



## Recent Migration Data

### Background

On 20 May and 12 June 2008 the second and third combined demographic data releases were made by ONS together with the Home Office.

The releases relevant to migration were as follows:

### 20 May

Asylum Statistics for the first quarter of 2008:

[www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration1.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration1.html)

The Accession Monitoring Report for the first quarter of 2008:

[www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/reports/accesion\\_monitoring\\_report/](http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/reports/accesion_monitoring_report/)

Bulgarian and Romanian Accession Statistics for the first quarter of 2008:

[www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/reports/bulgarianromanian/](http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/reports/bulgarianromanian/)

International Migration Annual Reference Volume, Series MN no.33:

[www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=507](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=507)

Employment of foreign workers in the UK:

[www.statistics.gov.uk/ci/article.asp?ID=2002](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/ci/article.asp?ID=2002)

Updated Short-term Migration Estimates, mid-2004 and mid-2005:

[www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/specific/population/future/imps/updates/downloads/STM\\_update.pdf](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/specific/population/future/imps/updates/downloads/STM_update.pdf)

A Reconciliation Exercise between IPS based estimates of International Immigration and Counts from Administrative Sources

[www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/specific/population/future/imps/updates/downloads/Reconciliation\\_Exercise.pdf](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/specific/population/future/imps/updates/downloads/Reconciliation_Exercise.pdf)

Internal migration estimates for countries within the UK and, within England, between the Government Office regions of England and the rest of the UK for the year ending September 2007:

[www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=10191](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=10191)

A progress report on the Migration Statistics Improvement Programme:

[www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/specific/population/future/imps/updates/default.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/specific/population/future/imps/updates/default.asp)

## **12 June**

2006-based sub-national population projections for England.

National Projections Reference Volume (series PP2 no.26).

Port Survey Review Stage Two: Progress Report.

Tables based on the Annual Population Survey (APS) dataset covering the period October 2006 to September 2007 (including tables on migrant workers).

This report focuses on the new migration data relevant to the South East.

### **Asylum**

In the first quarter of 2008 there were 6,595 new applications for asylum to the UK, this is an increase on 5,680 in the first quarter of 2007. In the latest four quarters applications have been 24,345, an increase of 7% on the previous four quarters. The only data relevant to the South East are of those asylum seekers in receipt of support. At the end of March 2008 the South East had 370 persons receiving subsistence only support, out of 6,820 in the UK. Forty-five were in Slough. Of those receiving accommodation support 290 out of 25,940 were in the South East. The main concentrations were in Portsmouth (170), Southampton (60) and Hastings (40).

### **Accession Monitoring**

Data on new arrivals from the A8 and A2 countries come from new Work Registration Scheme (WRS) and National Insurance Number (NINo) registrations up to the end of March 2008. The geography of the 'South East' used in these reports is based on the first two letters of the postcode recorded at time of registration. Therefore the 'region' overlaps with adjacent Government Office regions. The number of new A8 citizens registered with the WRS in the UK was 42,790, giving a cumulative total of just over 203,000 for the years 2007/08. This is below the level recorded in calendar year 2005. The 'South East' had 2,845 new registrations with a cumulative annual total of 12,595. The 'South East' was the ninth of the eleven 'regions' with only Northern Ireland and 'Wales' having fewer registrations. NINo data show a slightly different pattern with 54,600 new registrations in the UK of which 6,989 were in the 'South East'. Cumulative totals for the last four quarters are over 238,000 in the UK and 32,700 in the 'South East', which is the second highest region after 'London'. NINo registrations had also fallen and were lower than in 2006 for the UK as a whole. Note that WRS tends to use the employer's address while the NINo addresses are more likely to be the resident addresses, hence some of the reason for the different geographic distributions. In 2008 Q1 860 A2 citizens registered for NINOs in the South East out of 11,100 in the UK.

### **International migration**

Table I shows the annual inflows and outflows of international migrants for the South East, its main two adjacent regions and selected countries of the UK. The data relate to mid-year to mid-year periods except for the latest data for calendar year 2006. All data have been estimated and distributed using the revised methodology introduced by ONS last year. While nationally both the inflow and outflow for 2006 are at or near record high levels the net inflow is well off the peak shown for 2004-05. It is a similar situation in the South East, where the net flow is twice as high as in 2005-06 and almost at the level of 2004-05. The situation is similar in the East region but quite different in London, where the net inflow has collapsed to its lowest level since 2001 as a result of estimated fewer arrivals and a higher outflow than recently.

**Table 1: Total international migration, countries and selected regions, 2001-02 to 2005-06 and 2006 (thousands)**

	United Kingdom	Great Britain	England and Wales	England	East	London	South East
<b>2001-02</b>	<b>488</b>	483	456	446	39	180	<b>67</b>
<b>2002-03</b>	<b>505</b>	500	475	464	41	174	<b>71</b>
<b>2003-04</b>	<b>526</b>	522	495	484	44	178	<b>74</b>
<b>2004-05</b>	<b>593</b>	589	552	541	47	187	<b>77</b>
<b>2005-06</b>	<b>561</b>	555	517	506	50	171	<b>71</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>591</b>	583	545	530	60	170	<b>81</b>
<b>Outflow</b>							
<b>2001-02</b>	<b>-336</b>	-332	-305	-298	-32	-97	<b>-62</b>
<b>2002-03</b>	<b>-357</b>	-352	-323	-312	-27	-111	<b>-52</b>
<b>2003-04</b>	<b>-353</b>	-347	-321	-312	-36	-90	<b>-59</b>
<b>2004-05</b>	<b>-334</b>	-330	-301	-289	-23	-92	<b>-46</b>
<b>2005-06</b>	<b>-387</b>	-384	-353	-345	-37	-98	<b>-57</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>-400</b>	-397	-371	-361	-36	-117	<b>-53</b>
<b>Balance</b>							
<b>2001-02</b>	<b>152</b>	151	151	148	7	83	<b>5</b>
<b>2002-03</b>	<b>147</b>	148	152	152	13	63	<b>19</b>
<b>2003-04</b>	<b>173</b>	175	174	172	8	88	<b>15</b>
<b>2004-05</b>	<b>258</b>	259	251	251	24	95	<b>31</b>
<b>2005-06</b>	<b>174</b>	171	165	162	13	72	<b>14</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>191</b>	186	174	169	23	53	<b>28</b>

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### Internal Migration

Table 2 shows mid-year to mid-year migration flows within the UK relating to the South East, its main two adjacent regions and England. The latest annualised data for the year to the end of September 2007 is also shown. The data are drawn from re-registration with GPs. There has been a recent increase in the flow of migrants into the South East which, coupled with reduced outflows since 2003-04, have led to a rise in the net inflow to over 20,000 a year. London's net loss has reduced significantly from over 116,000 in 2003-04 to less than 85,000, as a result of increased inflows and reduced outflows in almost equal proportions. In the most recent period the flow from London to the South East was 97,000, leading to a net exchange from London to the South East of 42,000. Apart from the flow of 55,000 persons to London the greatest outflow from the South East is to the South West, 45,000. This leads to a net loss of 13,000 to the South West.

**Table 2: Internal (UK) migration, England and selected regions  
2001-02 to 2006-07 and year to end September 2007 (thousands)**

	England	East	London	South East
<b>Inflow</b>				
2001-02	103.2	149.0	156.0	225.7
2002-03	98.7	146.8	152.5	225.6
2003-04	98.8	149.0	151.6	226.0
2004-05	96.7	139.4	157.6	216.4
2005-06	96.6	140.5	163.1	219.6
2006-07	94.3	144.8	167.0	226.1
2006/07Q3	94.1	145.8	166.0	224.8
<b>Outflow</b>				
2001-02	119.7	128.5	254.2	217.5
2002-03	121.0	128.9	262.9	216.0
2003-04	128.5	130.1	267.8	213.6
2004-05	118.7	124.5	246.9	202.4
2005-06	113.0	124.4	243.7	200.2
2006-07	112.1	126.8	248.4	202.1
2006/07Q3	115.3	126.4	250.6	202.7
<b>Balance</b>				
2001-02	-16.5	20.5	-98.2	8.2
2002-03	-22.3	17.9	-110.4	9.6
2003-04	-29.7	18.9	-116.2	12.4
2004-05	-22.0	14.9	-89.3	14.0
2005-06	-16.4	16.1	-80.6	19.4
2006-07	-17.8	18.0	-81.4	24.0
2006/07Q3	-21.2	19.4	-84.6	22.1

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### Migration in 2006-07

The above tables show the actual UK migration in the mid-year to mid-year period 2006-07 as well as the international data for calendar year 2006. Prior to the release of the ONS mid-2007 estimates in August 2008 these may be the best indication of the net migration element of those estimates.

The two figures together imply a net migration to the region of 52,000 composed of 28,000 international and 24,000 UK migrants. This level is significantly higher than the average for 2001-06 (31,000) and higher than the highest year in that period (46,000 in 2004-05). The ONS 2006-based sub-national projections used an estimate of 29,000 net flow to the region in 2006-07, rising to 39,000 in 2007-08 and then falling back slowly.

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