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EU Settlement Scheme Statistics, December 2019

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 ninth monthly statistical release of high-level information on the EU Settlement Scheme, up to 31 December 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 December (01 December 2019 to 31 December 2019) and 'total' numbers since testing of the scheme began (from 28 August 2018 to 31 December 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 06 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.³ Figures in this report include non-EEA family members, Irish

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>

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/ukpopulationbycountryofbirthandnationality/latest#strengths-and-limitations>

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 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 [Home Office EU Settlement Scheme statistics: user guide](#) 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

The number of applications received in December 2019 was 163,300.

Overall, the total number of applications received up to 31 December 2019 was more than 2.7 million (**2,756,100**).

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 December 2019 was 219,200. Of these, 55% were granted settled status and 44% were granted pre-settled status⁴. One application was refused on suitability grounds during the period from 01 December to 31 December 2019.

Overall, the total number of applications that have been concluded, as of 31 December 2019, was 2.45 million (**2,450,100**). Of these, 58% were granted settled status, 41% were granted pre-settled status, and six 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 December 2019, the majority of applications were received from England (2,521,800), with an additional 135,800 from Scotland, 44,700 from Northern Ireland and 44,100 from Wales.

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 December 2019, Polish (512,300), Romanian (435,700) and Italian (291,000) nationals submitted the highest number of applications. Approximately 138,300 applications were also received from eligible non-EEA nationals⁵.

⁴ Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding and a small number of 'Other outcomes' (see data table notes).

⁵ 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 December 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 (0.4%) 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 December 2019, six applications have been refused on suitability grounds. Of these, one application was refused in December 2019, the other five between August 2019 and November 2019.

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

	Total ⁴	of which: December 2019
Applications received	2,756,100	163,300

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

	Total ⁴	of which: December 2019
Applications concluded	2,450,100	219,200
Settled	58%	55%
Pre-settled	41%	44%
Other outcomes ^{5,10}	0.7%	0.7%

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

Country	Total ⁴	of which: December 2019
England	2,521,800	148,500
Scotland	135,800	7,900
Northern Ireland	44,700	2,700
Wales	44,100	2,600

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

Nationality	Total⁴	of which: December 2019
EU27	2,597,300	150,200
Poland	512,300	28,600
Romania	435,700	24,700
Italy	291,000	18,400
Portugal	231,100	10,700
Spain	171,300	10,200
Lithuania	139,400	7,600
Bulgaria	139,000	9,500
France	104,300	6,800
Latvia	82,700	3,200
Hungary	79,400	4,100
Germany	75,500	4,800
Netherlands	69,100	4,400
Greece	61,200	4,100
Slovakia	57,100	3,700
Czech Republic	33,000	2,000
Sweden	27,100	2,000
Belgium	18,900	1,100
Denmark	13,300	800
Austria	12,600	700
Cyprus	9,700	800
Finland	9,300	500
Estonia	7,500	400
Croatia	5,300	300
Ireland	4,400	400
Malta	4,000	200
Slovenia	2,500	200
Luxembourg	700	<50
EEA EFTA & Swiss nationalities⁸	18,900	1,600
Norway	10,700	1,000
Switzerland	7,100	600
Iceland	1,100	100
Liechtenstein	<50	<50
Non-EEA nationalities⁹	138,300	11,500

The next monthly statistical release will be published on 13 February 2020, covering the period to end January 2020.

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