

# THE TRUTH ABOUT “FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT”

Brexit factsheet no.6 – free movement

## Free movement has benefited citizens from other EU countries, but citizens of the United Kingdom use it very little

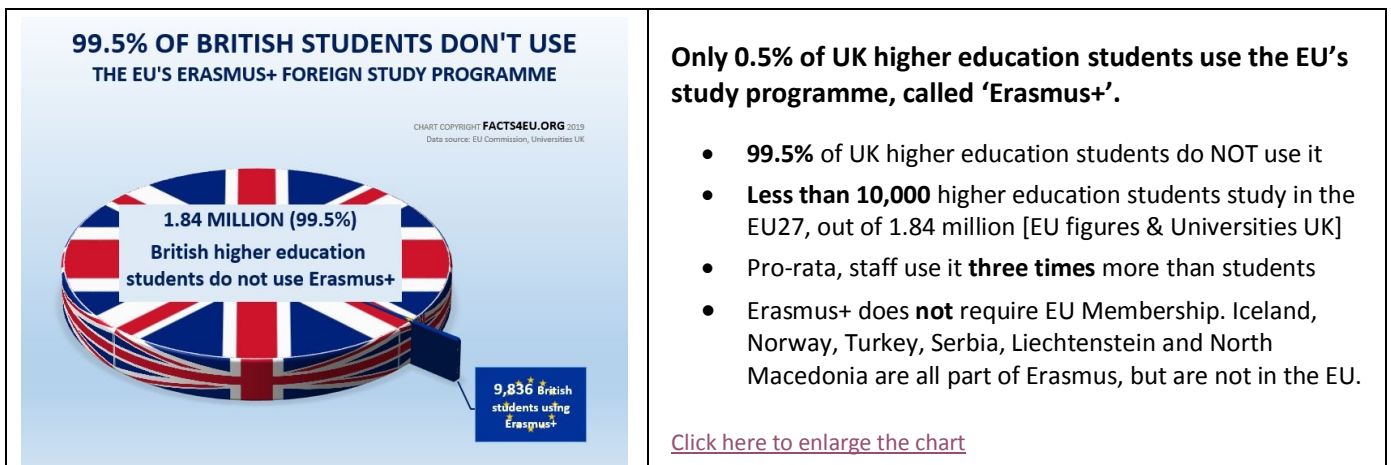
The facts below come from ‘Mobility in Europe’ (Freedom of Movement), a July 2019 report by the EU Commission’s statistics agency. This official EU data is backed up with data from the ONS and Universities UK.



### Where do British people live in the EU27?

- Spain is by far the most popular home for Brits in the EU : 285,000 live there [EU figures]
- France comes second with 145,000 UK nationals, and Ireland is third with 103,000 UK nationals
- The other 310,000 are spread across the remaining 24 EU countries, **averaging under 13,000 per member state**

### What about young people and ‘their future’?



Currently an EU citizen has the automatic right of entry into the UK. He or she can bring family members even if they are not EU nationals. He or she can live, work, access schools and universities, GP surgeries, hospitals, the benefits system, and housing. There is no such automatic right for people from India, Kenya, Australia, the United States, etc.

**Freedom of movement within the EU might be an aspiration for some in the UK,  
but very few in the country actually use it.**

**Let’s keep things in proportion**

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