

Immigrants and labour market in Italy

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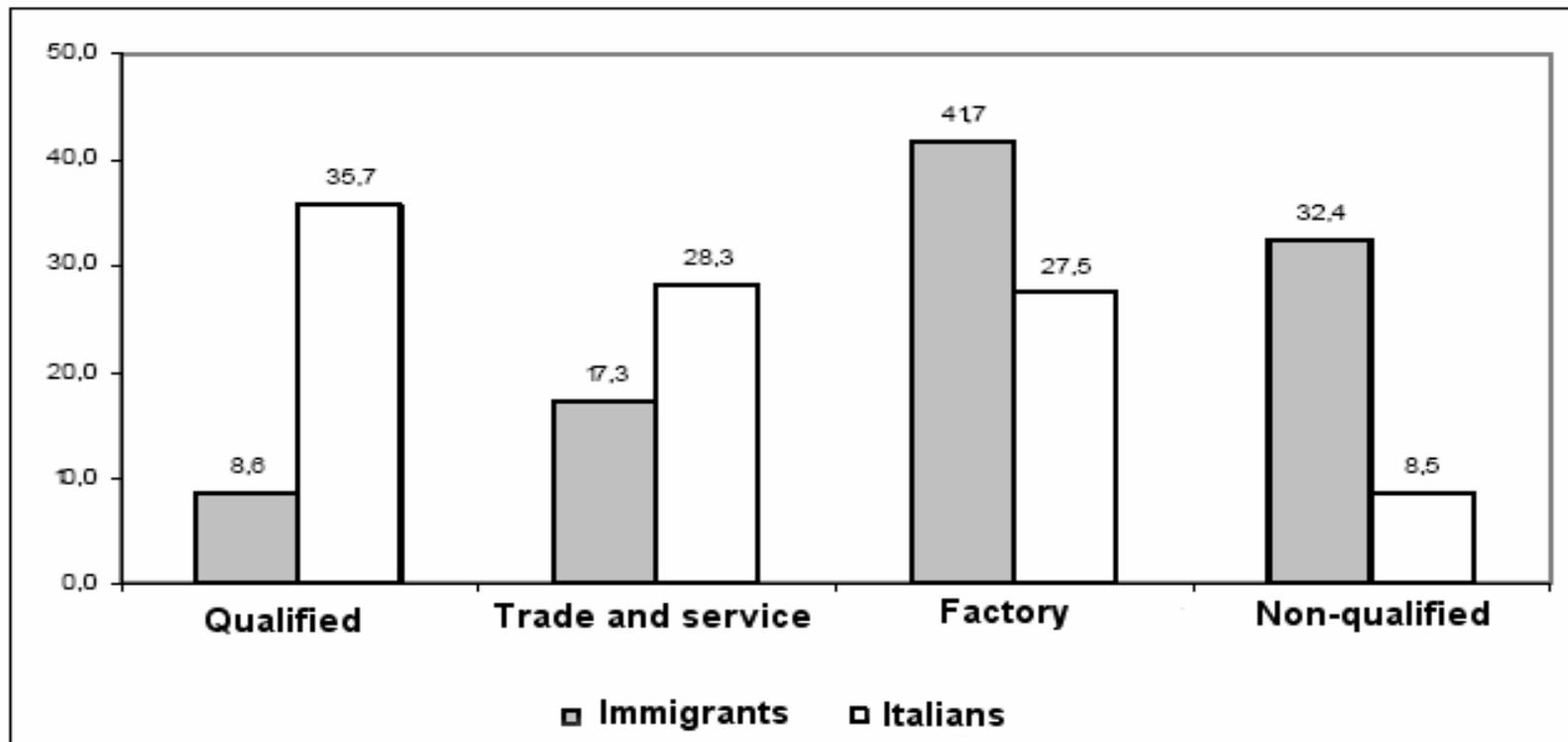
In the last year the request of immigrants workers by Italian concerns has reached a record number: more than 540.000 compared to 2006.

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About half number of employee immigrants got a secondary school diploma or a degree, but they are employed in non-qualified jobs.

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Italian and immigrant workers by profession



Certificates recognition

The recognition of certificates is different:

- Getting a diploma in EU countries
- Getting a diploma in extra European countries

Getting a diploma in EU countries

The principle is that the diploma taken in one of the European country is valid in any other European country.

Getting a diploma in extra European countries

The starting point is always the hand over of the original certification to the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country where the certificate was obtained. These institutions can verify the authenticity of the certificate and assess the corresponding cultural level in Italy (art. 48 of of the immigration law DPR 394/1999).

This procedure is nonetheless so lengthy and complicated that many foreigners prefer to re-enrol in an Italian school or University in order to obtain a corresponding certification issued by an Italian body.

New Jobs for immigrants

The new most important professional figures are:

- **Family assistants**
- **Cultural mediators**

Family assistants

- In Italy there are about 700 thousand family assistants. This kind of job is made mostly by immigrant women. Only 40% got a regular contract and the salary is about 700/800 euros a month.

Cultural mediators

- The profession of cultural mediation has the objective of facilitating relations between local and foreign citizens, intended to promote reciprocal knowledge and comprehension aimed at favouring a positive relationship between subjects of different cultural backgrounds.
- Cultural Mediation appeared and asserted itself in Italy only recently, on the basis of experiences already begun in other European Countries.

Cultural mediators

- Cultural mediation is a constant element used in politics social integration, indispensable to allow new citizens to exercise their rights on one hand and in facilitating cultural integration in our society
- Generally the cultural mediator is an immigrant who know the language and the laws of his country and can help other immigrants in the communication with the Italian institutions.

Self employed immigrants

The immigrant entrepreneurs in Italy are growing: over than 34% enterprises are managed by an immigrant.

- 95.000 commerce
- 68.000 construction
- 25.000 manufacturing
- 11.000 transport





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