

EUDO – CITIZENSHIP: statistics on the acquisition of citizenship in the UNITED KINGDOM

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1) Source(s) of statistics

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2) Available statistics

tab	availability	source
total acquisitions	1987-2008	http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs/hosb998.pdf and http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-publications.html Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletins 1997-2008
mode of acquisition	1997-2008	http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-publications.html and http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0909.pdf Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletins 1997-2008
citizenship of origin	1993-2008	http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-publications.html and http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0909.pdf Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletins 1997-2008
country of birth	-	
region of residence	2005-2008	http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-publications.html and http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0909.pdf Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletins 2006-2008
sex	2007-2008	http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-publications.html and http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0909.pdf

		Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletins 2007-2008
age	2001-2008	http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-publications.html and http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0909.pdf Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletins 2001-2008
positive / negative decisions	1987-2008	http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs/hosb998.pdf and http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0909.pdf Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletins 1997-2008

3) Notes

General:

- Diverging totals for citizenship acquisition by citizenship of origin, by age, by sex, by mode of acquisition, by positive and negative decisions are due to ambiguities in original sources
- Figures cover naturalisations and registrations if not stated otherwise
- If not stated differently, the figures are based on the respective yearly edition of the "Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletin"

Yearly totals of citizenship acquisition:

- From 1987 to 1997, totals are based on the category "All grants", p. 7, table 2, "Grants of British citizenship in the United Kingdom by basis of grant, 1987-97" of the 1997 edition of "Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletin"
- From 1998 onwards, the totals are based on merged data of table 4, "Grants of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 1998 by previous nationality, type and category of grant"; registrations of Gibraltar British Overseas Territories Citizens and stateless persons have been added to the respective yearly total (if applicable)

Citizenship acquisition by mode of acquisition:

- Data include Civil Partnership introduced from 5 December 2005
- Data include British overseas territories citizens (BOTCs) (before February 2002 known as British Dependent Territories citizens) from Gibraltar registered as British citizens under section 5 of the British Nationality Act 1981

Citizenship acquisition by citizenship of origin:

- Figures are taken from the respective yearly "Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletin" and may thus differ from the revised figures
- Figures cover naturalisations and registrations, but are available broken down by legal ground of acquisition for each previous nationality
- "Serbia" and "Montenegro" are not covered separately in source
- "China" includes "China", "Hong Kong SAR of China (Holder of Certificate of Identity)", "Hong Kong SAR of China (Holder of Special voucher)"
- "Cyprus" includes "Cyprus" and "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus"

- Categories "Europe, unknown", "Africa, unknown", "America, unknown", "Asia, unknown", "Oceania, unknown" from 1993 to 1996 may diverge from categorisation of countries to continents from 1997 to 2008
- Category "Europe, unknown" includes British Dependent Territories citizens from Gibraltar, San Marino
- Category "Africa, unknown" includes "Western Sahara"
- Category "America, unknown" includes "French Guyana", "Anguilla", "Puerto Rico"
- Category "Oceania, unknown" includes "American Samoa", "Western Samoa"
- Category "Other" includes British Dependent Territories citizens (except from Gibraltar), British Overseas citizens, British subjects, British Protected Persons, stateless and persons with uncertain nationality, but excludes numbers of "British citizenship granted in the UK to residents of Hong Kong", "British overseas territories citizenship granted in the British overseas territories" from 1993 to 1996
- Category "Other" includes British overseas territories citizens (except from Gibraltar), British Nationals (Overseas), British Overseas citizens, British protected persons, British subjects, but excludes numbers of "British citizenship granted in the UK to residents of Hong Kong", "British overseas territories citizenship granted in the British overseas territories" from 1997 to 2008
- Figures from November 2001 onwards include grants of British citizenship in the Channel Islands, Isle of Man

Citizenship acquisition by country of birth:

- Figures are only available by total numbers per continent from 2001 to 2008 and could thus not be included

Citizenship acquisition by region of residence:

- Figures show region/authority within which citizenship ceremony was held
- More detailed figures are available in the abovementioned Home Office Statistical Bulletins from 2006 to 2008
- Figures exclude persons who did not attend their citizenship ceremony

Citizenship acquisition by age:

- Data have been merged; source breaks down as 0-15; 16-24; 25-34; 35-44; 45-59; 60 years and older from 2001 to 2006 and as 0-17; 18-24; 25-34; 35-44; 45-59; 60 years and older from 2007 to 2008
- Category "Minors" includes persons from 0-15 years from 1985 to 2006 and persons from 0-17 from 2007 to 2008
- Category "Adults" includes persons who are 16 years and older from 1985 to 2006 and persons who are 18 years and older from 2007 to 2008
- Data include grants of British citizenship in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man
- Data exclude cases for which information of age is not available; data is based on the cases for which information is provided

Citizenship acquisition by positive / negative decisions:

- Decisions taken may not relate to applications made in the same year
- Numbers cover naturalisation decisions based on residence and on marriage
- Figures from 1987-1997 are based on the 1997 edition of the "Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletin", table 1, p. 6

- The number of negative decisions (“refusals”) from 1987 to 1997 includes small numbers of withdrawn applications
- Figures from 1998 to 2008 are based on the 2008 edition of the “Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletin”, table 1, 12
- The number of negative decisions (“refusals”) from 1998 to 2002 includes small numbers of applicants found to be British already
- Category “Other” includes “British already” and “Withdrawn”
- Detailed data on the reasons for refusal of British citizenship from 2003 to 2008 can be found at the 2008 edition of the “Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletin”, table 7, p. 26
- Data from November 2001 include grants in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man
- Figures for 2008 are provisional
- Rejected applications - applications rejected prior to consideration of the case - are excluded; numbers are available from 2004 to 2008 in the 2008 edition of the “Persons granted British citizenship, United Kingdom - Home Office Statistical Bulletin”, table 7, p. 26

4) Data collection

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