

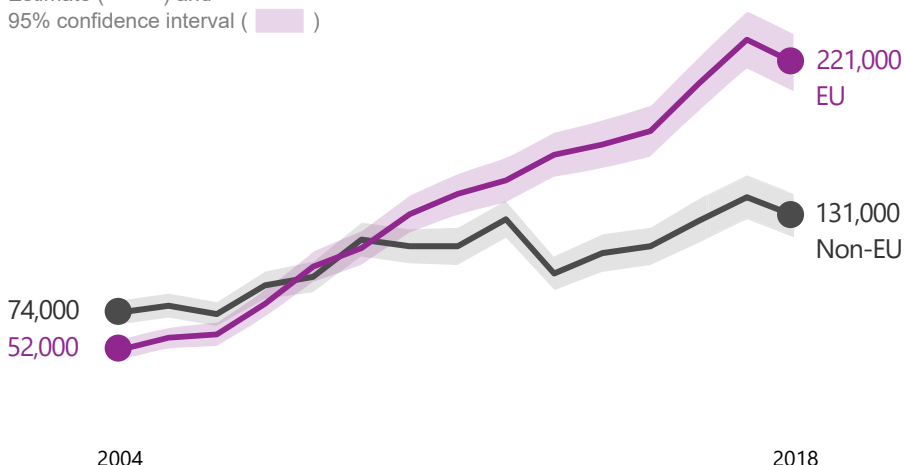
In 2018, there were 352,000 non-British nationals in Scotland

The non-British population of Scotland remained broadly stable over the past year.

Prior to 2018, the EU national population increased since the EU expansion in 2004 and also grew at a faster rate than the non-EU population.

Number of non-British nationals

Estimate (—) and 95% confidence interval (—)

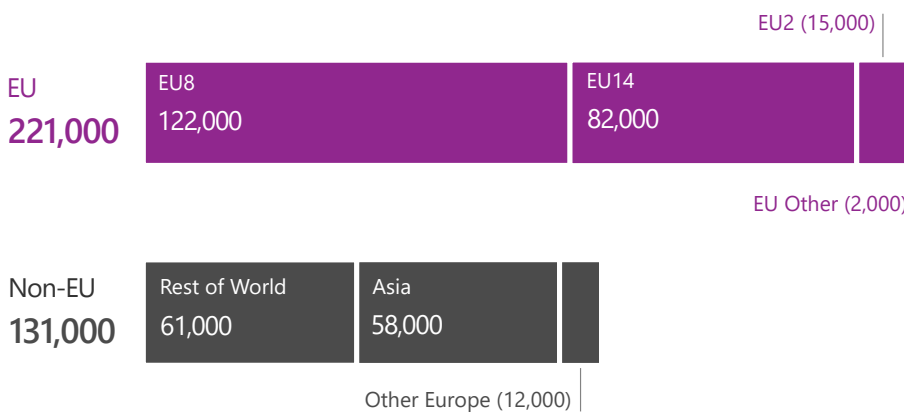


EU nationals make up 63% of Scotland's non-British population

In 2018 there were 221,000 EU nationals living in Scotland, and over half of those people were nationals of EU8 countries.

There were 131,000 non-EU nationals, accounting for 37% of the non-British population.

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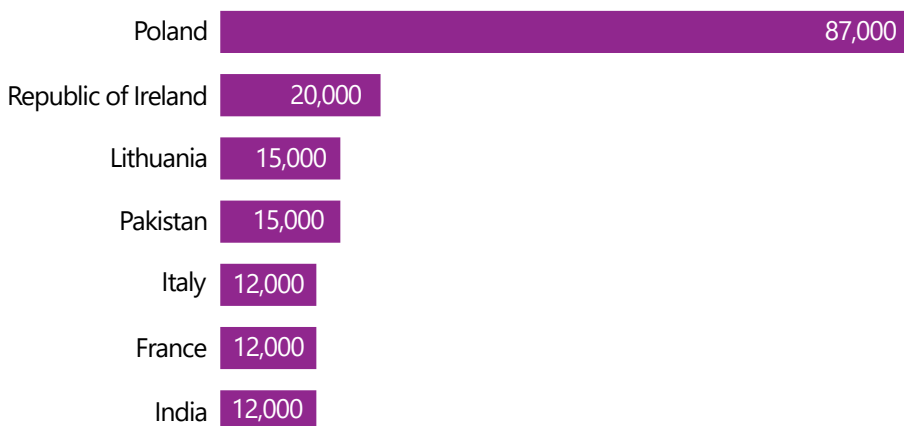


Polish remains the most common non-British nationality

For the twelfth consecutive year, nationals of Poland were the most common non-British nationality in Scotland, with 87,000 people in 2018.

Polish nationals accounted for a quarter of the non-British population in Scotland.

Most common non-British nationalities in Scotland, 2018



Population who are non-British nationals (percentage)

Estimate (●) and 95% confidence interval (■)



* Confidence intervals are reported to the nearest thousand. For Na h-Eileanan Siar they round to zero.

Non-British nationals live in all thirty-two council areas

In 2018, the council area with the highest proportion of its residents who were non-British nationals was Aberdeen City (17%). This was higher than the Scottish average of 7%. City of Edinburgh (16%) and Glasgow City (13%) were the other areas that were higher than the Scottish average.

The council areas with the lowest proportion of its residents who were non-British nationals were North Ayrshire and Inverclyde (both round to 1%).

Estimates of EU and non-EU nationals living in council areas are available on the NRS website.

Non-British nationals are most likely to live in larger cities

An estimated 14% of the population of larger cities were non-British nationals in 2018.