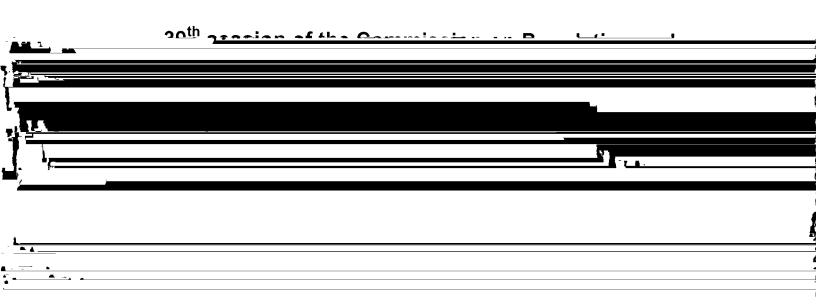


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year in the mid-1990s to approximately 10,000 per year today. The annual recognition rate of refugees is relatively stable at approximately 10%.

Moreover the skill level of immigrants to Switzerland has changed in the last years. Today, 50% of all newcomers are highly skilled migrants, mainly from developed countries but - to a lesser degree – also from developing countries. This shift is – inter alia – linked to the phasing out of the seasonal workers program which brought many low qualified migrants to Switzerland.

The integration of long term migrants in the Swiss society has proved to be successful. Many descendants of migrants are "over-performers" with high upward mobility. Spatial segregation of immigrants in the metropolitan areas of Switzerland

integration of certain migrant groups in the labour market. Switzerland has recently

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