

The ELIPA 2 survey

-

The integration pathway for refugees in France

Clément Soullignac
Data Scientist, Insee, French Ministerial Statistical Service on Immigration, Directorate
General for Foreign Nationals in France

Geneva, 6 May 2024

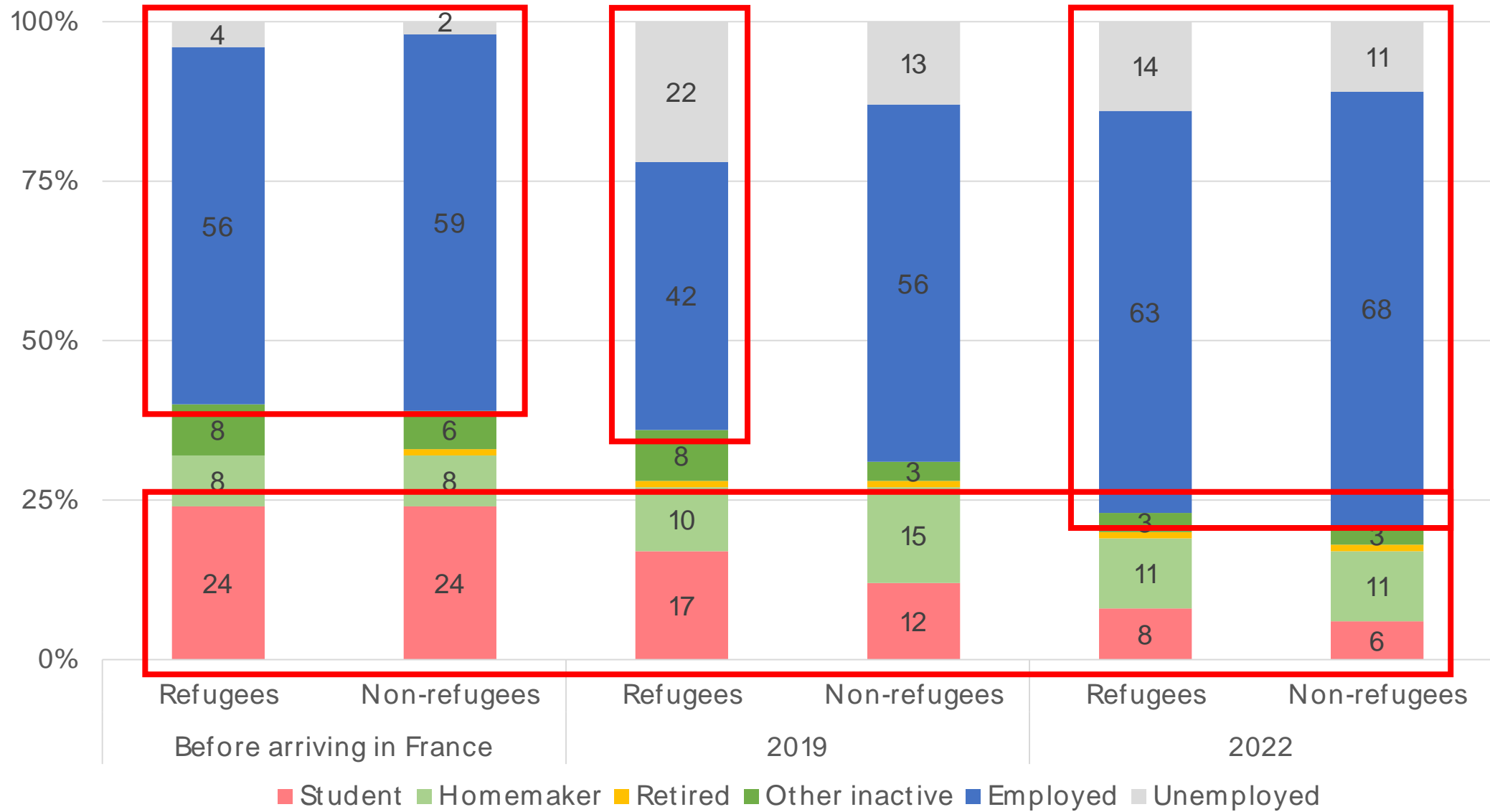
Objectives

-

Comparison between refugees and others

- **17 % of newcomers (excluding student residence permit) are refugees**
- **No existing source allow to analyse the integration pathway for refugees in France**
- **In contrast to non-refugees**
 - Significant disruption to their residential and professional situations
 - More precarious situations
 - Less likely to hold a management position or to become property owner

Activity of refugees and non-refugees



ELIPA

-

Longitudinal Survey of the Integration of legal Newcomers

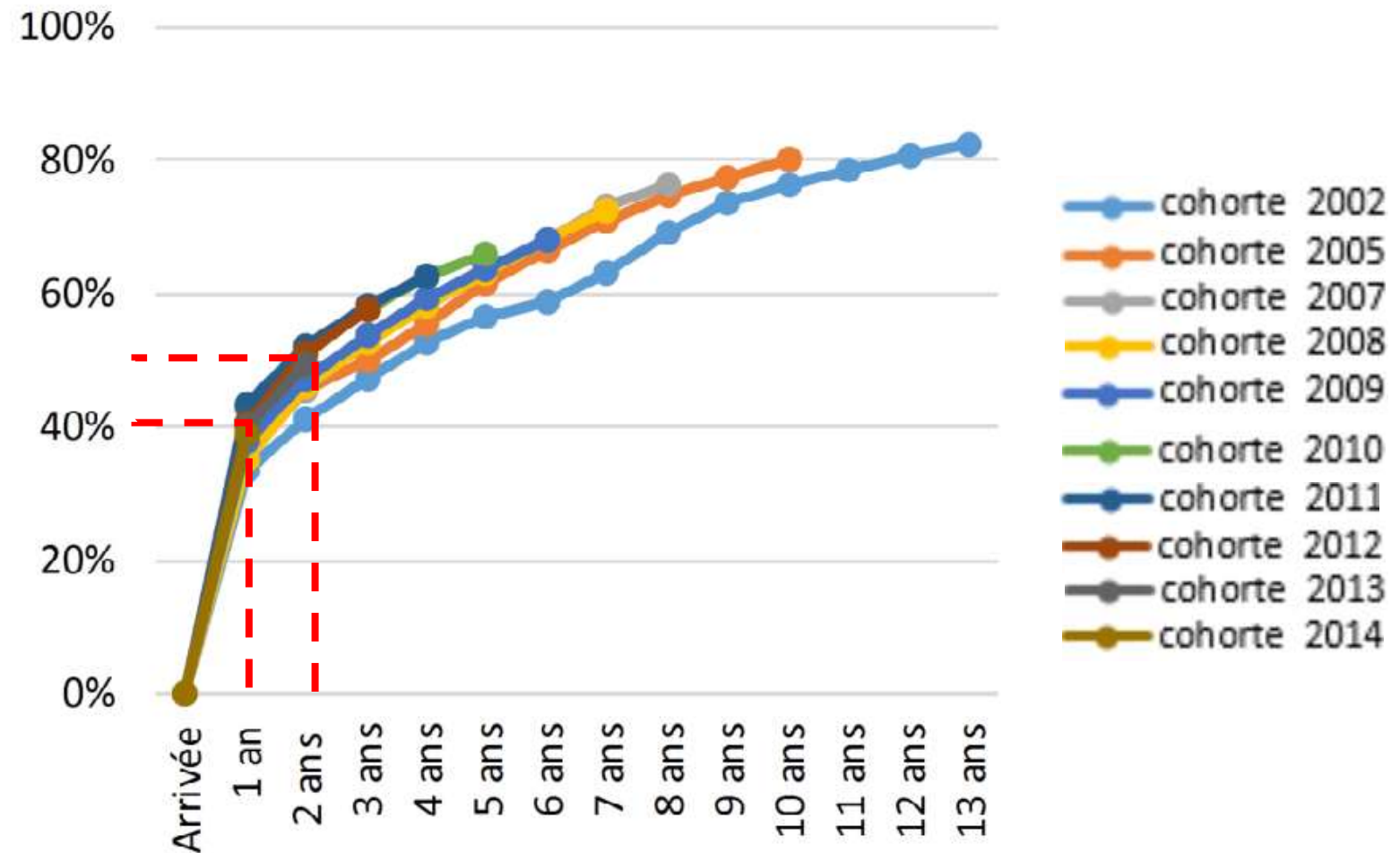
- **First edition in 2010**
 - Assess effects of the Reception and Integration Contract (CAI)
 - Follow up the integration pathway of newcomers : language, career, housing and social life
- **Needs of a new edition**
 - Historic rise in immigration following humanitarian crises since 2015
 - In 2016, the CAI became the CIR : Republican Integration Contract
- **End of 2016, design work started for ELIPA 2**

- **Students are excluded**

- 50 % of immigrant students left France 2 years after obtaining their residence permit

➤ **Others first residence permit of at least one year delivered in 2018**

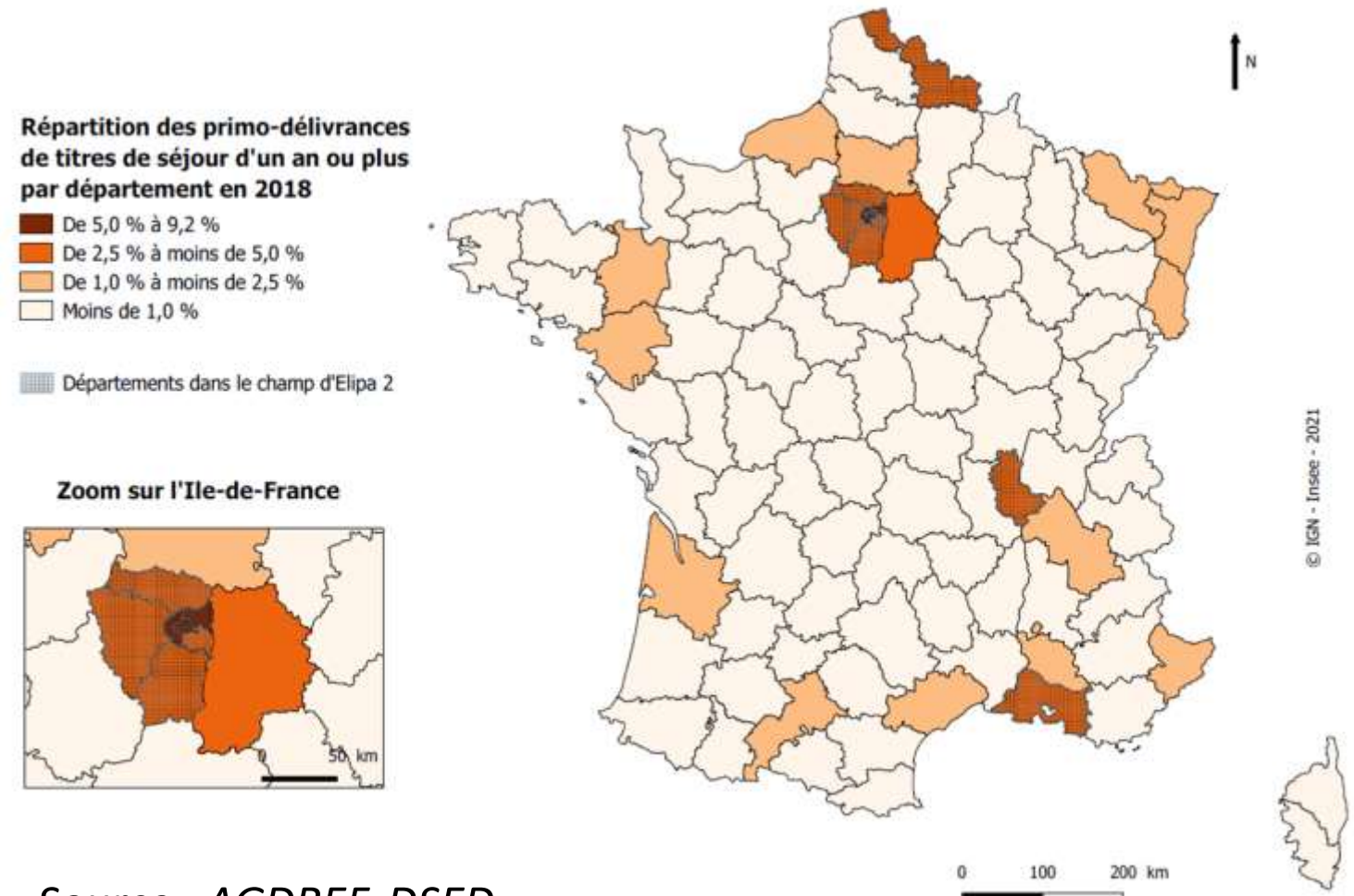
Part of immigrant students without residence permit



Source : AGDREF, DSED

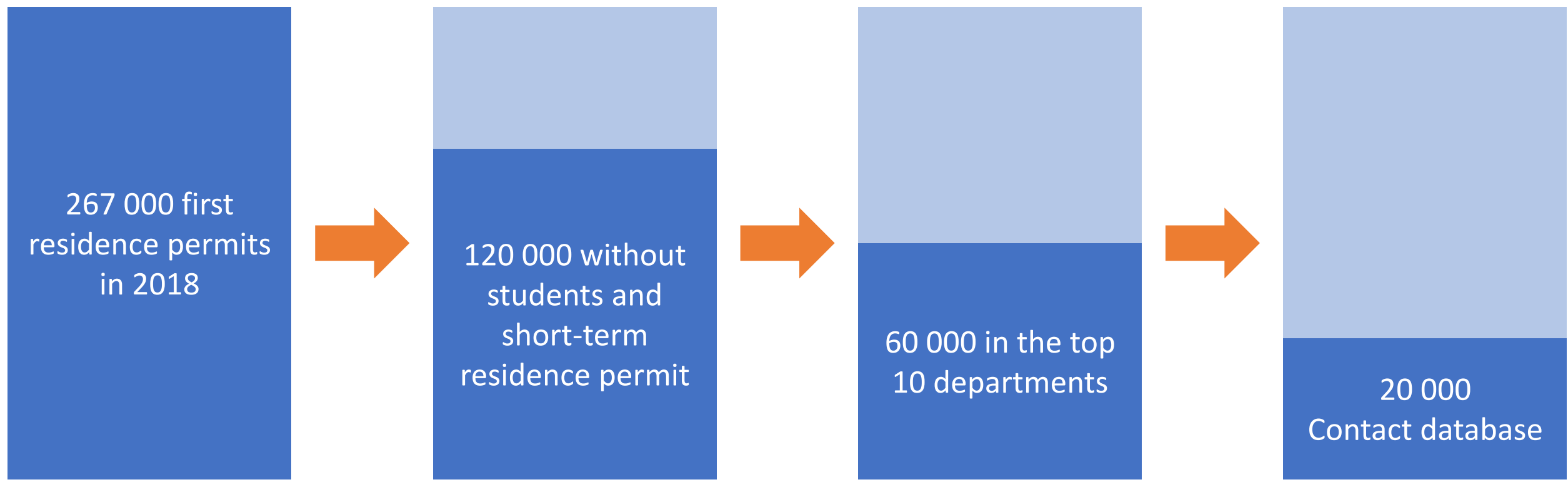
Distribution of first residence permit of at least one year in 2018 by department

- **50 % of newcomers are located in 10 departments**
 - All Île-de-France's departments (except for Seine-et-Marne)
 - Nord, Rhône, Bouches-du-Rhône



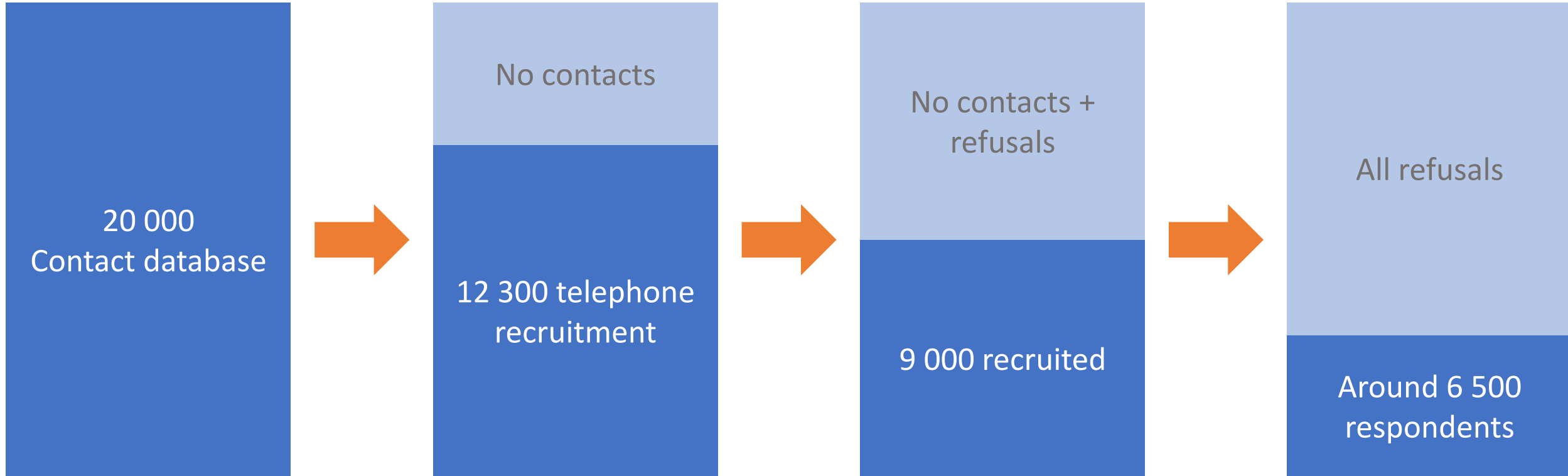
Source : AGDREF, DSED

Selection of the sample



Stratified sample by age, reasons for admission, Francophone nature.

Contact phases



- **Waves**
 - 2019 : 6 547 respondents (73 % response rate)
 - 2020 : 5 021 respondents (77 % response rate)
 - 2022 : 4 053 respondents (82 % response rate)
- **In person interviews : face-to-face Computer Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI)**

- 1/ Pre-recruitment interview : get approval from the respondent and offer the best possible choice for the interview language
- 2/ Let them choose the place and date of the interview
- 3/ Regularly update contact information
- 4/ Send to them the results of the survey : give concrete meaning to their participation

- Migratory journey and project
- Residence permit's procurement and renewal
- Level of French
- Housing
- Work situation
- Financial resources
- Family life
- Health
- Etc.

- **Publications**
 - Insee Références – March 2023
 - Review of publications – January 2024
- **Reference point**
 - AGIR : Global and Individualised Support of Refugees

The ELIPA 2 survey - The integration pathway for refugees in France

**Thank you
for your attention**

- **3,5 million EUR (collection of data)**
 - AMIF (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund) : 75 %
 - Ministry of the Interior and Overseas Territories : 25 %
- **Survey design and data analysis**
 - 3 full-time equivalent positions over 3 years

- **Legal definition of a newcomer**
 - Residence permit for at least one year
 - Exclude student residence permit
- **Differ from first-time holders of a residence permit**
- **Students amid newcomers**

- **Proposed to all newcomers but not mandatory**
 - Increase of the part of signatories amongst newcomers over the years (66 % of refugees in 2018, 80 % in 2023)
- **Contract between the State and the refugee**
 - The State : provides French language and civic training
 - The refugee : undertakes to take trainings, if required

- **Departments**
 - Officially representative of the top 10 departments
 - Statistics on the grounds of admission, nationalities and socio-demographic characteristics are similar at national level
- **Reweighting**
 - Stratified sample after getting contact information → too expensive
 - Targets numbers of respondents per stratum
 - Calibration on administrative data and previous wave
 - Work done to limit attrition rate between waves (priority respondent)

- **No multimode**
 - Field studies on refugees in France : reduction in response quality and selection bias (access to a telephone or the Internet)
 - High partial non-response rate

1. French
2. Arabic
3. English
4. Bengali
5. Mandarin
6. Spanish
7. Russian
8. Soninke
9. Turkish
10. Tamil

- **Scientific committee**
 - Directorate General for Foreign Nationals in France
 - State statistical services
 - Researchers
 - Associations

- **Not comparable : different scopes and methodologies**
 - Sweden
 - Germany
 - United Kingdom

- **Change in the refugee population with humanitarian crises**
 - Both populations are different
 - ELIPA 1 : only signatories of the CAI