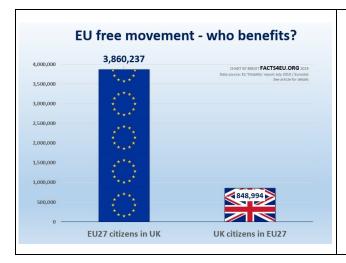


THE TRUTH ABOUT "FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT"

Brexit factsheet no.6 – free movement

Free movement has benefited citizens from other EU countries, but citizens of the United Kingdom use it very little

The facts below come from 'Mobility in Europe' (Freedom of Movement), a July 2019 report by the EU Commission's statistics agency. This official EU data is backed up with data from the ONS and Universities UK.



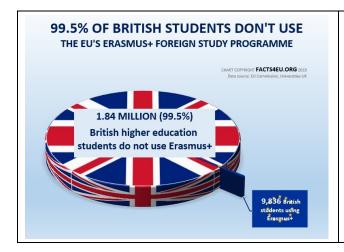
- 3.9 million EU27 nationals now live in the UK
- Less than 850,000 Brits (1%) live in other EU countries
- 4½ times as many EU27 citizens live in the UK, compared to UK citizens in the EU27
- The number of EU27 nationals in the UK has continued to rise since the EU Referendum (ONS)
- The UK's proportion of EU nationals is 70% higher than the EU average
- Poles top the table at over 1 million
- Romanians are second with 416,000, despite only having free movement to the UK from 2007

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Where do British people live in the EU27?

- Spain is by far the most popular home for Brits in the EU: 285,000 live there [EU figures]
- France comes second with 145,000 UK nationals, and Ireland is third with 103,000 UK nationals
- The other 310,000 are spread across the remaining 24 EU countries, averaging under 13,000 per member state

What about young people and 'their future'?



Only 0.5% of UK higher education students use the EU's study programme, called 'Erasmus+'.

- 99.5% of UK higher education students do NOT use it
- Less than 10,000 higher education students study in the EU27, out of 1.84 million [EU figures & Universities UK]
- Pro-rata, staff use it **three times** more than students
- Erasmus+ does not require EU Membership. Iceland,
 Norway, Turkey, Serbia, Liechtenstein and North
 Macedonia are all part of Erasmus, but are not in the EU.

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Currently an EU citizen has the automatic right of entry into the UK. He or she can bring family members even if they are not EU nationals. He or she can live, work, access schools and universities, GP surgeries, hospitals, the benefits system, and housing. There is no such automatic right for people from India, Kenya, Australia, the United States, etc.

Freedom of movement within the EU might be an aspiration for some in the UK, but very few in the country actually use it.

Let's keep things in proportion

For more information: https://facts4eu.org/news/2019_oct_brexit_initiative_factsheet_6

















