

**Question for written answer E-001381/2019/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Immigration pushing down European wages

Experts from the UN have calculated that, in order to keep the ratio of people in work to retirees at 1995 levels, France's population would need to be 187 million in 2050, including 128 million immigrants. The UN has suggested that France take in 2.4 million immigrants per year from 2025 onwards. It recommends that the EU take in 13 million per year to reach a target of 674 million in total. The alternative would be to raise the retirement age to 74¹.

Immigrants also age, of course. A Dutch study has rejected this perilous quest for an ever-growing population and considered the UN's dogmatic acceptance of the economic benefits of immigration. Its findings clearly show that, in the Netherlands, an increase of 5% in the number of immigrants lowers the wages of the least qualified by 10%. Even the wages of those most qualified are affected. Only shareholders would benefit in the short term².

In ten years, from 2008 to 2017, 25 million new residence permits were issued to non-Europeans in the European Union³. 22 million third country nationals live in the EU⁴. There are 16 million unemployed in the EU⁵.

1. Has the Commission evaluated the impact of extra-European immigration flows on European wages?
2. Why have 400 000 people disappeared from official statistics on residence permits issued in 2016⁶?

¹ To keep the ratio of people in work to retirees at 4.4 persons aged 15 to 64 for each person aged 65 years and older: see scenario VI, p. 36;

<https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/pdf/ageing/replacement-chap4-fr.pdf>;
<https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/pdf/ageing/replacement-es-fr.pdf>

² Central Planning Office (Dutch) p. 48;

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/5007996_Immigration_and_the_Dutch_Economy/download

³ <http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/submitViewTableAction.do>

⁴ Eurostat, 1 January 2017;

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Migration_and_migrant_population_statistics

⁵ 1 January 2019; <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/9628005/3-01032019-BP-EN.pdf/fdee8c71-7b1a-411a-86fa-da4af63710e1>

⁶ 3.4 million: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/8456381/3-16112017-BP-EN.pdf/e690a572-02d2-4530-a416-ab84a7fcbf22> vs 3 million;

<http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/submitViewTableAction.do>