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Dear Mrs Main,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your Parliamentary Question asking how many nationals of other EU member states have given birth in the UK in each of the last 10 years **(30749)**.

Birth statistics are compiled from birth registration data. It is not possible to provide figures based on the nationality of the mother because this information is not collected at birth registration. We do however publish live births by mother's country of birth, which is recorded at birth registration. Care is needed in interpretation as country of birth can differ from nationality. It is important to remember that some mothers born outside the UK may be British nationals, and conversely that mothers born in the rest of the EU might not be nationals of these Member States.

The table below provides the number of live births in England and Wales to mothers born in the EU since 2005. Stillbirths are not included. The latest figures available are for 2014. These figures are published in Table 1 of our *Parents' Country of Birth* release at [www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/livebirths/datasets/parents-country-of-birth](http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/livebirths/datasets/parents-country-of-birth).

**Number of live births to mothers born in the EU, 2008 to 2014, England and Wales**

	Total live births	Live births to mothers born in		
		UK	EU <sup>1</sup> (excluding UK)	EU <sup>1</sup> (including UK)
2014	695,233	507,587	64,067	571,654
2013	698,512	513,411	60,448	573,859
2012	729,674	540,572	59,061	599,633
2011	723,913	539,364	55,194	594,558
2010	723,165	541,321	52,868	594,189
2009	706,248	532,046	47,680	579,726
2008	708,711	537,854	44,022	581,876
2007	690,013	529,655	37,349	567,004
2006	669,601	522,627	30,304	552,931
2005	645,835	511,624	24,942	536,566

Source: Office for National Statistics

<sup>1</sup> European Union as constituted in 2014 for the years 2008 to 2014 (28 countries), and as constituted in 2007 for the years 2005 to 2007 (27 countries). Croatia is not included in figures for 2005 to 2007 but it included in figures for 2008 to 2014.

The number of live births in Scotland to mothers born in the EU in 2004, 2009, and 2012 to 2014 is published by National Records of Scotland in table 3.13 of the *Vital Events Reference Tables* available at [www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/vital-events-reference-tables/2014/section-3-births](http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/vital-events-reference-tables/2014/section-3-births).

The number of live births in Northern Ireland, by individual country of birth of mother, for a given year, are published in table 3.22 of the *Registrar General Annual Report*, available at [www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp98.htm](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp98.htm).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Pullinger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

**John Pullinger**