

## Largest groups acquiring citizenship in the EU27 Member States, 2009

	Largest group		Second largest group		Third largest group		Fourth largest group	
	Previous citizens of	%	Previous citizens of	%	Previous citizens of	%	Previous citizens of	%
<b>EU27*</b>	<b>Morocco</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>Ecuador</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>BE</b>	Morocco	24.2	Turkey	8.4	Italy	5.6	Dem. Republic of Congo	5.0
<b>BG</b>	Former Yug. Rep. of Macedonia	47.9	Moldova	29.1	Serbia	5.9	Israel	5.2
<b>CZ</b>	Ukraine	43.7	Slovakia	12.0	Russia	5.9	Poland	5.0
<b>DK</b>	Iraq	17.6	Afghanistan	11.6	Turkey	7.6	Stateless*	6.7
<b>DE</b>	Turkey	25.6	Iraq	5.3	Serbia	4.3	Poland	4.0
<b>EE</b>	Recognised non-citizen <sup>3</sup>	93.2	Russia	5.2	Ukraine	1.2	Lithuania	0.2
<b>IE</b>	Nigeria	10.0	Philippines	9.1	India	7.4	South Africa	6.9
<b>EL</b>	<b>Albania</b>	<b>83.9</b>	Georgia	3.2	Russia	2.4	Turkey	1.0
<b>ES</b>	Ecuador	32.3	Colombia	20.7	Morocco	8.4	Peru	8.0
<b>FR</b>	Morocco	19.2	Algeria	15.2	Tunisia	6.8	Turkey	6.8
<b>IT</b>	<b>Albania</b>	<b>16.0</b>	Morocco	15.3	Romania	4.6	Tunisia	3.5
<b>CY</b>	Greece	9.1	Russia	7.9	Ukraine	5.7	United Kingdom	5.3
<b>LV</b>	Recognised non-citizen <sup>3</sup>	95.6	Russia	1.7	Ukraine	1.3	Stateless*	0.4
<b>LT</b>	Stateless*	52.2	Russia	28.6	Ukraine	11.8	Belarus	5.4
<b>LU</b>	Portugal	30.9	Italy	9.0	Germany	8.0	France	6.9
<b>HU</b>	Romania	65.6	Serbia and Montenegro**	11.6	Ukraine	9.6	Belarus	2.2
<b>MT</b>	Australia	38.2	United Kingdom	12.6	Canada	5.1	South Africa	4.7
<b>NL</b>	Morocco	18.5	Turkey	14.0	Suriname	3.8	Iraq	2.3
<b>AT</b>	Serbia	20.5	Bosnia and Herzegovina	18.3	Turkey	15.6	Croatia	5.5
<b>PL</b>	Ukraine	35.0	Belarus	14.3	Russia	6.5	Armenia	3.2
<b>PT</b>	Cape Verde	19.4	Brazil	14.5	Moldova	10.7	Guinea Bissau	8.4
<b>RO</b>	Moldova	67.2	Stateless*	22.0	Ukraine	1.4	Israel	1.4
<b>SI</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina	27.2	Serbia	15.2	Croatia	11.0	Italy	10.5
<b>SK</b>	Ukraine	29.4	Czech Republic	18.3	Serbia	16.4	Hungary	6.5
<b>FI</b>	Russia	30.1	Somalia	8.5	Iraq	6.1	Afghanistan	5.4
<b>SE</b>	Iraq	10.8	Finland	8.2	Thailand	4.5	Turkey	4.1
<b>UK</b>	India	13.0	Pakistan	10.3	Bangladesh	5.9	Philippines	5.8
<b>IS</b>	Poland	21.0	Philippines	14.6	Serbia	10.4	Vietnam	7.0
<b>LI</b>	Turkey	32.0	Switzerland	27.2	Austria	9.7	Serbia and Montenegro**	7.8
<b>NO</b>	Somalia	15.2	Iraq	11.1	Afghanistan	7.5	Iran	6.9
<b>CH</b>	Serbia and Montenegro**	20.4	Italy	11.1	Germany	9.3	Turkey	6.0
<b>HR</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina	48.4	Serbia	9.7	Australia	6.7	Chile	4.1
<b>MK</b>	Serbia	39.6	Albania	22.8	Austria	5.6	Turkey	4.3

\* A stateless person is someone who is not recognized as a citizen of any State

\*\* Data refer to Serbia & Montenegro, which existed between 2003 and 2006

- Citizenship** is the legal bond between an individual and a state, acquired by birth, naturalisation or other means according to national legislation. **Naturalisation** is the process by which a state grants its citizenship through a formal act on the application of the individual concerned. **Other ways** of granting citizenship may include spouses of nationals, minors adopted by nationals and descendants of nationals born abroad returning to the country of origin of their ancestors.
- Eurostat**, Statistics in Focus, 24/2011 "**Acquisitions of citizenship on the rise in 2009**", available free of charge in pdf format on the Eurostat web site.
- A majority of these persons were citizens of the former Soviet Union. 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.