

CHANGING IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

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Changing Immigration Regimes

1945-1962	Liberal immigration regime of unrestricted access
1962-1988	Increasing restriction and immigration control
1989-1996	Increasing preoccupation with asylum
1997-2005	The grudgingly opening door
2005-2007	Immigration policy and managed migration

Figure 1. Total Immigration and Emigration, 1964-98

Source: Hatton and Price 2005, p. 116

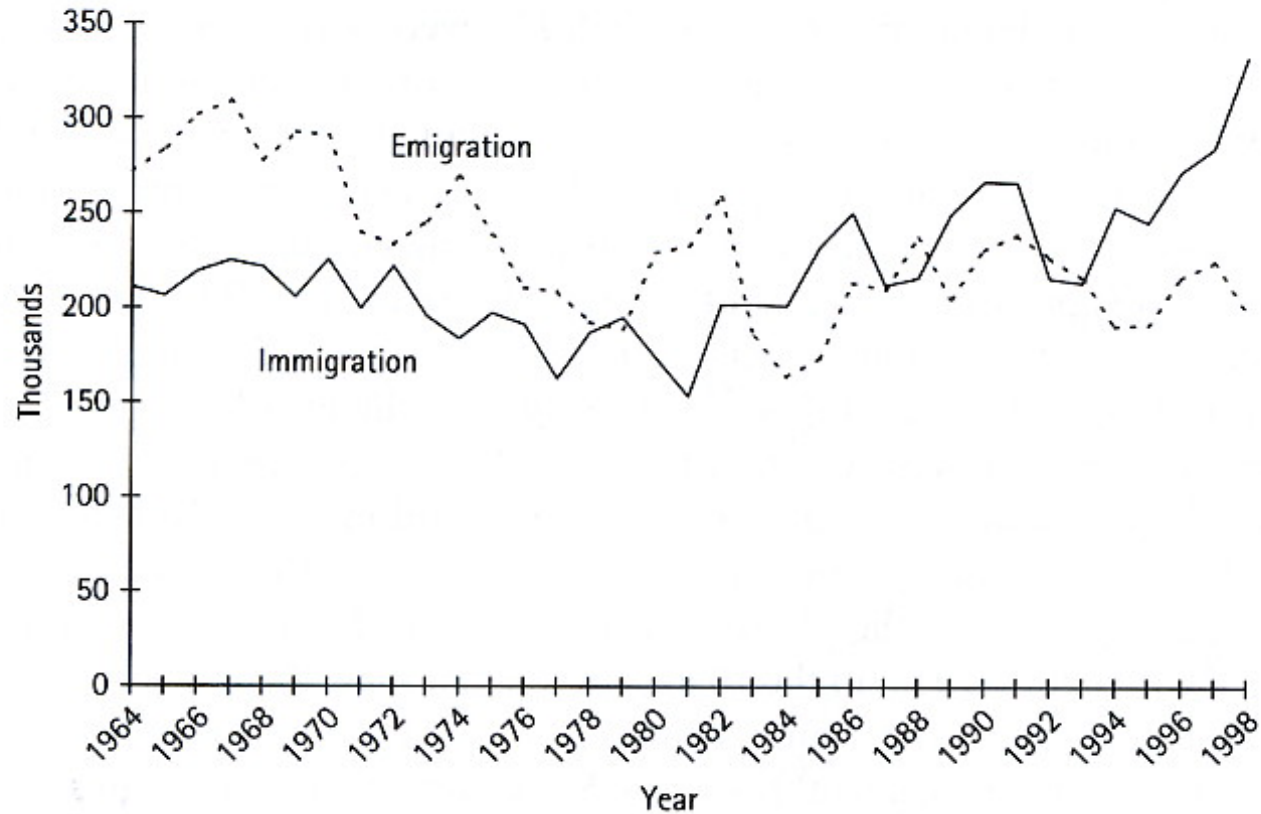


Figure 2. Total International Migration to/from the UK, 1996-2005

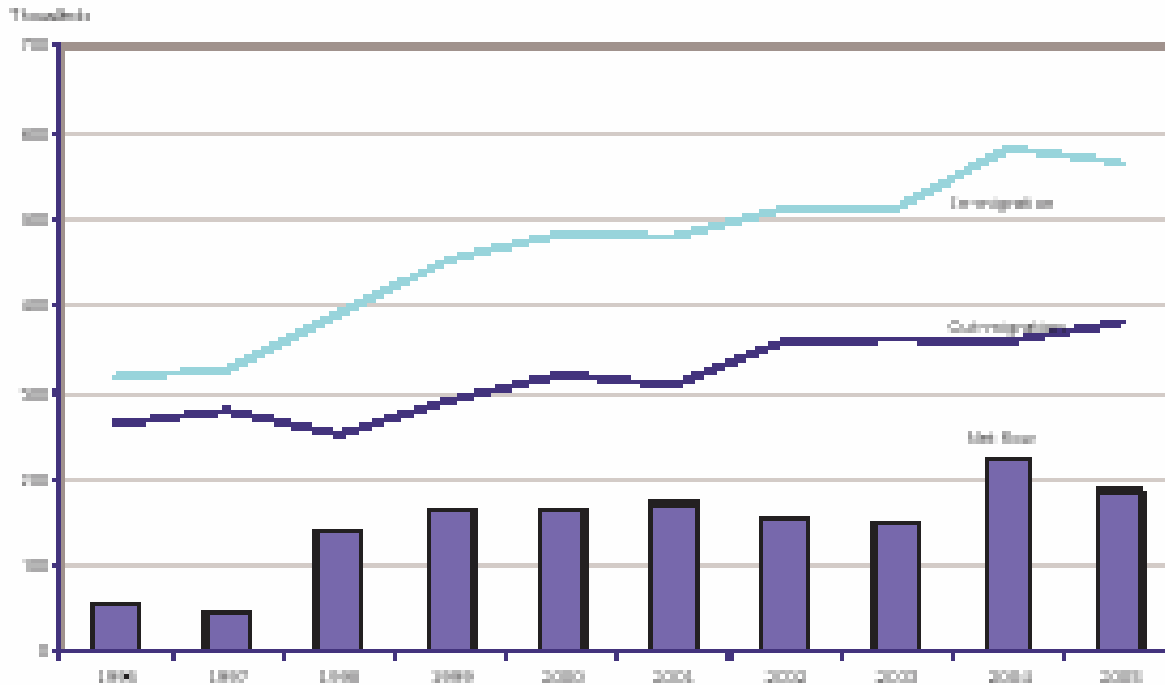


Figure 3. Grants of Settlement⁽¹⁾ by Broad Category of Grant, Excluding EEA Nationals, 2000 to 2004

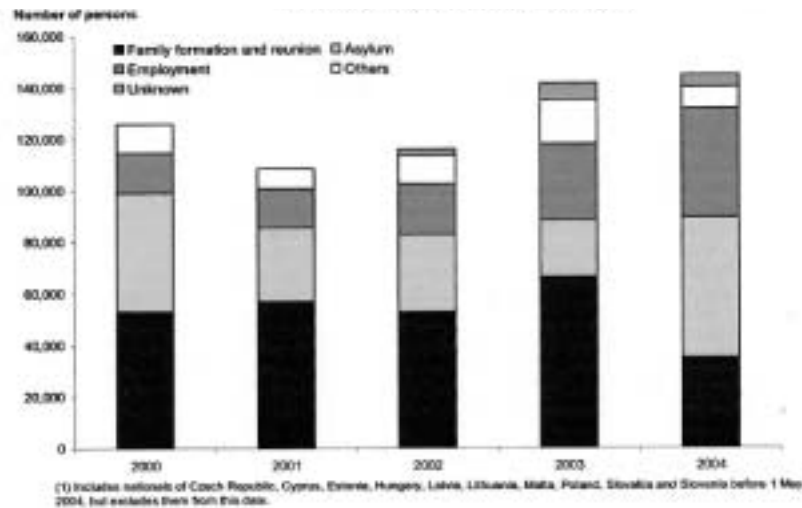
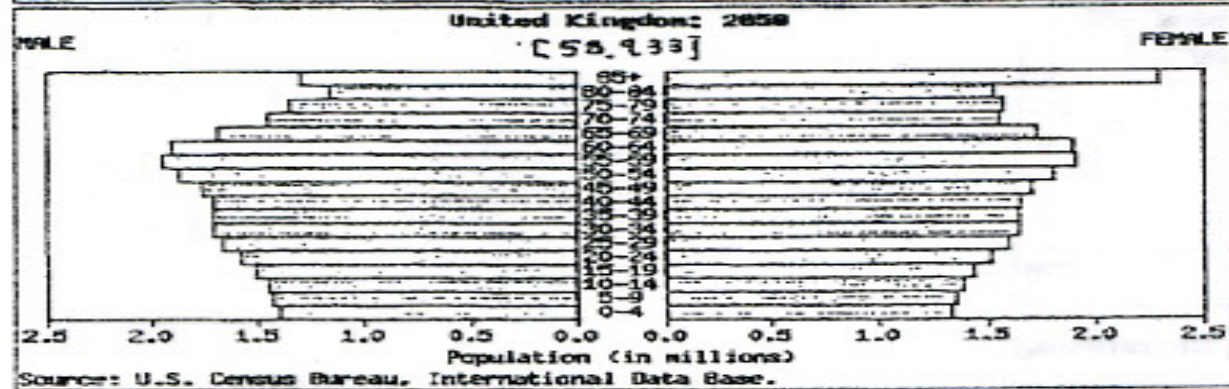
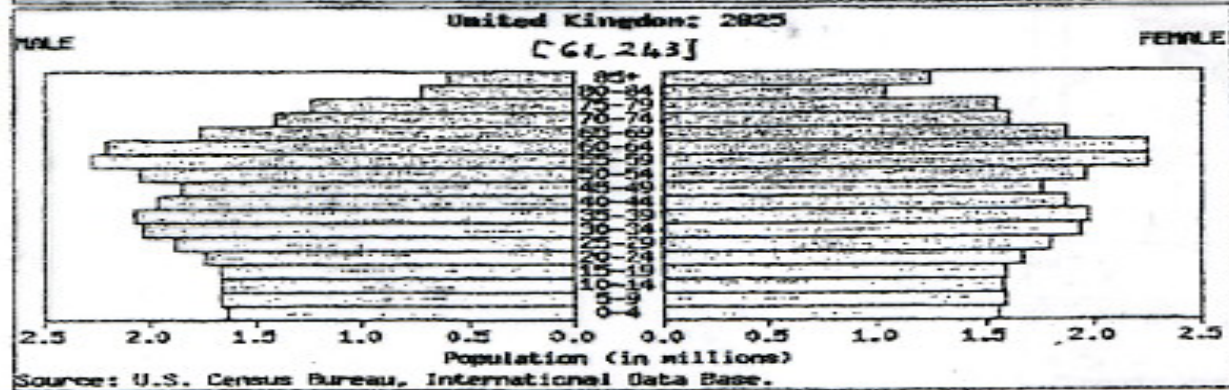
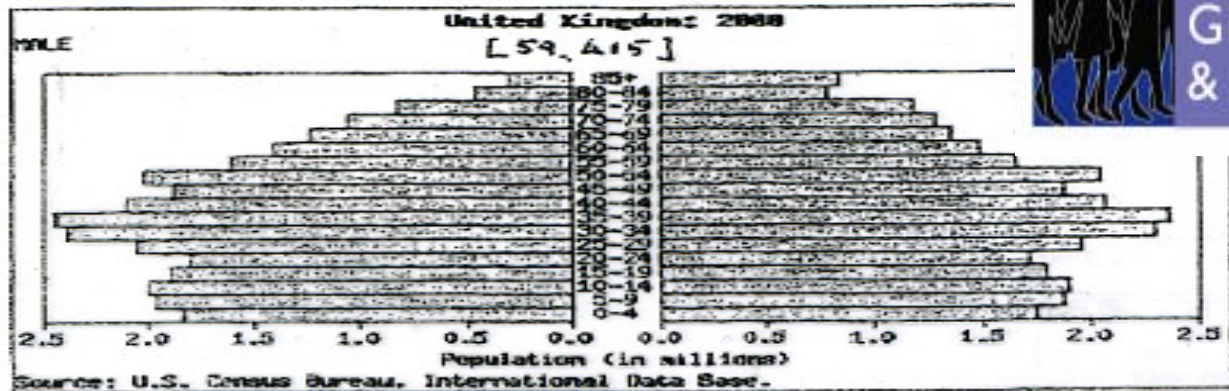


Figure 4. Population Pyramid for UK



Key Points in the Immigration Debate

Immigration in the UK is highly politicized.

It has become racialized.

It is associated with multiculturalism.

Immigration is concentrated in very particular parts of the country.

Ethnic Make Up of Britain



Region	Proportion of population that is made up of ethnic minorities
London	40.3
West Midlands	13.9
East Midlands	8.8
South East	8.8
East of England	8.6
Yorkshire and Humberside	8.4
North West	7.9
South West	4.7
North East	3.6
Wales	4.1
Scotland	4.6

Towards an Immigration Policy 1

The post 2005 official attitude is
“Making migration work for Britain”

Britain needs immigrants –
however, only those immigrants that Britain needs



Towards an Immigration Policy 2

- Tier 1: Highly skilled individuals to contribute to growth and productivity
- Tier 2: Skilled workers with a job offer to fill gaps in UK labour force
- Tier 3: Limited numbers of low-skilled workers needed to fill specific temporary labour shortages
- Tier 4: Students
- Tier 5: Youth mobility and temporary workers: people allowed to work in the UK for a limited period of time to satisfy primarily non-economic objectives

Figure 5. Total International Migration Estimates by Major Citizenship Groupings, 2005

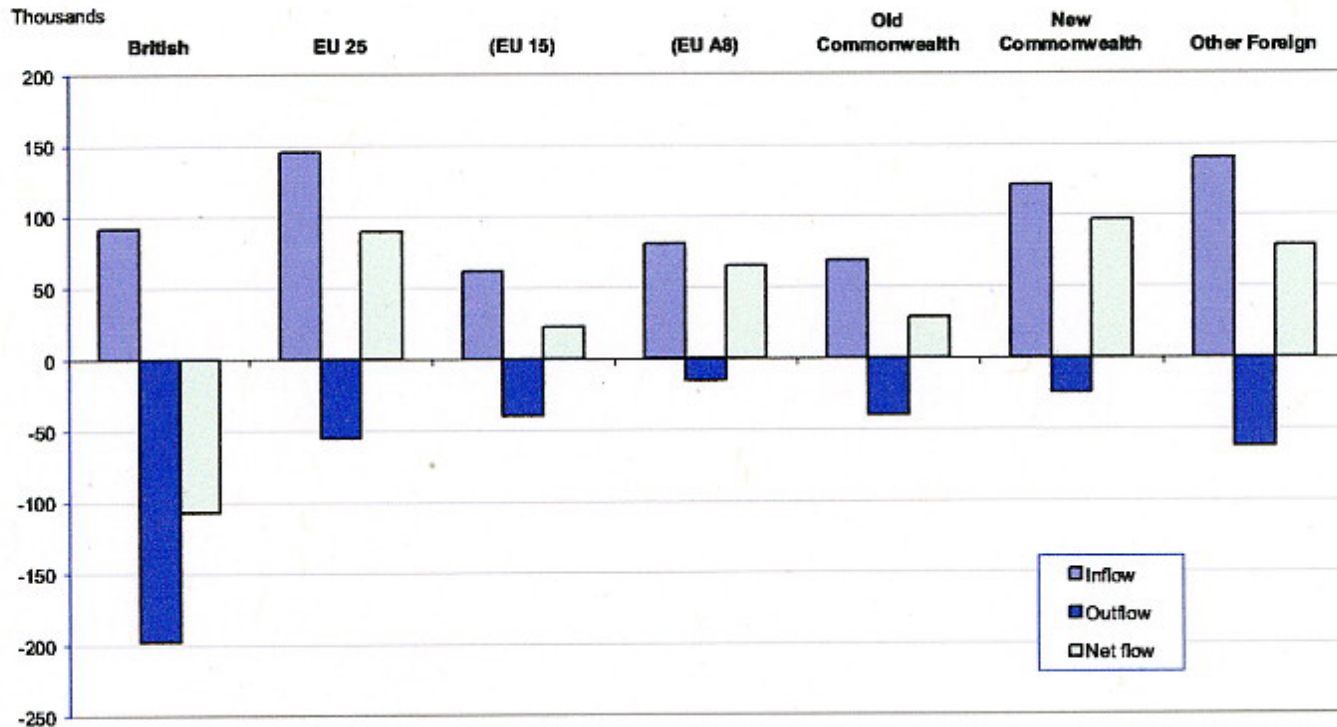
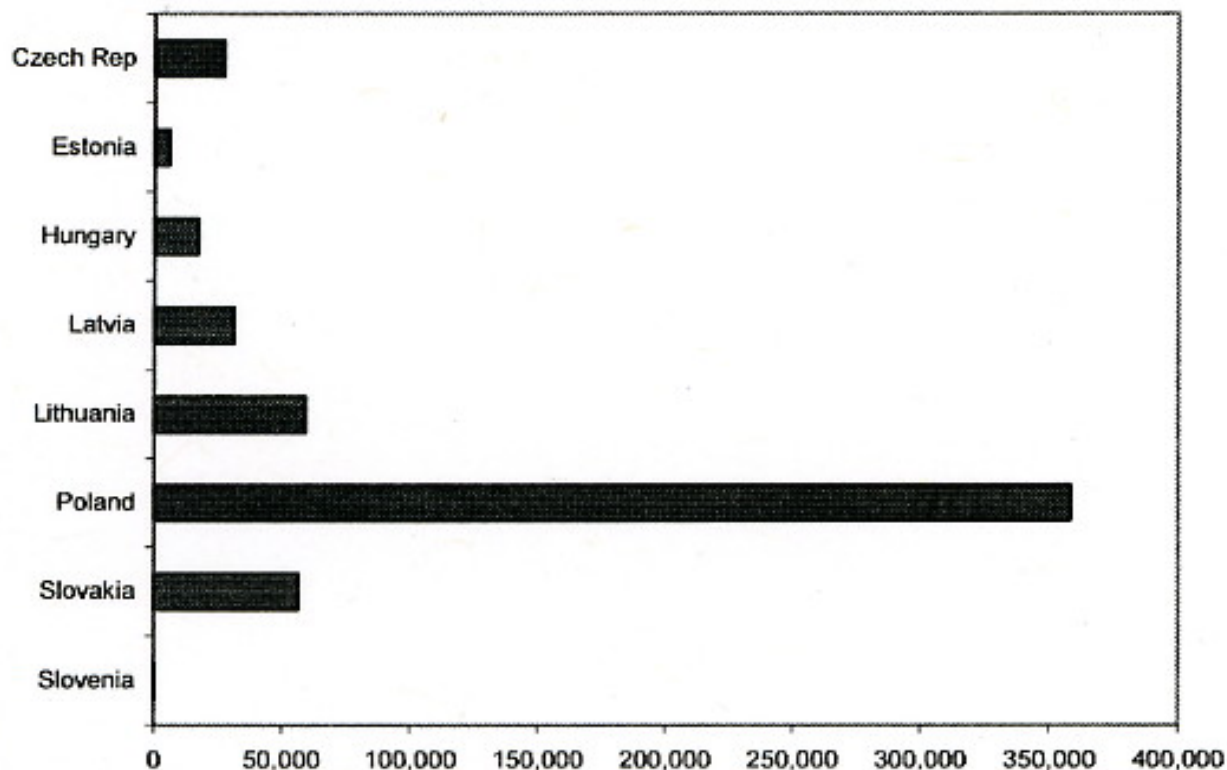


Figure 6. Applicants from Countries of New Accession 2004-2006

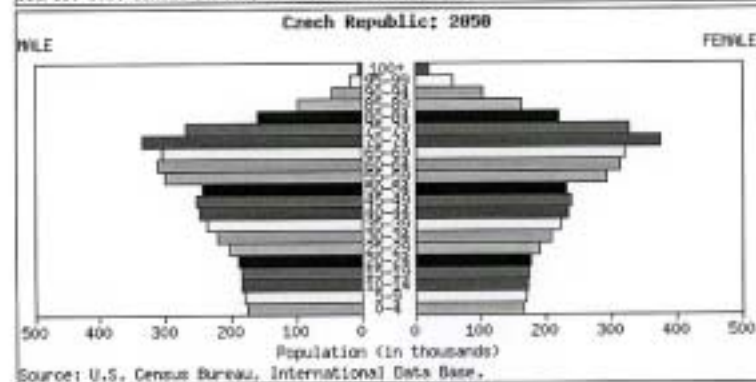
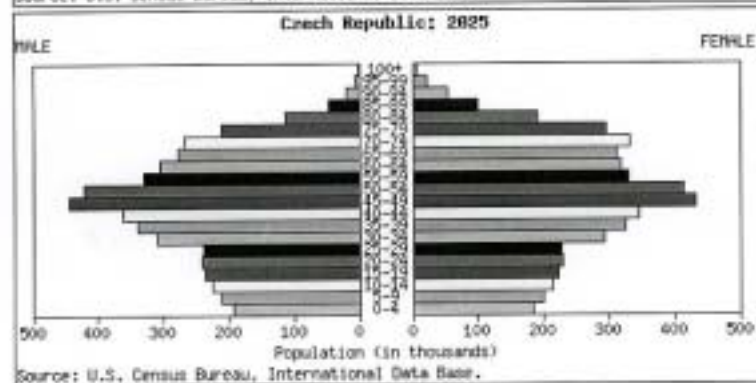
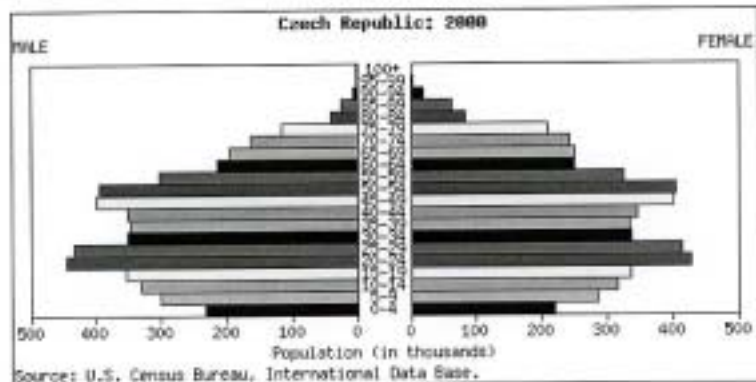
Applicant Profile

2. Nationality of applicants

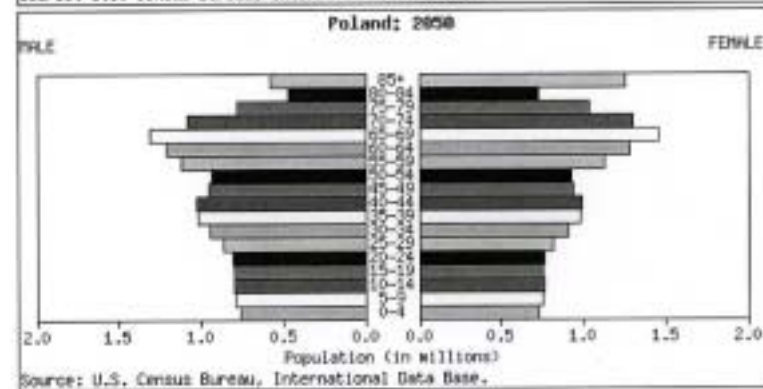
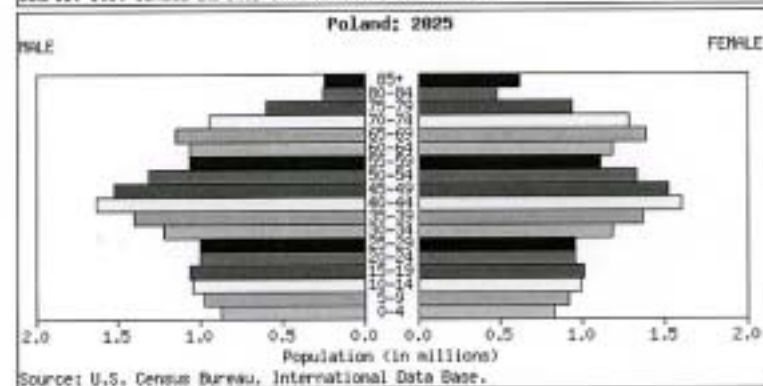
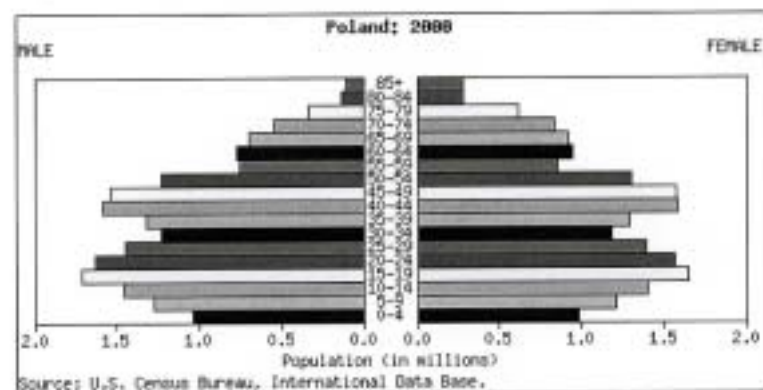
Chart 3 Nationality of applicants, May 2004 - December 2006



Population Pyramid Summary for Czech Republic



Population Pyramid Summary for Poland



Towards an Immigration Policy 3



- Target numbers in each tier – policy seems to be largely sponsor-driven (except for tier 1)
- How points system relates to other categories of immigrants and particularly the family reunification and humanitarian groups
- How to control illegal migration
- The role of metropolitan relative to central government
- An integrated immigration policy – some way to go

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