

## Britain`s 40 percent surge in ethnic numbers

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THE face of Britain has "changed forever" after mass immigration fuelled a 40 per cent increase in the nationâ€™s ethnic minority population.

The huge rise over just eight years means more than nine million people in England and Wales â€” equivalent to one in six of the population â€” are now from a â€œnon-whiteâ€• background. The figures from the Office for National Statistics will add to criticism of Labourâ€™s flawed immigration policies.

Sir Andrew Green, of lobby group MigrationWatch UK, said: â€œThis rise is part of Labourâ€™s legacy. Whether they meant to or not, they changed the face of Britain forever.

â€œAnd if immigration continues at this rate our population will hit 70 million within 20 years and immigrants will account for half of new households. We are already feeling the pressures on maternity units and schools.â€•

The ONS figures show that the number of people from an ethnic minority living in Britain rose from 6.6 million in 2001 to 9.1 million in 2009 due to a rise in immigration and birth rates.

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