

Visits to the UK by overseas residents, 1978 to 1999

Remember that in the table all the values are in thousands. For example, the number 12647 (the total number of visits in 1978) represents 12 647 000, more than twelve million visits.

Rate these eight questions in order of difficulty, with 1 as the most difficult.

- In 1985, how many visits were made to the UK for business purposes?
- From 1980 to 1995 the number of visits to friends or relatives roughly doubled from 2 319 000 to 4 602 000.
Did the number of miscellaneous visits change in the same way?
- In which year was the highest number of holiday visits recorded?
- In 1999, there were more holiday visits than for any other category.
Is that true for every year?
- Since 1996 the number of holiday visits to the UK has dropped.
Why do you think that this happened?
- In which year did the number of holiday visits first exceed 8 000 000?
- Look at the numbers of miscellaneous visits. They changed very little over the period of this survey. Suggest a reason for this.
- How many visits to the UK for business purposes were recorded in total from 1978 to 1999?