

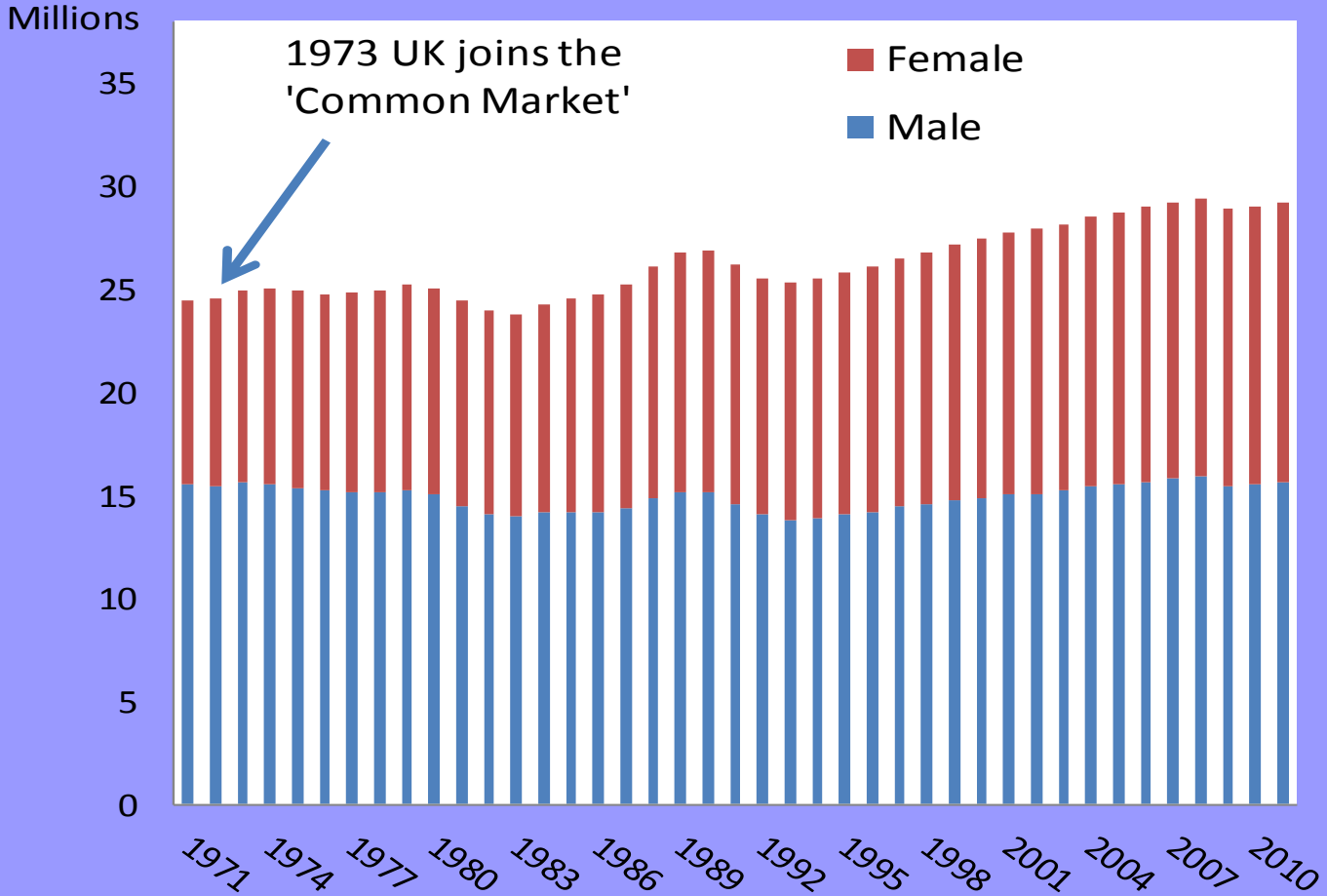


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**We must demolish the myth that
three million jobs are at risk if
Britain leaves the European Union**

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Do three million British jobs depend on the EU?: 1. Employment in the UK and the timing of EEC/EU membership



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2. Employment in the UK and the timing of EEC/EU membership

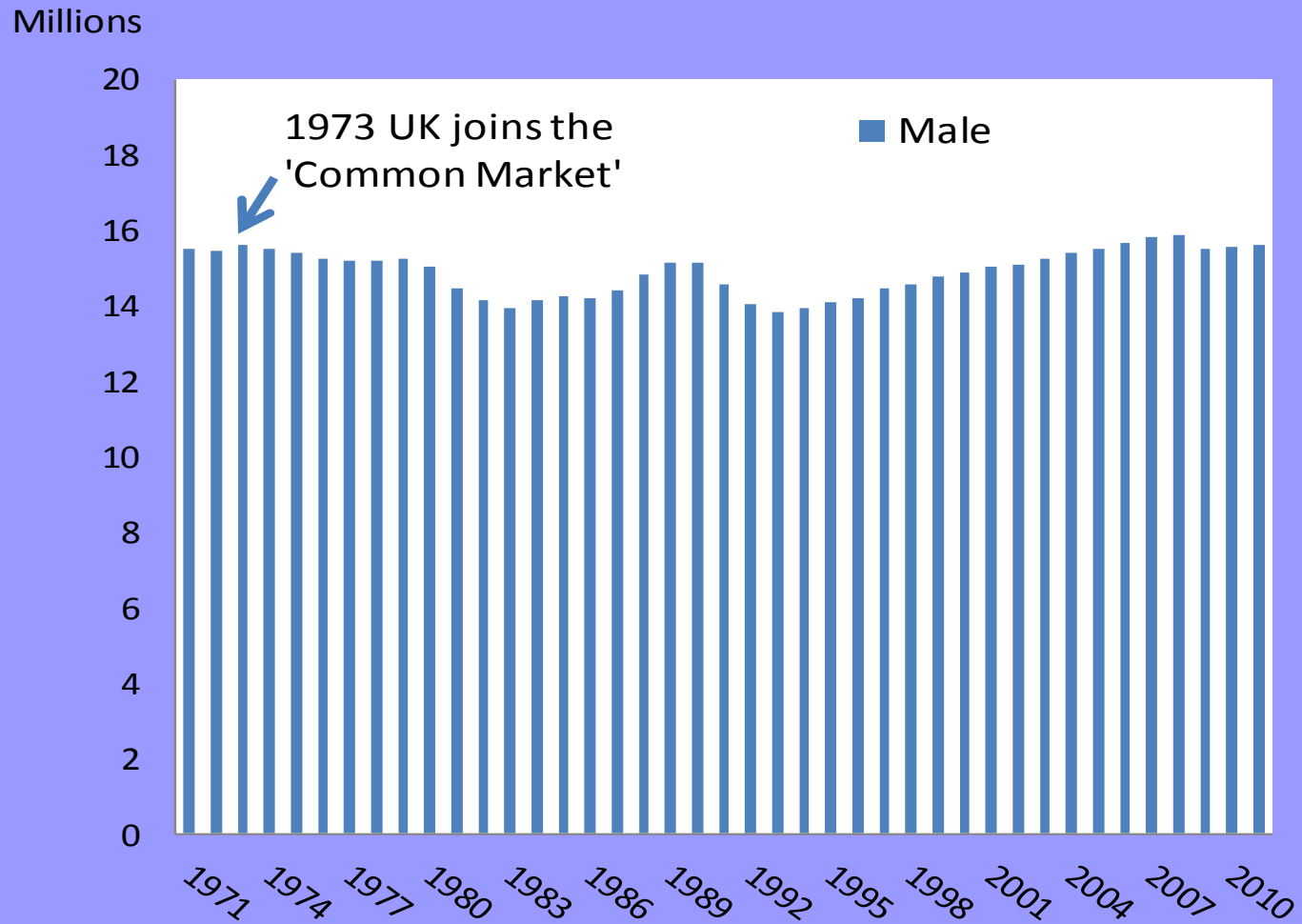
- Britain joined the Common Market (which has become the EU) in 1973 when UK total employment was just under 25 million. Five years later employment was slightly lower; a decade later, in 1983, it was under 24 million.
- When were the alleged positive employment effects meant to come through? In fact, there were no positive employment effects at all, only negative effects because of the extra regulations and costs associated with EU membership.

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3. Employment in the UK and the timing of EEC/EU membership

- Ultimately, the UK did enjoy considerable employment growth while it was an EEC/EU member, but this came in the late 1980s and 1990s, *and arose entirely because of increased employment of women.* (And the EU had nothing to do with that, as it was clearly driven by wider social and economic trends, and a relatively healthy economy.)
- So what happened to the employment *of men* in the UK in the years and decades from 1973?

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4. Male employment in the UK and
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- The last chart concentrated on the employment of men. One obvious point was that such employment *fell* in the years following EEC membership. **In fact, a decade later UK male employment was 1 1/2m. lower than in 1973.**
- The Europhiles might say that EEC/EU membership was not to blame, but other forces. **Ok, but then the message is simple, that – by their own admission – UK employment does not depend on EU membership.** Can they then please stop making silly claims about “three million jobs at risk”?

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5. Male employment in the UK and the timing of EEC/EU membership

No. in '000s

1973	15610
1978	15178
1983	13958

2005	15530
2006	15658
2007	15817
2008	15899

2011	15622
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Male employment fell in the five years following EEC accession; and it dropped by over 1 1/2m. In the decade from 1973.

At last, over 30 years later, UK male employment exceeds its level at EEC accession, but - of course - so many years later the increase in jobs is to be explained by other forces.

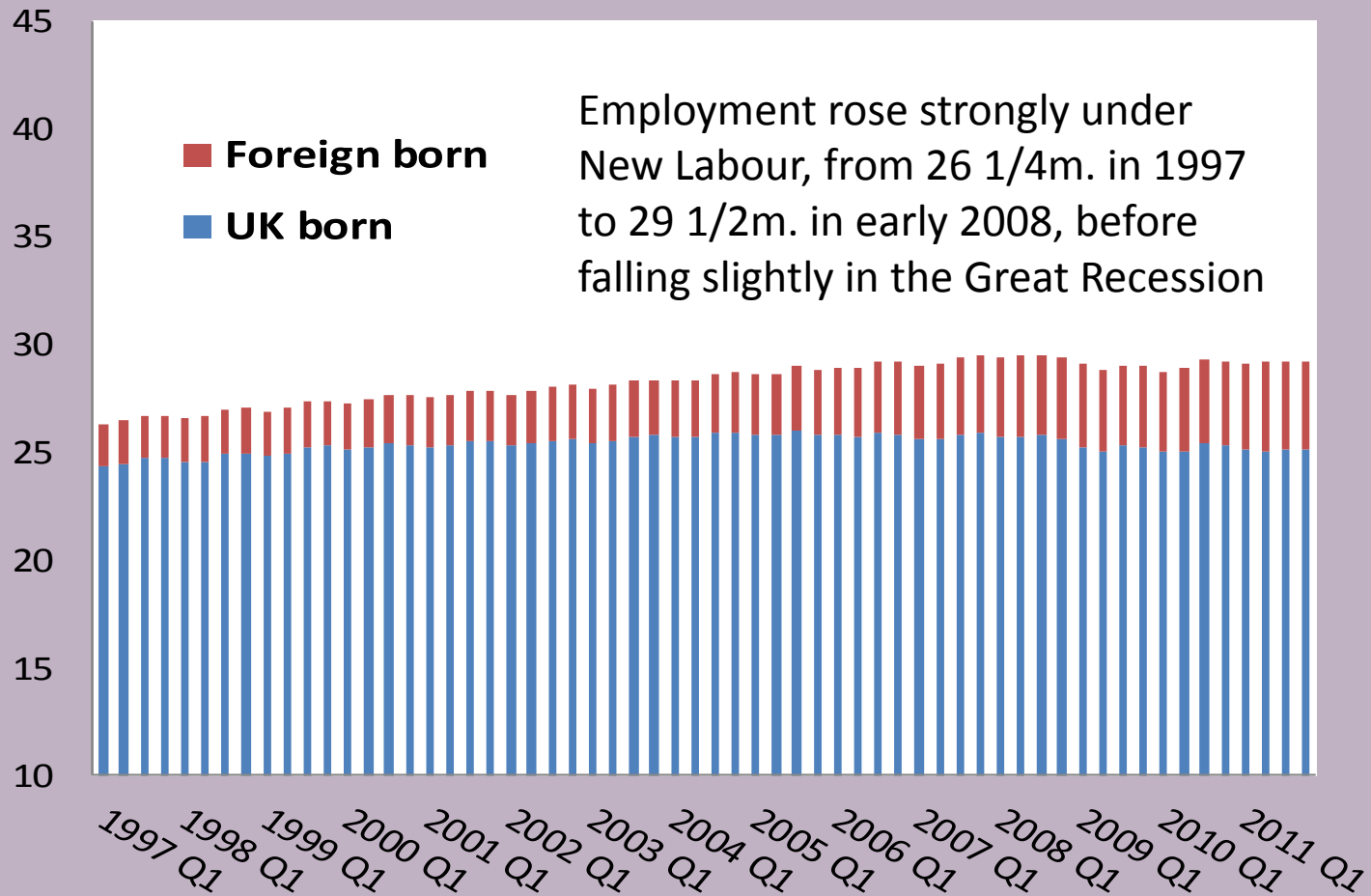
Latest numbers - UK male employment is virtually the same as in 1973. Where are those three million extra jobs?

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6. Employment in the UK and the timing of EEC/EU membership

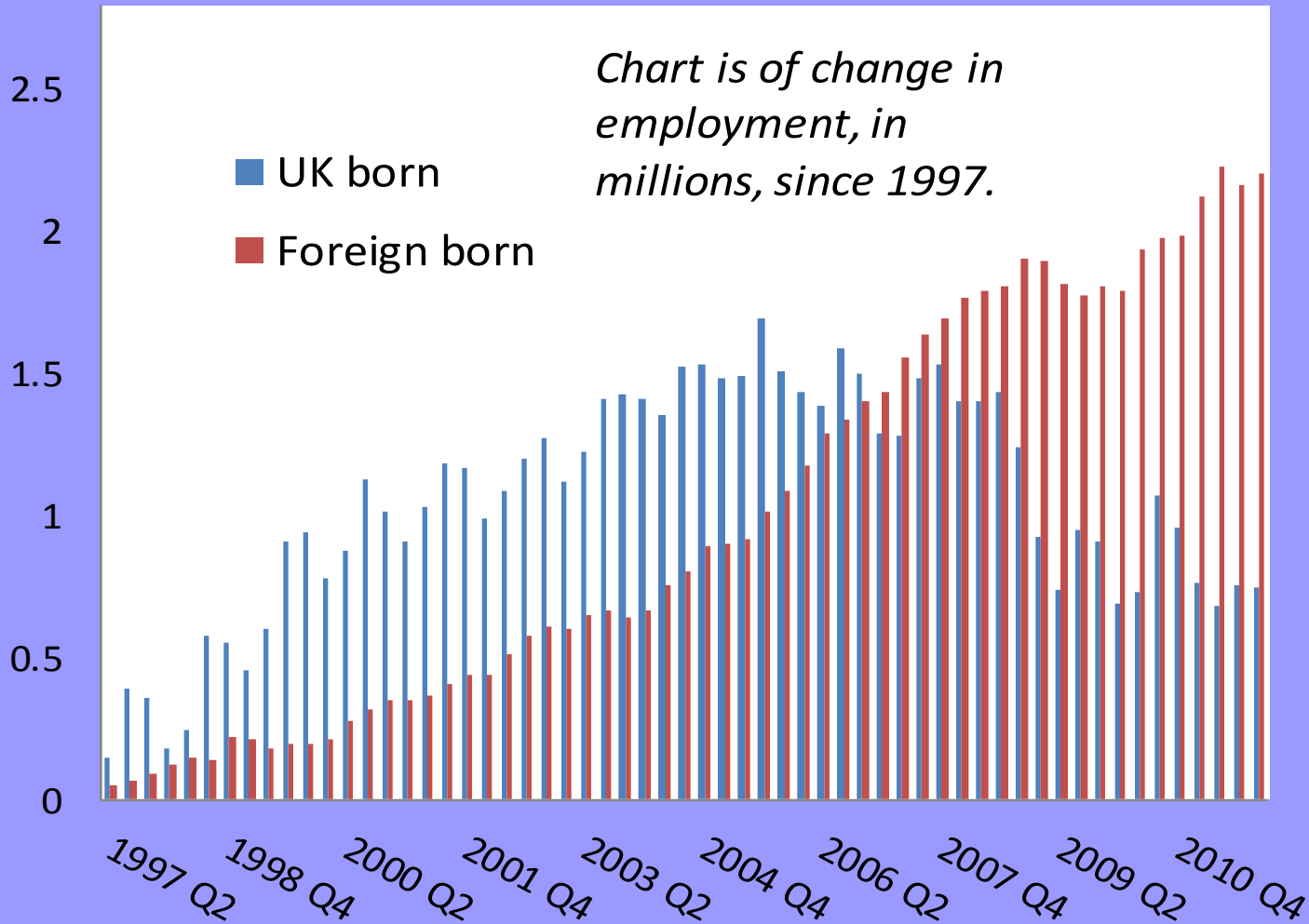
The last slide selected key dates for UK male employment to show that the notion that “Common Market/EU membership creates jobs” is baloney. **The employment of men fell by 1 ½ million in the decade from EEC accession.** Sure, employment did eventually grow in the UK, in the late 1980s and 1990s, but – over the entire 39-year period to today – that growth has been entirely in female employment, as more women have gone out to work.

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7. Foreign- and UK-born employment,
in millions., 1997 - 2011**



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9. Surge in foreign-born employment in recent years

- *UK born employment increased by 3/4m. from the start of 1997 to the end of 2011. Over the same period foreign-born employment grew by almost 2 1/4m., more than twice as much.*
- *The surge in foreign-born employment came particularly in the Great Recession years, reflecting influx of Irish and East European workers. **This influx was facilitated by the UK's membership of the EU.***

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10. Surge in foreign-born
employment in recent years

- Fewer UK-born men are employed in our country today than in 1972, before EEC/EU accession. Net, no male jobs have been created in Britain since our politicians decided that we should join "the European construction"

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**11. Surge in foreign-born
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***- This fact - that fewer UK-born men
are employed in our country today
than in 1972, before EEC/EU accession
– is not UKIP propaganda or fantasy.
It is the truth, established from
official statistics.***

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**12. Surge in foreign-born
employment in recent years**

- In fact, given the obvious surge (of almost 2 1/4m. in foreign-born employment since 1997, it would be truer to say that a large number of European jobs depend on direct employment in our country.

EMPLOYMENT PATTERNS IN LEADING NATIONS IN LATE 2011						
			Employment as % of population of working age			
		Canada	71.8			
		Japan	70.5			
		United Kingdom	70.3			
		United States	66.8			
		Eurozone	64.5			



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Our central message must be that EU regulations *reduce* the number of jobs in Britain. Moreover, although we want to be friendly with the rest of Europe, the truth is that in the last few years more foreigners – many of them from other EU countries – have found work in the UK than have people of British birth.