

BALANCED **MIGRATION**



OFFICIAL: IMMIGRATION TO ADD 7 MILLION TO UK'S POPULATION IN NEXT 25 YEARS

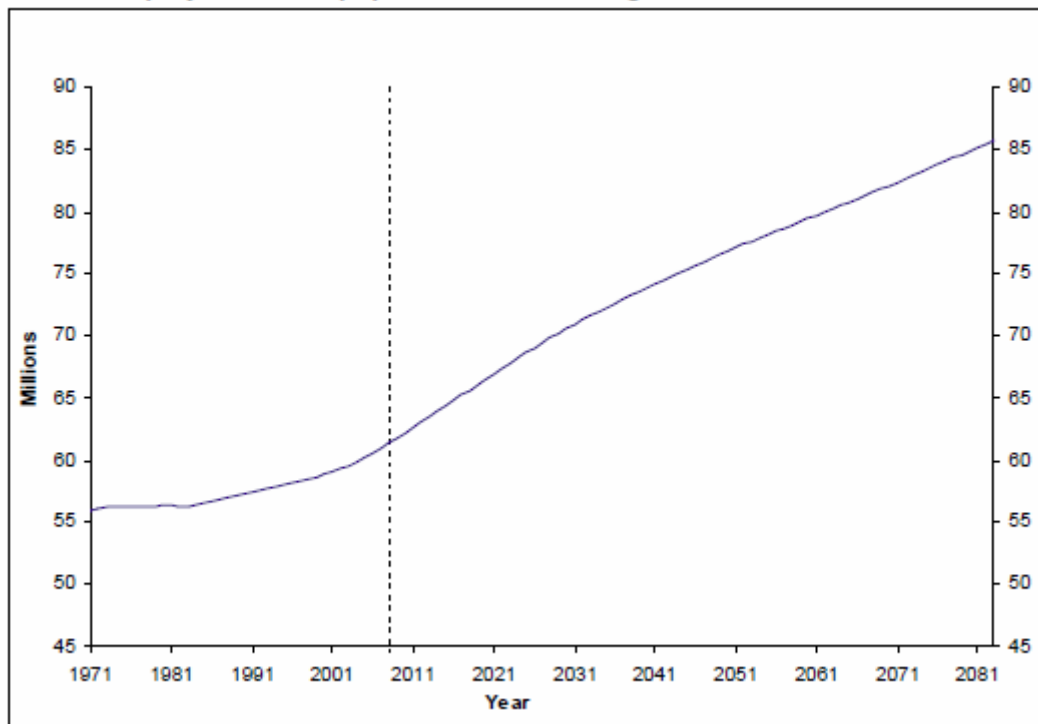
**Population to hit 70 million in 2029 – and then keep on growing
Immigration to add 1 million to population in next Parliament**

New official statistics published today show that immigration will add just under 7 million people to the UK's population in the next 25 years – equivalent to seven cities the size of Birmingham.

90% of this growth will be in England.

Immigration will add almost one million to the UK's population between 2009/10 and 2013/14 alone.

Actual and projected total population, United Kingdom, 1971-2083



The official forecasts mean that, if the UK's population is to be held below 65 million, we will have to reduce net immigration from a projected 180,000 a year to zero – in others, so that the numbers settling equal those leaving. The UK's population is 61.4 million (2008 estimate).

The co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group for Balanced Migration, Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP, said:

“These are the latest population projections before the election. We are on course for an unsustainable and unacceptable rise in population. Over the next Parliament, at a time of public spending cuts, the Government will have to find the money to pay for one million new immigrants – a city the size of Birmingham. If politicians want to rebuild trust and counter extremism, they must stop ignoring the public’s deep concern about this. The major parties must now promise firm and effective measures to keep our population below 65 million.”

Notes to editors:

1. The Rt Hon Frank Field MP and The Hon Nicholas Soames MP are Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration. The Group’s Vice-Chairmen are Lord (Bill) Jordan CBE (former President of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union) and Daniel Kawczynski MP (Conservative, Shrewsbury & Atcham). Other members include Roger Godsiff MP, Peter Kilfoyle MP, David Taylor MP, Robert Key MP, Colin Burgon MP, Lord Ahmed, Lord Anderson, Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury) Baroness Cox, Field Marshal Lord Inge KG, GCB, PC, DL, Lord Skidelsky, Lord Wakeham and Lord Ramsbotham.
2. For more information, please visit www.balancedmigration.com.