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Big falls in number of German and British residents in Balearics



37 percent drop
in number of
British
residents.



48 percent drop
in number of
German
residents.

THE number of German and British residents legally registered in the Balearics has fallen sharply in the space of six years. The biggest fall was amongst the Germans; there are now just 19,000 Germans registered compared to a massive 36,000 in 2011, a fall of 17,000. The number of British residents has also declined fal-

ling from 23,000 in 2011 to 15,000 in 2017, a fall of 8,000.

In 2011 there were 242,000 foreigners registered as living in the Balearics, the figure has fallen to 186,000. The official figures are set to cause concern but it appears that some foreign residents have attempted to "drop out" from their council registers in an effort to avoid tough new tax legislation

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which has recently been introduced by the Spanish authorities. Nationwide there are 300,000 British citizens registered with their councils but just 15,000 in the Balearics. Overall the official figures for

the Balearics show a steady decline in the majority of foreign communities on the island. The Germans are still on pole position followed by the Moroccans, Italians and then the British.



MASSIVE POLL LEAD

May powers ahead

● Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservatives have almost twice as much voter support as the opposition Labour Party ahead of an 8 June election, a lead equal to that commanded by Margaret Thatcher before her 1983 landslide victory, Ipsos MORI said.

Since May surprised rivals and financial markets by calling a snap election, opinion polls have shown May has far greater support than Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn and that she is likely to win a big majority in the 650-seat lower house of parliament.

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