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Introduction

This is the second quarterly release of detailed statistics on the progress of the EU Settlement Scheme.

The EU Settlement Scheme enables EU, EEA and Swiss citizens, and their family members, to obtain a UK immigration status which will enable them to remain lawfully resident in the UK after it leaves the EU. Further information about the EU Settlement Scheme can be found [here](#).

The scheme is a simple digital system which allows EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who are resident in the UK to obtain, free of charge, settled status or pre-settled status in the UK. Find out more about [what settled and pre-settled status means](#).

The EU Settlement Scheme launched fully on 30 March 2019, following the success of two private beta testing phases and public beta testing of the application process. During the testing phases (between 28 August 2018 and 29 March 2019) there were over 230,000 applications. A final report on [the public beta test phase](#) was published on 2 May 2019.

About this release

This publication takes an in-depth look at the total number of applications to the EU Settlement Scheme between 28 August 2018 and 30 September 2019, and their outcomes. This covers the period between the launch of the first private beta scheme to the end of Q3 2019.

This publication presents applications to the scheme and their outcomes by nationality, age, and geography (which includes constituent parts of the UK, region and local authority).

Detailed data tables on applications to the EU Settlement Scheme (and their outcomes), by nationality, age, UK country, region and local authority, for the period 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019, has been released alongside this report.

Related data

This quarterly publication complements high-level monthly statistical releases on the progress of the EU Settlement Scheme, which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics>.

The latest monthly release, [EU Settlement Statistics, September 2019](#), was published 09 October 2019 and covered data up to the end of September 2019. The monthly publications provide more timely updates on the high-level progress of the EU Settlement Scheme, whereas the quarterly release provides users with greater detail on the applications received, their outcomes and additional supporting data.

About the data

These statistics are released as Experimental Statistics, meaning they are going through development and evaluation. The Home Office is continuing to work to improve these statistics to ensure they meet the needs of users (see section 'Changes to this edition' below). Further details can be found in the UK Statistics Authority's [Guidance on Experimental Statistics](#).

The data in this report account for the number of *applications* to the system, including individuals making applications on more than one occasion. An individual who has been granted pre-settled status can make a new application at a later stage to apply for settled status. As these are separate applications with separate outcomes, they are counted separately in the statistics.

Totals published in the quarterly release may not necessarily match the totals in the monthly publications.

Figures in this publication refer specifically to applications made to the EU Settlement Scheme and cannot be directly compared with estimates of the resident population of EU/EEA nationals in the UK. Figures in this report include non-EEA family members, and eligible EEA citizens not resident in the UK. None of these are usually included in estimates of the resident EU population. Furthermore, the population estimates do not take account of people's migration intentions and will include people who have come to the UK for a range of purposes, including some who have no intention to settle in the UK.

Changes to this edition

The publication has been improved in several ways as a result of internal consultation and user feedback.

In the [quarterly statistics data tables](#):

- Table EUSS_03 has been split into five distinct tables (UK, ENG, NIR, SCO, WAL), which provides a more detailed nationality breakdown of EUSS applications for the UK and each of the UK countries.
- Table EUSS_04 has been updated to provide an age breakdown of EUSS applications for the UK and each of the UK countries. The lower age band has been adjusted from 'under 16' to 'under 18' and the middle age band as been adjusted from '16 to 64' to '18 to 64' to better align with standard classification of children and adults.

In the [local authority statistics data tables](#):

- Table EUSS_LA has been replaced by three more detailed local authority data tables, which provide breakdowns of applications and conclusions by nationality, age group (under 18, 18 to 64, 65+) and outcome for each local authority, in line with user feedback.

User Guide

The [User Guide to the Home Office 'EU Settlement Scheme statistics'](#) provides further details on this topic including, definitions used, data conventions, methods, data quality, and issues arising from figures based on data sourced from a live operational database.

Feedback

If you have any comments or suggestions for the development of this report, please provide feedback by emailing MigrationStatsEnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk. Please include the words 'EUSS PUBLICATION FEEDBACK' in the subject of your email.

1. Key points

- This report covers the period from 28 August 2018 up to 30 September 2019.

Applications received

- As of 30 September 2019, over 1.8 million (1,860,190) applications had been received, with 92% received in England, 5% in Scotland, 2% in Wales and 2% in Northern Ireland.
- Across all nationalities, the highest numbers of applications received were from Polish, Romanian and Italian nationals. Polish and Romanian nationals were consistently among the highest application numbers within each constituent country (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland).
- There were 255,000 applications received from children under 18, over 1.5 million applications from those aged 18 to 64 and 38,000 applications from those aged 65 and above (14%, 84% and 2% respectively). These proportions were broadly the same for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Applications concluded

- Over 1.5 million (1,524,510) applications had been concluded up to 30 September 2019.
- Of the concluded outcomes, 61% (929,580) were granted settled status, 38% (586,710) were granted pre-settled status and 1% had other outcomes (including 7,960 withdrawn or void applications, 260 invalid applications and two applications refused on suitability grounds).
- Concluded outcomes granted settled status were higher for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (65%, 67%, 69% respectively), compared to England (61%).

2. Applications to the EU Settlement Scheme

The total number of applications received up to 30 September 2019 was 1,860,190.

2.1. Applications from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Most applications were received from England (1,705,120; 92%) with an additional 92,770 from Scotland (5%), 29,290 from Wales (2%) and 28,750 from Northern Ireland (2%).

2.2. Applications by nationality

In total, there were 1,759,420 applications received from EU nationals, 11,670 received from other EEA and Swiss nationals and 88,440 received from eligible non-EEA nationals. The nationalities with the highest number of applications received were:

- Polish (347,300)
- Romanian (280,610)
- Italian (200,750)
- Portuguese (162,530)
- Spanish (115,680)

The top five nationalities combined represent 3 of every 5 (60%) applications received.

Applications were received from all constituent countries of the UK: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, with Poland and Romania featuring in the top 5 nationalities for each country (see Table 1).

Table 1 - EU Settlement Scheme: top five nationalities by applications received and UK country, 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019

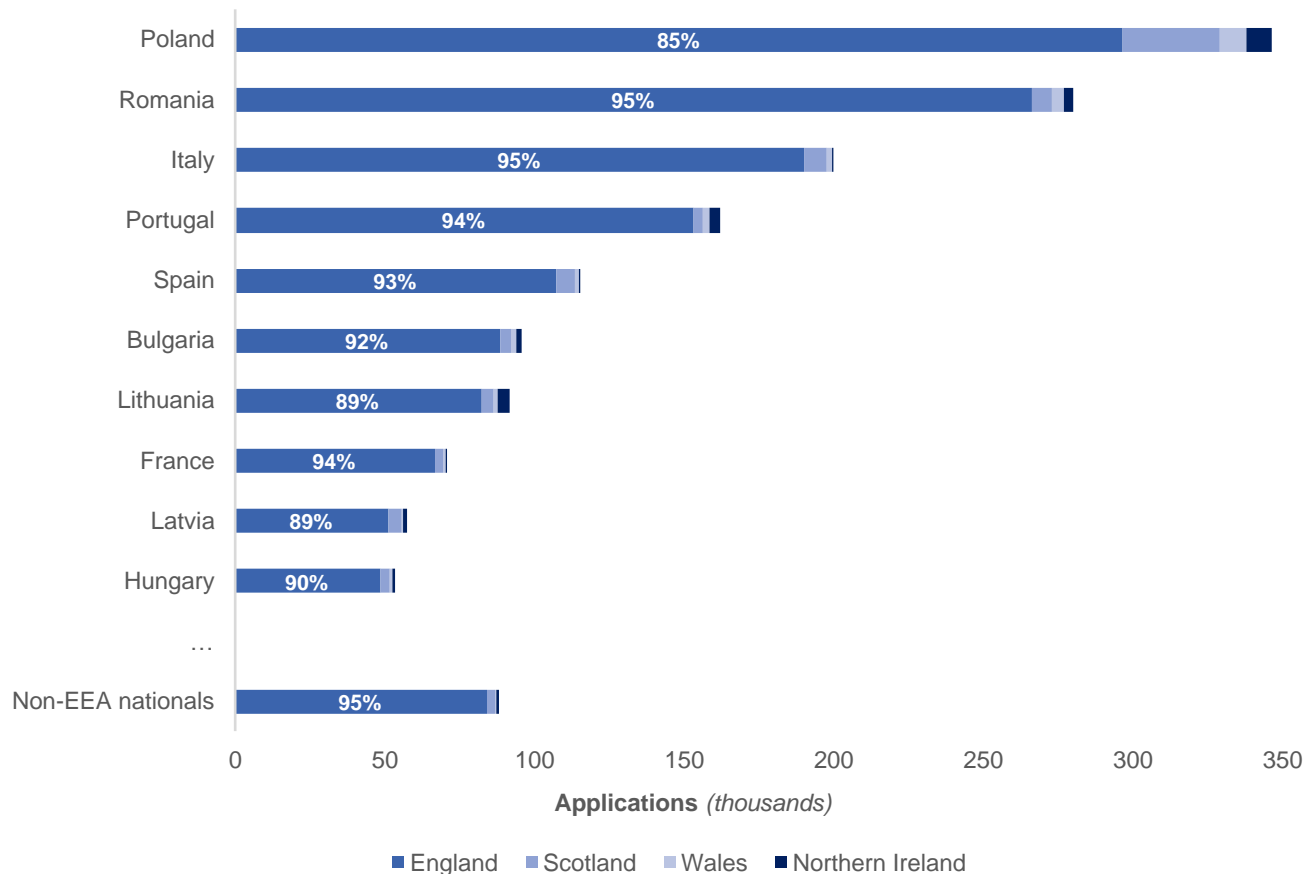
England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Poland	Poland	Poland	Poland
Romania	Italy	Romania	Lithuania
Italy	Romania	Portugal	Portugal
Portugal	Spain	Italy	Romania
Spain	Latvia	Bulgaria	Bulgaria

Source: Table EUSS_01, [EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics tables](#)

As can be seen in Figure 1 on the next page, Polish nationals had a lower proportion of applicants applying from England (85%) than the average across all nationalities (92%). Scotland had nearly double the average uptake for Polish nationals (9%) compared to the average of 5% across all nationalities in Scotland.

The remaining top five nationalities: Romania (95%), Italy (95%), Portugal (94%) and Spain (93%) had a greater number of applicants applying from England than average. Non-EEA nationals also had a higher than average proportion (95%) of applicants applying from England.

Figure 1 - EU Settlement Scheme: number and proportion of applications by nationality and UK country, 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019 - top 10 nationalities (and non-EEA nationals) by number of applications



Source: Table EUSS_01, [EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics tables](#)

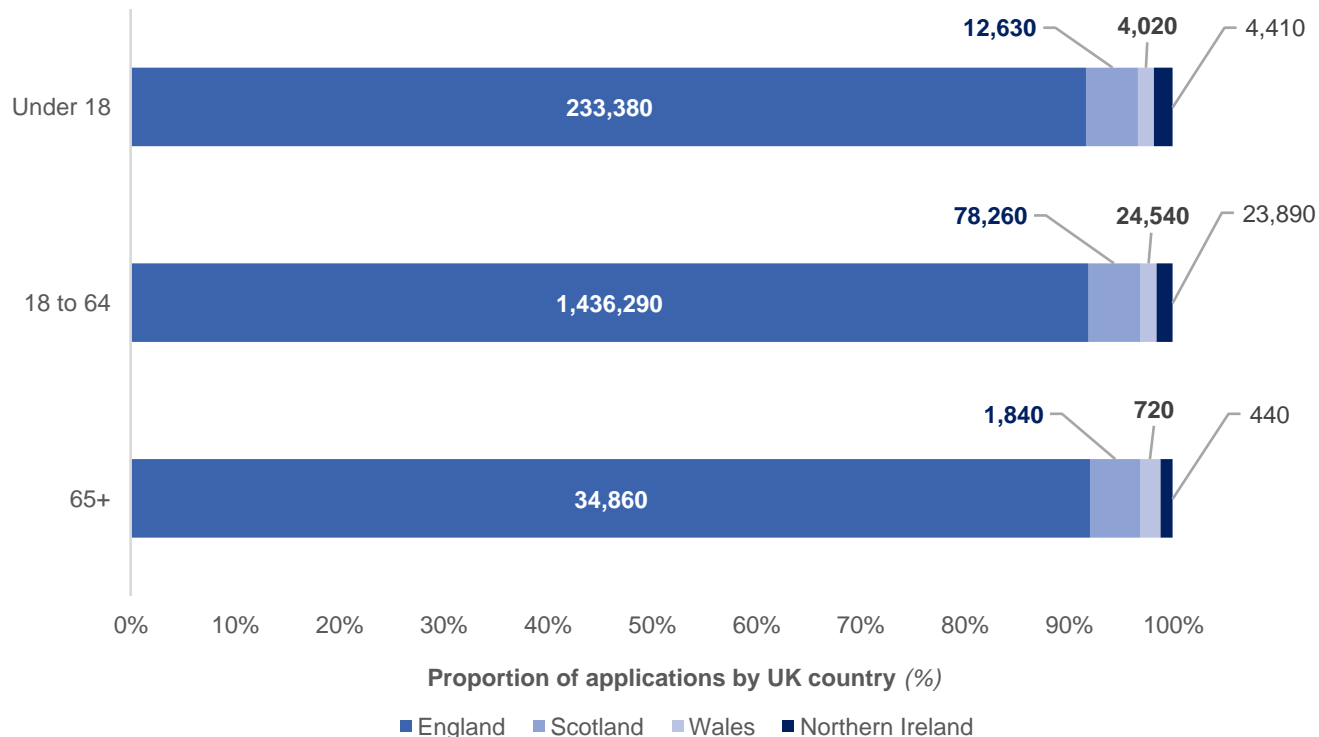
2.3. Applications by age group

Of the 1,860,190 applications received:

- 254,810 (14%) were made from applicants under 18 years of age.
- 1,566,810 (84%) were made from applicants aged between 18 and 64.
- 37,910 (2%) were made from applicants aged 65 and over.

The proportion of applicants in each age group was broadly the same across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Figure 2 - EU Settlement Scheme: proportion and number of applications by age group by UK country, 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019



Source: Table EUSS_02, [EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics tables](#)

3. Concluded applications to the EU Settlement Scheme

The number of concluded applications up to 30 September 2019 was 1,524,510. Of these, 61% (929,580) were granted settled status and 38% (586,710) were granted pre-settled status. There were 7,960 withdrawn or void applications and 260 invalid applications in the same period, representing 0.5% of all outcomes. Two applications were refused on suitability grounds in this period.

3.1. Concluded applications by nationality

There were 1,455,300 concluded applications from EU nationals, 9,420 from other EEA and Swiss nationals, and 59,210 from eligible non-EEA nationals. Similar to the number of applications received, the nationalities with the highest number of concluded applications were:

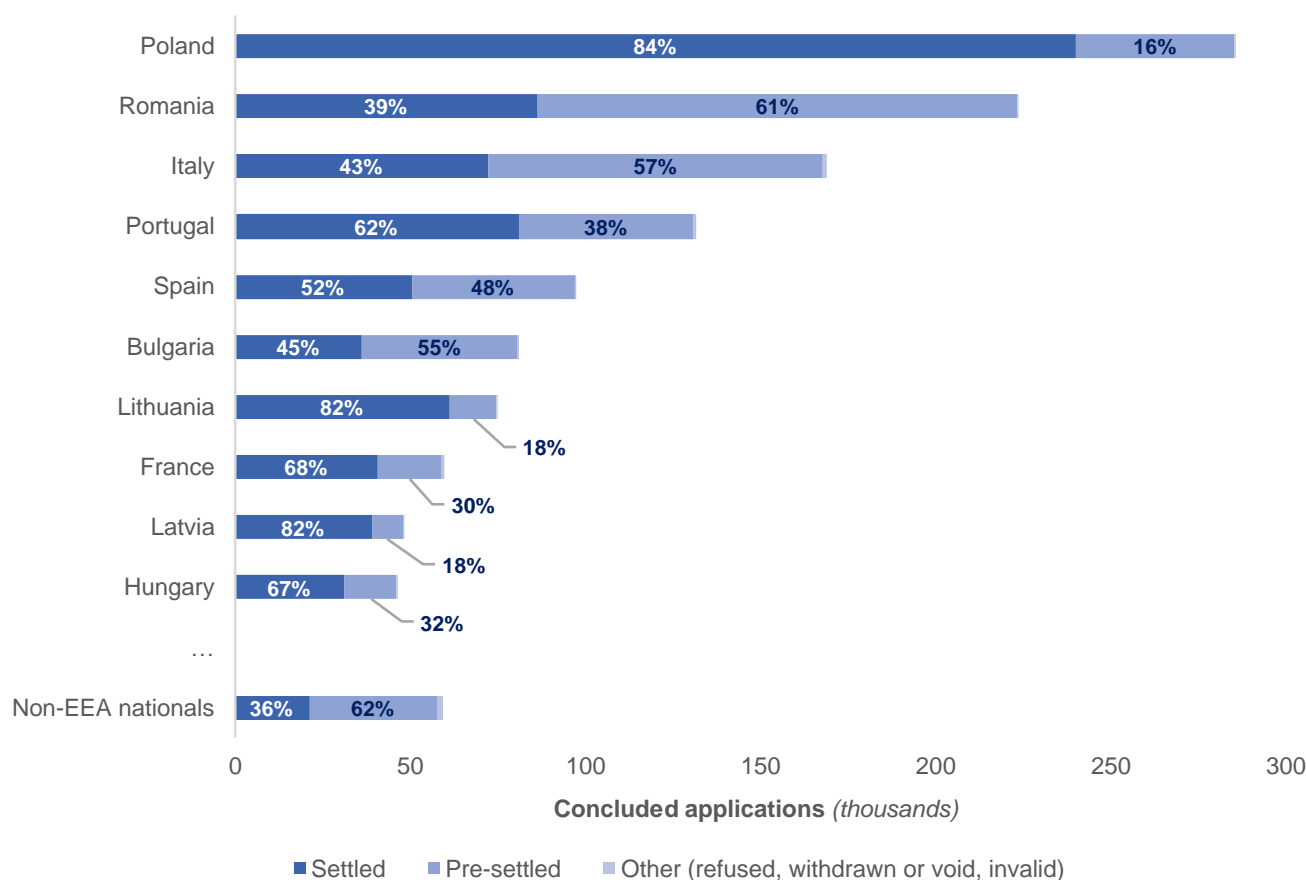
- Polish (286,000)
- Romanian (224,030)
- Italian (168,880)
- Portuguese (131,590)
- Spanish (97,290)

The top five nationalities combined represent 3 of every 5 (60%) applications concluded.

The proportion of settled outcomes differs among the top 10 nationalities, with Polish nationals having the highest proportion of settled outcomes (84%), compared to Romanian nationals with the lowest proportion (39%).

Eligible non-EEA nationals had a greater proportion of pre-settled outcomes (62%) than settled outcomes (36%).

Figure 3 - EU Settlement Scheme: number and proportion of concluded applications by nationality and outcome, 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019 - top 10 nationalities (and non-EEA nationals) by number of concluded applications

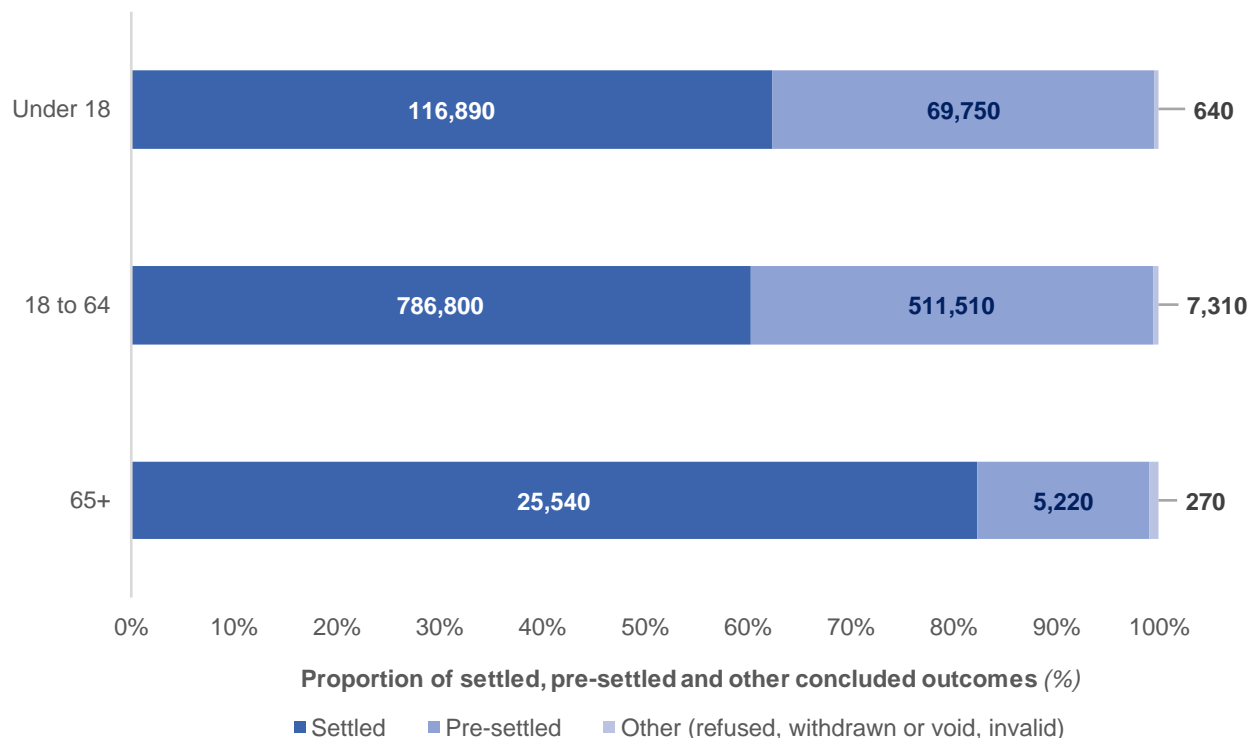


Source: Table EUSS_03_UK, [EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics tables](#)

3.2. Concluded applications by age group

There were 1,524,510 concluded applications from persons between 18 to 64 years of age, 187,280 from children under 18, and 31,030 from individuals aged 65 and over. Of the concluded applications made by those aged 65 and over, the majority (82%) resulted in a settled outcome, higher than the average for all other age groups (61%).

Figure 4 - EU Settlement Scheme: proportion and number of concluded applications by age group and outcome, 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019



Source: Table EUSS_04, [EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics tables](#)

3.3. Concluded applications by UK country

Most concluded applications were received from England (1,397,980; 92%), with an additional 77,540 from Scotland (5%), 23,810 from Wales (2%) and 22,400 from Northern Ireland (1%).

England was the source of the greatest number of applications, so the proportion of applications receiving settled status (61%) or pre-settled status (38%) across the whole UK is similar to the figures for England alone (61% and 39% respectively).

Compared to England, applications received in Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland were more likely to be granted settled status (69%, 67% and 65%, respectively).

4. Applications to the EU Settlement Scheme by local authority

Applications to the EU Settlement Scheme were made from all 382 UK local authorities.¹ Newham saw the highest number of applications to the scheme (45,570). Seven of the top 10 local authorities, with the highest number of applications to the scheme, are in London.

Table 2 - EU Settlement Scheme: top 10 local authorities by applications received, 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019

Local Authority	UK Region	Applications
Newham	London	45,570
Brent	London	42,370
Birmingham	West Midlands	39,630
Ealing	London	37,690
Leicester	East Midlands	30,380
Haringey	London	30,270
Hounslow	London	29,220
Barnet	London	28,950
Manchester	North West	28,510
Tower Hamlets	London	26,780

Source: Table EUSS_LA_01, [EU Settlement Scheme local authority tables](#)

¹ <http://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk/datasets/local-authority-districts-april-2019-names-and-codes-in-the-united-kingdom>

About these statistics

This is the second quarterly statistical publication on the progress of the EU Settlement Scheme. The Home Office plans to publish quarterly statistical updates, which are designed to complement higher-level monthly data published on the EU Settlement Scheme. If, as a user, you have any comments on this report please email MigrationStatsEnquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk.

The findings presented here are based on data collected from Home Office administrative systems. These systems hold records of individual applications that have been received to the EU Settlement Scheme and their outcomes (settled or pre-settled status, and other outcomes). As these are sourced from live operational systems, numbers may change and may not precisely reflect other published statistics produced at a different point in time. The majority of applicants to the scheme are EEA nationals, however non-EEA nationals are [eligible to apply in some cases](#). Non-EEA nationals who have submitted an application to the scheme, are included in these statistics.

The [User Guide to the Home Office 'EU Settlement Scheme statistics'](#) provides further details on this topic including, definitions used, data conventions, methods, data quality, and further considerations arising from figures based on data sourced from a live operational database.

Other related data

The Home Office publishes high-level progress information on the EU Settlement Scheme through monthly Experimental Statistics, available from the [EU Settlement Scheme Statistics](#) collection on GOV.UK.

Key findings of the earlier test phases of the EU Settlement Scheme can be found on GOV.UK at [EU Settlement Scheme private beta 1](#), [EU Settlement Scheme private beta 2](#) and [EU Settlement Scheme public beta testing phase report](#).

The EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) Family Permit facilitates entry into the UK of an eligible non-EEA citizen family member, in order to join or accompany, an EEA or Swiss citizen who has been granted settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. Data on EUSS Family Permits are published as part of the quarterly Home Office ["Immigration Statistics"](#), and are covered in the chapter ["Why do people come to the UK? For family reasons"](#). The next quarterly Immigration Statistics report will be published on 28 November 2019.

Data tables

Further data on the EU Settlement Scheme for the period 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019, are available in:

- EUSS_01 to EUSS_05, [EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics tables](#)
- EUSS_LA_01 to EUSS_LA_03, [EU Settlement Scheme local authority statistics](#)

Upcoming publications

The next quarterly EU Settlement Scheme release is due for publication in February 2020.

The October and November editions of the monthly EU Settlement Scheme statistics have been pre-announced and will be published on 14 November 2019 and 17 December 2019, respectively.

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