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Visualising Immigration Patterns in the Netherlands

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1 Introduction

Recent elections in the western world have seen what can only be described as an anti-immigrant sentiment that is protruding its teeth at all who oppose it. Indeed, also in the Netherlands one can see the rise of parties that advertise a curbing of the migrant flow and rethinking our policies on asylum as well as visa restrictions. A disadvantage of relying on news media and political figures for accurate information is the lack of readily available sources on the matter at one's disposal. Think of when was the last time that you saw a newspaper article stating a claim, and then failing to provide any links to where those particular numbers came from. Thus is the motivation for this paper. In it, we will attempt to show how one can use publicly available data on immigration figures to visualise information in a user friendly tool, that allows for exploration and the gathering of your own insights with regards to the immigration debate.

2 Dataset Selection