

# UK migrants' benefits

Work-related benefits were claimed by 371,000 migrants, according to a government study, but just a fraction are claiming illegally

## BENEFIT CLAIMANTS

2011

Total receiving  
"working-age" benefits  
5.5 million

Non-UK  
nationals  
when originally  
registered for  
National  
Insurance  
**371,000**

From outside  
European  
Economic Area  
**258,000**  
*54% are now  
British citizens*

Matchable records  
**~193,500**  
*25% unmatched*

No lawful  
immigration  
status  
**~ 3,870**