TABLE 4. AFRICAN AND FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION IN SELECTED OECD COUNTRIES

Place of Birth						
Country of Residence	Born in Africa	Total Foreign-Born	All Countries of Birth	African-Born as % of Foreign-Born	African-Born as % of Total Population	Foreign-Born as % of Total Population
OECD - Total	6,677,536	67,883,912	783,682,530	9.84	0.85	8.66
France	2,745,341	5,600,198	48,068,377	49.02	5.71	11.65
United States	838,233	31,389,926	217,165,205	2.67	0.39	14.45
United Kingdom	762,575	4,503,466	47,684,484	16.93	1.60	9.44
Italy	407,470	2,020,934	48,892,559	20.16	0.83	4.13
Spain	372,120	1,914,920	34,848,140	19.43	1.07	5.50
Portugal	332,393	585,932	8,699,515	56.73	3.82	6.74
Canada	277,500	5,355,210	23,900,785	5.18	1.16	22.41
Belgium	232,434	1,019,302	8,491,529	22.80	2.74	12.00
Netherlands	215,958	1,419,946	12,733,410	15.21	1.70	11.15
Australia	166,094	3,860,215	14,856,774	4.30	1.12	25.98
Switzerland	61,628	1,454,185	6,043,350	4.24	1.02	24.06
Sweden	56,470	933,830	6,463,865	6.05	0.87	14.45
Greece	50,957	999,911	9,273,198	5.10	0.55	10.78
New Zealand	30,021	624,093	2,889,633	4.81	1.04	21.60
Norway	28,932	305,923	3,666,921	9.46	0.79	8.34
Denmark	26,026	319,301	4,358,618	8.15	0.60	7.33
Austria	22,397	923,692	6,679,444	2.42	0.34	13.83
Ireland	21,525	332,988	3,034,605	6.46	0.71	10.97
Finland	8,075	112,430	4,244,575	7.18	0.19	2.65
Luxembourg	5,326	129,761	356,342	4.10	1.49	36.41
Japan	5,069	1,142,367	108,224,783	0.44	0.00	1.06
Turkey	4,349	1,130,552	47,583,832	0.38	0.01	2.38
Poland	1,998	737,733	31,288,416	0.27	0.01	2.36
Czech Republic	1,787	436,966	8,571,715	0.41	0.02	5.10
Hungary	1,775	275,494	8,503,379	0.64	0.02	3.24
Mexico	809	241,462	62,842,638	0.34	0.00	0.38
Slovak Republic	274	113,175	4,316,438	0.24	0.01	2.62

Source: Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries (DIOC) http://stats.oecd.org

Data extracted on Oct. 13. 2010 from OECD Stats. The data comes from 2000 census or equivalent. Note that Germany is not included as census reports citizenship rather than place of birth.

tional statistics⁶, the African-born population had reached 1.05% in Norway and 1.23% in Sweden. It had increased from 0.19% to 0.33% in Finland over the decade, while in Denmark the percentage dropped slightly from 0.6% to 0.58%. Overall, in 2010, there were 215,000 African-born recorded in these four Nordic countries, for slightly less than 0.9% of the population.

The numbers for the Nordic countries reflect several factors with distinct effects. The region's countries are not traditional immigration countries (except from within the Nordic region), sharing neither colonial, linguistic, nor geographical closeness with Africa or other immigration regions. But all except Denmark rank high on the Migration Integration Policy Index rating policies towards immigrants (www.mipex.eu). Particularly relevant for immigration from Africa is a relatively open policy toward asylum-seekers. This accounts

^{6.} Available on-line at the relevant national statistics agencies: www.statistikbanken.dk, www. stat.fi, www.ssb.no, and www.scb.se.