organisations from across the third sector in Scotland

EU Nationals living and working in Scotland April 2018

The following briefing is based on SCVO analysis of data from the Annual Population Survey (APS) and Labour Force Survey (LFS), between 2015 and 2017. General figures on EU nationals living in Scotland are taken form Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament briefings.

Key findings



Non-UK EU nationals are a small but important part of the Scottish workforce, particularly in key areas such as hospitality and health. We estimate that EU nationals make up over 3% of the third sector's workforce. These 3,500 employees are employed across a wide range of roles, from front-line to management. Reflecting sector employment patterns, it is reasonable to assume that at least half will be engaged in delivering health and social care services. In addition, many of these third sector workers from EU countries will have dependents with them in Scotland.

EU nationals in Scotland

In 2015 there were around 181,000 non-UK EU nationals living in Scotland, representing 3.4% of the total population. This is lower than for the UK as a whole (where non-UK EU nationals represent 4.9% of the total UK population).

Of the 181,000 EU nationals, 30,000 (16%) were under 16 years of age. Of the 152,000 EU nationals aged 16 and over:

- 115,000 were in employment (75.9%)
- 7,000 were unemployed (4.8%)
- 29,000 were inactive (19.3%).

Around a third of EU nationals in employment in Scotland are working in the distribution, hotels and restaurant sector. The health and social work sector employs 12,000 EU nationals, accounting for 3% of total employment in this sector:

Distribution, hotels and restaurants

Public admin, education and health

Banking and finance

Manufacturing

Transport and communication

Other services

Construction

Energy and water

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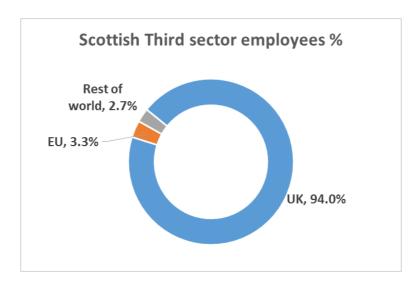
Figure 10: Employment of EU nationals by industry, Scotland 2015

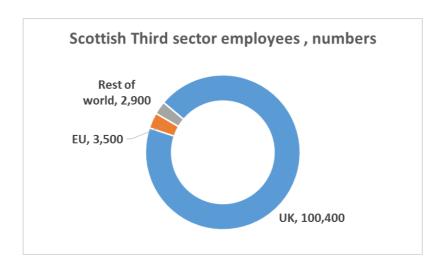
Source: SPICe analysis of APS Jan-Dec 2015, ONS

- Those from EU accession countries have a higher employment rate than both other EU nationals and UK nationals in Scotland
- A fifth (20%) of EU nationals working in Scotland are managers, directors, senior officials or in other professional occupations; around a third (31%) are in unskilled 'elementary' occupations
- EU nationals are, on average, earning less than Scottish employees (£8.60 per hour for EU nationals compared to £11.10 per hour for all employees in Scotland)

EU nationals and Scotland's third sector

- EU nationals make up just over 3% of the Scottish third sector workforce.
- In other words, 1 in every 30 third sector workers in Scotland is an EU national.
- There are currently an estimated 3,500 EU nationals directly employed in the Scottish third sector, based on 2016 and 2017 data.





According to APS data, around 3.5% of the Scottish workforce is employed in the third sector, higher than the UK figure of 2.7%. This works out as an around 90,580 Scottish third sector employees. However, based on SCVO and OSCR figures this figure is a slight undercount (due to factors such as the APS data relying on respondents self-reporting what sector they work on, and only looking at main jobs). SCVO analysis of OSCR returns indicate that there are at least 106,800 Scottish third sector employees.

Based on APS and LFS figures we estimate that around 3.3% of the Scottish third sector's workforce is made up of EU nationals. Using the figure of 106,800 third sector employees, this works out as around 3,500 EU nationals directly employed in the Scottish third sector.

While the number of EU respondents in Scotland is too small for robust statistical analysis by sector, we were able to take the average across multiple survey periods, and check this against the UK figures for which more observations are available.

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Data Sources

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Data tables

Scotland voluntary sector 2016

		Sector		
UKcountry	Private	Public	Voluntary	Total
England	73,324	25,144	2,690	101,158
	72.48	24.86	2.66	100.00
Wales	9,807	4,244	419	14,470
	67.77	29.33	2.90	100.00
Scotland	11,243	5,044	586	16,873
	66.63	29.89	3.47	100.00
NIreland	1,676	804	50	2,530
	66.25	31.78	1.98	100.00
Total	96,050	35,236	3,745	135,031
	71.13	26.09	2.77	100.00

Scotland voluntary sector 2016

	1	Sector		
UKcountry	Private	Public	Voluntary	Total
England	70,138	23,124	2,528	95,790
	73.22	24.14	2.64	100.00
Wales	8,893	3,888	379	13,160
	67.58	29.54	2.88	100.00
Scotland	10,549	4,588	541	15,678
	67.29	29.26	3.45	100.00
NIreland	1,953	831	62	2,846
	68.62	29.20	2.18	100.00
Total	91,533	32,431	3,510	127,474
	71.81	25.44	2.75	100.00

UK EU July-Sept 2016

	1	EU		
Sector	UK	EU	Other	Total
Private	27,459	2,091	1,384	30,934
	88.77	6.76	4.47	100.00
Public	9,902	338	336	10,576
	93.63	3.20	3.18	100.00
Voluntary	1,113	40	32	1,185
	93.92	3.38	2.70	100.00
Total	38,474	2,469	1,752	42,695
	90.11	5.78	4.10	100.00

UK EU July-Sept 2017

		EU		
Sector	UK	EU	Other	Total
Private	27,386	2,461	1,123	30,970
	88.43	7.95	3.63	100.00
Public	9,722	401	263	10,386
	93.61	3.86	2.53	100.00
Voluntary	1,142	37	32	1,211
	94.30	3.06	2.64	100.00
Total	38,250	2,899	1,418	42,567
	89.86	6.81	3.33	100.00

Pearson chi2(4) = 272.0884 Pr = 0.000 Cramér's V = 0.0565

Scotland EU July-Sept 2016

-> UKcountry = Scotland

Key
frequency row percentage

		EU		
Sector	UK	EU	Other	Total
Private	2,038	133	63	2,234
	91.23	5.95	2.82	100.00
Public	953	35	26	1,014
	93.98	3.45	2.56	100.00
Voluntary	109	4	1	114
	95.61	3.51	0.88	100.00
Total	3,100	172	90	3,362
	92.21	5.12	2.68	100.00

Pearson chi2(4) = 11.4505 Pr = 0.022 Cramér's V = 0.0413

Scotland EU July-Sept 2017

	EU			
Sector	UK	EU	Other	Total
Private	2,171 91.99	135 5.72	54 2.29	2,360 100.00
Public	915 95.91	27 2.83	12 1.26	954 100.00
Voluntary	113 94.17	3 2.50	4 3.33	120 100.00
Total	3,199 93.16	165 4.80	70 2.04	3,434 100.00

Pearson chi2(4) = 18.8802 Pr = 0.001 Cramér's V = 0.0524