



International Migration 2006: First Release

Background

On 15 November 2007 ONS published a news release on the 2006 international migration data at national, country and GOR levels. A more detailed report will follow in March 2008 as part of the ONS International Migration MN series.

The News Release and all tables can be downloaded here:

- <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/pdfdir/emig1107.pdf>
- <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=15053>

Migrants are defined as those persons moving into or out of the UK with the intention of staying for a year or more.

Results

In 2006 there was a record number of people leaving the UK to live overseas - 400,000. An estimated 591,000 people arrived to live in the UK leaving net migration to the UK of 191,000.

For the South East there was a net inflow of 28,000. This is the highest annual net inflow to the region since 1991, when data started to be recorded in the current way. This net inflow may be compared with the average of 16,000 in the previous five years.

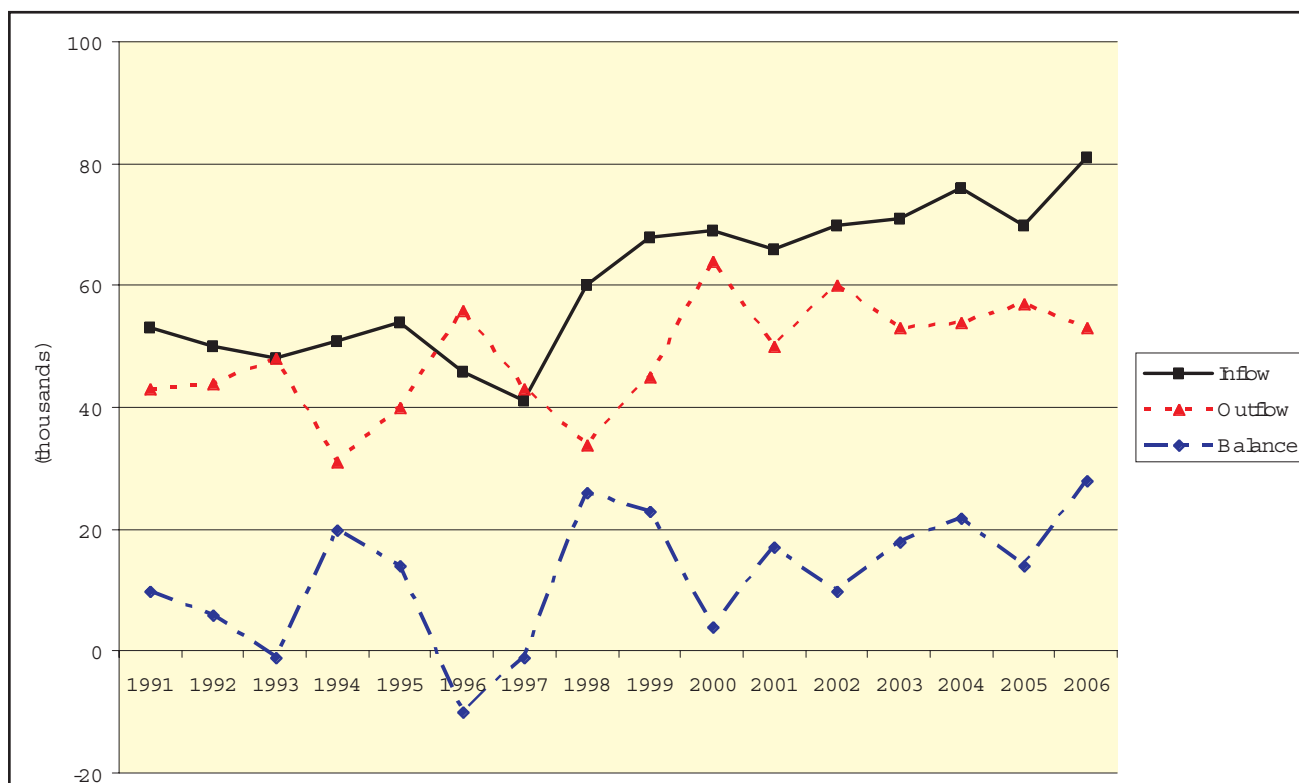
Table 1: 2006 Migration by Country and GOR (thousands)

	Inflow	Outflow	Balance
United Kingdom	591	400	191
Great Britain	583	397	186
England and Wales	545	371	174
England	530	361	169
Wales	15	10	5
Scotland	38	26	12
North East	15	14	1
North West	43	36	7
Yorkshire & Humber	49	29	20
East Midlands	37	21	16
West Midlands	33	29	4
East	60	36	23
London	170	117	53
South East	81	53	28
South West	43	26	17

2006 saw the highest inflow of persons to the South East since 1991 – 81,000. The outflow from the region fell to the lowest level – 53,000 – since 2001.

In 2006 14% of the inflow to the UK and 13% of the outflow from the UK were attributable to the South East and the region received 15% of the UK net flow. The averages for the previous five years were 13% of the inflow, 16% of the outflow and 8% of the net flow.

Figure 1: South East: International migration flows 1991-2006



Citizenship

There was a further increase in the number of A8 migrants arriving in the UK in 2006 compared with 2005 (92,000 compared with 76,000). In 2006 A8 migrants were 16% of the inflow compared with 13% in 2005.

Table 2: Flows to and from the UK by Citizenship 2004-2006 (thousands)

Year	All citizenships	British	Non-British	European Union 15	European Union A8	European Union 25	Commonwealth			Other foreign
							All	Old	New	
Inflow										
2004	586	88	498	75	53	128	215	73	141	155
2005	563	96	466	70	76	149	180	62	117	137
2006	591	81	510	71	92	167	201	62	139	142
Outflow										
2004	342	195	147	38	3	42	53	33	19	52
2005	359	185	174	39	15	54	60	37	23	59
2006	400	207	194	44	22	66	67	42	24	61
Balance										
2004	+244	-107	+351	+37	+49	+85	+162	+40	+122	+104
2005	+204	-89	+293	+31	+61	+95	+120	+25	+94	+78
2006	+191	-126	+316	+27	+71	+100	+134	+20	+115	+81

A full table for 1991-2006 is given in Appendix Table 2 with complete footnotes

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Appendix Table I: Migration by Country and GOR 1991-2006 (thousands)

Year	United Kingdom ^a	Great Britain	England and Wales	England	Wales	Scotland ^a	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West
Inflow															
1991	329	325	304	294	10	21	7	17	22	14	16	28	116	53	21
1992	268	265	251	245	6	14	7	22	15	13	10	23	89	50	17
1993	266	264	249	242	7	15	5	16	18	12	16	21	90	48	17
1994	315	313	292	284	8	21	6	22	16	14	20	29	108	51	18
1995	312	311	299	290	10	11	3	20	15	12	19	22	129	54	17
1996	318	315	300	291	8	16	3	18	14	15	26	26	125	46	19
1997	327	324	310	299	12	14	12	21	16	15	17	20	135	41	22
1998	391	390	370	362	8	20	6	25	15	14	18	29	175	60	19
1999	454	451	424	416	8	27	8	21	26	14	22	35	197	68	25
2000	479	474	446	438	8	28	8	25	31	14	23	36	206	69	26
2001	479	475	448	438	10	27	12	30	36	20	32	39	176	66	26
2002	513	508	483	472	11	25	11	39	38	26	35	40	180	70	33
2003	508	504	478	468	10	26	10	36	38	30	34	42	173	71	34
2004	586	582	546	535	12	36	13	48	51	35	34	46	185	76	46
2005	563	557	520	509	11	37	16	40	48	38	32	50	174	70	41
2006	591	583	545	530	15	38	15	43	49	37	33	60	170	81	43
Outflow															
1991	285	280	253	245	8	27	4	22	16	9	21	25	84	43	22
1992	281	275	248	240	8	27	5	20	17	13	16	26	76	44	21
1993	266	262	244	235	9	18	5	17	14	13	15	29	78	48	15
1994	238	234	216	209	6	18	5	15	11	10	13	26	82	31	15
1995	236	232	216	210	6	16	3	24	14	12	13	17	65	40	22
1996	264	260	238	230	8	22	5	21	12	11	20	16	72	56	16
1997	279	272	244	239	6	28	12	12	14	15	13	21	90	43	19
1998	251	245	223	217	6	22	4	17	13	10	12	21	88	34	17
1999	291	286	273	268	5	13	5	26	17	17	18	22	101	45	18
2000	321	315	291	284	7	23	7	20	13	17	17	20	103	64	23
2001	306	302	279	270	9	23	6	22	19	13	17	30	95	50	20
2002	358	354	323	313	9	32	10	22	20	16	24	28	106	60	27
2003	361	354	331	323	8	23	13	24	18	17	23	35	102	53	37
2004	342	338	309	298	11	29	6	34	20	18	16	29	88	54	33
2005	359	356	326	316	10	30	8	39	19	21	19	31	95	57	29
2006	400	397	371	361	10	26	14	36	29	21	29	36	117	53	26
Balance															
1991	+44	+45	+51	+49	+2	-6	+3	-4	+6	+5	-5	+4	+32	+10	-1
1992	-13	-10	+4	+6	-2	-13	+1	+1	-2	-1	-6	-3	+13	+6	-4
1993	-1	+2	+5	+6	-1	-3	-1	-1	+4	-1	+1	-8	+13	-1	+2
1994	+77	+79	+77	+75	+2	+3	+1	+7	+4	+4	+7	+2	+26	+20	+3
1995	+76	+79	+83	+80	+4	-4	-	-5	+1	-	+6	+5	+64	+14	-5
1996	+55	+56	+62	+61	-	-6	-2	-3	+2	+3	+5	+10	+53	-10	+3
1997	+48	+52	+66	+60	+6	-14	-	+9	+2	-	+4	-1	+45	-1	+3
1998	+140	+145	+147	+145	+2	-2	+2	+8	+3	+4	+6	+8	+87	+26	+2
1999	+163	+164	+151	+148	+3	+13	+3	-4	+9	-3	+4	+13	+96	+23	+7
2000	+158	+159	+154	+154	-	+5	+2	+4	+17	-4	+6	+16	+104	+4	+3
2001	+173	+173	+169	+168	+1	+3	+6	+9	+18	+7	+15	+9	+81	+17	+7
2002	+154	+153	+160	+159	+1	-7	+1	+17	+18	+10	+11	+12	+74	+10	+6
2003	+147	+150	+147	+145	+2	+3	-3	+12	+20	+13	+12	+7	+71	+18	-3
2004	+244	+244	+237	+236	+1	+7	+7	+14	+31	+17	+17	+18	+98	+22	+13
2005	+204	+201	+194	+193	+1	+7	+7	+1	+29	+17	+13	+19	+79	+14	+12
2006	+191	+186	+174	+169	+5	+12	+1	+7	+20	+16	+4	+23	+53	+28	+17

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							All	Old	New ³	
United Kingdom										
Inflow										
1991	329	110	219	53	:	:	85	26	59	82
1992	268	93	175	44	:	:	65	18	46	67
1993	266	86	179	44	:	:	70	23	47	65
1994	315	109	206	50	:	:	80	21	59	76
1995	312	84	228	61	:	:	85	27	58	82
1996	318	94	224	72	:	:	78	29	49	74
1997	327	90	237	71	:	:	90	31	59	76
1998	391	104	287	82	:	:	105	54	51	101
1999	454	115	338	66	:	:	123	55	68	150
2000	479	99	379	63	:	:	147	56	91	169
2001	479	110	370	57	:	:	149	65	84	164
2002	513	97	416	59	:	:	155	63	92	201
2003	508	99	409	64	:	:	167	62	105	177
2004	586	88	498	75	53	128	215	73	141	155
2005	563	96	466	70	76	149	180	62	117	137
2006	591	81	510	71	92	167	201	62	139	142
Outflow										
1991	285	154	130	53	:	:	35	18	17	43
1992	281	155	126	38	:	:	31	18	13	57
1993	266	149	118	40	:	:	34	17	17	43
1994	238	125	113	42	:	:	31	14	17	40
1995	236	135	101	38	:	:	29	18	12	34
1996	264	156	108	44	:	:	32	17	14	32
1997	279	149	131	53	:	:	40	20	20	37
1998	251	126	126	49	:	:	33	20	13	44
1999	291	139	152	59	:	:	41	29	12	52
2000	321	161	160	57	:	:	47	32	15	55
2001	306	158	149	49	:	:	51	32	19	49
2002	358	185	174	52	:	:	58	42	16	64
2003	361	191	171	50	:	:	59	42	17	62
2004	342	195	147	38	3	42	53	33	19	52
2005	359	185	174	39	15	54	60	37	23	59
2006	400	207	194	44	22	66	67	42	24	61
Balance										
1991	+44	-44	+89	-1	:	:	+50	+8	+42	+39
1992	-13	-62	+49	+5	:	:	+34	-	+33	+10
1993	-1	-62	+62	+4	:	:	+36	+6	+30	+22
1994	+77	-16	+94	+9	:	:	+49	+7	+42	+36
1995	+76	-51	+127	+23	:	:	+56	+9	+46	+48
1996	+55	-62	+116	+28	:	:	+47	+12	+35	+41
1997	+48	-59	+107	+18	:	:	+50	+11	+39	+38
1998	+140	-22	+162	+33	:	:	+72	+34	+38	+57
1999	+163	-24	+187	+8	:	:	+82	+26	+56	+98
2000	+158	-62	+220	+6	:	:	+100	+24	+76	+114
2001	+173	-48	+221	+8	:	:	+98	+33	+65	+115
2002	+154	-87	+242	+7	:	:	+97	+21	+77	+137
2003	+147	-91	+238	+14	:	:	+109	+20	+88	+115
2004	+244	-107	+351	+37	+49	+85	+162	+40	+122	+104
2005	+204	-89	+293	+31	+61	+95	+120	+25	+94	+78
2006	+191	-126	+316	+27	+71	+100	+134	+20	+115	+81