

Immigration Forces British Population up by 500 Every Day

More than 1,500 immigrants arrived in the Britain every day last year. At the same time more than 1,000 people a day left the country to live abroad. The result was that the net population rose by 500 a day or almost 185,000 during the year — the second highest total since Labour came to power in 1997, according to recent official figures.

More than 1.3 million people have arrived in the country since 1998, according to the total international migration estimates published by the Office for National Statistics. The overall number of people arriving in the country last year was 565,000, slightly lower than the previous year's record figure.

The single biggest national group of migrants were Poles, who arrived at the rate of 135 a day. The biggest geographical group were from the new Commonwealth — broadly all Commonwealth states apart from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada.

About 64,000 new migrants coming to Britain for more than a year were from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Twenty per cent of those from the Indian subcontinent came to work, 38 per cent to study and 34 per cent to join families already settled in Britain and to marry.

The number of people arriving for at least a year from the eight former Soviet Bloc countries which joined the EU in May 2004 — including Poland — increased by 50 per cent to 80,000 last year.

The net immigration figure for the eight states — Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia — was 64,000. However, this did not appear to tally with previous Home Office data on arrivals from the eight eastern European states, which said that 205,000 came here to work last year.

A total of 380,000 people left the country, including 198,000 British citizens seeking a new life overseas with Australia the top destination, followed by Spain and France.

The statistics were published only days after John Reid, the Home Secretary, bowed to mounting concern at the extent of immigration and put restrictions on the number of Bulgarians and Romanians who will be allowed to enter the country from January.

Ministers have come under pressure for a pause on the numbers coming to Britain following complaints from MPs about pressure on housing and schools. Liam Byrne, the Immigration Minister, said: "The Government believes that migrant workers make a vital contribution to the economy, with workers from accession countries having given our economy a £4 million boost.

Sir Andrew Green, chairman of Migrationwatch, said: "These figures confirm that we are facing the largest wave of immigration in our history."

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-2435211,00.html>

Timeline: Canada A chronology of key events:

1670 - Hudson's Bay Company established by London traders. The company holds trading rights for regions whose rivers drain into Hudson Bay.

1701 - 38 Indian nations sign a peace treaty near Montreal with the French, ending 20 years of diplomacy.

1756 - Seven Years' War begins, between New France and the larger and economically-stronger British colonies. After early French successes, the settlement of Quebec falls in 1759 and the British advance on Montreal.

1763 - Under the Treaty of Paris, Britain acquires all French colonies east of the Mississippi including New France, which becomes the colony of Quebec.

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 4. You get in the left hand seat to drive without thinking.
 5. You know people who have been in a car accident with a moose.
 6. You can drive 110 kph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard, without flinching.
 7. You find driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.
 8. You know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction.
 9. "Down south" to you means New York.
 10. You have more miles on your snow blower than your car.
 11. You find 0 degrees "a little chilly."
 12. You actually understand these jokes.
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History - The Battle of the Plains of Abraham

In the late summer of 1759, the French posts in the western and southern regions of the St. Lawrence Valley fell into the hands of the English army, although Montréal and Québec continued to hold. Anchored downriver from Québec since June 23, the English General James Wolfe, in command of a fleet of 13,000 men and 8,500 soldiers, brought the city under siege. He bombarded Québec, but failed to provoke a full-fledged battle.

The French General, Louis-Joseph de Montcalm, had roughly the same number of troops under his command, but they were less experienced in European-style combat, and he wished to avoid a direct assault. He hoped to hold his position until the arrival of winter forced the English fleet to leave Québec.

In September, well informed about the main routes into Québec and aware of the French army's strategy, Wolfe launched a surprise attack. On the night of September 12-13, he landed 5,000 men, who used a cliff pathway to the west of the city, and managed to reach the huge open area known as the Plains of Abraham. At daybreak, Montcalm mobilized his 4,500 men without waiting for reinforcement from the detachment led by Louis-Antoine de Bougainville.

The regular French troops, assisted by inexperienced militiamen who were deployed hastily to the battlefield, found themselves on the offensive. The English bore fire from the French troops, allowed them to advance, and then responded with heavy fire of their own, which created large gaps in the French ranks. In half an hour, the battle was over and the French army was in retreat. Both Wolfe and Montcalm died of wounds sustained in battle.

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Other News & Events

House passes motion recognizing Québécois as nation

The House of Commons has overwhelmingly passed a motion recognizing Québécois as a nation within Canada. Conservatives, most Liberal MPs, the NDP and the Bloc voted 266 to 16 in support of the controversial motion, which earlier in the day had prompted the resignation of Michael Chong as intergovernmental affairs minister.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper introduced the surprise motion on Nov. 22, raising the ante on a Bloc Québécois motion that sought to declare Quebecers a nation without reference to Canada.

The motion states: "That this House recognize that the Québécois form a nation within a united Canada."

<http://www.cbc.ca>

Declare natives a nation

British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell is calling on Ottawa to extend the same acknowledgment of Quebecers as a nation within Canada to the country's aboriginal peoples, opening another front in the fractious debate.

Britain's binge drinkers begin to sober up

A tide of binge drinking that threatened to engulf Britain has started to recede, according to official figures yesterday. In 2004, 39% of men admitted drinking more than the "sensible" daily maximum set by the government, but this fell to 35% last year. Over the same period, the proportion of women exceeding the sensible limit fell from 24% to 22%, the Office for National Statistics said.

The Department of Health welcomed the decline in excessive drinking. A spokeswoman said: "We are working with the drinks industry

to agree a uniform message format for alcohol labelling, promoting health messages."

<http://society.guardian.co.uk>

One in seven children suffer homelessness or bad housing

One in seven British children - 1.6 million overall - are growing up homeless or in bad housing (1). This is part of the shocking picture that emerges from new research released today by Shelter to mark 40 years since its launch and the first broadcast of 'Cathy Come Home'.

'Against the Odds' provides powerful new evidence of a generation of children torn apart by the housing divide. Using new Shelter analysis of the latest figures from the most comprehensive Government survey of families with children in Britain, the report also reveals that:

In England, children in bad housing are twice as likely to leave school with no GCSEs. More than 40,000 young people aged 16-18 years living in bad housing in England have no GCSEs.

Almost 310,000 children in bad housing in Britain are suffering long-term illness or disability. Each year, more than 57,000 children living in bad housing in Britain are excluded from school.

<http://www.politics.co.uk>

Britain under spam siege

Criminal gangs using hijacked computers are behind a surge in unwanted email peddling sex, drugs and stock tips in Britain.

The number of spam messages has tripled since June and now accounts for as many as nine out of 10 emails sent worldwide, according to US email security company Postini. <http://australianit.news.com.au>

ID theft set to double in Britain in next three years

Identity theft is quickly becoming an increasingly widespread and costly crime. A new report released in the United Kingdom has revealed that despite the number of victims in Britain already reaching 100,000, it is set to rise even further, with up to 200,000 victims of ID theft expected by 2010. Since the identity of each Briton on average could yield as much as £85,000 to ID thieves, such a massive jump in the number of victims is not surprising at all. The ID theft industry in Britain is now worth £1.7 billion to criminals, and is all set to reach the £4 billion mark by 2010.

<http://www.viruslist.com>

Britain ranked world's best national brand

Britain is the world's favourite nation brand, according to the latest Anholt Nation Brands Index (NBI).

The UK tops the index for the third time this year, closely followed by Germany in second and Italy in third.

Britain scores consistently well in all aspects of the NBI, especially culture, exports and tourism.

However, almost a third of the 25,903 online consumers polled in 36 countries chose the word 'predictable' when asked to describe a visit to the UK.

<http://www.999today.com>

Robinson is forced out by England Rugby

Robinson has lost 13 of his 22 matches in charge of England. Andy Robinson's reign as coach of world champions England is over after a disastrous 25-month spell in charge.

The 42-year-old, who succeeded Sir Clive Woodward in October 2004, lost 13 of his 22 games in the job.

Health - GlucoAid

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Glucoaid is endorsed by the Treehouse Child Care Centre, Hudson. You can buy the GlucoAid online at www.britclub.ca

Language Training for immigrants

The Government of Canada, in cooperation with provincial governments, school boards, community colleges, and immigrant and community organizations, offers free language training across the country for adult permanent residents. In most provinces, the name of the program is LINC, which stands for Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada. These centres can assess your language training needs and refer you to the right LINC classes for your needs.

Most universities and community colleges also offer language classes, as do some private language schools and community organizations. You can contact these groups directly for more information. Remember to ask about fees, since these courses may not be free.

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) Program

LINC offers both full- and part-time classes to suit your needs, and some centres offer free childcare while you attend classes. Most LINC centres can also refer you to other language training classes in your area. Remember, language classes are available for every adult in your family, not just the person who may be looking for work.

In Quebec contact the Ministère des relations avec les citoyens et de l'immigration. <http://www.micc.gouv.qc.ca/fr/index.asp>

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