

EU Settlement Scheme

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This bulletin presents the number of people from the EU, EEA countries or Switzerland who have applied for settlement status in Kent and Medway following Brexit. National and regional figures are presented for comparison.

- Between 28 August 2018 and 30 June 2021 Kent has seen 105,410 applications for EU Settlement Status (21,090 in Medway).
- Maidstone district has seen the highest number of applications (17,900).
- The largest proportion of applications in Kent (36.7%) were made by people who originated from an A8 country (one of the 8 countries that joined the EU in May 2004).
- A fifth of all applicants in Kent and Medway originated from Romania (20.6%).
- 55.9% of applications in Kent have been awarded settled status (56.5% in Medway) above the national average of 52.8%.
- Dover has the highest proportion of applicants that have been awarded settled status (70.3%).

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Introduction

The European Union Settlement Scheme is a scheme launched in 2019 by the Home Office to process the registration of EU citizens resident in the United Kingdom prior to its departure from the European Union. This applies to people originating from European Economic Area (EEA) member states and eligible family members. Eligible family members may include someone who comes from a non-EEA country.

People from the EU, the European Economic Area (EEA: made up of the 27 European Union member states plus Iceland, Liechtenstein & Norway) or Switzerland already living and/or working in the UK who wished to remain in the UK after it withdrew from Europe needed to make an EU settlement application before 30 June 2021.

Depending on how long they have been resident in the UK they may get either settled or pre-settled status.

Settled status may be awarded if a person has started living in the UK by 31 December 2020 and have lived in the UK for a continuous 5-year period (known as 'continuous residence'). Five years' continuous residence means that for 5 years in a row they have been in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for at least 6 months in any 12 month period.

A person can stay in the UK as long as they like if they get settled status and may also be able to apply for British citizenship if they are eligible.

Pre-settled status may be awarded if a person has started living in the UK by 31 December 2020 but does not have 5 years' continuous residence when they apply. This allows the person to remain in the UK a further 5 years.

A person awarded pre-settled status may apply to change this to settled status once they have 5 years' continuous residence, but this must be done before their pre-settled status expires.

With settled and pre-settled status a person has the right to work in the UK, use the NHS for free, enrol in education or continue studying, access public funds such as benefits and pensions, and travel in and out of the UK.

If a person has settled status, they can spend up to 5 years in a row outside the UK without losing their status. If they have pre-settled status they can spend up to 2 years in a row outside the UK.

Further information about EU Settlement can be found on the Gov.UK website.

This bulletin presents the number of people who have applied for EU settlement in Kent local authority districts since testing of the scheme began on 28 August 2018 through to 30 June 2021. It includes all in-time online applications up until 9am on 1 July 2021 and all in-time paper applications up until midnight 7 July 2021. It provides information about the country of origin, the age of the applicant and the outcome of their application. National and regional figures are provided for comparison.

Analysis

There were more than 5.9 million applications to the EU Settlement Scheme in the UK between 28 August 2018 and 30 June 2021.

More than a third of those applications were made by people resident in the London Region. The South East region had the second highest number of applications (719,820) accounting for 12.2% of all applications in the country.

Table 1: EU settlement applications by region up to 30 June 2021

28 August 2018 to 30 June 2021	Total	% of UK total
UK Total	5,913,160	100%
London	2,062,510	34.9%
South East	719,820	12.2%
East of England	554,890	9.4%
West Midlands	491,140	8.3%
North West	448,190	7.6%
East Midlands	429,880	7.3%
Yorkshire and The Humber	327,440	5.5%
South West	317,160	5.4%
Scotland	294,250	5.0%
Wales	99,920	1.7%
Northern Ireland	99,840	1.7%
North East	68,120	1.2%

Source: Home Office

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A total of 126,500 applications for EU settlement were made in Kent and Medway up to the end of June 2021.

Medway had the highest number of applications (21,090). In Kent the highest number of applicants was to EU residents living in Maidstone district (17,900). Folkestone and Hythe had the fewest applications (4,340).

Table 2: EU settlement applications in Kent & Medway up to 30 June 2021

28 August 2018 to 30 June 2021	Total	% Kent & Medway Total
Ashford	6,220	4.9%
Canterbury	10,730	8.5%
Dartford	10,620	8.4%
Dover	5,250	4.2%
Folkestone and Hythe	4,340	3.4%
Gravesham	13,650	10.8%
Maidstone	17,900	14.2%
Sevenoaks	4,900	3.9%
Swale	10,070	8.0%
Thanet	9,380	7.4%
Tonbridge and Malling	4,930	3.9%
Tunbridge Wells	7,420	5.9%
Kent	105,410	83.3%
Medway	21,090	16.7%
Kent & Medway	126,500	100%

Source: Home Office

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The countries of origin can be grouped into broad groupings (see overleaf).

Europe	A8 - joined Europe in May 2004	A2 - joined Europe in 2007
Austria Italy	Czech Republic	Bulgaria
Belgium Liechtenstein	Estonia	Romania
Croatia Luxembourg	Hungary	
Cyprus Malta	Latvia	
Denmark Netherlands	Lithuania	
Finland Norway	Poland	
France Portugal	Slovakia	
Germany Spain	Slovenia	
Greece Sweden		
Iceland Switzerland		
Ireland		

The majority of EU settlement scheme applications were by people who originated in one of the A8 countries. In Kent 36.7% of applicants originated from an A8 country (37.6% in Medway).

In Kent Gravesham district had the highest number of applicants from an A8 country (6,150) followed by Thanet (5,680) and Maidstone (5,600).

Maidstone district had the highest number from applicants originating in an A2 country (8,980), followed by Swale (5,450).

Canterbury district has the highest number of applicants from the rest of Europe (4,120).

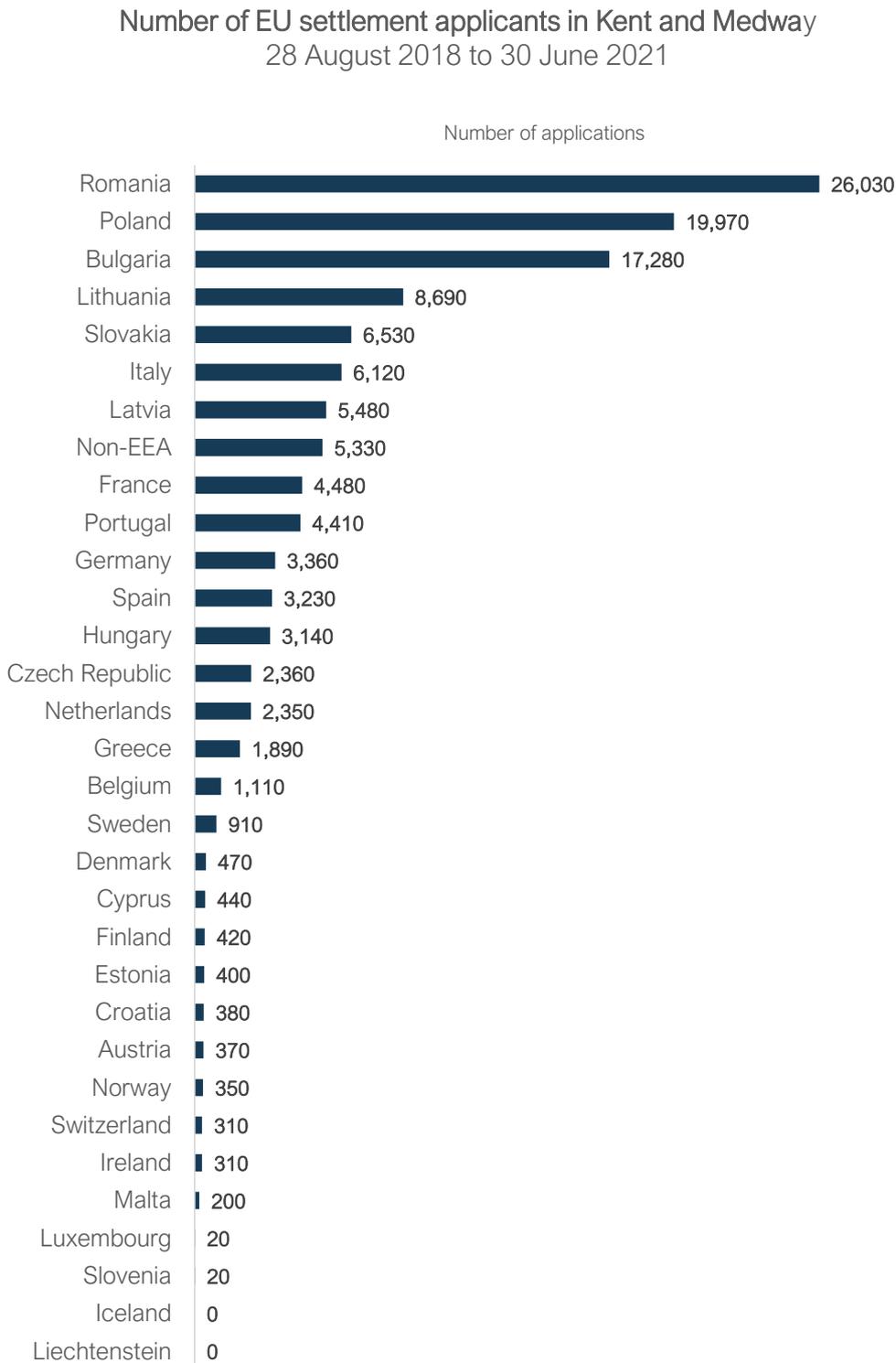
Table 3: Settlement scheme applicants by European area up to 30 June 2021

28 August 2018 to 30 June 2021	Number					Percentage			
	Total	Europe	A8	A2	Non EEA	Europe	A8	A2	Non EEA
Ashford	6,220	2,100	2,350	1,500	240	33.8%	37.8%	24.1%	3.9%
Canterbury	10,730	4,120	1,820	4,490	270	38.4%	17.0%	41.8%	2.5%
Dartford	10,620	2,940	3,850	2,940	880	27.7%	36.3%	27.7%	8.3%
Dover	5,250	1,330	2,920	840	110	25.3%	55.6%	16.0%	2.1%
Folkestone and Hythe	4,340	1,480	1,940	770	160	34.1%	44.7%	17.7%	3.7%
Gravesham	13,650	2,600	6,150	3,990	910	19.0%	45.1%	29.2%	6.7%
Maidstone	17,900	2,800	5,600	8,980	510	15.6%	31.3%	50.2%	2.8%
Sevenoaks	4,900	2,270	1,360	1,040	230	46.3%	27.8%	21.2%	4.7%
Swale	10,070	1,050	3,340	5,450	190	10.4%	33.2%	54.1%	1.9%
Thanet	9,380	1,740	5,680	1,650	290	18.6%	60.6%	17.6%	3.1%
Tonbridge and Malling	4,930	1,680	1,390	1,740	140	34.1%	28.2%	35.3%	2.8%
Tunbridge Wells	7,420	2,560	2,270	2,310	280	34.5%	30.6%	31.1%	3.8%
Kent	105,410	26,670	38,670	35,700	4,210	25.3%	36.7%	33.9%	4.0%
Medway	21,090	4,460	7,920	7,610	1,120	21.1%	37.6%	36.1%	5.3%
Kent & Medway	126,500	31,130	46,590	43,310	5,330	24.6%	36.8%	34.2%	4.2%

Source: Home Office

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Chart 1: EU settlement applicants up to 30 June 2021 - country of origin



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Data is also published which looks at the age of those applying for EU settlement status.

82.0% of those who applied in Kent were aged 18 to 64 (79.3% in Medway).

In Kent local authority district Gravesham saw the highest number (2,810) of applicants aged under 18 and Thanet the highest proportion (20.8%). Thanet saw the highest number (320) of applicants aged 65 and over and Folkestone and Hythe the highest proportion (5.8%).

Table 4: EU Settlement applicants up to 30 June 2021 - Age

28 August 2018 to 30 June 2021	Number				Percentage		
	Total	Under 18	18 to 64	65+	Under 18	18 to 64	65+
Ashford	6,220	990	4,980	250	15.9%	80.1%	4.0%
Canterbury	10,730	1,090	9,340	300	10.2%	87.0%	2.8%
Dartford	10,620	1,930	8,440	250	18.2%	79.5%	2.4%
Dover	5,250	960	4,040	240	18.3%	77.0%	4.6%
Folkestone and Hythe	4,340	760	3,320	250	17.5%	76.5%	5.8%
Gravesham	13,650	2,810	10,600	250	20.6%	77.7%	1.8%
Maidstone	17,900	2,060	15,550	300	11.5%	86.9%	1.7%
Sevenoaks	4,900	800	3,880	230	16.3%	79.2%	4.7%
Swale	10,070	1,200	8,740	140	11.9%	86.8%	1.4%
Thanet	9,380	1,950	7,110	320	20.8%	75.8%	3.4%
Tonbridge and Malling	4,930	570	4,190	180	11.6%	85.0%	3.7%
Tunbridge Wells	7,420	910	6,260	250	12.3%	84.4%	3.4%
Kent	105,410	16,030	86,450	2,960	15.2%	82.0%	2.8%
Medway	21,090	3,910	16,720	460	18.5%	79.3%	2.2%
Kent & Medway	126,500	19,940	103,170	3,420	15.8%	81.6%	2.7%
South East	719,820	105,710	591,360	22,840	14.7%	82.2%	3.2%
UK Total	5,913,160	983,750	4,780,570	149,180	16.6%	80.8%	2.5%

Source: Home Office

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In Kent and Medway 114,540 applicants have received an outcome to their application (95,680 in Kent and 18,860 in Medway).

56.0% of those that received an outcome in Kent and Medway were granted settled status (64,160 applicants). This is higher than the national average of 52.8%.

38.9% (44,520 applicants) were granted pre-settled status in Kent and Medway.

5.1% (5,880) received other outcomes. Other outcomes include any outcome that did not result in a grant of leave because the application was withdrawn or void, 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.

In Kent districts Dover saw the highest proportion of applicants who received were granted settled status as the outcome (70.3%). Canterbury district saw the highest proportion being awarded pre-settled status (53.1%). This is shown in table 5.

Table 5: EU settlement status applications up to 30 June 2021 - Outcome

28 August 2018 to 30 June 2021	Number				Percentage		
	Total	Settled	Pre-settled	Other outcomes	Settled	Pre-settled	Other outcomes
Ashford	5,680	3,580	1,910	200	63.0%	33.6%	3.5%
Canterbury	9,690	4,030	5,150	520	41.6%	53.1%	5.4%
Dartford	9,500	5,770	3,260	470	60.7%	34.3%	4.9%
Dover	4,740	3,330	1,180	220	70.3%	24.9%	4.6%
Folkestone and Hythe	3,890	2,600	1,110	190	66.8%	28.5%	4.9%
Gravesham	12,150	7,010	4,450	690	57.7%	36.6%	5.7%
Maidstone	16,480	7,880	7,800	800	47.8%	47.3%	4.9%
Sevenoaks	4,480	2,910	1,430	140	65.0%	31.9%	3.1%
Swale	9,170	4,450	4,160	560	48.5%	45.4%	6.1%
Thanet	8,360	5,170	2,680	510	61.8%	32.1%	6.1%
Tonbridge and Malling	4,610	2,570	1,780	260	55.7%	38.6%	5.6%
Tunbridge Wells	6,930	4,210	2,460	260	60.8%	35.5%	3.8%
Kent	95,680	53,510	37,370	4,820	55.9%	39.1%	5.0%
Medway	18,860	10,650	7,150	1,060	56.5%	37.9%	5.6%
Kent & Medway	114,540	64,160	44,520	5,880	56.0%	38.9%	5.1%
South East	660,850	370,080	263,990	26,820	56.0%	39.9%	4.1%
UK Total	5,356,430	2,827,490	2,280,400	248,770	52.8%	42.6%	4.6%

Source: Home Office

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