Here we present an at-a-glance overview of the key issues in Britain today. In this issue our focus is on population. All statistics are from the Office of National Statistics unless stated.

**Who we are**

**UK POPULATION** By 2029 the UK population will increase from 61 million to 70 million.

- **75**
- **70**
- **65**
- **60**
- **55**
- **50**
- **45**
- **40**
- **35**
- **30**
- **25**
- **20**
- **15**

“**To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment**” Ralph Waldo Emerson

- **2.58** is the average birth rate worldwide.
- **1.96** is the birth rate in the UK.
- **84%** of the population are White British.

- **39** is the average age in the UK.
- West Somerset has the oldest average age, with 52 years.
- Oxford has the lowest median age, with 29 years.

- **79** is the average life expectancy in the UK, which corresponds with the EU average. In comparison people live, on average, to 83 in Japan, 67 worldwide and 32 in Swaziland.

11% of state-funded secondary children have a first language other than English. The top five foreign languages spoken in the UK are Punjabi, Urdu, Bengali, Gujarati and Somali.

- **30.2m** of the UK population are male.
- **31.2m** of the UK population are female.
1 in 10
Nearly one in ten British people lives part or all of the year abroad. There are more British living abroad than there are foreigners living in the UK.
Source: IPPR

“I dislike feeling at home when I am abroad”
George Bernard Shaw

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THE POPULATION OF THE UK

Source: IPPR

MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS FOR BRITISH EMIGRES
Source: IPPR

4.1m foreign nationals live in the UK.
1 in 9 people living in the UK was born abroad.
0.9% The UK’s share of the world population.