



Italian arrival and settlement in the UK: a timeline

1820s	Beginnings of Italian economic migration to UK Craftsmen from the north of Italy, e.g. barometer and thermometer makers Migrants from Parma and Lucca mountains begin to arrive in London as street entertainers and statuette maker-sellers
1860s	Mass emigration from Italy begins after unification 1861 Large inflow of poor Italians to London from Parma/Lucca mountain areas Street entertainers and statuette maker-sellers begin to move north and west from London
1870s	Migrants arrive in London from the Ciociaria area between Rome and Naples (Frosinone) and also begin to spread out across the country
1870s	Italian communities in Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield and take root
1880s	Street musicians and other itinerants begin to sell street food
1880s	Italian communities in Scotland and Wales take root
1890s	Progression to fixed premises; shops and other businesses linked to foods
1900s	Immigration grows, catering niche continues to expand
1910s	Italians spread out from cities around the country to smaller towns
1914-18	First World War. Britain and Italy allies (from 1915)
1920s	Immigration to UK and emigration from Italy restricted
1930s	Growth of fascism
1939-45	Second World War. Britain and Italy enemies (from 1940)
1950s	Mass immigration from the deep south of Italy by bulk recruitment Italians create communities in England where few Italians had previously lived Historic chains of migration also reactivated



1960s	Immigration continues on personal basis through work permit scheme Sicilians become the largest regional group to arrive
1970s	More people return to Italy than arrive
1973	Britain joins the EEC Students begin to arrive in Britain from Italy
1980s	Highly qualified professional migrants begin to arrive, mainly to London
1990s	Immigration of young Italian graduates begins
2000s	Increase in number of professionals and young educated Italians arriving Around half located in London Young migrants without professional experience gravitate to catering sector
2016	Italian community in the London Italian consular jurisdiction becomes second largest Italian Community in the world after Buenos Aires, Argentina Britain decides to leave the European Union

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