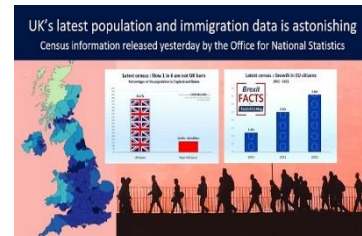




## Latest figures reveal one in six in England and Wales born outside the UK

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**As the latest figures now demonstrate, immigration is a subject that can no longer be ignored.**



There are so many shocking headlines contained within the latest census information released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics it's almost impossible to know where to start.

### ***The headline figures alone are astonishing***

- **10 million usual residents of England and Wales (one in six) were born outside the UK**
- This is an increase of 2.5 million since 2011, and represents **16.8%** of the population
- India remained the most common country of birth outside the UK in 2021 with **920,000** people
- The highest increase was from Romanian-born immigrants, growing by 576% since the last census
- We believe the figures to be significantly **understated**
- These figures only relate to England and Wales and exclude Scotland and Northern Ireland

**CIBUK** (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the oldest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – along with its affiliate **Facts4EU.Org** – highlights the dramatic rise in the immigrant population to the UK over the past ten years from all parts of the world including a **4%** increase from the EU in the last 10 years.

**Commenting, CIBUK's Communications Director Ben Philips said:**

*“The days when the issue of immigration can be ignored any longer are over. As our report makes clear, the latest census makes for shocking reading. Successive governments have promised to get to grips with the situation, yet the numbers continue to rise inexorably with consequences across a range of policy areas.*

*Along with the cost of living, control of immigration is now the most important issue on the political agenda. There can be no more excuses. It needs to be addressed - and urgently.”*

**These numbers, shocking as they are, tell only a small part of the story. CIBUK reveals the true extent of the changes which have occurred since the last census in a wide-ranging and devastating report which you can read in full [here](#).**

