

Foreign citizens living in the EU Member States

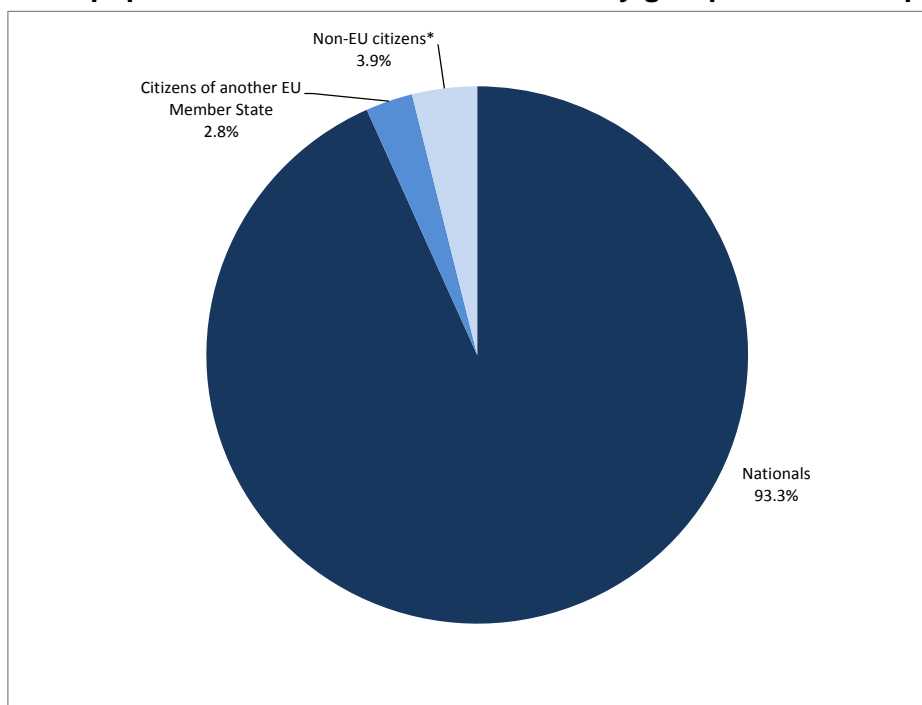
Foreign citizens accounted for fewer than 7% of persons living in the EU Member States in 2014

Over 40% of them were citizens of another EU Member State

On 1st of January 2014, the Member States of the **European Union** (EU) had 506.8 million residents, of which 472.8 million were nationals (citizens of the reporting country) and 34.1 million foreign citizens, this latter group consisting of 14.3 million citizens of another Member State and 19.8 million non-EU citizens. It should be noted that persons who acquire citizenship in a Member State are no longer counted as foreign citizens in that country.

On the occasion of today's International Migrants' Day, **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**, publishes a small selection of data on foreign citizens living in the EU Member States. A larger range of data broken down by country of citizenship as well as by country of birth is also available in the Eurostat database.

Structure of resident population in the EU Member States by group of citizenship, 1 January 2014

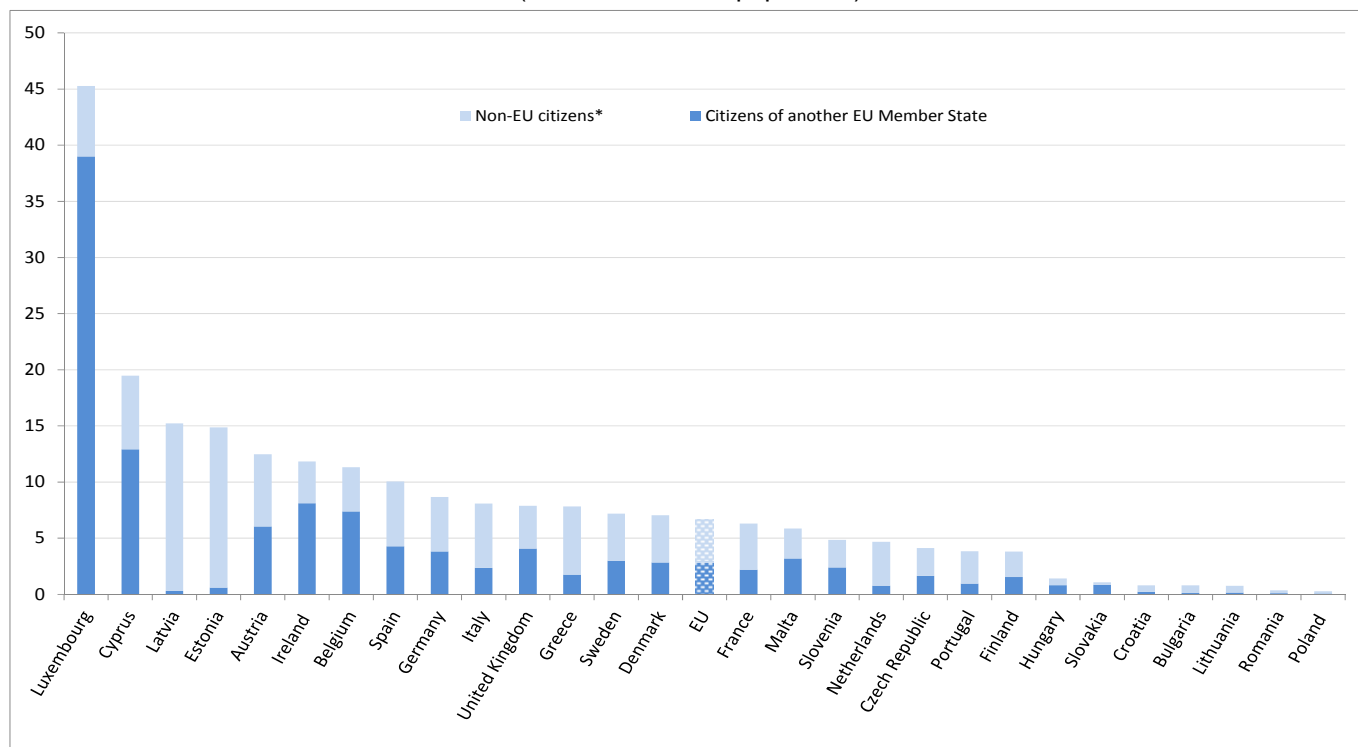


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Highest proportion of foreign citizens in Luxembourg, lowest in Poland

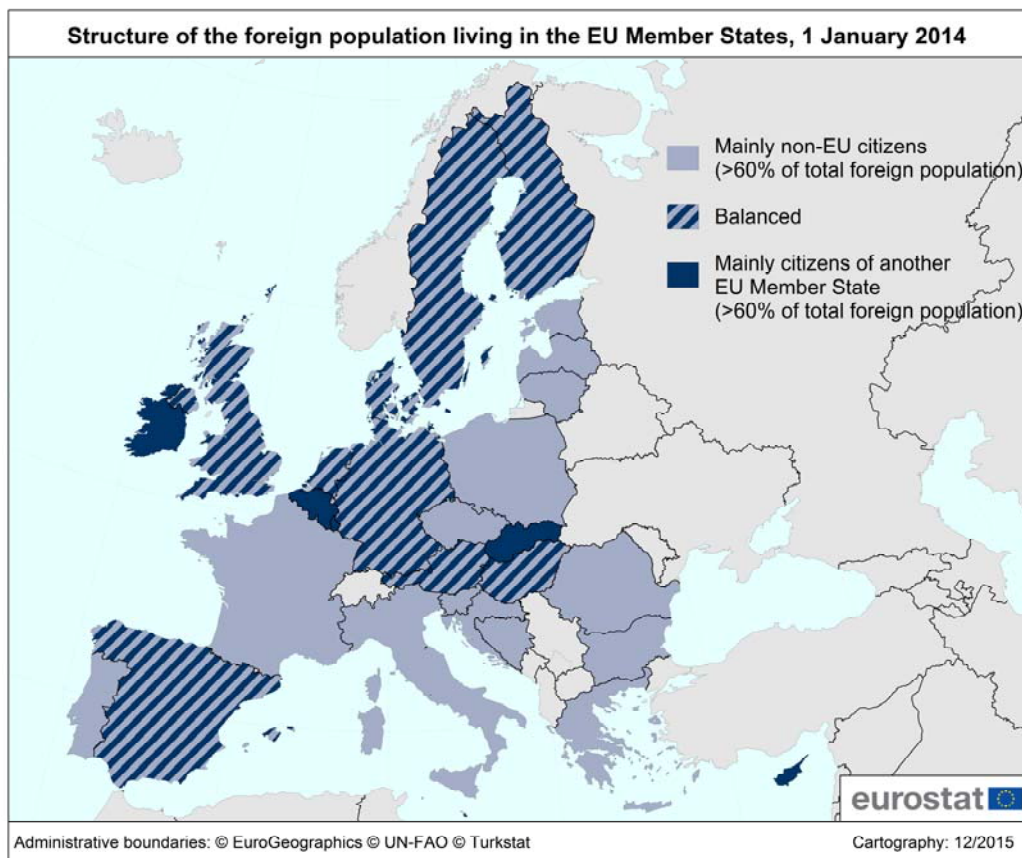
Across Member States, the highest proportion of foreign citizens in the total resident population was recorded in **Luxembourg** (45.3%), where almost half of the population did not have Luxembourgish citizenship. Shares above 10% were also registered in **Cyprus** (19.5%), **Latvia** (15.2%), **Estonia** (14.9%), **Austria** (12.5%), **Ireland** (11.8%), **Belgium** (11.3%) and **Spain** (10.1%). In contrast, **Poland** (0.3%), **Romania** (0.4%), **Croatia**, **Lithuania** and **Bulgaria** (all 0.8%) all registered shares of foreign citizens below 1%. In total, foreign citizens made up 6.7% of the resident population of the **EU Member States** at 1st January 2014.

Foreign population residing in the EU Member States, 1 January 2014 (% of total resident population)



* including stateless persons, recognised non-citizens and persons whose citizenship is unknown

In thirteen Member States, there were clearly more non-EU citizens than EU citizens in the foreign population, while in ten the situation was more balanced, with between 40% and 60% of both non-EU and EU citizens. **Belgium, Ireland, Cyprus, Luxembourg and Slovakia** were the only five Member States where there were clearly fewer citizens of non-EU countries than citizens of another Member State. Overall in the **EU**, non-EU citizens (19.8 million persons) represented 58% of the total foreign population, while citizens of another EU Member State (14.3 million persons) made up 42%.



Non-EU citizens including stateless persons, recognised non-citizens and persons whose citizenship is unknown.

Resident population in the EU Member States, by broad group of citizenship, 1 January 2014

| | Total resident population | Share in total resident population (%) | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Nationals (citizens of the reporting country) | Foreign citizens | Of which: | |
| | | | | Citizens of another EU Member State | Non-EU citizens* |
| EU** | 506 847 612 | 93.3 | 6.7 | 2.8 | 3.9 |
| Belgium | 11 203 992 | 88.7 | 11.3 | 7.4 | 3.9 |
| Bulgaria | 7 245 677 | 99.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Czech Republic | 10 512 419 | 95.9 | 4.1 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| Denmark | 5 627 235 | 92.9 | 7.1 | 2.8 | 4.2 |
| Germany | 80 767 463 | 91.3 | 8.7 | 3.8 | 4.9 |
| Estonia | 1 315 819 | 85.1 | 14.9 | 0.6 | 14.3 |
| Ireland*** | 4 605 501 | 88.2 | 11.8 | 8.1 | 3.7 |
| Greece | 10 926 807 | 92.2 | 7.8 | 1.8 | 6.1 |
| Spain | 46 512 199 | 89.9 | 10.1 | 4.3 | 5.8 |
| France*** | 65 835 579 | 93.7 | 6.3 | 2.2 | 4.1 |
| Croatia | 4 246 809 | 99.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Italy | 60 782 668 | 91.9 | 8.1 | 2.4 | 5.7 |
| Cyprus | 858 000 | 80.5 | 19.5 | 12.9 | 6.6 |
| Latvia | 2 001 468 | 84.8 | 15.2 | 0.3 | 14.9 |
| Lithuania | 2 943 472 | 99.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Luxembourg | 549 680 | 54.7 | 45.3 | 39.0 | 6.3 |
| Hungary | 9 877 365 | 98.6 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Malta | 425 384 | 94.1 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| Netherlands | 16 829 289 | 95.2 | 4.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Austria | 8 506 889 | 87.5 | 12.5 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| Poland*** | 38 017 856 | 99.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Portugal | 10 427 301 | 96.2 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 2.9 |
| Romania | 19 947 311 | 99.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Slovenia | 2 061 085 | 95.3 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 3.9 |
| Slovakia | 5 415 949 | 98.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| Finland | 5 451 270 | 96.2 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 2.3 |
| Sweden | 9 644 864 | 92.8 | 7.2 | 3.0 | 4.2 |
| United Kingdom | 64 308 261 | 92.1 | 7.9 | 4.1 | 3.8 |

Shares might not add up to 100% due to rounding.

* including stateless persons, recognised non-citizens and persons whose citizenship is unknown.

** The EU aggregate corresponds to the sum of Member States. Therefore, in the EU aggregate, citizens of another EU Member State living in a second Member State are counted as foreigners. Data for the EU aggregate are provisional.

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The source dataset can be found [here](#).

Diversity in the citizenships of the foreign population living in the EU Member States

Looking at the individual citizenships of the foreign resident population, diversity prevails with around 50 different nationalities among the top 5 in Member States. However, it should be noted that the largest group of foreign residents in each Member State of the **EU** is generally composed of citizens of another EU Member States and/or of a neighbouring country.

For EU citizens residing in another Member State, **Polish** citizens were registered among the five main citizenships of foreigners in 10 Member States, **Germans** in 9 and **Italians** and **Romanians** in 8 each. For non-EU citizens, **Ukrainians** were among the five main citizenships of foreigners in 9 Member States, **Turks** and **Russians** in 7 each.

Top 5 citizenships of foreigners living in the EU Member States, 1 January 2014

(in absolute number and as % of total foreign resident population)

| | First citizenship | # | % | Second citizenship | # | % | Third citizenship | # | % | Fourth citizenship | # | % | Fifth citizenship | # | % |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|----|--------------------|---------|----|-------------------|---------|----|------------------------|---------|----|-------------------|---------|---|
| Belgium | Italy | 156 584 | 12 | France | 156 056 | 12 | Netherlands | 146 174 | 12 | Morocco | 81 003 | 6 | Poland | 65 087 | 5 |
| Bulgaria | Russia | 15 321 | 28 | Turkey | 7 229 | 13 | Ukraine | 3 582 | 6 | United Kingdom | 3 495 | 6 | Greece | 2 315 | 4 |
| Czech Republic | Ukraine | 102 127 | 24 | Slovakia | 91 032 | 21 | Vietnam | 57 599 | 13 | Russia | 31 743 | 7 | Poland | 19 455 | 4 |
| Denmark | Poland | 29 303 | 7 | Turkey | 28 851 | 7 | Germany | 22 707 | 6 | United Kingdom | 15 781 | 4 | Norway | 15 504 | 4 |
| Germany | Turkey | 1 424 294 | 20 | Poland | 559 410 | 8 | Italy | 506 507 | 7 | Greece | 290 243 | 4 | Romania | 245 248 | 3 |
| Estonia | Russia | 90 496 | 46 | R.N.C.*** | 86 560 | 44 | Ukraine | 5 417 | 3 | Latvia | 2 086 | 1 | Finland | 1 729 | 1 |
| Ireland | Poland | 118 042 | 22 | United Kingdom | 115 658 | 21 | Lithuania | 35 617 | 7 | Latvia | 20 086 | 4 | Nigeria | 19 727 | 4 |
| Greece** | Albania | 480 851 | 53 | Bulgaria | 75 917 | 8 | Romania | 46 524 | 5 | Pakistan | 34 178 | 4 | Georgia | 27 407 | 3 |
| Spain | Romania | 728 252 | 16 | Morocco | 717 991 | 15 | United Kingdom | 310 051 | 7 | Ecuador | 241 038 | 5 | Italy | 180 822 | 4 |
| France** | Portugal | 500 109 | 13 | Algeria | 468 121 | 12 | Morocco | 437 058 | 11 | Turkey | 221 670 | 6 | Italy | 173 440 | 5 |
| Croatia** | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 6 733 | 27 | Serbia | 2 888 | 12 | Slovenia | 1 999 | 8 | Germany | 1 609 | 7 | Italy | 1 420 | 6 |
| Italy | Romania | 1 081 400 | 22 | Albania | 495 709 | 10 | Morocco | 454 773 | 9 | China | 256 846 | 5 | Ukraine | 219 050 | 4 |
| Cyprus** | Greece | 29 321 | 17 | United Kingdom | 24 046 | 14 | Romania | 23 706 | 14 | Bulgaria | 18 536 | 11 | Philippines | 9 413 | 5 |
| Latvia | R.N.C.*** | 253 643 | 83 | Russia | 38 777 | 13 | Lithuania | 2 948 | 1 | Ukraine | 2 391 | 1 | Belarus | 1 686 | 1 |
| Lithuania | Russia | 10 289 | 44 | Belarus | 2 302 | 10 | Ukraine | 1 662 | 7 | Poland | 1 231 | 5 | Latvia | 659 | 3 |
| Luxembourg** | Portugal | 82 363 | 38 | France | 31 456 | 14 | Italy | 18 059 | 8 | Belgium | 16 926 | 8 | Germany | 12 049 | 6 |
| Hungary | Romania | 30 924 | 22 | Germany | 18 669 | 13 | China | 12 716 | 9 | Ukraine | 8 317 | 6 | Slovakia | 8 275 | 6 |
| Malta** | United Kingdom | 6 652 | 33 | Somalia | 1 041 | 5 | Italy | 947 | 5 | Bulgaria | 850 | 4 | Germany | 736 | 4 |
| Netherlands | Poland | 85 785 | 11 | Turkey | 80 054 | 10 | Germany | 72 240 | 9 | Morocco | 48 143 | 6 | United Kingdom | 42 309 | 5 |
| Austria* | Germany | 158 014 | 16 | Turkey | 113 866 | 11 | Serbia | 111 303 | 11 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 89 784 | 9 | Croatia | 58 651 | 6 |
| Poland** | Ukraine | 19 938 | 22 | Germany | 6 147 | 7 | Belarus | 5 407 | 6 | Russia | 5 359 | 6 | Vietnam | 3 384 | 4 |
| Portugal | Brazil | 92 120 | 23 | Cape Verde | 42 401 | 11 | Ukraine | 41 091 | 10 | Romania | 34 204 | 9 | Angola | 20 177 | 5 |
| Romania | Moldova | 10 952 | 15 | Turkey | 8 143 | 11 | China | 6 624 | 9 | Italy | 5 554 | 8 | Syria | 3 588 | 5 |
| Slovenia | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 43 250 | 45 | Kosovo**** | 10 544 | 11 | FYR of Macedonia | 9 829 | 10 | Serbia | 9 814 | 10 | Croatia | 8 707 | 9 |
| Slovakia | Czech Republic | 11 443 | 19 | Hungary | 8 134 | 14 | Poland | 5 070 | 9 | Romania | 4 941 | 8 | Germany | 3 571 | 6 |
| Finland | Estonia | 44 774 | 22 | Russia | 30 757 | 15 | Sweden | 8 382 | 4 | Somalia | 7 465 | 4 | China | 7 121 | 3 |
| Sweden | Finland | 62 752 | 9 | Poland | 46 057 | 7 | Somalia | 44 997 | 6 | Denmark | 39 284 | 6 | Norway | 34 575 | 5 |
| United Kingdom | Poland | 748 207 | 15 | India | 347 732 | 7 | Ireland | 336 780 | 7 | Pakistan | 196 565 | 4 | Lithuania | 163 204 | 3 |

Countries of citizenship highlighted in light blue are EU Member States.

* Based on 2013 data.

** Based on 2011 Census data.

*** Recognised non-citizens.

**** Kosovo under UN Security Council Resolution 1244/99.

Methods and definitions

Resident population refers to persons who have lived at their place of residence for at least 12 months or have the intention of staying there for at least 12 months. Where this circumstance cannot be established, 'usual residence' can be taken to mean the place of legal or registered residence.

Citizenship denotes the particular legal bond between an individual and his or her State, acquired by birth or naturalization, whether by declaration, choice, marriage or other means according to national legislation.

Nationals means citizens of the reporting country. **Citizens of another EU Member State** refers to persons having the citizenship of one of the 27 other EU Member States (but not the citizenship of the reporting country). **Non-EU citizens** refers to persons not having the citizenship of any EU Member State. A **recognised non-citizen** is a person who is neither a citizen of the reporting country nor of any other country, and who has established links to the reporting country which include some but not all rights and obligations of full citizenship. A majority of these persons were citizens of the former Soviet Union.

For the sake of simplicity, in this News Release, the terms foreigners, foreign population and foreign citizens refer to all persons not having the citizenship of the reporting country and thus includes persons with the citizenship of another country (including another EU Member State), stateless persons, recognised non-citizens and persons whose citizenship is unknown.

Persons with two or more citizenships are allocated to only one country of citizenship, determined according the following order:

1. reporting country; or
2. if the person does not have the citizenship of the reporting country: other EU Member State; or
3. if the person does not have the citizenship of another EU Member State: other country outside the European Union.

Where there are cases of dual citizenship where both countries are within (or outside) the European Union but neither is the reporting country, Member States shall determine which country of citizenship is to be allocated.

For more information

Eurostat [website section](#) dedicated to Population (Demography, Migration and Projections).

Eurostat [database](#) on Demography and migration.

Eurostat Statistics Explained article on [Migration and migrant population statistics](#).

Eurostat flagship publication "[People in the EU: who are we and how do we live?](#)" and in particular its chapter dedicated to resident's origin also available in [Statistics Explained](#).

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