

National Insurance Registrations for 2007/08

This *Update* looks at data released by the Department for Work and Pensions on 20th of August 2008 relating to National Insurance Number (NINo) registrations for overseas nationals. It follows previous reports from DMAG on this topic (See DMAG Briefing 2006/24 and *Update* 15/2007). The data show country of origin for new NI registrations for every local authority in the UK. The dataset does not include figures on de-registrations or how long the new NI numbers remain active and therefore no conclusions can be made about net migration using this dataset.

Table 1: Top 20 Countries of Origin for NINo Registrations

	Rest of UK			London		
	2007/08	Change on previous year	% Change	2007/08	Change on previous year	% Change
Poland	166,880	-12,460	-7	43,780	360	1
India	30,090	-690	-2	19,670	1,120	6
Romania	6,890	4,730	219	16,060	13,860	630
Australia	8,200	-1,200	-13	15,900	900	6
France	9,820	230	2	11,950	1,310	12
Italy	5,790	540	10	9,610	1,910	25
Pakistan	16,400	-120	-1	8,430	-370	-4
Bulgaria	6,650	5,110	332	7,310	5,770	375
Nigeria	6,790	670	11	6,970	620	10
Germany	8,700	-30	0	6,830	320	5
Rep of Lithuania	12,210	-3,570	-23	6,820	-1,510	-18
South Africa	6,390	-2,700	-30	6,360	-1,470	-19
New Zealand	3,010	-220	-7	5,760	460	9
Bangladesh	4,190	-550	-12	5,510	130	2
USA	5,640	30	1	5,450	400	8
Spain	6,130	-320	-5	4,790	470	11
Hungary	8,840	1,680	23	4,470	750	20
Slovak Rep	25,670	1,740	7	4,320	-590	-12
Portugal	7,260	280	4	4,200	290	7
Rep of Ireland	6,290	-190	-3	3,770	220	6
A12 Total	244,730	-6,430	-3	87,710	17,680	25
EU15 Total	52,320	4,210	9	55,140	-500	-1
Indian Subcontinent Total	52,830	-1,070	-2	37,170	1,050	3
Old C'wealth + USA Total	26,210	-4,340	-14	35,960	490	1
All Countries	460,380	-8,980	-2	272,710	28,620	12

Notes:

A12 = Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

EU15 = Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Irish Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

Old Commonwealth = Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Indian Subcontinent = India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

In 2004, the first ten of the A12 countries joined the European Union. Bulgaria and Romania were made member states in 2007, which explains the large increases in registrations from these countries. Table 1 shows that six of these accession states (Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania and Slovakia) now feature in the top 20 countries of origin for NINo registrations of overseas nationals. Since 2006/07 NINo registrations from these states have increased by a quarter to a total of 87,710 and accounted for 32 per cent of all registrations in London in 2007/08.

The total number of registrations in London in 2007/08 was 272,710 and represented an increase of 28,620 on the previous year. This is over three times higher than the increase from 2005/06 to 2006/07 and constitutes a rise of 12 per cent. Nationally, there was an increase of just 2 per cent to 733,090 in 2007/08. In terms of share, London accounts for 37 per cent of all NINo registrations in the UK.

As with previous years (see Table 2), Poland is by far the largest single source of registrations with almost 44,000 in London and just under 167,000 in the UK. However, whilst the number of Polish registrations in London has remained almost constant on the previous year, the UK total has fallen by 6 per. Three London Boroughs account for almost 30 per cent of Polish registrations (Ealing – 5,470, Haringey - 4,080 and Brent – 3,390). After Poland, the top 5 origins in London were India (19,670), Romania (16,060), Australia (15,900) and France (11,950).

Together Romania and Bulgaria make up a total of 68 per cent of the overall increase in registrations in London. As mentioned, this is in part due to their accession to the EU in January 2007. In contrast, Polish registrations accounted for just 1 per cent of the total increase in registrations compared with 74 per cent of the overall increase the year before. Furthermore, there have been significant reductions in the numbers of registrations from both Lithuania (down 1,510) and South Africa (down 1,470). These factors combine to explaining the relatively large share held by Romania and Bulgaria.

Considering countries of origin with more than a thousand registrations, the highest percentage increase on the previous year was for people from Romania (630 per cent) followed by, Bulgaria (375 per cent), Afghanistan (60 per cent), Colombia (34 per cent) and Nepal (26 per cent). The biggest proportional declines since 2006/07 were Latvia (26 per cent), South Africa (19 per cent), Lithuania (18 per cent), Czech Republic (15 per cent) and Slovakia (12 per cent). Interestingly, there is a slight overall decline in registrations from the original 8 Accession countries¹, despite continued growth in both Poland and Hungary.

London has the most registrations of any Government Office Region while the South East is second highest with 82,830. The following London Boroughs constitute the top 5 local authorities nationwide in terms of registrations; Newham (20,510), Brent (19,240), Ealing (15,330), Haringey (13,650) and Tower Hamlets (13,210). The largest percentage increases in London on the previous year were recorded in Barking and Dagenham (38 per cent), Waltham Forest (31 per cent) and Newham (27 per cent) (See Table 3). Ten London boroughs featured in the top 20 local authorities nationally in terms of percentage increase on the previous

¹ A8 Countries = Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia

year. The boroughs with the largest percentage declines in registrations were Richmond Upon Thames (7 per cent), followed by Bromley (4 per cent) and Kingston upon Thames (3 per cent).

Table 2: All Registrations in London by Country of Origin

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
All	148,010	153,160	167,190	235,610	244,090	272,710
Poland	4,270	7,720	18,960	37,110	43,420	43,780
India	8,940	10,790	11,170	17,900	18,550	19,670
Romania	1,150	1,920	1,610	870	2,200	16,060
Australia	9,760	8,360	8,730	14,990	15,000	15,900
France	5,500	5,370	5,980	8,640	10,640	11,950
Italy	4,550	4,430	4,110	6,310	7,700	9,610
Pakistan	4,430	5,220	7,630	8,260	8,800	8,430
Bulgaria	2,630	3,280	2,460	860	1,540	7,310
Nigeria	3,810	4,400	4,900	7,070	6,350	6,970
Germany	3,160	3,260	3,800	5,550	6,510	6,830
Rep of Lithuania	1,320	2,940	6,200	10,500	8,330	6,820
South Africa	7,350	6,740	7,250	10,460	7,830	6,360
New Zealand	4,560	3,340	3,440	5,180	5,300	5,760
Bangladesh	3,710	3,840	3,060	4,690	5,380	5,510
USA	3,240	3,140	3,390	4,350	5,050	5,450
Spain	3,510	3,300	2,900	4,080	4,320	4,790
Hungary	330	490	1,470	2,920	3,720	4,470
Slovak Rep	430	620	2,690	4,660	4,910	4,320
Portugal	2,990	3,390	3,000	3,790	3,910	4,200
Rep of Ireland	2,820	2,820	2,670	3,560	3,550	3,770
Brazil	1,360	2,330	2,570	3,660	3,400	3,680
Sri Lanka	4,420	3,490	3,330	3,350	3,390	3,560
Netherlands	1,720	2,020	2,570	3,320	3,550	3,440
Ghana	3,360	3,760	3,750	3,860	3,010	3,300
China Peoples Rep	2,340	3,000	2,560	2,600	2,700	3,290
Turkey	2,490	2,770	2,400	2,120	2,530	2,860
Sweden	1,770	1,500	1,620	2,530	2,800	2,820
Nepal	520	480	450	1,110	2,150	2,700
Canada	1,610	1,440	1,480	2,230	2,290	2,490
Philippines	3,030	2,600	1,780	2,140	2,210	2,440
Colombia	860	1,040	970	1,420	1,540	2,060
Czech Rep	400	460	1,610	2,590	2,340	2,000
Greece	1,290	1,070	1,090	1,460	1,630	1,600
Somalia	3,580	2,780	2,190	2,420	1,620	1,540
Afghanistan	3,160	1,000	810	840	910	1,460
Japan	1,090	1,100	1,060	1,290	1,380	1,440
Rep of Latvia	210	360	1,030	2,100	1,900	1,410
Malaysia	1,220	1,280	1,280	1,270	1,060	1,280
Jamaica	4,060	5,120	2,270	1,920	1,310	1,170
Russian Federation	560	580	580	830	940	1,150
Thailand	510	680	720	880	930	1,120
Iran	1,440	1,130	1,010	1,090	910	1,060

NB Table only shows countries with over a thousand registrations in 2007/08.

Table 3: Annual NINo Registration Numbers by Borough

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	% Increase 2006/07 to 2007/08
UK	349,240	370,750	439,730	662,390	713,450	733,090	3
England and Wales	314,390	331,150	394,260	595,280	631,780	653,230	3
England	309,020	324,370	384,360	578,840	614,760	636,880	4
London	148,020	153,180	167,230	235,640	244,090	272,710	12
City of London	340	360	360	530	730	800	10
Barking and Dagenham	2,260	2,450	2,600	3,200	3,120	4,290	38
Barnet	5,940	6,190	6,720	8,840	9,310	11,510	24
Bexley	970	1,020	990	1,410	1,570	1,630	4
Brent	9,170	9,590	11,920	15,060	15,600	19,240	23
Bromley	1,570	1,380	1,480	2,130	2,200	2,110	-4
Camden	5,560	5,500	5,760	7,780	8,320	8,840	6
Croydon	4,070	3,910	3,900	5,900	6,340	6,400	1
Ealing	7,370	7,870	10,400	15,250	14,300	15,330	7
Enfield	4,100	4,770	4,340	5,030	5,710	7,120	25
Greenwich	3,170	3,690	3,800	5,700	5,820	6,530	12
Hackney	4,860	5,080	5,360	7,640	7,630	8,530	12
Hammersmith and Fulham	6,100	5,830	6,370	9,410	9,310	9,410	1
Haringey	5,890	7,190	7,280	9,580	10,970	13,650	24
Harrow	3,230	3,140	3,780	5,070	5,500	6,940	26
Havering	760	790	810	1,100	1,000	1,180	18
Hillingdon	2,680	2,830	3,290	4,320	4,420	4,760	8
Hounslow	5,600	6,190	7,090	10,600	9,800	10,730	9
Islington	4,430	4,460	4,920	6,790	6,610	7,470	13
Kensington and Chelsea	5,230	4,800	5,200	6,460	7,250	7,180	-1
Kingston upon Thames	1,870	1,680	1,810	2,830	2,970	2,870	-3
Lambeth	6,930	7,260	7,010	10,460	11,170	11,130	0
Lewisham	4,600	5,020	4,850	6,770	6,840	6,990	2
Merton	3,990	3,590	4,050	6,470	6,680	6,900	3
Newham	8,510	8,460	10,270	14,880	16,160	20,510	27
Redbridge	3,330	3,520	3,880	5,320	5,220	6,440	23
Richmond upon Thames	2,050	1,720	1,950	2,960	2,930	2,720	-7
Southwark	6,040	6,620	6,440	9,670	9,690	9,980	3
Sutton	1,410	1,080	1,160	1,680	1,940	1,930	-1
Tower Hamlets	6,470	6,740	7,130	10,430	11,800	13,210	12
Waltham Forest	5,070	5,700	6,810	9,990	9,680	12,670	31
Wandsworth	7,200	6,850	7,390	11,420	11,720	11,630	-1
Westminster	7,250	7,900	8,110	10,960	11,790	12,070	2

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