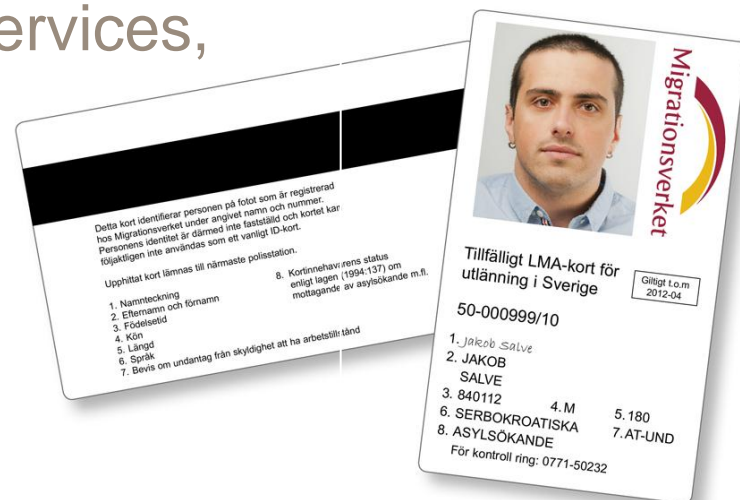
- Should cover the costs of food, clothes and shoes, health and dental care, medicine, hygiene products and other leisure activities.

Extra financial support

- An extra financial support can be granted for an urgent need such as winter clothes and glasses

Waiting for a decision

- Asylum seekers use societal services, just like anyone who lives here.
- Children have the right to attend school.
- Asylum seekers may work if identity is clear



Who can be placed in a detention center?

Foreigners who have turned 18, can be placed in a detention centre if

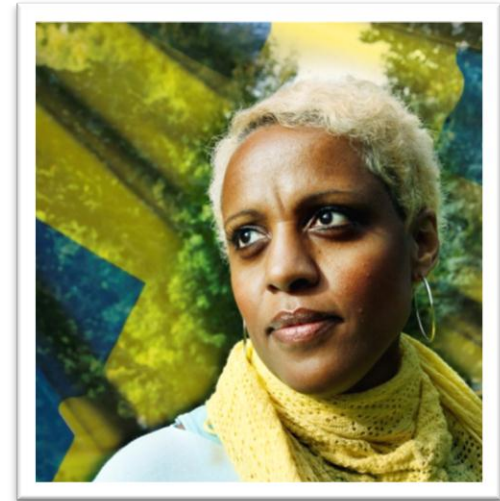
- the identity is not clear
- an investigation is required whether the person has a right to stay in Sweden
- if there is reason to believe that the person who will be deported will hide or engage in criminal activities

A child can only be placed in detention together with his/her parents



What happens after a "yes" on an application?

- The Employment Service is responsible for the introduction activities when the residence permit has been granted.
- The person has the same rights and obligations as other inhabitants in Sweden.

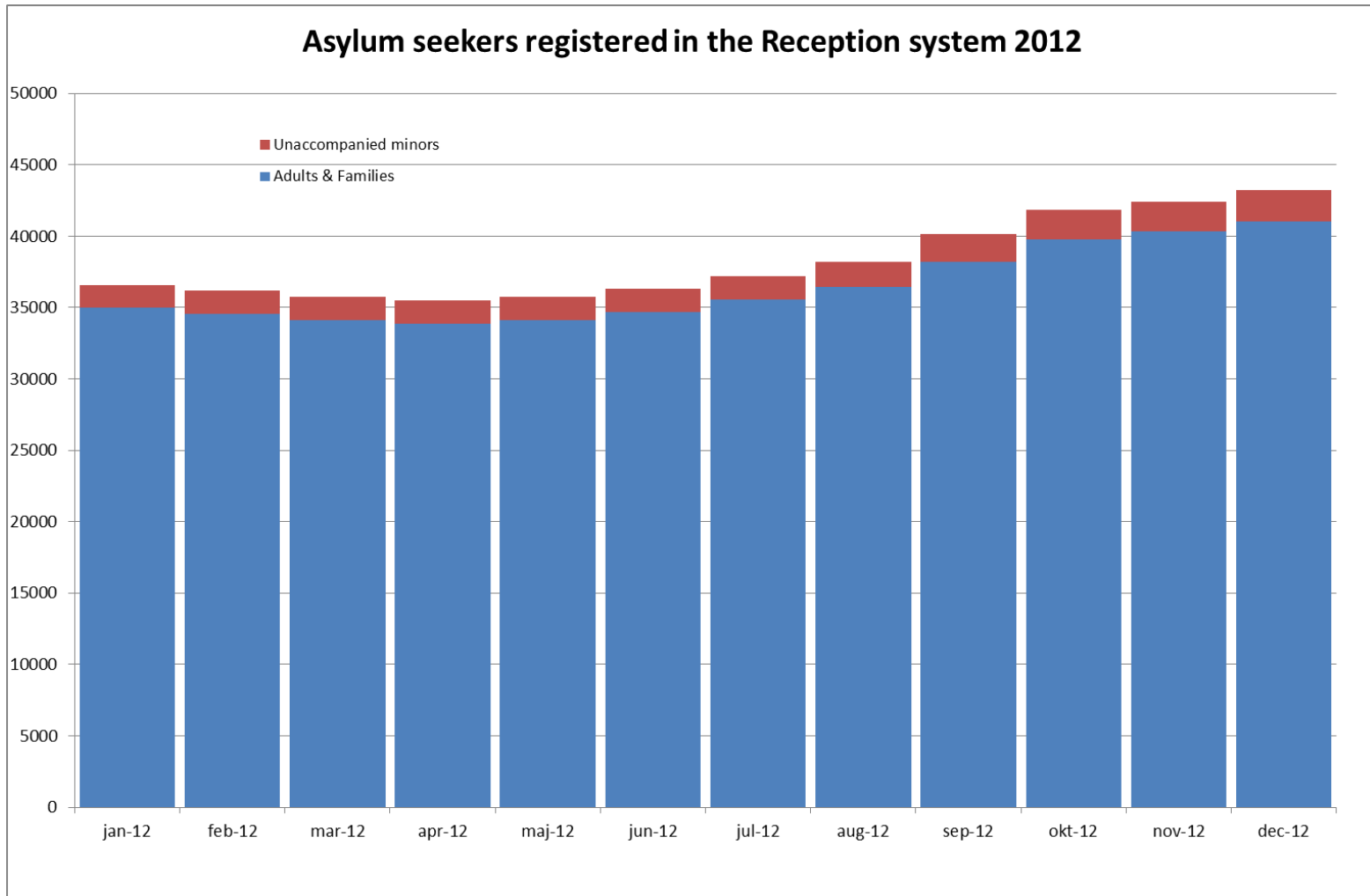


If the application is denied

- and the person accepts the decision and on their own initiative chooses to return, we will assist with the journey home, or to another country.
- If the person refuses to leave the country, it is the police responsibility to make sure he/she travels home, or to another country.



Size of reception system



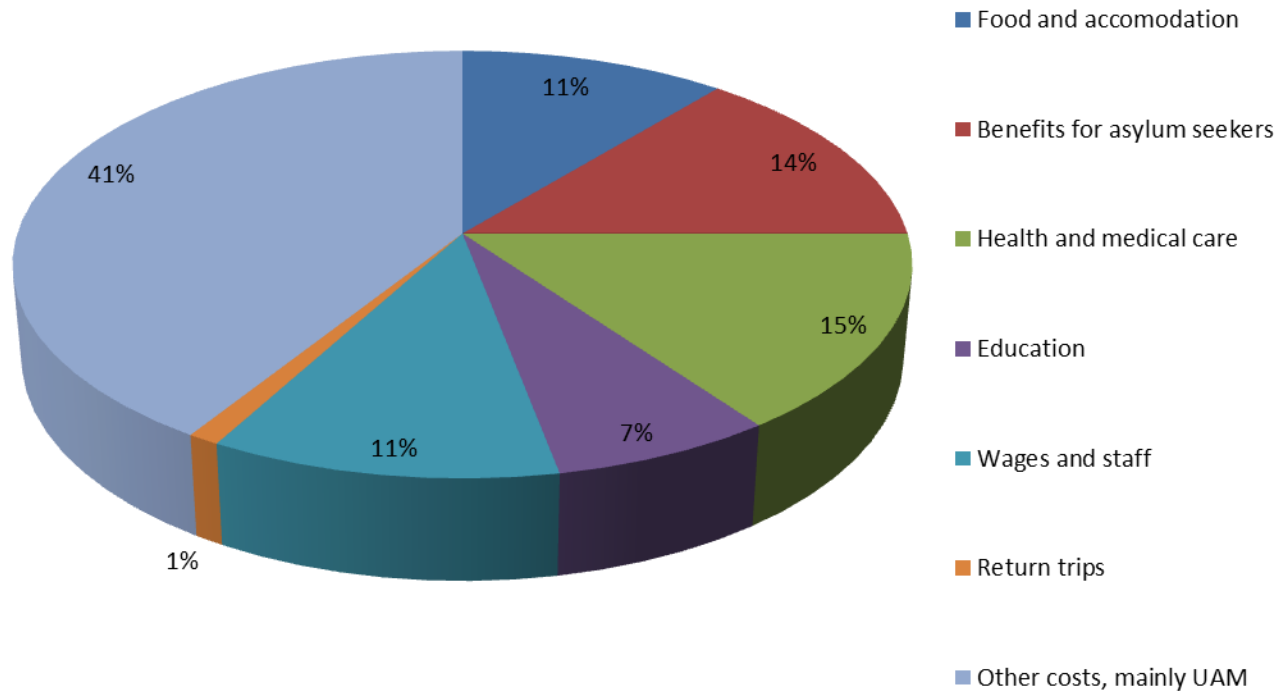
Problems getting housing

- General lack of housing in Sweden, especially in larger cities
- Competing with the Swedish Public Employment Service responsible for supplying certain immigrants with housing and employment
- Some municipalities reluctant to receive immigrants

All this leads to persons not being able to leave the reception system!!

Today 5 000 persons with a permit are in the reception system.
Predicted to be 9 000 end of 2013, 16 000 end of 2014

Expenses per day 40 euros (detention not included)



Flexibility in accommodation

- Accommodation through procurement
 - Temporary growth through hotels, camping sites, cottages
 - Short term lease
 - Public general agreements secure quality as well as best price

Flexibility in accomodation

- Extension of accomodation in connection with place of arrival
 - possibility of screening and matching to housing according to individual needs and to SMB facility for investigation
 - possibility to direct certain groups of asylum seekers to suitable housing, i e families or persons very likely to be granted protection
 - Housing at place of arrival can also be used in connection with return trips

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- Competing with the Swedish Public Employment responsible for supplying certain immigrants with housing and employment
- Lack of will in some municipalities to receive immigrants

Thank you for your attention!

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