

EU migrants, Part Three – The ‘pull factor’ of Brexit Britain

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How job prospects for EU citizens have always been so much better in the UK

We analyse the official numbers of EU migrants and why they came

A four-part CIBUK.Org and Facts4EU.Org investigation into who came to the UK legally from the EU – and why

1. **Part One** – Where did the 6.9 million legal EU migrant applications come from?
2. **Part Two** – How much more could they earn in the UK than in their EU country of origin?
3. **Part Three** – Unemployment : How much better were job prospects in the UK than in the EU? **[This report]**
4. **Part Four** – Half a million more applications for settlement from EU migrants so far this year

In this four-part landmark report, we provide the official facts

It is a simple fact that unemployment in the UK – and in Brexit Britain after we left – has been consistently much lower than that in the EU27 countries. As we have reported many times, for those in the EU who wanted a job the UK was – and is – the place to come.

In this third part of our EU migrants series we look at how millions of EU migrants left countries with much higher unemployment rates than the UK's.

Yesterday the EU Commission celebrated 'International Migrants Day'



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Yesterday the EU Commission once again extolled the virtues of millions of migrants per year on 'International Migrants Day'. The Executive Vice President Josep Borrell, No.2 to Ursula von der Leyen, said this:

“Every year, around 2 to 3 million people from all over the world come legally to the EU to work or study. At the same time, every year thousands seek to reach the EU in irregular and unsafe ways, using deadly routes....”

“Some move in search of new job opportunities.... the EU is working to create new avenues for legal migration, for all levels of education and skill-sets, such as through the establishment of strong and mutually beneficial Talent Partnerships with partner countries, including Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt.”

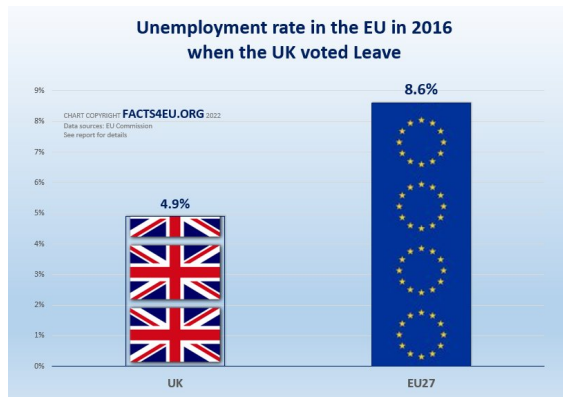
– EU Commission Executive Vice President Josep Borrell, Sun 18
Dec 2022

As in our last report on EU27 wages compared to the UK's, we use the official data from the EU Commission from 2016 – the year the British people voted in the biggest numbers in British history to leave the European Union. We then give the current picture, with a comment from **former Brexit Minister the Rt Hon David Jones MP**.

Summary

Unemployment has consistently been worse in the EU this century than in the UK

1. Overall unemployment rates in EU countries in 2016 when we voted Leave

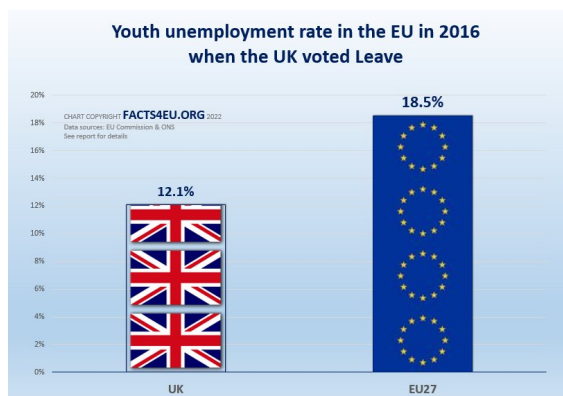


- UK : 4.9%
- EU27 : 8.6%

[Source: Official EU Commission statistics for June 2016.]

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2. Youth unemployment rates in EU countries in June 2016 when we voted Leave



- UK : 12.1%
- EU28 : 18.5%

[Source: Official EU Commission statistics and ONS statistics for June 2016.]

3. And today?

Despite the propaganda, in 2022 Brexit Britain continues to have much lower unemployment than the EU27 average.

- UK : 3.7%
- EU27 : 6.0%

[Sources: Official EU Commission statistics and Office for National Statistics figures for Oct 2022.]

Former Brexit Minister the Rt Hon David Jones MP commented exclusively to CIBUK.Org and Facts4EU.Org



“This excellent report by Facts4EU and CIBUK makes clear that the pre-Brexit warnings of economic damage resulting in higher unemployment were well off the mark.

*“More than six years after the UK voted to leave the European Union, **British unemployment remains significantly lower than the EU average.***

*“The resilience of the UK economy is, in large part, the reason why this country remains a magnet for continental workers. That, in turn, **underlines the need for tighter controls on inward migration.**”*

*“Despite the best efforts of Rejoiners to talk Britain down, **it is clear that Brexit has been good for our country,** with a nimble, independent UK more able to withstand the global shocks of recent months.”*

– The Rt Hon David Jones MP, 19 Dec 2022

The tragedy of high unemployment in the EU

The EU has suffered high unemployment for decades. For many years you were twice as likely to be out of a job in the EU than in the United Kingdom.

For young people the situation in the EU was even worse. In some EU countries almost an entire young generation has been condemned to living at their parents' homes, collecting the dole instead of being productive citizens.

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