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Brexit

The United Kingdom's referendum on European Union (EU) membership took place on 23 June 2016

The referendum was about Brexit, a shorthand way of referring to the UK leaving the EU, with the words 'Britain' and 'exit' being merged to get 'Brexit'.

The campaign to stay in the EU was led by Remain and the campaign to leave the EU was led by Vote Leave.

The majority of voters voted for the UK to leave the EU.

The results were as follows.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Remain votes | 16 141 241 |
| Leave votes | 17 410 742 |
| Valid votes | 33 551 983 |
| Invalid votes | 25 359 |
| Total votes counted | 33 577 342 |
| Total number of eligible voters | 46 500 001 |

The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported on the EU referendum and its result.

The information below is based on extracts from articles on the newspaper's website.

Overall result

| Remain | Final result | Leave |
|--------|--------------|--------|
| | 48.1 % | 51.9 % |

Results by country

| Remain | England | Leave |
|--------|---------|--------|
| | 46.8 % | 53.2 % |

| Remain | Scotland | Leave |
|--------|----------|-------|
| | 62 % | 38 % |

| Remain | Wales | Leave |
|--------|--------|--------|
| | 48.3 % | 51.7 % |

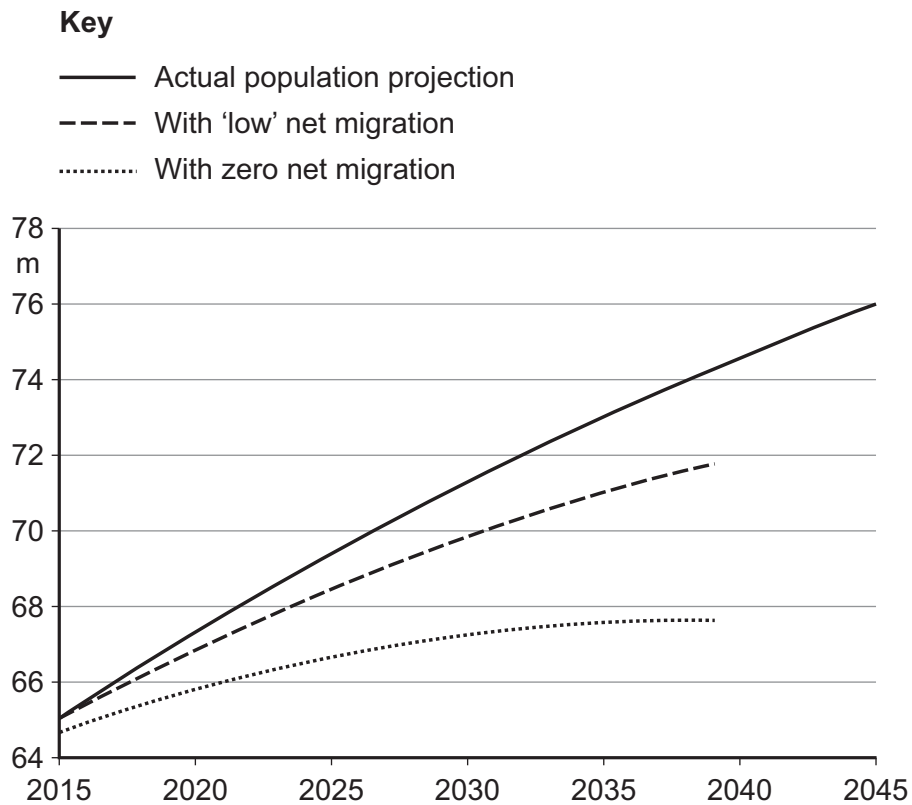
| Remain | Northern Ireland | Leave |
|--------|------------------|--------|
| | 55.7 % | 44.3 % |

The UK population, at 65 million in 2016, is expected to reach 70 million in 2027 and 75 million in 2042

These are uncertain estimates, not least because they include tentative predictions on future immigration levels.

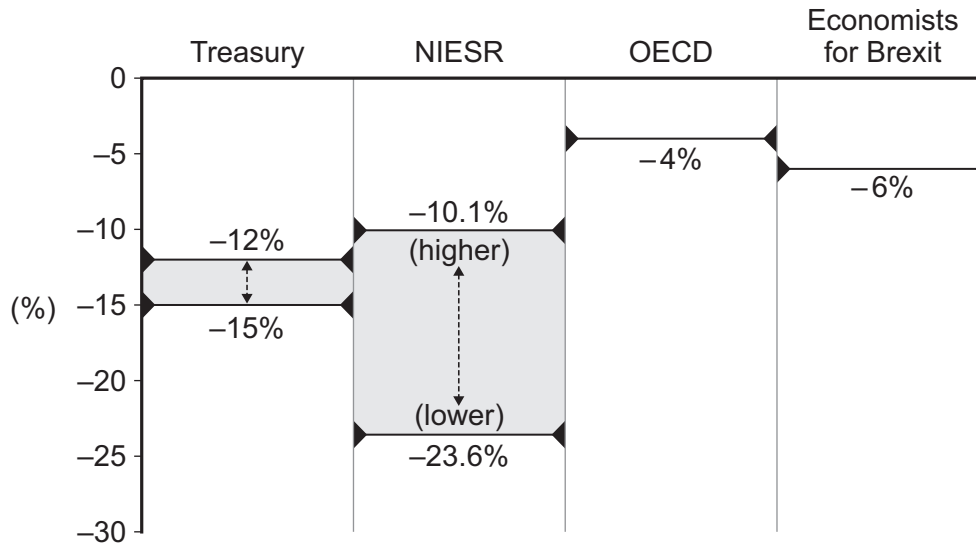
The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is assuming a fall in net migration, from a high of 332 000 in 2015 to under 200 000 from 2020

Graph 1: EU immigration in the UK – ONS national population projections



Before the vote, the Bank of England stated that the behaviour of the foreign exchange markets suggested that, were the UK to vote to leave the EU, sterling's exchange rate would fall. The Bank did not quote numbers, but other sources predicted a likely fall of between 10% and 25% by 2020

Graph 2: Brexit's impact on the pound



The following statements were made during the campaign.

“The EU now costs the UK over £350 million every week”

– Vote Leave

“Brexit would make us worse off to the tune of £4300 for every household in Britain by 2030”

– Remain

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