



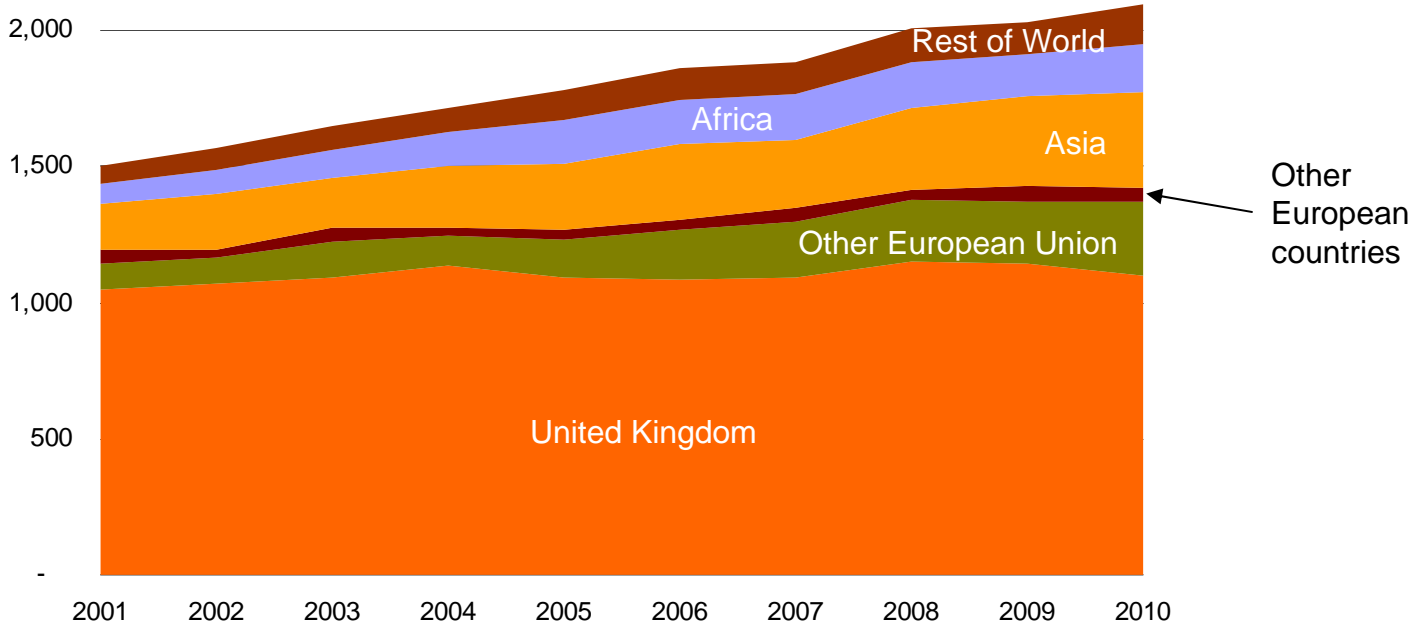
Oxford becoming more diverse and international

The UK birth rate has been rising since 2002, the result of an increase in the number of women of child-bearing age (driven by international immigration) and a rise in births per woman. Oxford has followed this trend – annual births increased from 1,500 in 2001 to 2,100 in 2010, an increase of 40%.

The chart below shows, for 2001 to 2010, the number of births to Oxford residents by the mother’s country of birth. This illustrates that births to UK-born mothers have remained stable over the last decade, and that the increase over the last decade has been largely caused by increased births to mothers born in the rest of the European Union and Asia. Most of the ‘other EU’ increase has come from mothers born in one of the new (post 2004) eastern European EU states.

In Oxford nearly half of births (47%) in 2010 were to non UK-born mothers, compared to a national and county average of 26%. Oxford has always been a diverse, international city attracting people from all over the world, and these figures reflect the increasingly international nature of our society.

Live births to Oxford residents by mother’s country of birth, 2001 to 2010



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