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## Demography in the EU

*Malta's population density is 74 times that of Finland*

*In a single decade, UK population grew by the equivalent of four "Birminghams"*

- In 2013, the UK as a whole was the fourth-most-densely-population country in the 28-country European Union. Only Malta (with under half a million inhabitants), the Netherlands and Belgium were more densely-populated than the UK. *Table 1*
- Within the UK, England's population density was 2.8 times that of Wales, 3.1 times that of Northern Ireland and 6.1 times that of Scotland *Table 2*
- In 2013, England's population density was greater than that of Belgium, and smaller than that of the Netherlands *Tables 1 & 2*
- In 2013, Germany was less-densely-populated than the UK as a whole *Table 1*
- In 2013, England alone, at 413 persons per km<sup>2</sup>, was 1.8 times more densely-populated than Germany, whose population density was 230 persons per km<sup>2</sup> *Tables 1 & 2*
- In 2013, the population densities of Italy, Poland, France, Spain and Sweden were all significantly smaller than that of the UK *Table 1*
- Over the period 2003 to 2013, the overall populations of ten EU countries, mainly in eastern Europe, shrank *Table 3*
- Between 2002 and 2013, UK population increased by 4.7 million, over four times the 2013 population of Birmingham of 1.1 million. *Table 5*

<b>Table 1: EU-28 in 2013: population density in persons per km<sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Population Density</b>
Malta	1340
Netherlands	498
Belgium	369
UK	264
Germany	230
Luxembourg	210
Italy	199
Czech Rep.	136
Denmark	131
Poland	122
Portugal	113
Slovakia	110
Hungary	106
France	104
Austria	103
Slovenia	102
Cyprus	94
Spain	92
Romania	87
Greece	84
Croatia	75
Ireland	67
Bulgaria	67
Lithuania	47
Latvia	32
Estonia	30
Sweden	24
Finland	18

*Source: Eurostat: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table>*

<b>Table 2: UK population density by nation: persons per km<sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Nation</b>	<b>Population Density</b>
England	413
Wales	149
Northern Ireland	135
Scotland	68
<b>UK</b>	<b>263</b>

*Source: ONS: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/compendium-of-uk-statistics/population-and-migration/index.html>*

**Table 3: Ten EU countries with shrinking population  
2003 to 2013**

Bulgaria
Croatia
Estonia
Greece
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Poland
Portugal
Romania
<i>Source: Eurostat: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table">http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table</a></i>

**Table 4: Eighteen EU countries with increasing population  
2003 to 2013**

Austria
Belgium
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany (just)
Ireland
Italy
Luxembourg
Malta
Netherlands
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
UK
<i>Source: Eurostat: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table">http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table</a></i>

**Table 5: UK population density by nation: persons per km<sup>2</sup> in 2013**

<b>Nation</b>	<b>Population Density</b>
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**Table 6: UK Population: millions**

<b>2002</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b><i>Increase</i></b>
59.4	64.1	4.7

*Source: Eurostat: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table>*

*Birmingham is the UK's second biggest city after London, with a 2013 population of 1.1 million. The UK's population increase between 2002 and 2013, of 4.7 million, is the equivalent of 4.3 cities of the size of Birmingham (4.7 divided by 1.1 equals 4.3).*

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