

YouGov / Migration Watch Survey Results

Sample Size: 1956 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 16th - 17th July 2009

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample 1956	653	383	279	939	1017	579	693	684	1075	879	250	635	419	482	170
Unweighted Sample 1956	672	378	262	936	1020	483	659	814	1167	787	296	655	398	436	171
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

According to official statistics, the population of the UK will rise from 61 million today to around 70 million in 2028.

How would you feel about a population of this size?

Delighted	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1
Wouldn't mind	14	7	26	20	15	23	12	9	15	13	14	13	11	16	24
Slightly worried	36	35	41	38	32	41	35	34	38	34	33	34	40	37	40
Very worried	45	55	29	38	48	41	30	48	54	43	46	50	42	44	31
Don't know	4	2	3	4	3	5	6	4	3	2	6	4	6	3	4

According to official figures, around 70 per cent of that estimated increase – about 7 million people – is likely to be as a result of immigration. Some argue that this will put great strain on resources in the UK, while others argue that the economic benefits justify this level of immigration.

To stop the population rising to 70 million, net immigration needs to be cut from around 250,000 per year to around 50,000.

In your opinion which of the following is the right level of NET immigration for Britain (i.e. the number of people who enter minus the number of people who leave)?

More than 300 000 a year	2	1	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1
300 000 a year	2	2	4	3	3	2	4	1	1	2	3	3	1	2	2	1
200 000 a year	3	1	7	5	3	3	5	2	2	3	4	5	3	2	3	4
100 000 a year	7	6	8	12	8	6	10	7	5	8	5	9	6	6	7	9
50 000 a year	22	24	27	25	21	23	23	20	23	26	18	20	21	21	24	25
No net immigration (e.g. "one in one out")	32	37	29	28	33	31	27	36	32	32	33	28	36	33	30	26
No immigration at all (i.e. people can emigrate, but not immigrate)	22	24	14	12	20	23	14	23	26	17	27	20	22	23	23	17
Don't know	11	6	9	12	10	11	14	10	8	11	10	13	8	11	10	16

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Alan Johnson, the Home Secretary, said this week that he “does not lie awake at night” worrying that the population will hit 70 million, and that he would not put a cap on the number of immigrants settling in the UK.

Do you think Mr Johnson is in touch with people like you?

Yes he's in touch with people like me	11	5	22	18	14	8	17	9	8	14	7	18	10	8	10	13
No he is not	78	90	65	71	78	79	68	81	84	77	79	71	79	83	79	74
Don't know	11	5	13	11	8	13	16	10	8	9	13	11	11	9	11	13

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	58	117
Male 25 to 39	222	254
Male 40 to 54	258	255
Male 55 +	398	313
Female 18 to 24	89	117
Female 25 to 39	275	254
Female 40 to 54	240	275
Female 55 +	416	371
Region		
London	296	250
Rest of South	655	635
Midlands and Wales	398	419
North	436	482
Scotland	171	170
Social Grade		
ABC1	1167	1075
C2DE	787	879
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	485	314
Sun / Star	340	431
Mirror / Record	187	313
Guardian / Independent	112	78
FT / Times / Telegraph	202	186
Other Paper	250	244
No Paper	380	391
Political Party Identification		
Lab	638	625
Con	516	510
Lib Dem	179	234
Others	81	59
None	475	479
Don't know	67	49