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Experimental Statistics

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About the EU Settlement Scheme

The EU Settlement Scheme makes it easy for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their families to obtain a UK immigration status for when the UK 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 on 30 March 2019, following the success of two private beta testing phases^{1,2} and public beta testing of the application process. During the testing phases (between 28 August 2018 to 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 the data

This is the seventh monthly statistical release of high-level information on the EU Settlement Scheme, up to 31 October 2019.

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. Further details can be found in the UK Statistics Authority's [Guidance on Experimental Statistics](#).

The information presented in this report refers to data collected in the month of October (01 October 2019 to 31 October 2019) and 'total' numbers since testing of the scheme began (from 28 August 2018 to 31 October 2019).

A more detailed quarterly statistical report on the EU Settlement Scheme was published on 07 November 2019, covering the period between 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2019, available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-september-2019>. The next detailed quarterly statistical report will be published in February 2020.

The figures quoted in this report have been derived from live management information systems and are provisional and subject to change. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 100 throughout the report. Percentages in this report may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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, Irish nationals, and eligible EEA citizens not resident in the UK, none of whom are usually included in estimates of the resident EU population. Furthermore, the population estimates

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-private-beta-1>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-private-beta-2>

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.

Data tables

Further data on the EU Settlement Scheme can be found in the following tables:

- [EU Settlement Scheme Statistics \(tables 1, 2, 3 and 4\)](#)

User guide

The [User guide to the Home Office 'EU Settlement Scheme monthly and quarterly statistics'](#) contains explanatory notes on the issues and classifications that are central to the production and presentation of the Home Office's EU Settlement Scheme statistics.

Key points

Number of applications received

More than half a million applications were received in the month of October 2019 (590,300).

Overall, the total number of applications received up to 31 October 2019 was more than 2.4 million (**2,450,500**).

Number of applications concluded

Concluded applications may relate to an application made in a prior month, and applications received in the latest month may not be concluded until a later month. Therefore, applications concluded are not directly comparable with applications received for the same period.

The number of applications concluded in October 2019 was 400,900. Of these, 55% were granted settled status and 44% were granted pre-settled status³. Two applications were refused on suitability grounds during the period from 01 October to 31 October 2019.

Overall, the total number of applications that have been concluded, as of 31 October 2019, was more than 1.9 million (**1,925,300**). Of these, 60% were granted settled status, 40% were granted pre-settled status, and four applications were refused on suitability grounds.

Number of applications received in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Applications have been received from across all constituent parts of the United Kingdom (see Table 3).

In total, as of 31 October 2019, the majority of applications were received from England (2,244,500), with an additional 120,400 from Scotland, 39,000 from Wales and 38,800 from Northern Ireland.

Number of applications received by nationality

Applications have been received from citizens of all EEA countries and Switzerland (see Table 4).

In total, as of 31 October 2019, Polish (456,600), Romanian (388,600) and Italian (259,300) nationals submitted the highest number of applications. Approximately 115,500 applications were also received from eligible non-EEA nationals⁴.

³ Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding and a small number of 'Other outcomes' (see data table notes).

⁴ The EU Settlement Scheme allows those currently resident in the UK under EU law to obtain a status under the UK's Immigration Rules. As such it is open to all those currently here under EU law, which includes the non-EEA family members of EEA and Swiss citizens [see <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/not-EU-EEA-Swiss-citizen> for further information]

Data tables

Data referred to in this report can be found in the tables below. Data table notes:

1. Figures in these tables have been derived from live management information systems and are provisional and subject to change.
2. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100, therefore table breakdowns may not match overall totals.
3. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
4. 'Total' includes data since testing of the scheme began on 28 August 2018 through to 31 October 2019.
5. 'Other outcomes' includes any outcome that did not result in a grant of leave because the application was withdrawn or void (including where the applicant was ineligible to apply, for example, because they were a British citizen), was invalid as it did not include the required proof of identity and nationality or other mandatory information, or was refused on eligibility or suitability grounds (see the [user guide](#) for more detail).
6. Total applications received by constituent parts of the United Kingdom include small numbers of records (0.3%) where locational data is not currently in an analysable form from live systems.
7. Applications received by nationality exclude small numbers of records (<0.1%), in which nationality is not currently in an analysable form from live systems.
8. EEA EFTA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) plus Swiss nationals were able to apply from 30 March 2019, when the scheme fully launched.
9. The EU Settlement Scheme allows those currently resident in the UK under EU law to obtain a status under the UK's Immigration Rules. As such it is open to all those currently here under EU law, which includes the non-EEA family members of EEA and Swiss citizens.
10. As of 31 October 2019, four applications have been refused on suitability grounds. Of these, two applications were refused in October 2019, one in September 2019 and one in August 2019.

Table 1: EU Settlement Scheme – applications received^{1,2}

	Total ⁴	of which: October 2019
Applications received	2,450,500	590,300

Table 2: EU Settlement Scheme – applications concluded^{1,2,3}

	Total ⁴	of which: October 2019
Applications concluded	1,925,300	400,900
Settled	60%	55%
Pre-settled	40%	44%
Other outcomes ^{5,10}	0.6%	0.9%

Table 3: EU Settlement Scheme – applications received in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland^{1,2,6}

Country	Total ⁴	of which: October 2019
England	2,244,500	540,400
Scotland	120,400	27,700
Wales	39,000	9,700
Northern Ireland	38,800	10,100

Table 4: EU Settlement Scheme – applications received by nationality^{1,2,7}

Nationality	Total⁴	of which: October 2019
EU27	2,318,000	558,600
Poland	456,600	109,300
Romania	388,600	108,000
Italy	259,300	58,500
Portugal	209,900	47,300
Spain	152,600	36,900
Lithuania	124,800	32,700
Bulgaria	123,000	27,000
France	91,900	21,100
Latvia	76,100	18,500
Hungary	71,600	17,900
Germany	66,900	13,400
Netherlands	61,300	11,400
Greece	54,100	13,100
Slovakia	50,100	14,500
Czech Republic	29,300	7,100
Sweden	23,500	5,100
Belgium	16,700	3,300
Denmark	11,900	2,300
Austria	11,400	2,000
Cyprus	8,400	2,400
Finland	8,400	1,600
Estonia	6,700	1,400
Croatia	4,700	1,200
Ireland	3,700	900
Malta	3,600	900
Slovenia	2,300	500
Luxembourg	600	200
EEA EFTA & Swiss nationalities⁸	16,000	4,300
Norway	9,000	2,300
Switzerland	5,900	1,700
Iceland	1,000	300
Liechtenstein	<50	<50
Non-EEA nationalities⁹	115,500	27,100

The next monthly statistical release will be published on 17 December 2019, covering the period to end November 2019.

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