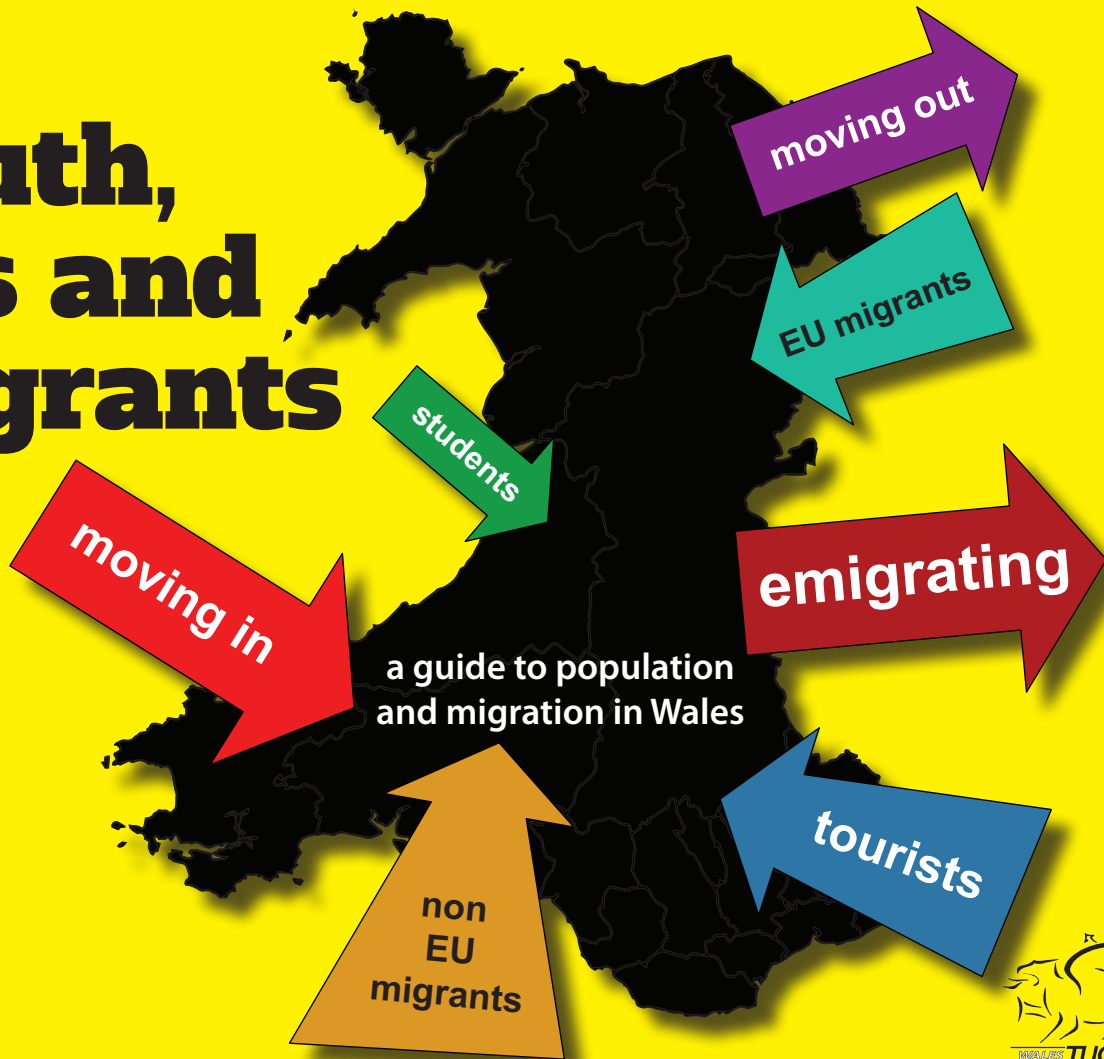


# Truth, lies and migrants



# People in Wales

**3.06 million**  
people live in Wales a rise of  
**5.3%** from 2001

**54,800**  
people moved out

**1.3**  
million  
households  
in Wales

In 2012 **59,200**  
people moved to  
Wales from other  
parts of the UK

**31%**

Polls show that on average **31%** of people think there are far more immigrants than there really are. 13% of the England and Wales population was born abroad.

In 2011 about **5.5%** of Welsh residents were born outside of the UK.

# Truth, lies and migrants

Wales has a rich history through which migration has played a decisive role in the lives of all our families and communities. As the world's first industrialised nation, Wales has been moulded by huge population shifts and the diverse cultural mix this brought about. From Ireland and Italy to Somalia and Pakistan, migrants have made a major contribution to the society we share today.

Trade unions speak up for working people. That means protecting wages and conditions from being undercut as well as supporting workers exploited by employers and gang masters.

This booklet tries to bridge the gulf between myths about migration and the facts. It also challenges the scaremongering and racist views of some groups.

We take for granted our freedom to travel and should never forget the global solidarity workers in Wales have relied upon in the

toughest of times. Migration has also proven to deliver considerable economic benefits. However it is sadly the case that those least likely to meet a migrant are most likely to believe the scare stories. That's why this booklet aims to address those fears with the facts.



**Martin Mansfield**  
*Wales TUC General Secretary*

share of migrants  
asylum seekers

perception  
**62%**

Opinion polls show that people are confused about population and migration. Strong opinions are formed, based not upon life experience, but newspaper scare stories and gossip. Myths have far more power than the truth.

reality  
**4%**

source: IPPR, ONS

## Foreign-born in Wales

The most common non-UK born residents in Wales are:



**Polish 14k**

**German 11k**

**Irish 9k**

**0.1%**  
cannot speak **ENGLISH**

**96.7%**  
speak  
**ENGLISH**  
as first language



## Peak-baby

Women around the world are having fewer babies.

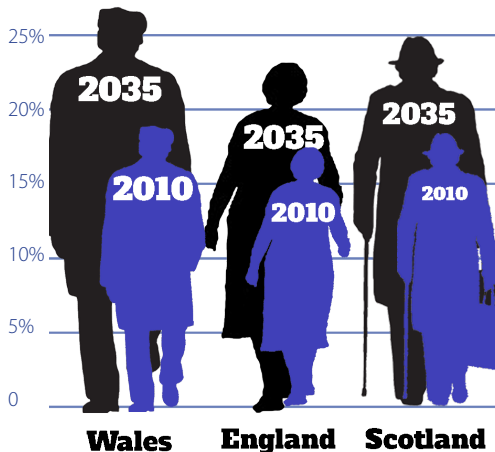
# 1990

was the peak year for births. Fewer babies have been born since then. The rise in global population is expected to level off as this peak dies out.

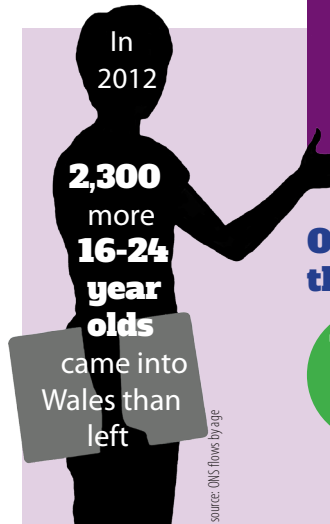
# Ageing population



## Percentage of population aged over 65



source: ONS 2011



source: ONS flows by age



source: ONS

In 1981, there were **2,420** people aged 100 and over.

By 2012 the figure was

# 12,320

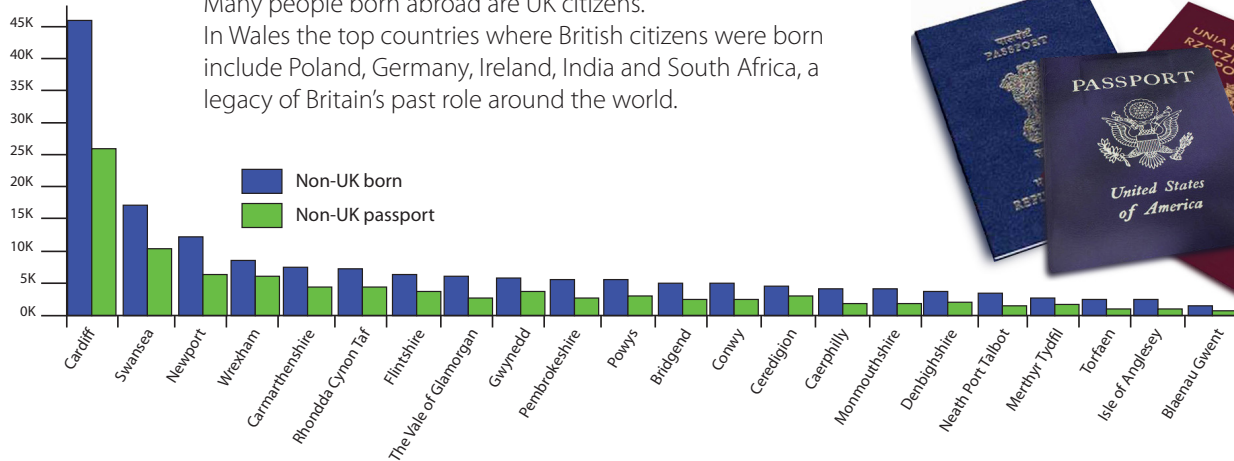
## Over 65s in the UK

**17%**  
2010

**23%**  
2035

# Being born abroad doesn't mean foreign

Many people born abroad are UK citizens. In Wales the top countries where British citizens were born include Poland, Germany, Ireland, India and South Africa, a legacy of Britain's past role around the world.



source: ONS Census 2011, Migration Observatory

## Here or abroad? What do you think?



**Boris Johnson**

Here   
Abroad



**Duke of Edinburgh**

Here   
Abroad



**Cliff Richard**

Here   
Abroad



**Helen Mirren**

Here   
Abroad



**Ed Miliband**

Here   
Abroad



**Taulupe Faletau**

Here   
Abroad



**Joanna Lumley**

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Abroad



**Shirley Bassey**

Here   
Abroad



**David Cameron**

Here   
Abroad



**Carwyn Jones**

Here   
Abroad

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# Population density



**Wales**  
**145**

people per sq km



**England**  
**401**

people per sq km

**Asylum seekers** are not entitled to social housing or housing benefit and they get no housing from local councils

# Housing



**Foreign-born**

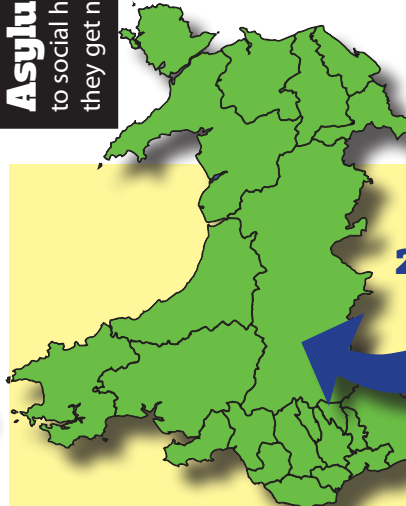


**UK-born**



**Recent migrants**

source: EHC, Housing and Migration Network



**2,300** more people moved to **Wales** from England, Scotland & Ireland than left in 2012

source: ONS



**15%** projected housing growth by 2036

# Comings and goings



Wales boasts a number of top universities and colleges.

**23,910** students paid to study in Wales during 2011-12, **15%** of the student population.

**China** was the top sending country and the favourite area of study was **Business Studies**

source: UKCISA, UK Tourism Survey 2013



**Tourists** Wales is very popular for tourists with **28.6 million** overnight stays in 2012-13 and **1.4 million** foreign tourists spending £3.3billion source: wales.gov.uk

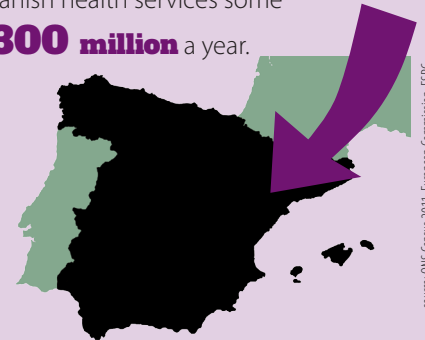
## Brits abroad

The Brits are poorly integrated into Spanish society. A survey of 340 British migrants in Málaga, found that one third rarely or never met Spanish people, apart from in shops and restaurants, and that 60 per cent did not speak Spanish well.

Almost **1 in 10** British citizens live overseas. The majority live in Australia, Spain, the US and other English-speaking nations. Like migrants who come here, most go to work.

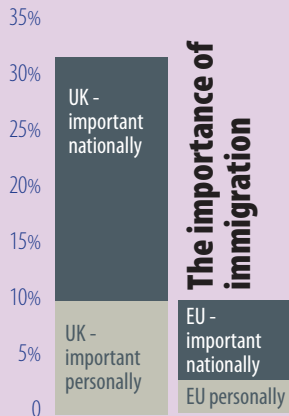
There are **300k** British nationals registered in **Spain** but estimates put the true figure up to **1 million**

Older people tend to migrate to Spain whereas younger – and fitter – migrants come here. Despite health insurance and UK charges, the British cost Spanish health services some **€300 million** a year.



source: ONS Census 2011, European Commission, ESIC

## British concern



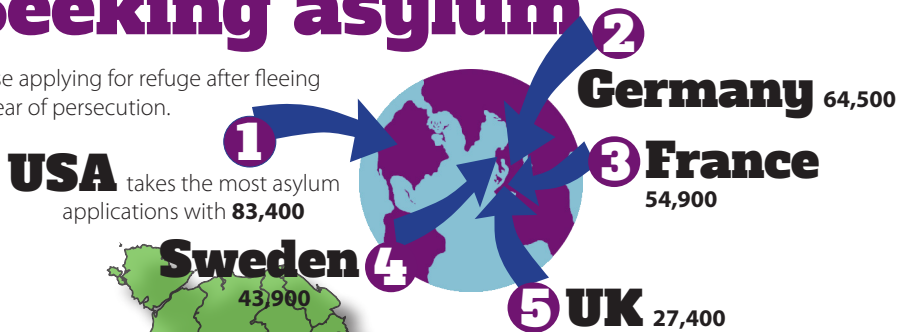
The British are more concerned by immigration than people in other EU countries. But views are formed by what people are told rather than from their own experience.



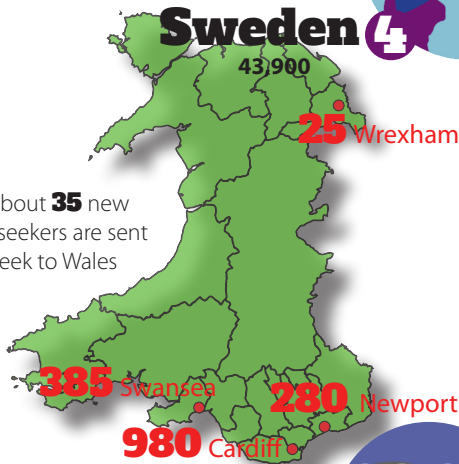
Source Ipsos MORI Eurobarometer May 2013

# Seeking asylum

Those applying for refuge after fleeing for fear of persecution.



Today, about **35** new asylum seekers are sent every week to Wales



The proportion of refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons in the UK.

Asylum seekers are not allowed to work

**£36.62**  
per week benefit payable to asylum seekers

### Where do UK asylum seekers flee from?

2012 TOP TEN

Pakistan	3,280
Iran	2,659
Sri Lanka	1,744
India	1,087
Bangladesh	1,057
Afghanistan	1,008
Syria	998
Nigeria	959
Albania	819
Eritrea	728

source: UNHCR, 2012 Asylum Trends Report, South West Migrant Forum, Refugee Council, Home Office



# Migrant news



It is not surprising that we are confused about migration issues. There is a daily diet of scare stories. In a 31-day period in 2003, the *Daily Express* ran 22 front page articles on a supposed threat of a flood of refugees.

The pressure to twist the news led *Express* NUJ journalists to lodge a formal complaint to the Press Complaints Commission against their own newspaper. Reporters on the *Daily Star* refused to work on a mock-up front page attacking Muslims.

When challenged about a front page story headed "Swan Bake" about asylum seekers stealing swans, *The Sun* could offer no real evidence to back up the claims.

The hype reached fever-pitch around 1st January 2014 when regulations for Romanians and Bulgarians changed. Scaremongering turned into farce when very few migrants arrived.

In Wales, some political parties rely heavily on scare stories about immigration to win support.

# Migrants and benefits

## Disability benefits Proportion of claimants

**10%**  
of Welsh nationals claim



**3%**  
of UK migrants claim



## Out-of-work benefits Proportion of claimants

**3.4%**  
of Welsh nationals claim



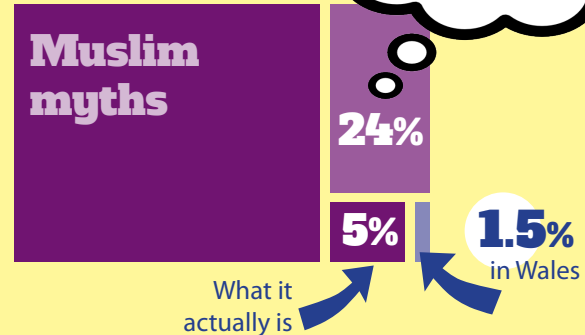
**1%**  
of UK migrants claim



If you have an **AFRICAN** or **ASIAN** sounding name you will need to send almost **TWICE** as many **JOB APPLICATIONS** just to get an **INTERVIEW**

source: Runnymede Trust

Polls show that people think the UK Muslim population is



source: Ipsos MORI poll for the Royal Statistical Society and King's College London 2013, ONS

Terms used can sometimes confuse and are often mixed up to mislead. So here is a brief glossary:

## **Migrants**

Those who come to the UK mainly for work, most stay less than two years.

## **Economic migrants**

Those seeking a better life abroad such as Britons emigrating to Australia, Canada, New Zealand and almost every part of the world!

## **Immigrants**

Those who come in order to settle.

## **Asylum seekers**

Those who apply for protection under the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees.

## **Refugees**

They are people fleeing persecution who have been granted asylum.

## **Foreign students**

The British education system has long attracted many students from abroad. They must be able to support themselves including having the fare to return home.

## **Posted workers**

Workers posted temporarily by their employer to work in another country.

## **Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme**

A limited quota of Bulgarian and Romanian workers in seasonal farm work – to be closed in 2014.

## **Work permits**

An old system to allow migrants to work in the UK. These are being replaced by Certificates of Sponsorship.

## **Points-based system**

Migrants from outside Europe must have a sponsor and pass a points test before they can enter the UK. Points are awarded for ability, experience, age and the level of need within the sector the migrant will be working. They must speak English and have sufficient funds to survive without public funds. Employers must show that no suitably-qualified settled worker can fill the job.

## **European nationals**

Workers in the European Union have freedom to travel between countries.

## **Accession countries**

In 2004 the European Union expanded to take in eight new countries (A8): Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia. People from Bulgaria and Romania (A2), have been free to enter the UK to visit. Restrictions on working were lifted in January 2014.

## **Net migration**

The difference between those arriving in the UK and those leaving. It has risen recently due to less people emigrating.

## **ESOL**

English for Speakers of Other Languages - courses at different levels often organised through unions and the community.

## **No Recourse to Public Funds**

A term used to describe migrants who need assistance but have no right to get it from public bodies.

## Here or abroad? How many did you know?



**Boris Johnson**

Here   
Abroad   
born in  
New York



**Duke of Edinburgh**

Here   
Abroad   
born in  
Greece



**Cliff Richard**

Here   
Abroad   
born in  
Lucknow,  
India



**Helen Mirren**

Here   
Abroad   
Born Ilyena  
Asilievna  
Mironor in  
London



**Ed Miliband**

Here   
Abroad   
born in  
London, son  
of Jewish  
refugees



**Taulupe Faletau**

Here   
Abroad   
born Tofoa,  
Tonga



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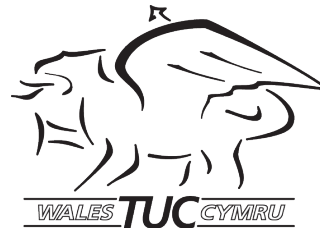
**David Cameron**

Here   
Abroad   
born in  
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Here   
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