

Only 2 in 10,000 Brits chose EU citizenship in Brexit year of 2020, says EU

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Out of over 729,000 new EU citizens in 2020, only 2% were British

In the UK 99.98% of British people were happy to stay British

Latest official EU figures for 2020: Out of a total UK population of 67,081,000, only 15,954 British citizens (0.02%) decided to opt for citizenship of an EU27 country. This represents only 2 out of every 10,000 Brits.

Helpful note

To avoid any confusion in similar sounding numbers below:-

- Only 0.02% of the British population in 2020 chose to become EU citizens
- Only 2% of the EU population has British nationality

More than four times as many Moroccans than British people applied for and received EU27 citizenship in the same year. And Morocco's population is almost half that of the UK.

Facts4EU.Org has analysed the latest figures from the EU's official statistics agency, in the light of the claims from the Remain campaign that large numbers of British citizens would reject the UK if the majority voted for Brexit. The results of our analysis put the Remainers' claims into context and show the true figures. All data comes from the EU itself.

Summary

Recipients of an EU27 citizenship in 2020 – the year of Brexit

- Only 2 in every 10,000 British citizens (0.02%) opted for citizenship of an EU27 country
- In total only 15,954 Brits became citizens of the European Union

New EU27 citizenships in the Brexit year of 2020

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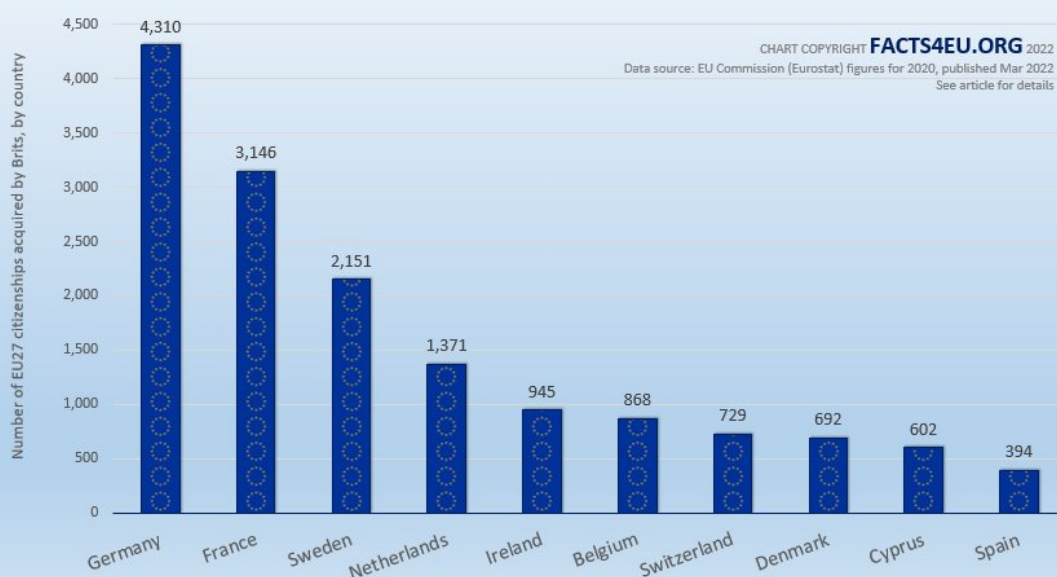


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- In total, EU27 member countries granted citizenship to 729,013 people from all countries
- British people comprised just 2% of these
- The remainder were mostly Moroccans, Syrians, Albanians, Brazilians, Turkish, Ukrainians, and Indians

**Here is where the Brits chose their new citizenship
(Top 10 choices)**

Where the small number of departing Brits chose their new citizenship in the Brexit year 2020



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