



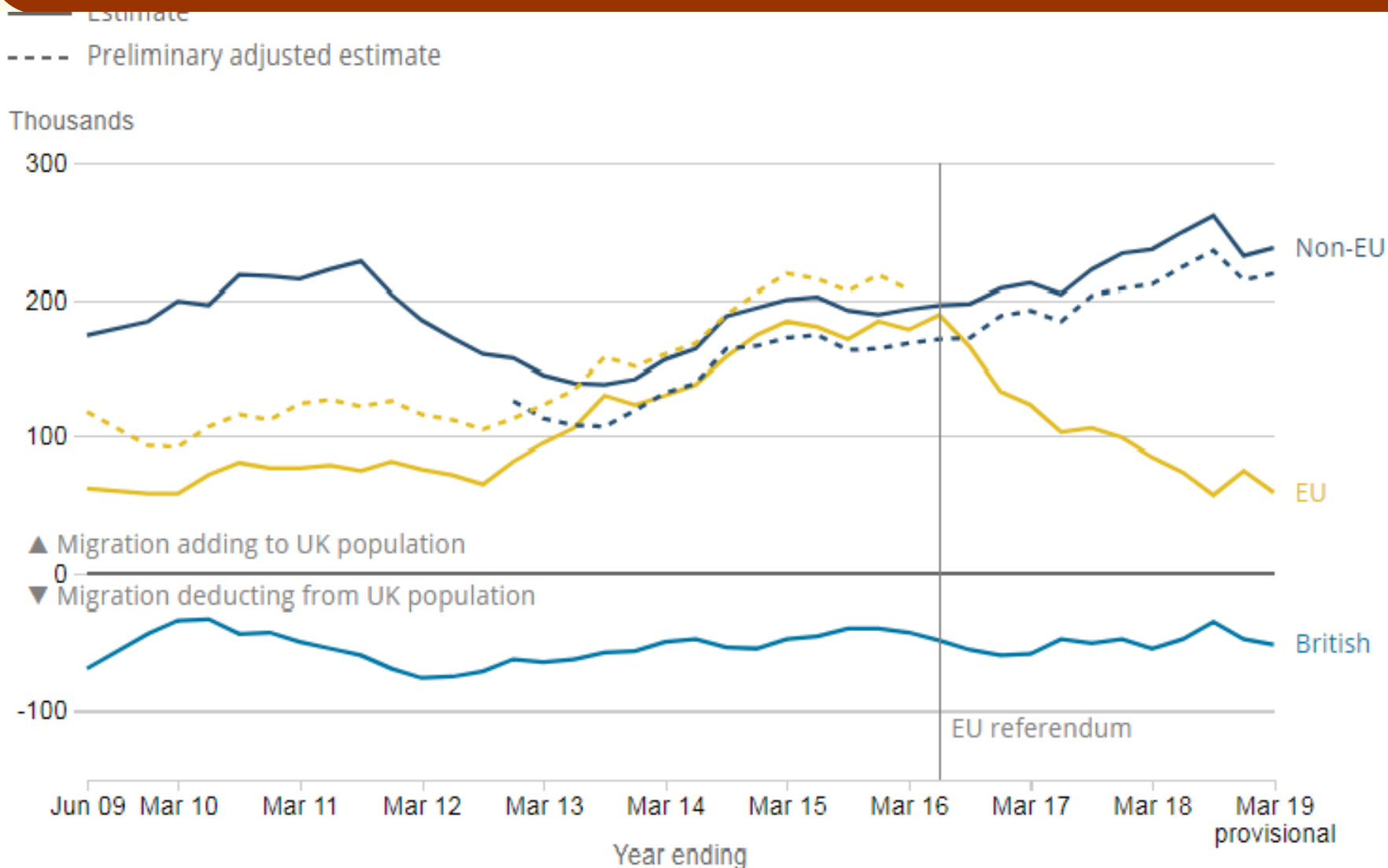
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Net migration to UK by citizenship



Source: Office for National Statistics - Long-Term International Migration

Citizens rights under No Deal

- EU citizens resident here can apply to “settled status” scheme – guarantees most (but not all) rights. If No Deal, need to apply by December 2020;
- Government has said “free movement will end” on Brexit Day – but no system in place to enforce that for eg employment, public services. How to distinguish between EU citizens here now and those arriving after Brexit?
- UK citizens in EU – similar to UK. Most will eventually receive status.
- But policy towards 3rd country nationals matter for MS. Divergence will grow over time.
- Sharp fall in migration flows likely

Future policy after Brexit

- Withdrawal Agreement covers transition and status of (approx. 3.5 million) EU citizens currently resident in UK and (approx. 1 million) UK citizens resident in EU
- Political Declaration on “future relationship” covers labour mobility issues in UK-EU relationship post Brexit
- Migration Advisory Committee Report made recommendations for post-Brexit system
- Immigration White Paper December 2018 set out government’s proposals

MAC Report: The Impact of EEA migration

New evidence on:

- Productivity (Campo, Forte and Portes; Cortes; Smith)
- Training (CPF, Wadsworth)
- Public Finances (Oxford Economics)
- Subjective well-being “

White Paper: “Future skills-based system”

- End free movement:
- extend current “Tier 2” system for non-EEA nationals to EU citizens: work permits with skills, salary (£30K??), qualification thresholds
- Remove cap.
- Sectoral/seasonal scheme for agricultural work, but no or limited other schemes
- Temporary (one year) low skilled work visas

Modelled impact of White Paper proposals

	2009-17 arrivals currently resident (000s)	Average salary	Impact of policy change	Forecast net migration over 10 years (000s)	Impact of policy change (000s)
EU, earning less than £30,000	598	£18,804	-75%	166	-498
EU, earning more than £30,000	220	£49,237	-50%	122	-122
Non-EU, earning less than £30,000	263	£18,920	0%	292	0
Non-EU, earning more than £30,000	235	£50,157	25%	326	65
Total	1,316	£29,514		907	-555

White Paper: issues and implications

- Impact on skilled EU migration of removing free movement
- Liberalisation/streamlining of Tier 2 route
- Salary threshold
- Medium and low skill immigration: sectoral issues
- Temporary visas: worst of all worlds



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