

Country notes – UK

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The United Kingdom has not established residence permits register. Statistics provided are mainly based on passengers given leave to enter the UK in selected categories. According to the British national authorities, data are estimated from a combination of information due to be published in the Home Office Statistical Bulletin 'Control of Immigration: Statistics, United Kingdom' and unpublished management information.

RP1 - First permits issued for family reasons

Third country nationals joining an EU citizen:

These figures are the initial recognition of right to reside by non EEA nationals. The figures reflect persons issued documents under the 2004/38/EC/Directive as initial recognition of right to reside as a family member of a EEA national; standard practice is that all grants of this permission to stay are for a period of 5 years. Other documents may be used for the same purpose so this data will exclude those who choose not to apply.

Those people aged under 18 have been estimated as being children.

Third country nationals joining a non EU citizen:

The distribution by length of validity is not available. For 2009-2011 data, the following grand total figures by length of validity have been provided by pro-rata'ing based on visa issuance:

UK - First permits issued for family reasons to persons joining a non EU citizen

DURATION REASON	Reference period	Total	Between 3 and 5 months	Between 6 and 11 months	12 months and over
Family reasons: Person joining a non EU citizen	2009	96 341	5 786	9 269	81 286
	2010	103 187	715	5 357	97 115
	2011	92 053	660	4 794	86 599
Family reasons: Spouse/partner joining a non EU citizen	2009	63 514	3 860	6 070	53 584
	2010	67 776	474	3 427	63 875
	2011	59 750	433	2 989	56 328
Family reasons: Child joining a non EU citizen	2009	30 746	1 800	2 999	25 947
	2010	32 656	222	1 791	30 643
	2011	30 463	214	1 710	28 539
Family reasons: Other family member joining a non EU citizen	2009	2 081	126	200	1 755
	2010	2 755	19	139	2 597
	2011	1 840	13	95	1 732

For 2008 data the distribution by family member is not available.

RP2 - First permits issued for education reasons

It is not possible to distinguish permits for students and those issued for other educational related reasons (data not available).

The distribution by length of validity is not available.

For 2009-2011 data, the following grand total figures by length of validity have been provided by pro-rata'ing based on visa issuance:

UK - First permits issued for education reasons by length of validity

REASON DURATION	Education reasons		
	2009	2010	2011
Total	268 506	271 273	247 044
Between 3 and 5 months	17 418	6 048	5 092
Between 6 and 11 months	38 588	19 152	22 487
12 months and over	212 500	246 073	219 465

RP3 - First permits issued for remunerated activities

Data on Researchers are not available.

The category Seasonal workers is not applicable.

Highly skilled workers:

Workers who have been admitted to the UK under Tier 1 of the Point Based System (Highly Skilled Migrants).

2008 data include also less than 30 workers admitted under Tier 2 (Skilled workers) and Tier 5 (Youth mobility and temporary workers) of the Points Based System.

Other remunerated activities:

Workers admitted under Tier 2 (Skilled workers) and Tier 5 (Youth mobility and temporary workers) of the Points Based System. For 2008 data this kind of workers (less than 30 cases in 2008) was included in the above category "Highly skilled workers".

The category include also: domestic servant accompanying employers (excluding servants of diplomats), nurses - supervised practice, postgraduate doctors or dentists, UK ancestry, au pairs, investors, ministers of religion, missionaries or members of a religious order, innovators, working holidaymakers, work permit holders given leave to enter for 12 months or more (excluding trainees), work permit holders given leave to enter for less than 12 months (excluding trainees), work permit trainees.

The distribution by length of validity is not available. For 2009-2011 data, the following grand total figures by length of validity have been provided by pro-rata'ing based on visa issuance:

UK - First permits issued for remunerated activities by reason and length of validity

DURATION REASON		Total	Between 3 and 5 months	Between 6 and 11 months	12 months and over
Remunerated activities reasons	2009	116 668	6 060	12 947	97 661
	2010	121 386	6 731	6 807	107 848
	2011	108 190	6 202	7 345	94 643
Remunerated activities reasons: Highly skilled workers	2009	18 932	8	25	18 899
	2010	16 440	0	0	16 440
	2011	11 680	0	0	11 680
Remunerated activities reasons: EU Blue card	2009	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	2010	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	2011	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Remunerated activities reasons: Researchers	2009	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
	2010	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
	2011	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Remunerated activities reasons: Seasonal workers	2009	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	2010	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	2011	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Remunerated activities reasons: Other remunerated activities	2009	97 736	6 052	12 922	78 762
	2010	104 946	6 731	6 807	91 408
	2011	96 510	6 202	7 345	82 963

RP4 - First permits issued for other reasons

Data on permits issued for Residence only are not available.

Permits for Refugees and Humanitarian reasons are always valid 12 months and more (indefinite validity).

Permits issued for Subsidiary protection are always valid 6 months unless the individual is an unaccompanied child, in which case they are granted permission to stay up until they are aged 17.5.

Other reasons not specified:

The distribution by length of validity is not available.

The category include: diplomat, consular officer etc treated as exempt from control; retired persons of independent means; all other passengers given limited leave to enter who are not

included in any other category; non-asylum discretionary leave; Leave Outside the Rules (concession); Leave Outside the Rules (no concession).

For 2009-2011 data, the following grand total figures by length of validity have been provided by pro-rata'ing based on visa issuance:

UK - First permits issued for other reasons not specified

REASON DURATION	Other reasons: Other reasons not specified		
	2009	2010	2011
Total	158 272	209 010	227 887
Between 3 and 5 months	46 626	4 364	6 978
Between 6 and 11 months	18 468	60 032	63 852
12 months and over	93 178	144 614	157 057