



## **EU Settlement Scheme Statistics**

Greater Manchester

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# Glossary:

## EU Settlement Scheme:

The EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) is the system that allows UK residents who are EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their families to apply for status to remain in the UK after Brexit. Applications must be made by 30 June 2021 in order to legally remain in the UK. Failure to receive status will result in having no recourse to public funds nor being able to legally remain in the UK. Applications can only be made by people who started living in the UK by 31 December 2020.

## Settled Status:

Settled status (Indefinite Leave to Remain) is for those EU citizens and their family members who have lived in the UK for 5 years or more when they apply.

## Pre-settled Status:

Pre-settled status (Limited Leave to Remain) is for those who have not lived in the UK for 5 years when they apply. Pre-settled status is only valid for 5 years. You will need to reapply and obtain settled status when you reach 5 years of residency in the UK.

## Other outcomes:

Outcomes for applications in the EU Settlement Scheme statistics are recorded as “other” if applications have been refused, withdrawn or are void, or invalid. These outcomes do not result in a grant of UK residence status.

## EEA (European Economic Area):

The EEA includes EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. It allows them to be part of the EU's single market. Switzerland is not an EU or EEA member but is part of the single market. This means Swiss nationals have the same rights to live and work in the UK as other EEA nationals and can apply to the EUSS.

## Non-EEA nationals:

In the context of this dataset, non-EEA applicants are those who do not hold citizenship of EU or EEA countries but are eligible to obtain a status under EU law.



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## About this briefing note:

On 26 November 2020, The Home Office published the latest quarterly information on applications received and cases concluded to the EUSS for local authorities and regions up to 30 September 2020. This briefing note highlights the key trends for Greater Manchester and its 10 boroughs: Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan.

Whilst launched fully in March 2019, applications to the EUSS started being accepted from August 2018. Therefore, EUSS statistics are taken from 28 August 2018 to 30 September 2020. Please note that these are experimental statistics. Please also note that these are cumulative quarterly statistics and thus will always increase. In some authorities, numbers of applications from certain nationalities were too low to record definitely. Please also note that Europaia have used percentages to one decimal place, whereas the Home Office have used no decimal place.

## Note on inclusion of repeat applications in September 2020 quarterly publication:

The data in this report include individuals making applications on more than one occasion. An individual who has been granted pre-settled status can make a new application at a later stage to apply for settled status. As these are separate applications with separate outcomes, they are counted separately in the statistics. Analysis of internal figures, as of 30 September 2020, suggests that repeat applications currently represent fewer than four percent of applications received. It is the intention of the Home Office to publish additional detail on repeat applicants in 2021.



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## **Note on inclusion of paper applications from the June 2020 quarterly publication onwards:**

The previous release up to June 2020 was the first release including the 10,000 paper applications made to the scheme so far (including 7,000 made based on a derivative right to reside in the UK). This follows the integration of data derived from two separate case-working systems used to process electronic and paper applications into a single reporting set of data.

This means that increases reported up to June 2020 included paper applications made over the entire duration of the scheme. Therefore, whilst increases will not be as high when comparing statistics from June and September, they are a better indicator of the numerical increase between the two quarters than a comparison of statistics up to March and up to June 2020.



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# **EUSS applications in Greater Manchester, August 2018 to September 2020**

## **Key Points:**

- Total applications for Greater Manchester up to 30 September 2020 were 155,710. This is an increase of 13,890 from applications received up to June 2020. Total applications in each borough were as follows: Bolton (16,720), Bury (6,950), Manchester (61,120), Oldham (11,830), Rochdale (10,770), Salford (20,580), Stockport (5,450), Tameside (7,920), Trafford (6,750) and Wigan (7,620).
- Total applications concluded were 146,870. This is an increase of 18,050 from applications received up to 30 June 2020.
- There are still 8,840 applications from Greater Manchester that are outstanding.
- Of all applications concluded up to 30 September 2020, 50.1% were granted settled status, and 47.6% pre-settled status. 3,470 or 2.4% had other outcomes.
- The top five nationalities of applicants up to 30 September 2020 were Polish (25,900), Italians (23,550), non-EEA (17,810), Spanish (16,650) and Romanians (14,080).



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## **Total EUSS applications received**

Total applications for Greater Manchester up to 30 September were 155,710. This is an increase of 13,890 from applications received up to June 2020.

## **Concluded applications**

146,860 applications from Greater Manchester have been concluded so far. This is an increase of 18,040 from the figures reported in June 2020.

There are still 8,840 applications from Greater Manchester that are outstanding.

Of all applications concluded up to 30 September 2020, 50.1% were granted settled status, and 47.6% pre-settled status. 3,470 or 2.4% had other outcomes. Other outcomes include refused, withdrawn or void, and invalid applications, and do not result in a grant of UK residence status.

Other outcomes were 1,600 more than reported up to 30 June 2020.

The three Boroughs of Greater Manchester with the highest number of other outcomes are Manchester (1,290), Salford (430) and Bolton (420). But the three boroughs with the highest number of other outcomes as a percentage of their concluded applications are Oldham (3.7%), Bolton (2.7%) and Rochdale (2.6%). Oldham is significantly higher than all other boroughs.



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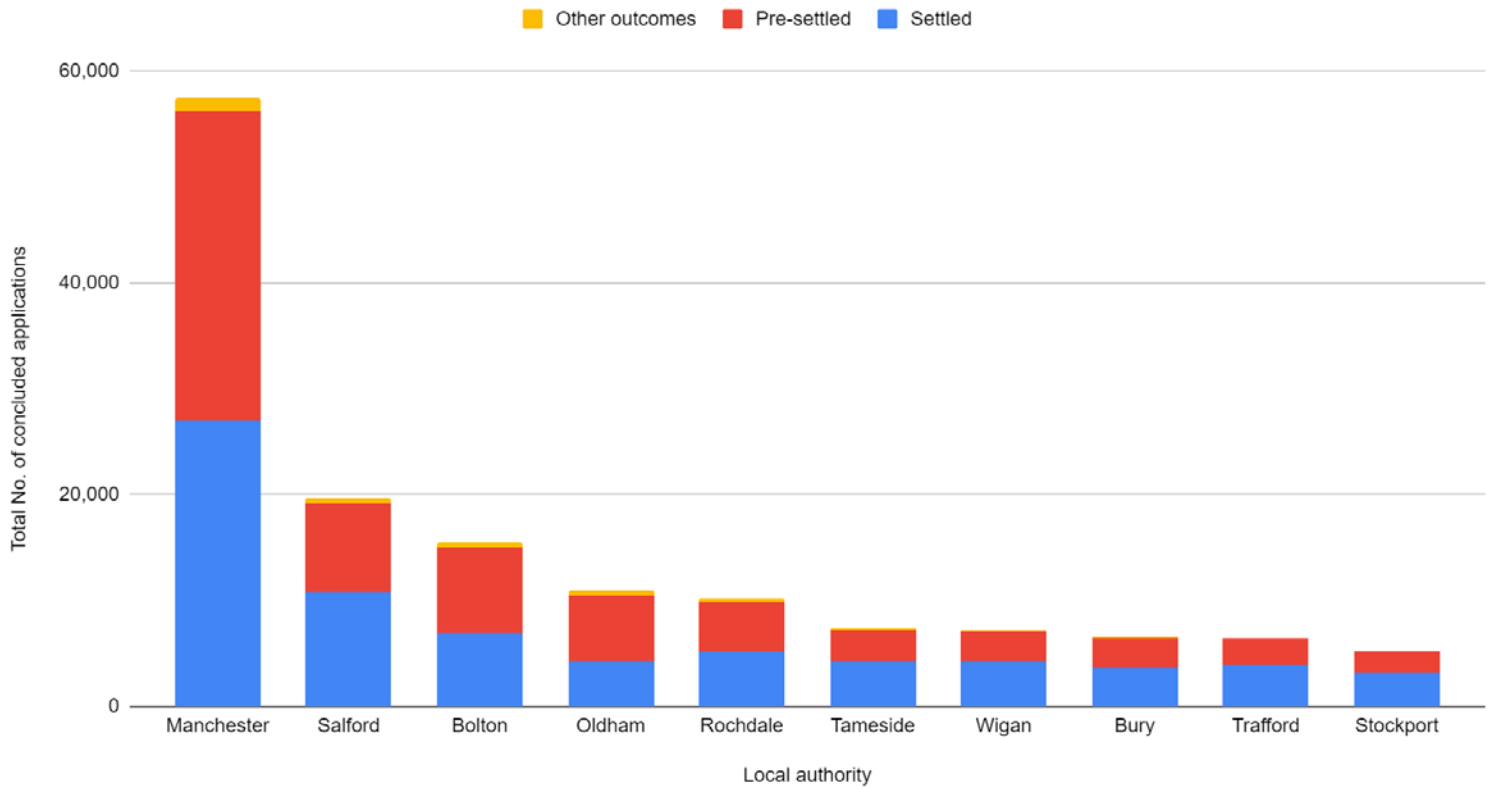
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**Figure 1: Total concluded applications (settled, pre-settled and other) in Greater Manchester Local Authorities from August 2018 to September 2020**



Source: EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics local authority tables, September 2020.

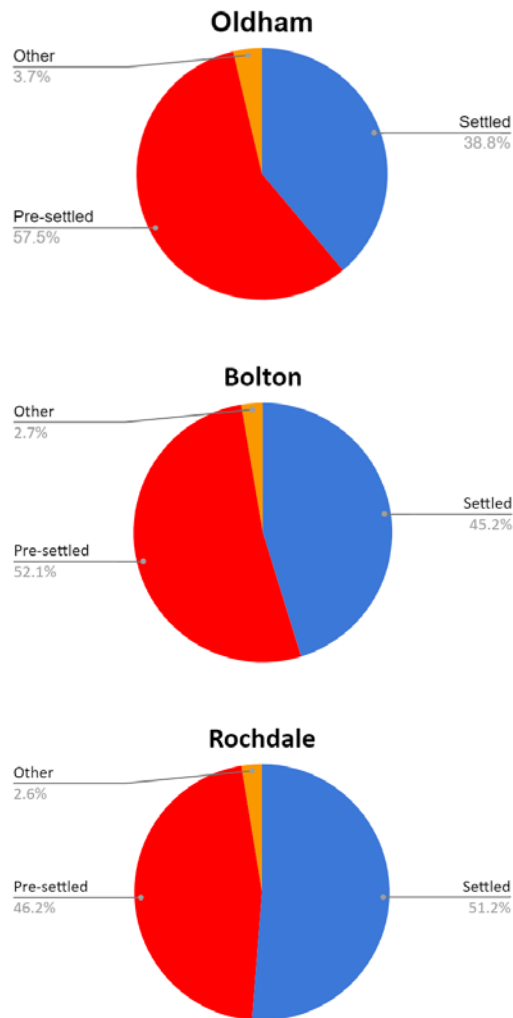


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**Figure 2:** Outcomes as a percentage of total concluded applications in Bolton, Oldham and Rochdale from August 2018 to September 2020



Source: EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics local authority tables, September 2020. Note: Other outcomes include invalid, withdrawn or void, and refused applications.



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## Applications by nationality

Top nationalities of applicants up to 30 September 2020 were Polish (25,900), Italians (23,550), non-EEA (17,810), Spanish (16,650) and Romanians (14,080).

It is significant that non-EEA applicants are the third largest nationality group to apply in Manchester, and the Romanians are the sixth largest. By comparison, in London non-EEA applicants are the sixth largest group.

In the context of this dataset, non-EEA applicants are those who do not hold citizenship of EU or EEA countries but are eligible to obtain a status under EU law. This group can have more negative experiences of the scheme. This is suggested by the statistics for the UK as a whole.

For most nationalities, negative conclusions from across the UK (i.e. refused, withdrawn or void or invalid) as a percentage of their individual total conclusions generally lie between 1-3%. However, 4.5% of concluded applications from non-EEA applicants were refused, withdrawn, void or invalid. This is the highest of any group nationwide (apart from nationalities measured whose concluded application figures were too low to accurately record as a definite number). Furthermore, 62.5% of concluded applications for non-EEA applicants were given pre-settled status meaning they have to reapply. This is the second highest figure nationally for pre-settled conclusions as a percentage of total concluded applications by nationality.

The trend is similar for Romanians, the nationality with the fifth most applications in Greater Manchester. On a national level, 3.5% of applications from Romanians were negatively concluded up to 30 September 2020 - the joint fourth highest negative conclusion rate in the country. And 62.3% of concluded applications from Romanians nationwide were for pre-settled status, all of whom have to reapply. This is the third highest figure nationally for pre-settled conclusions as a percentage of total concluded applications by nationality.



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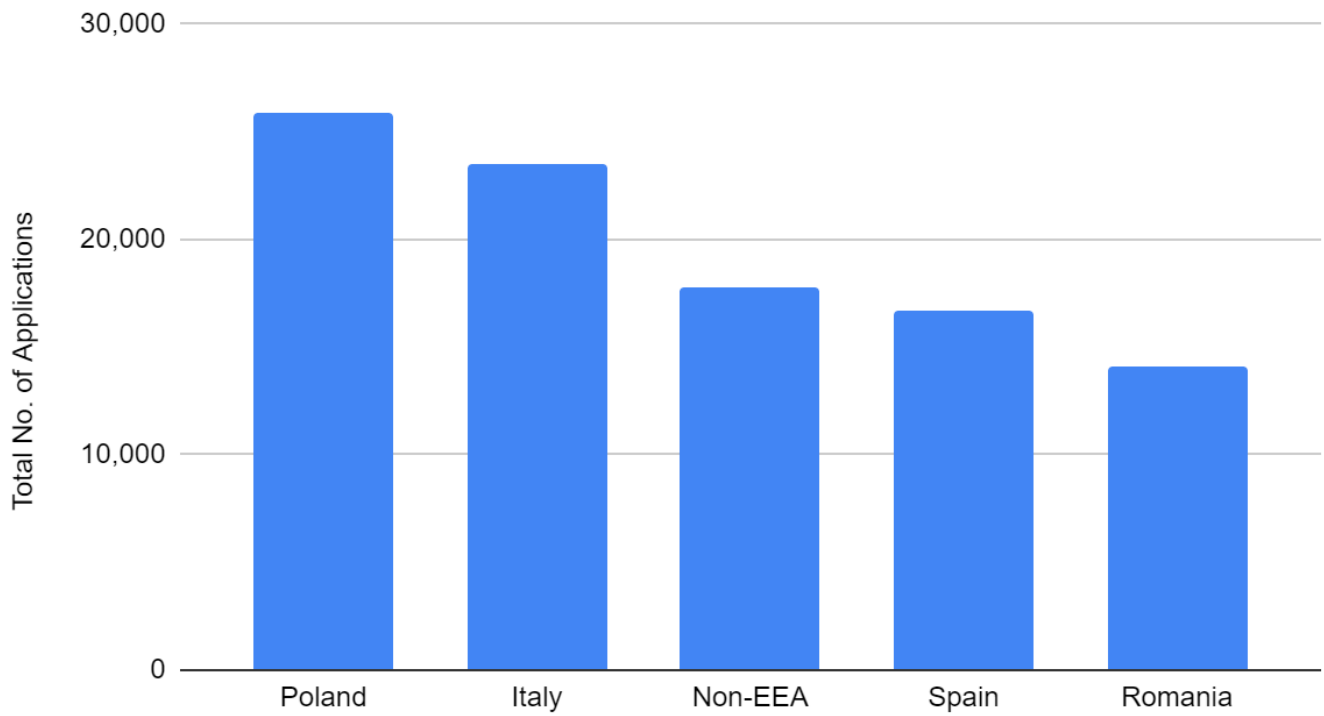
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**Figure 3:** Total number of applications received by nationality in Greater Manchester from August 2018 to September 2020



Source: EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics local authority tables, September 2020.



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## Applications by age

For Greater Manchester 117,800 applicants (75.7%) were aged between 18 and 64, 35,130 (22.6%) were aged under 18 and 2,790 (1.8%) were aged 65 or older.

It must be noted that it is not only difficult to compare Greater Manchester with other regions, but it is also difficult to compare individual boroughs within Greater Manchester as their respective age profiles may differ. Statistics for different age groups could differ as there may be fewer people in a specific age group living in a specific region or borough, or because that age group requires more support to apply.

Nevertheless, it is worth noting that those aged under 18 accounted for less than 20% of applications in the following boroughs: Salford (3,270 and 15.9%), Stockport (870 and 16%), Trafford (1,060 and 15.7%) and Wigan (1,290 and 16.9%). In all other boroughs, above 20% of applications were received from this age group, and of all local authorities nationwide with at least 10,000 applications Oldham and Bolton had the joint highest proportion of applications from people under 18 (both just under 30%).

It is also worth mentioning that applications from those aged 65 or older were 2% or over in all boroughs apart from Manchester (880 and 1.4%), Oldham (200 and 1.7%), Salford (290 and 1.4%) and Wigan (110 and 1.4%).



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<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-september-2020>

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Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status):  
<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-settled-and-presettled-status-means>



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