

THE BENEFITS OF IMMIGRATION INCLUDING REFUGEES IN THE UK

The decline in the UK birthrate since 2005 reaching a record low of 1.44 children per woman in England and Wales has necessitated migration to maintain population levels and offset a shrinking workforce and ageing society. The office for national Statistics confirmed in July 2025 that international migration was almost entirely responsible for population growth in the year to mid 2024. This is compensating for the fact that in 2023 the number of deaths surpassed births. Without immigration the UK population will decline and with it its workforce.

But First lets dispel the myths :

- **Immigrants take jobs from locals**

Research consistently shows that immigrants fill labour shortages in a variety of sectors, often taking on jobs that locals do not want to do. These include healthcare, hospitality and construction where there is often a demand for labour. By enabling businesses to thrive and expand these workers help create further jobs.

- **Immigrants burden the Welfare system and the NHS**

Numerous studies show that immigrants contribute more in taxes than they receive in benefits. Many do not claim any benefits. Migrants staying longer than 6 months have to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge of £1,035 per year of leave which grants them access to NHS services. This equates to the annual cost of providing healthcare to migrants showing that the IHS fully covers costs and migrants are therefore effectively paying for the services they receive.

- **Immigrants are not integrating into society**

Many argue that social fragmentation is down to immigrants not engaging with society. In truth many actively engage in their community, learn the language, participate in events and form connections with neighbours. This is driven by their desire to succeed and contribute positively to their new home.

Benefits of the different categories of immigrants.

- Economic contribution- skilled migrants who fill critical labour shortages and drive innovation
- Resilience and diverse perspectives which can enrich local communities and support local economies

- Jobs created by immigrant owned businesses
- Immigrants contribute significantly to the UK treasury through Income Tax, NI contributions and VAT which outweigh the public service costs and benefits incurred. Immigrants enhance the overall economic health of the country.
- Immigrants often drive entrepreneurship, innovation and economic growth which have a positive impact on the UK's GDP
- Immigrants enrich the social and cultural fabric of the UK, shaping communities, fostering inclusivity and promoting social cohesion
- Diversity in the workplace is a very tangible benefit of immigration which studies show leads to improved performance, creativity and innovation. A diverse workforce brings unique viewpoints and more creative solutions, it enhances an organisation's ability to connect with a broader customer base.
- Immigration supports demographic growth, vital for maintaining economic activity in an aging society
- Many refugees awaiting asylum claim decisions volunteer in local communities
- Numerous refugees have made outstanding contributions to the Arts, Sciences and Public life,
- Refugees have helped challenge existing norms to promote social cohesion.
- Refugees contribute to Britain's vibrant multicultural society through their traditions, food, music and art.

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