

EU migrants: 6.9m applications to settle in Brexit Britain

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The Top 20 EU nationalities from the latest official Home Office figures

We analyse the official numbers of EU migrants and why they came

A four-part CIBUK.Org and Facts4EU.Org investigation into

who came to the UK legally from the EU – and why

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It is a simple fact that the Government doesn't know how many EU citizens are living and working in the United Kingdom. For decades EU citizens could come and go as they pleased, uncounted. Now however, with the UK having left the EU, the Home Office has some data thanks to the Brexit requirement for EU citizens to register for what is known as 'Settlement'.

On 24 November the Home Office published its latest data on all applications by EU citizens for the right to settle (and work and claim benefits) in the UK. Naturally this does not include those who have not registered and are working in the black economy.

The truth about the EU's 'Freedom of Movement' and what it meant to the British people

In this four-part series, Facts4EU.Org unravels the facts for readers. How many EU migrants came and from which countries? How much better were the wages in the UK than back home? And how much better were the job prospects? And finally we ask how it's possible that half a million more have applied this year.

Part One – Where did the 6.9 million legal EU migrants to the UK come from?

Facts4EU.Org has analysed the latest data from the Home Office regarding what is called "the EU Settlement Scheme". This is the formal scheme for registering all EU migrants who arrived before the UK formerly left the European Union and who therefore have residency rights under the Withdrawal Agreement

(WA).

It is important to note that those entitled under the EU's WA also included citizens of countries outside the EU but inside EFTA and the EEA. In addition there were non-EU and non-EEA citizens who were family members of EU27, EFTA and EEA citizens, or who otherwise had the right to reside in the EU.

Summary

Migrants to the UK under the EU's Withdrawal Agreement

1. Total applications under the EU Settlement Scheme as at 30 Sept 2022

- **Total : 6,874,700**
- Of these, **6,036,440 have so far been accepted**

Of the 6,874,700 total applications:-

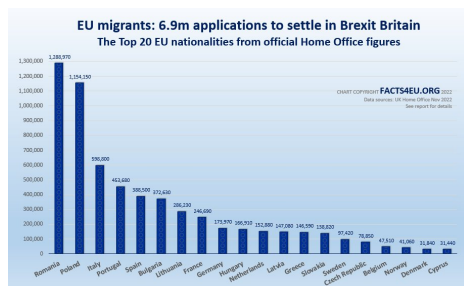
- Total EU27 : 6,274,550
- Total Non-EEA : 532,810 (typically family members)
- Total EEA EFTA and Swiss : 66,800

[Source : The UK Home Office, latest EUSS data released 24 Nov 2022. Just over 6m applications have been granted so far.]

2. The Top 20 countries from which the UK had to accept residency applications

1. Romania : 1,288,970
2. Poland : 1,154,150
3. Italy : 598,800
4. Portugal : 453,680
5. Spain : 388,500

6. Bulgaria : 372,630
7. Lithuania : 286,230
8. France : 246,690
9. Germany : 173,970
10. Hungary : 166,910
11. Netherlands : 152,880
12. Latvia : 147,080
13. Greece : 146,590
14. Slovakia : 138,820
15. Sweden : 97,420
16. Czech Republic : 78,850
17. Belgium : 47,510
18. Norway : 41,060
19. Denmark : 31,840
20. Cyprus : 31,440



[Source : The UK Home Office, latest EUSS data released 24 Nov 2022.]

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The number of applications continues to rise, even now

The UK Government has extended the deadline for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme so many times we have lost count. Even today they are dealing with new applications. In the

month of September 2022 alone these amounted to 64,720. We will bring you all the facts in Part Four of this special report into EU immigration into the UK.

How much more could they earn in the UK than in their EU country of origin?

In Part Two of this report we will look at the financial draw for the migrants who have been given residency under the EU's Withdrawal Agreement. Please come back tomorrow to read this.

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