



## A DOZEN KEY FACTS ON IMMIGRATION

Migrants are arriving at the rate of 500,000 a year - or nearly one a minute.<sup>1</sup>

- 1 Allowing for those who leave, net foreign migration reached 333,000 in 2007, three times the level of 1997.<sup>2</sup>
- 2 The total of migrants who have arrived since 1997 is about 3 million<sup>3</sup> (net foreign immigration of 2.67 plus half the latest estimate of 725,000 illegals).<sup>4</sup>
- 3 In 2007 one in three London residents were born outside the UK.<sup>5</sup>
- 4 In 2008 one in nine of the UK population was born overseas.<sup>6</sup>
- 5 Immigration will add nearly 7 million to our population in the next 20 years, mainly in England.<sup>7</sup> That is equivalent to seven times the population of Birmingham.
- 6 England is now the most crowded country in Europe (apart from Malta)<sup>8</sup> and the fourth most crowded major country in the world.<sup>9</sup>
- 7 Nearly 40% of household formation in the period 2006-31 will be a result of new immigration - that is 2.5 million extra households.<sup>10</sup>
- 8 The government's own calculation is that immigration raised production by 0.15% per annum in the ten years to 2006<sup>11</sup> - that works out at 62 pence per head per week.
- 9 The number of foreign born workers over 16 had doubled since 1997 from 1.9 million to 3.8 million.<sup>12</sup> Of these 2.6 million came from outside the EU.
- 10 One in seven pupils aged 4-11 does not have English as a first language - amounting to 466,000 children.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ONS Total International Migration Time Series 1991 - 2007 Table 2.01a

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> Interim report from LSE London, 16 February 09 "Economic Impact on London and the UK of an Earned Regularisation of Irregular Migrants in the UK"

<sup>5</sup> ONS Population Trends Number 135 Page 28

<sup>6</sup> ONS Press Release 23 February 2009

<sup>7</sup> Government Actuary's Department (GAD 2007), 2006 Based Principal Projection

<sup>8</sup> Hansard 3 December 2007 Column 1036W updated

<sup>9</sup> UN Population Stats

<sup>10</sup> DCLG Statistical Release at

[www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/2031households0309](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/2031households0309)

<sup>11</sup> "The Economic Impact of Immigration" Cm7414 June 2008

<sup>12</sup> ONS Quarterly Migrant Worker Estimates February 2009 Table 2

<sup>13</sup> [www.desf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000786/SFR\\_09\\_2008.pdf](http://www.desf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000786/SFR_09_2008.pdf)

11 81% of the public agree that the government should substantially reduce immigration levels to Britain.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Yougov November 2007