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Dear Baroness Hayter,

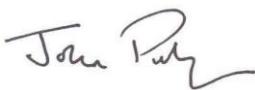
As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your Parliamentary Question asking how many non-UK EU citizens currently live in the UK; and how many of those are married to UK nationals (**HL6084**).

To provide a response to your question we have used data collected from the Annual Population Survey (APS) for the 2015 calendar year, which are the latest data available. The APS is a sample survey based on households and so does not include people living in most types of communal establishments.¹

The APS estimates that for 2015 there were 3,159,000 non-UK EU nationals living in the UK, with a confidence interval of +/- 80,000². These figures can be found in table 2.1 of the Annual Population of the United Kingdom by Country of Birth and Nationality publication.³

Estimates for the number of non-UK EU nationals married to UK nationals are also available from the APS. For 2015 the APS estimated that of the non-UK EU nationals living in the UK in 2015, 289,000 were married to UK nationals.^{4,5}

Yours sincerely

**John Pullinger**

¹ The Annual Population Survey is a household survey of people in the UK. It covers people in private households, NHS accommodation and students in halls of residence whose parents live in the UK. However people in other communal establishments such as prisons and private care homes are excluded.

² As the estimates are based on a survey, they are subject to sampling variability. This is because the sample selected is only one of a large number of possible samples that could have been drawn from the population.

³ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/datasets/populationoftheunitedkingdombycountryofbirthandnationality>

⁴ There are approximately 700,700 people who have a UK nationality but their partner's nationality is missing, or they have EU nationality but their partner's nationality is missing or they and their partner have a missing nationality. There will be a proportion of these people who could contribute to the number of EU (non-UK) nationals who are married to UK nationals in the table above, but we are unable to quantify this figure.

⁵ Figure has been rounded to the nearest thousand.