

Official : Over half a million immigrants entered the UK legally in 12 months

This report has been co-published with our affiliated organisation, [Brexit Facts4EU.Org](https://BrexitFacts4EU.org).

Journalists please note: We kindly request you [contact us](#) before lifting our copyrighted reports, thank you.

CIBUK.Org summarises official UK population growth from legal immigration

UK population has increased by 8 million (13.5%) in just 20 years

In the 1970s, prior to the United Kingdom joining the 'Common Market' or 'EEC', population growth was relatively flat. It then started rising, and took off after former Prime Minister Tony Blair came to power in 1997.

The annual increases became dramatic following the enlargement of the EU in 2004, when Mr Blair allowed unlimited immigration from the new (and much poorer) countries from Eastern Europe who joined the bloc that year. Immigration then took off again in 2007, when Romania and Bulgaria joined. The UK was one of the very few EU members to grant citizens from those countries immediate entry.

This is the second part of Facts4EU.Org's look at immigration and the UK's population. Yesterday we looked purely at immigration from EU nationals. Today we look at the wider

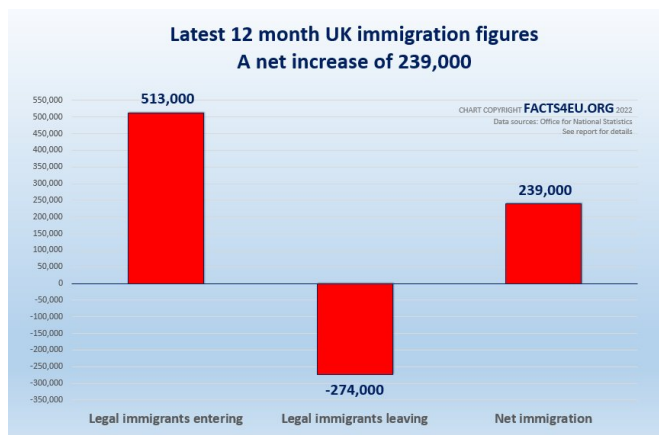
picture – overall immigration and the extraordinary growth in the UK's population.

Summary

Legal immigration into the UK and population growth

Latest figures for 12 months to June 2021

1. Legal immigration into the UK



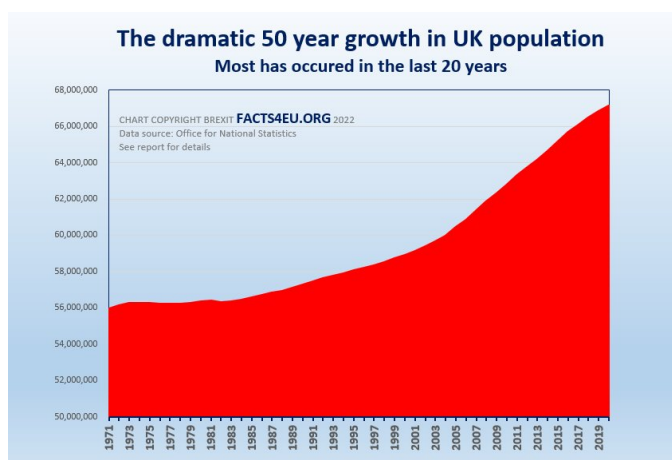
- Legal immigrants entering : 513,000
- Legal immigrants leaving : -274,000
- **Net permanent immigration : 239,000**

[Source: Office for National Statistics, May 2022.]

© Brexit Facts4EU.Org 2022 – click to enlarge

2. How much has the UK's population grown in the last 50 years?

Putting aside our usual caveats that neither the Office for National Statistics nor the Government really has a clue about the numbers of people actually in the United Kingdom, below we present the latest official figures on population growth.



- 1971 : 55.9m
- 1981 : 56.4m
- 1991 : 57.4m
- 2001 : 59.1m
- 2011 : 63.3m
- 2020 : 67.1m

[Source: Office for National Statistics, June 2021 (latest data).]

Finally, what percentage of the UK population is

still British?

- In the year ending June 2021, the non-UK-born population was an estimated 9.6 million
- That's 14.3% of the total population
- Put very simply, one in every seven people you see in the street were not born in the UK
- 62.5% of these have not taken British nationality

India continued to be the most common non-UK country of birth, and Polish remained the most common non-British nationality.

London continued to be the region with the largest estimated proportion of non-UK-born (37%) and non-British (21%) population.

For the original version of this article, click here: https://facts4eu.org/news/2022_aug_immigration_and_population
