

BALANCED MIGRATION



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Immigration fuels need for hundreds more primary schools

- 67,000 places needed for children of non-UK born parents
- Estimated £1 billion cost of building new schools
- Estimated £200 million annual cost of extra pupils

New research published today shows the impact that immigration is having on our society and public services. By 2013, an extra 96,000 primary school places will be needed in England and Wales - the equivalent of nearly 500 extra primary schools of 200 pupils each¹. 67,000 of these children have parents one of whom, or both, were not born in the UK.

The research, undertaken by Migrationwatch for the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, uses the latest population estimates for England and Wales. These show the number of five year olds as 607,000, but the number now in their first year (aged 0) is 703,000. When those aged 0 today reach primary school age, they will be the highest primary school entry for 16 years.

Of the 96,000 increase in five year olds, about 29,000 (30%) are children with both their mother and father born in the UK. Some 54,000 (56%) are children whose parents are both foreign born. The other 13,000 (14%) have one foreign born parent.

A ballpark estimate of the cost of the extra immigrant children would be about £1 billion to construct 270 new schools of 200 pupils.² The annual cost would be in the order of £200 million.³

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

“This research illustrates how uncontrolled immigration is directly affecting ordinary families. The government have clearly failed to plan for the consequences of the mass immigration they have permitted. Today’s research highlights primary school places but the same applies to health, housing and other services. The research is yet more evidence that the Government must take

¹ <http://www.parliament.uk/commons/lib/research/briefings/snsg-02625.pdf>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm090430/text/90430w0015.htm#09043051001108> and

³ <http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc0809/hc02/0267/0267.pdf>

steps to reduce immigration so as to prevent our population from reaching 70 million within the next 25 years, as official forecasts now predict, if public services and the public purse are to be protected.”

Notes to editors

1. For media enquiries, please contact the Office of Rt Hon Frank Field MP, on 020 7219 6636.
2. Local authorities are responsible for planning the supply of school places in their area⁴. However there appear to be no local authority level projections for financial planning purposes beyond 2011⁵.
3. The Government are now planning to investigate the migration component of pupil projections using the zero migration variant. This is expected to be completed by the early autumn of 2009⁶.
4. Meanwhile the school building programme is running at about £7.5 billion a year plus £1.3 billion of private finance initiatives which are available for allocation⁷. In the summer of 2009 the Minister for Schools announced an extra £200 million of capital funding to be made available in the next financial year to help build additional primary school places by September 2011. This was in addition to the £1.75 billion of additional expenditure on the Primary Programme over the next two years.
5. 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, 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.
6. For more information, please visit www.balancedmigration.com.

⁴ Hansard 8 May 2009; column 437W

⁵ Hansard 26 February 2009; column 1080W

⁶ Hansard 10 June 2009; column 920W

⁷ Hansard 8 May 2009; column 440W

NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF BIRTHS TO FOREIGN BORN PARENTS 2003 – 2008

Sources: ONS FM 1 Birth Statistics Table 9.3
Mid 2008 Population Estimates, England and Wales Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1. Both parents non UK born	65,284	72,470	80,171	88,012	98,039	109,616	118,168
2. Adjustment for departures*		14,100	10,600	7,200	6,600	6,300	5,600
3. Children aged 0 both of whose parents were foreign born		58,370	69,571	80,812	91,439	103,316	112,568
4. Total children		607,300	629,100	638,600	653,000	673,700	703,100
5. % age		9.6%	11%	12.6%	14%	15.3%	16%
6. Mother and Father born in UK		429,594	437,159	434,419	444,828	450,719	458,381
An extra 95,800 places between 2003 - 2008 of which only			29,500 due to both parents born in the UK				30%
			54,000 due to immigrant parents				56%
			14,000 due to one immigrant parent				14%
* The number by which births recorded exceeded the population estimate for that age							