

BALANCED **MIGRATION**



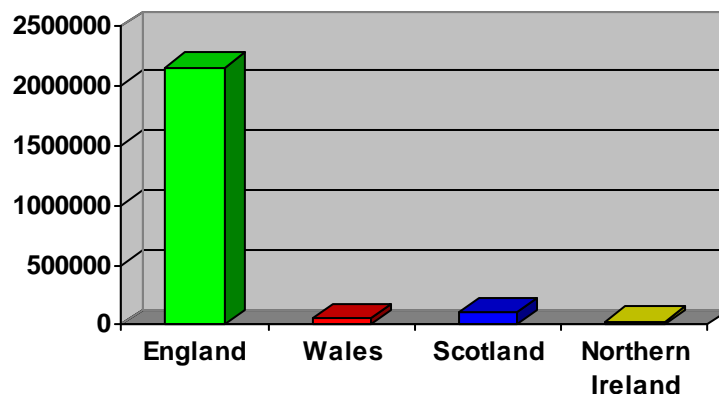
PRESS RELEASE

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New research shows England has received 20 times more international migrants than Scotland

- 92% of immigration has been to England
- 95% of projected population growth will be in England
- Gordon Brown challenged to change immigration policy to protect national identity

Net international migration 1991 - 2007



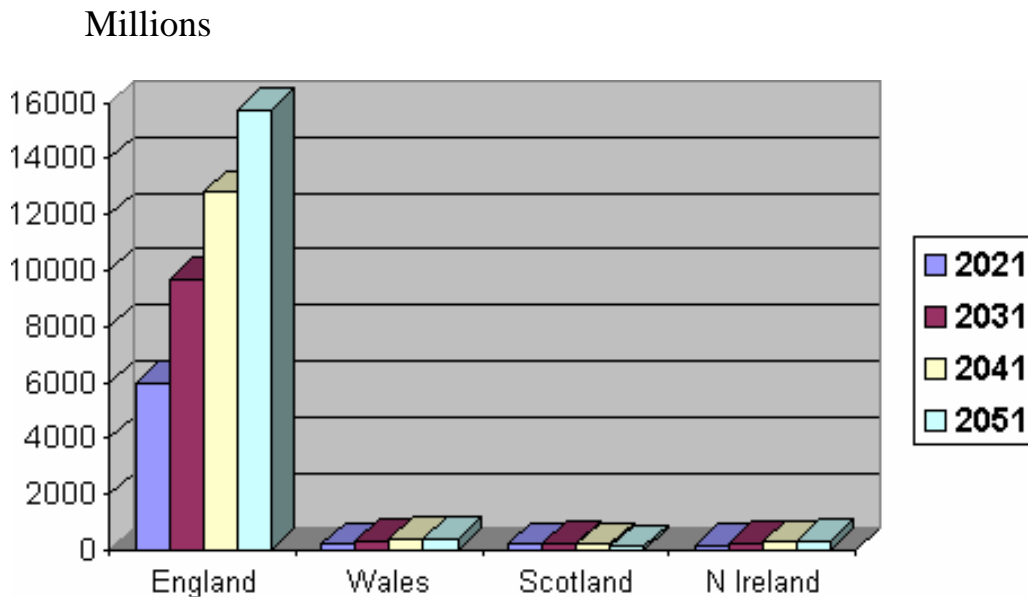
Information released by the Government in answer to a Parliamentary Question by Nicholas Soames MP, Co-Chairman of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, reveals beyond question that virtually all of the net international immigration to the UK since 1991 went to England.

The figures show that, at the end of the period 1991 – 2007, the cumulative total for net foreign migration to England was 2,149,000. The figure for Scotland was 105,000; Wales was 56,000; and Northern Ireland 27,000. Thus 92% of net international migration to the UK was to England.

England absorbed some 20 times more international migrants than Scotland, even though the population of England is only ten times larger than Scotland. England took 11 times more than Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland combined, even though its population is only five times larger.

These imbalances feed through into the population projections. The official projections to 2051 show 95% of the expected increase in population will be in England as illustrated in the following bar chart.

PROJECTED POPULATION INCREASES FROM 2006



Source: ONS National Population Projections 2006-based Table 1.2

95% of population growth will be in England

Commenting on the figures, Nicholas Soames MP and Frank Field MP, Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, said:

“This research shows that immigration is overwhelmingly an issue for England rather than other parts of the UK. England can expect a population increase of nearly 10 million people in the next 20 years or so, of which 7 million will be thanks to new immigration. The political establishment is in denial on immigration – even though it is of concern to nearly 80 per cent of the population. If they are to reconnect with the people of England after the current political crisis, politicians must end their timidity, silence and inaction on this critical issue.”

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 Tobias Ellwood MP, Roger Godsiff MP, Peter Kilfoyle MP, David Taylor MP, Lord Ahmed, Lord Anderson, Lord Carey (former

Archbishop of Canterbury) Baroness Cox, Field Marshal Lord Inge KG, GCB, PC, DL, Lord Skidelsky and Lord Wakeham.

2. The figures were obtained in the following answer to a Written Parliamentary Question tabled by Nicholas Soames MP:

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Population

Mr. Soames: To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster what the net international migration by non-British citizens was in respect of (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland in each year since 1991. [270699]

Kevin Brennan [*holding answer 23 April 2009*]: The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

Letter from Karen Dunnell, dated April 2009:

As National Statistician, I have been asked to respond to your question concerning what the net international migration by non-British citizens was for (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland in each year since 1991. (270699)

Official estimates of net international migration by non-British citizens for the constituent countries of the UK in each year since 1991 are given in Table 1 attached. The data are consistent with published figures.

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<i>Table 1: Net international migration to the countries of the UK by non-British citizens, 1991 to 2007— countries of the United Kingdom</i>				
<i>Thousand</i>				
	<i>England</i>	<i>Wales</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Northern Ireland</i>
1991	39	1	-1	0
1992	13	1	0	0
1993	24	1	1	0
1994	42	3	0	0
1995	69	3	0	0
1996	80	2	2	-1
1997	75	7	3	0
1998	113	4	7	-1
1999	101	1	8	0
2000	105	0	16	4
2001	138	3	4	1
2002	143	4	-2	4
2003	175	0	9	0
2004	286	4	15	3
2005	233	6	8	4
2006	246	8	19	5
2007	267	8	16	6

Source:
International Passenger Survey