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Factsheet

Fertility rate (births/woman)	Net migration rate (entering-leaving/1000)	Family policies	Attitude towards immigration
1.53 (24th in the OECD)	7.14 (19th in the OECD)	Moderate	Neutral

Immigration Policies

High levels of immigration from EU countries has been one of the driving arguments for BREXIT. Successive Conservative governments have attempted to curb the number of immigrants alongside, and after BREXIT - with little actual success. Net migration hit record levels in 2023, but the numbers have since decreased thanks to new policies (of the previous government) that prohibit most international students and social workers from bringing their relatives with them to the UK, and hikes to the minimum salary required for a visa. Illegal Channel crossings however remain a persistent issue.

Potential allies: Sweden, Germany, France

Family Policies

Like most western countries, the UK provides benefits to families with children, such as parental leave and the right to request flexible working. However they do not always provide enough support, especially to low- to middle income families. Social policies were scaled back after the 2008 financial crisis, and reforms to family policies have only started to pick up again in recent years. Studies have also suggested that giving people more money might not be enough. Citizens' optimism for the future (of the world and the economy), and their choices about their personal lives also have significant impact.

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