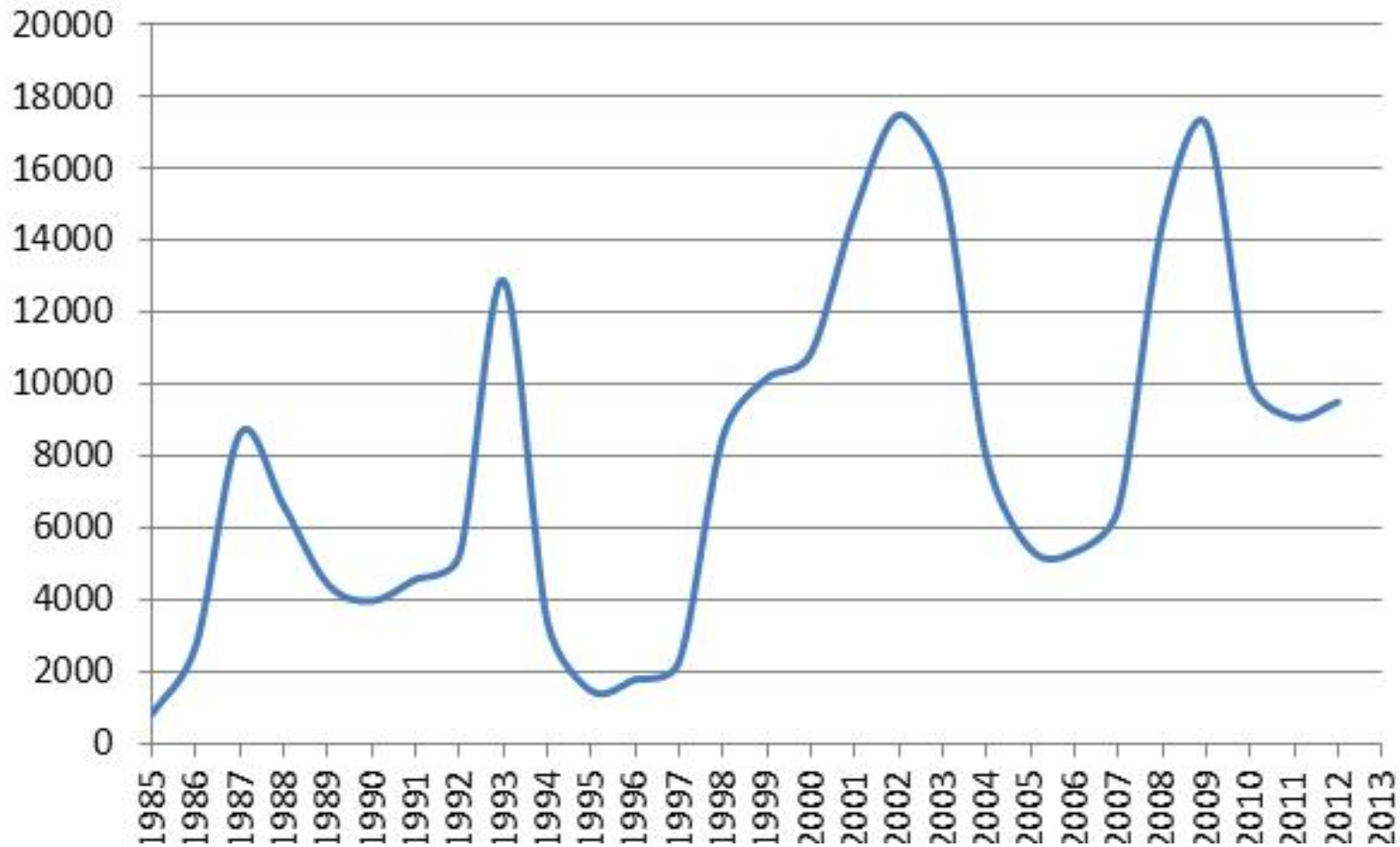


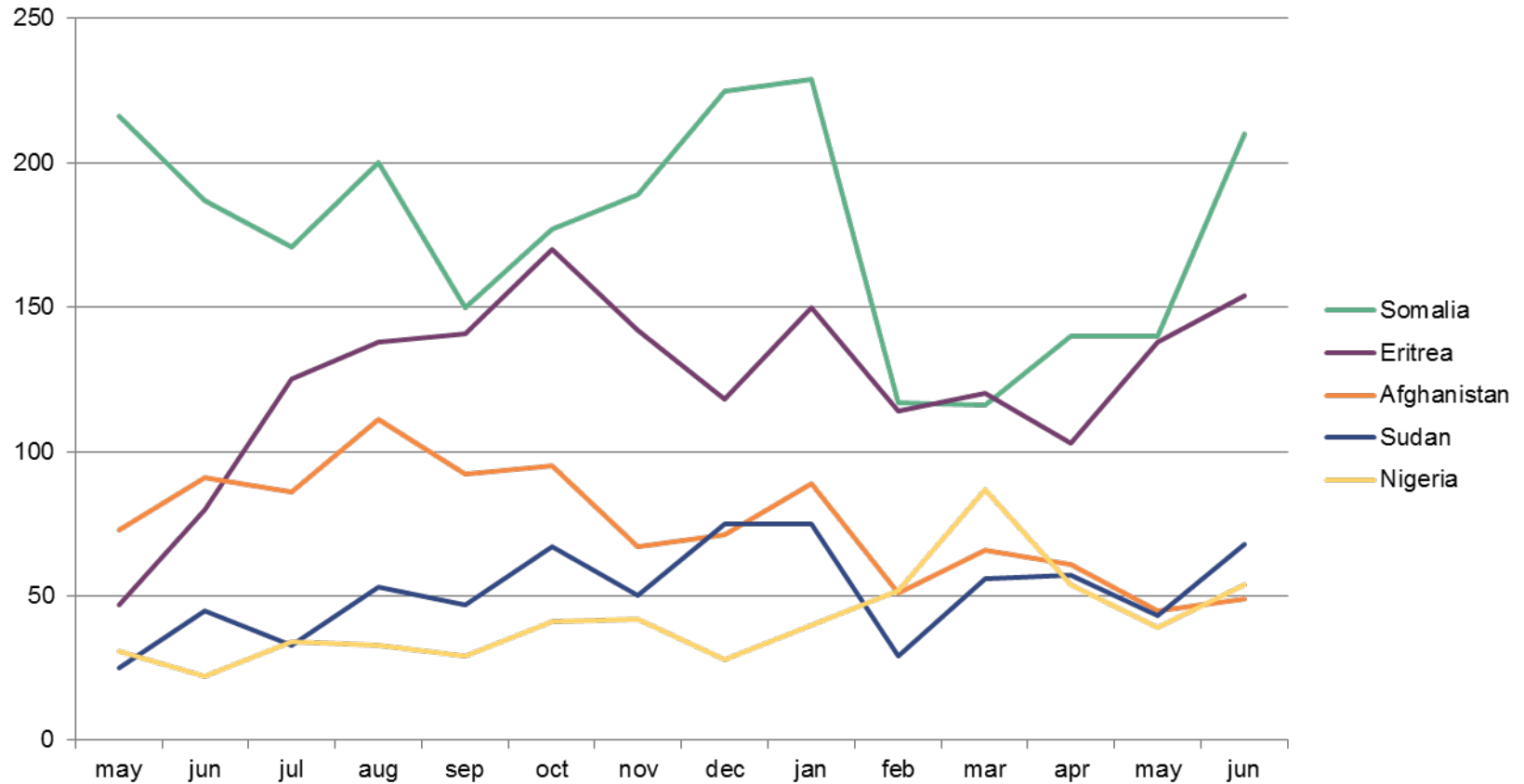
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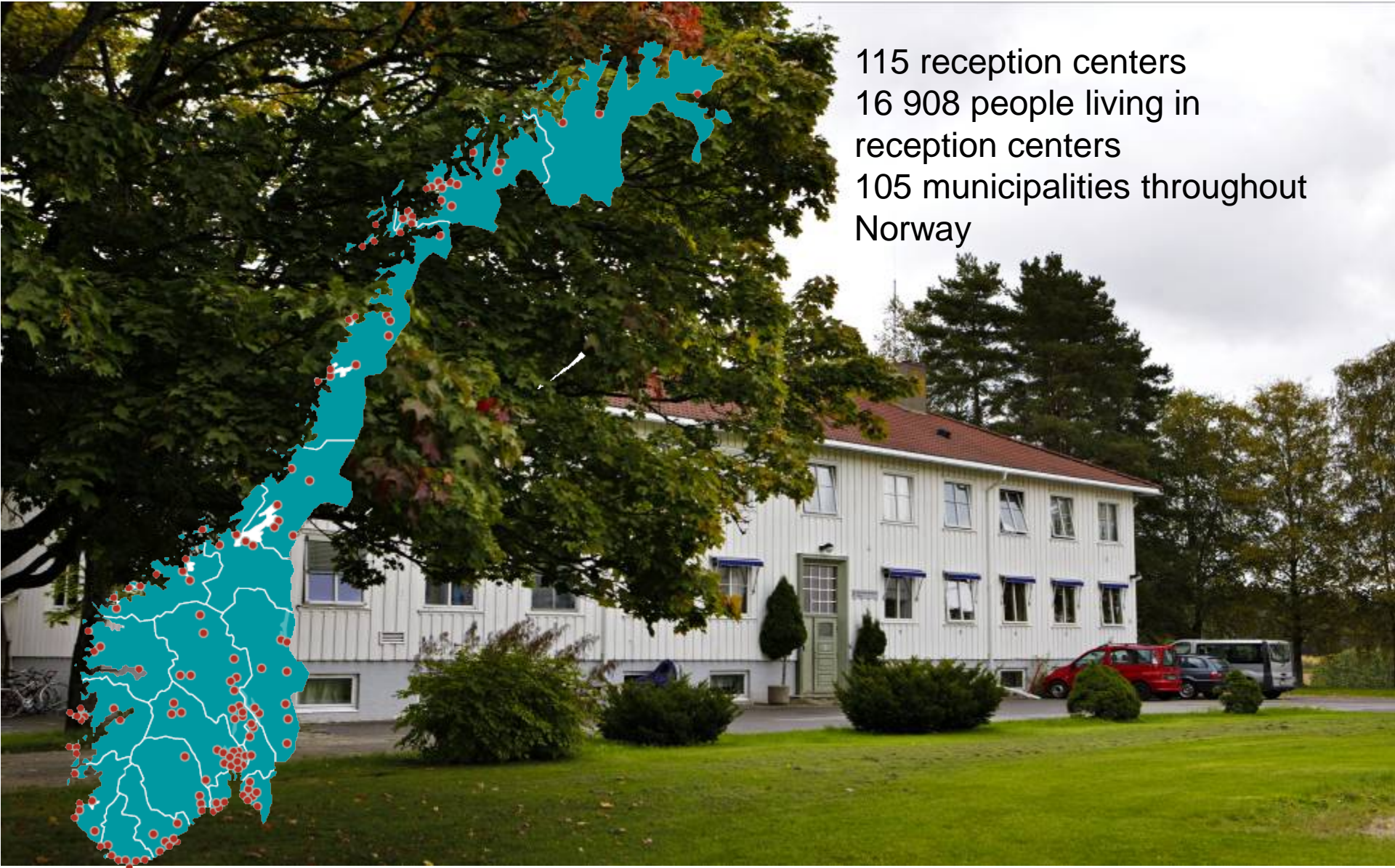


# The Immigration Act section 95

- “A foreign national who applies for protection shall be offered accommodation. A foreign national whose application for protection has been rejected may be offered accommodation pending his or her exit.”
- Different operators – municipalities, commercial actors or NGOs – run the reception centres on contract with the UDI

# Reception centres, october 2013

115 reception centers  
16 908 people living in  
reception centers  
105 municipalities throughout  
Norway



## Sector responsibility

- The authorities in different sectors and at different administrative levels have (largely) the same responsibility for persons living in reception centres as for the rest of the population.
- The local authorities have responsibility to provide:  
-Health Care, Child Care, Education for minors,  
Norwegian lessons for adults
- The «host municipality compensation» covers average costs.

# The different types of reception centres:

- transit
- ordinary
- centres for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers aged between 15 and 18
- care centres
- Reinforced units - residents with special physical or psychological needs

# Women

- Focus on the rights and needs of women
- Procedures for dealing with violence/abuse of women
- Single women are to be protected against unwanted attention from men
- The UDI invests money in physical shielding of single women, own units with lockable doors etc.



# What happens in the centre?

- Information programme
- Return information and activities
- Settlement preparations
- Kindergarden/School/Work
- Voluntary participation at the centre: Residents cooperation council
- Activities programme for adults
- Activities for children

# Education and work

- Kinder garden for 4-5 year olds
- Elementary school
- Minors between 16 and 18 have the right to 250 hours of Norwegian courses – the same as adult asylum seekers.
- People who have documented their identity can apply for a temporary work permit and apply for/get a job.

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