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Residence permits for non-EU citizens - First residence permits issued in the EU Member States remain above 3 million in 2017 - Main beneficiaries from Ukraine and Syria

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In 2017, about 3.1 million first residence permits were issued in the **European Union** (EU) to non-EU citizens. The number increased almost by 4% (or 112 000) compared with 2016. Employment reasons accounted for almost one-third (32%) of all first residence permits issued in the **EU** in 2017, family reasons for 26%, education reasons for 17%, and other reasons, including international protection, for 24%.

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