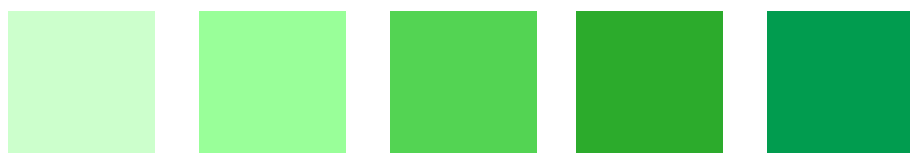


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Summary

This report provides statistics about National Insurance Number allocations made to overseas nationals entering the UK. The headline figures show that in Leicestershire 2,800 overseas national registered for a national insurance number in 2005/06, an increase of 1,140 (69%) on 2004/05. This disproportionate increase in the latest figures is a result of European Union enlargement.

There were over 1,230 overseas nationals originating from an EU accession state allocated a national insurance number in 2005/06. The majority (70%) of these people originate from Poland. Also, a large number of overseas nationals (690) living in Leicestershire allocated a national insurance number in 2005/06 originate from Asia.

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Background

The data on which this report is based has recently been released by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Data is classified by place of residence (district) and available for the number of registrations for National Insurance (NI) Numbers by overseas nationals for the financial years from 2002/03 to 2005/06 by country of origin, age and gender.

It must be noted that the figures do not show complete migratory patterns from abroad, even for those in the workforce. It often takes a year before an economic migrant will register for a National Insurance Number particularly if they are dependents coming over to join family members. The figures cannot be used to show the actual current levels of foreign nationals in Leicestershire because there is no information on how long the person is staying within the area or even the country. Economic migrants are mobile individuals who may not remain in the same place they registered for a National Insurance Number. Therefore, these figures must be treated with caution. The data is a 100% count of all recorded National Insurance registrations to overseas nationals and therefore is not subject to sampling error. For more information on the data at national level see the National Statistics report "National Insurance Number Allocations to Overseas Nationals Entering the UK 2006" at http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/niall/nino_allocation.asp. This report provides a DWP e-mail contact point for further information.

Country of Origin

Table 1 shows that between 2002/03 and 2005/06 the proportion of overseas nationals living in Leicestershire allocated a National Insurance Number increased by 1,790 (177%). The biggest year-on-year increase was between 2004/05 and 2005/06 (1,140). This is the result of the EU enlargement which took effect on the 1st May 2004. The Accession States including Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Malta and (Greek) Cyprus joined the existing 15 member states. All EU nationals are free to enter the UK to visit or work without a visa or work permit. However, accession nationals are generally required to have worked continuously for 12 months before they are entitled to income-related benefits.

Registration volumes provide some insight into the effects of EU enlargement. Registrations to EU Accession nationals increased between 2002/03 and 2005/06, from 0 to 1,230. As expected the biggest increase was between 2004/05 and 2005/06 (800) after which Accession nationals were eligible to work in the UK for more than one year. Almost three quarters of the increase between 2004/05 and 2005/06 was due to Polish nationals, who accounted for 70% (860) of the registrations in 2005/06 by nationals from Accession states. Slovaks made up 8% (100), Czechs 6% (70) and Latvians 5% (70) of registrations made to Accession nationals in 2005/06.

The number of overseas nationals registering for a national insurance number living in Leicestershire has increased notably for people originating from Asia, particular between 2004/05 and 2005/06 (110). The majority of the registrations in 2005/06 were made to Indian nationals, who made up 35% (240) and Chinese nationals, who made up 26% (180).

Table 1: Overseas Nationals allocated a National Insurance Number in Leicestershire by Year of Registration and Continent of Origin

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
All	1,010	1,310	1,660	2,800
Europe - EU Accession Countries	0	20	430	1230
Europe - EU Excluding Accession Countries	100	150	150	260
Europe - non-EU	20	30	70	70
Asia and Middle East	400	520	570	690
Australasia and Oceania	60	60	50	50
The Americas	30	50	20	40
Africa	150	230	130	160
Others and unknown	0	0	0	0

Note: Figures are rounded to nearest ten and may not sum due to rounding

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Table 2: Overseas National Allocated a National Insurance Number in Leicestershire: Top Ten Countries by Year of Registration

2002/03		2003/04		2004/05		2005/06	
India	160	India	150	Poland	270	Poland	860
South Africa	70	China	130	India	180	India	240
China	60	South Africa	80	China	140	China	180
Australia	50	Malaysia	70	Philippines	70	Philippines	110
Bangladesh	40	Australia	50	Malaysia	60	Slovak Rep	100
Zimbabwe	40	Philippines	50	South Africa	50	South Africa	70
Rep of Ireland	30	Zimbabwe	50	Rep of Lithuania	50	Rep of Latvia	70
Sri Lanka	20	Bangladesh	40	Czech Rep	50	France	70
Malaysia	20	USA	40	France	40	Czech Rep	70
Nigeria	20	Ghana	30	Germany	40	Rep of Lithuania	50
All	1010	All	1310	All	1660	All	2800

Figure for 'All' now corrected to Leicestershire Total 24/1/2007

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Source: Department for Work and Pensions

District of Residence

Charnwood has been the Leicestershire district with the highest number of overseas nationals registering for a NI Number over the period from 2002/03 to 2005/06 (see Table 3). In 2005/06, 40% (1,120) of those overseas national registering for a NI Number in Leicestershire lived in Charnwood. The rate per 1,000 people in Charnwood was 7.1. In 2005/06, the second most popular district was North West Leicestershire which had 470 registrations of National Insurance Numbers to overseas nationals. The EU enlargement is responsible for the huge proportionate increase in the number of National Insurance registrations in both North West Leicestershire and Melton between 2002/03 and 2005/06. The rate per 1,000 people was 5.3 in North West Leicestershire and 4.8 in Melton.

Table 3 also shows the number of NI Number allocations to overseas nationals in Leicester City, Rutland, the East Midlands and the UK, to give context to the Leicestershire figures. It is interesting to compare the volumes in Leicester City. There was three times the number of registrations in Leicester City (7,620) in 2005/06 compared to Leicestershire (2,800). The rate per 1,000 people was 26.7 in Leicester City compared to only 4.5 in Leicestershire and 11.4 in the UK. Leicester City also accounts for almost 20% of all the NI number registrations made to overseas national in the East Midlands for 2005/06.

Table 3: Overseas Nationals entering the UK and allocated a National Insurance Number by Year of Registration and Area of Residence

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	Rate per 1,000 people
UK	349,240	370,750	439,730	662,390	11.4
East Midlands	13,400	16,480	23,510	38,480	9.0
Leicestershire	1,010	1,310	1,660	2,800	4.5
Leicester	3,820	4,880	4,920	7,620	26.7
Rutland	50	70	70	120	3.3
Charnwood	430	660	680	1120	7.1
North West Leicestershire	80	100	220	470	5.3
Melton	40	50	150	230	4.8
Oadby and Wigston	130	130	150	190	3.4
Hinckley and Bosworth	120	130	170	310	3.0
Harborough	90	100	150	230	2.9
Blaby	120	140	140	250	2.7

Note: Rate per 1,000 people calculated using registrations in 2005/06 divided by per 1,000 people using the ONS 2004 Mid-Year Estimates.

Figures are rounded to nearest ten and may not sum due to rounding

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Tables 4-10 show the number of National Insurance Numbers allocated to overseas nationals for each district in the County by their country of origin. The list only includes country of origins with more than 10 allocations, as the data is rounded to the nearest 10. In Blaby (see Table 4), the largest number of National Insurance Number allocations were made to Polish arrivals in 2005/06 (90). Although the overall volume of registrations was low (250), Polish arrivals accounted for over a third of National Insurance Number allocations made to overseas nationals in 2005/06 in Blaby.

Table 4: Overseas Nationals Allocated a National Insurance Number living in Blaby by Country of Origin, 2004/05-2005/06

2004/05		2005/06	
India	30	Poland	90
Poland	20	India	30
		Slovak Republic	20
All	140	All	250

Note: only includes country of origin with more than 10 registrations per year
Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Table 5 shows the number of National Insurance Number allocations made to overseas nationals in Charnwood by country of origin between 2004/05 and 2005/06. Again, in 2005/06, following EU enlargement, the greatest number of allocations was made to Polish arrivals (270). There were also a considerably large number of people registering for a National Insurance Number arriving from China in both 2004/05 (110) and 2005/06 (160).

Table 5: Overseas Nationals Allocated a National Insurance Number living in Charnwood by Country of Origin, 2004/05-2005/06

2004/05		2005/06	
China	110	Poland	270
Poland	70	China	160
India	60	India	80
Malaysia	60	Philippines	60
Philippines	40	Nigeria	40
Australia	20	Republic of Latvia	30
Nigeria	20	Malaysia	30
Pakistan	20	Bangladesh	30
Bangladesh	20	Pakistan	20
Turkey	20	France	20
		Czech Republic	20
		South Africa	20
		Germany	20
		Greece	20
		Spain	20
All	680	All	1,120

Note: only includes country of origin with more than 10 registrations per year
Source: Department for Work and Pensions

There were relatively few National Insurance Number allocations made to overseas nationals in Harborough between 2004/05 and 2005/06 (see Table 6). However, the largest volumes arrived from EU Accession states Poland (50), Czech Republic (20) and Slovakia (20) in 2005/06.

Table 6: Overseas Nationals Allocated a National Insurance Number living in Harborough by Country of Origin, 2004/05-2005/06

2004/05		2005/06	
Poland	40	Poland	50
		Czech Republic	20
		Slovak Republic	20
All	150	All	230

Note: only includes country of origin with more than 10 registrations per year
Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Table 7 shows the largest number of National Insurance Number allocations to overseas nationals were made to Polish and Indian arrivals over the period 2004/05 to 2005/06 in Hinckley and Bosworth. There were also a sizeable number of arrivals from Estonia (40) allocated a National Insurance Number in 2005/06 in Hinckley and Bosworth.

Table 7: Overseas Nationals Allocated a National Insurance Number living in Hinckley and Bosworth by Country of Origin, 2004/05-2005/06

2004/05		2005/06	
Poland	20	Poland	70
India	20	India	50
		Republic of Estonia	40
All	170	All	310

Note: only includes country of origin with more than 10 registrations per year
Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Table 8 shows that by far the largest volume of National Insurance Number allocations were made to Polish arrivals in Melton in both 2004/05 (80) and 2005/06 (150). During both financial years the Polish arrivals accounted for more than half the overseas nationals registering for a National Insurance Number in Melton.

Table 8: Overseas Nationals Allocated a National Insurance Number living in Melton by Country of Origin, 2004/05-2005/06

2004/05		2005/06	
Poland	80	Poland	150
All	150	All	230

Note: only includes country of origin with more than 10 registrations per year

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

As a proportion of the population there were considerably higher numbers of National Insurance Number allocations to overseas nationals in North West Leicestershire than any other district in the County with the exception of Charnwood. Table 9 shows that the number of Polish arrivals allocated a National Insurance Number rose dramatically between 2004/05 and 2005/06. In 2005/06 over 40% of National Insurance Numbers allocated to overseas nationals were made to Polish arrivals.

Interestingly, there were also a small number of allocations made to Slovakian (40) and Philippine (40) nationals in 2005/06.

Table 9: Overseas Nationals Allocated a National Insurance Number living in North West Leicestershire by Country of Origin, 2004/05-2005/06

2004/05		2005/06	
Poland	40	Poland	200
Philippines	30	Slovak Rep	40
India	20	Philippines	40
Slovak Rep	20	South Africa	20
		India	20
All	220	All	470

Note: only includes country of origin with more than 10 registrations per year

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Table 10 shows that the greatest number of overseas nationals allocated a National Insurance Number in Oadby and Wigston arrived from India in both 2004/05 (40) and 2005/06 (50). During the 2005/06 financial year, 30 allocations of National Insurance Numbers were made to Polish arrivals.

Table 10: Overseas Nationals Allocated a National Insurance Number living in Oadby and Wigston by Country of Origin, 2004/05-2005/06

2004/05		2005/06	
India	40	India	50
		Poland	30
All	150	All	190

Note: only includes country of origin with more than 10 registrations per year
 Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Age and Sex

Table 11 shows that the age distribution of overseas nationals registering for a NI Number in 2005/06 was younger than in 2002/03 in Leicestershire. In 2002/03 more than half (54.5%) of overseas nationals registering for a NI Number were aged 25-34. The majority of overseas national registering for a NI Number were also aged 25-34 (46.1%) in 2005/06, however, a much higher proportion were aged 18-24 (33.6%). Therefore, almost fourth fifths of those people registering for a NI Number in Leicestershire were aged under 35 in 2005/06.

Table 11: Overseas Nationals living in Leicestershire and allocated a National Insurance Number by Year of Registration and Age

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/2005	2005/2006
All	1,010	1,310	1,660	2,800
Under 18	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
18-24	12.9%	12.2%	19.9%	33.6%
25-34	54.5%	55.0%	54.2%	46.1%
35-44	24.8%	23.7%	18.7%	12.5%
45-49	6.9%	3.8%	4.8%	3.2%
50-54	2.0%	1.5%	2.4%	1.8%
55-59	0.0%	1.5%	1.2%	0.7%
60 or over	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Note: Figures are rounded to nearest ten and may not sum due to rounding
 Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Table 12 shows that in 2002/03 there were a greater number of female (540) overseas nationals registering for a National Insurance Number compared to males (470). However, in 2005/06 a greater number of those registering for a national insurance number were male (1,530) compared to females (1,240). This is the result of the number of young males from Accession states registering for a National Insurance Number in Leicestershire in 2005/06.

Table 12: Overseas Nationals living in Leicestershire and allocated a National Insurance Number by Year of Registration and Gender

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/2005	2005/2006
All	1,010	1,310	1,660	2,800
Male	470	620	850	1,530
Female	540	700	810	1,240

Note: Figures are rounded to nearest ten and may not sum due to rounding

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Date of Arrival

At the National Insurance (NI) Number application interview, the overseas national is asked about their arrival date into the UK. The arrival data, therefore, measure when the person entered the UK and tends to give a smoother trend than the registration data, which can be affected by DWP workload. However, the arrival figures for any given year cannot be deemed to give accurate figures until at least 15 months after that year because of the time taken to apply for a NI Number e.g. because they do a year's study, or because they live as a dependent person before eventually applying for a NI Number themselves. The registration data does not suffer from time lags in the same way as the arrival data.

Table 13 shows the total number of arrivals into the UK of overseas nationals registering for a NI Number in Leicestershire was 1,780 in 2004/05. This has risen year-on-year since 2000/01 by 1,010. The arrival figures for all years, but especially 2004/05, may continue to rise if more overseas nationals resident in the UK apply for and are allocated a NI Number. The country of origin follows similar trends to the registration data with a large increase in the number of overseas nationals entering the UK following EU enlargement. The number of overseas nationals entering the UK from Asia living in Leicestershire has also risen between 2001/02 and 2004/05.

Table 13: Overseas National entering the UK and allocated a National Insurance Number, by Year of Arrival and Continent of Origin in Leicestershire

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
All	770	900	980	1,120	1,780
Europe - EU Accession Countries	30	10	50	130	720
Asia and Middle East	300	370	430	500	530
Europe - EU Excluding Accession Countries	140	140	160	170	200
Africa	130	180	170	170	160
Europe - non-EU	80	40	60	60	90
Australasia and Oceania	50	60	50	50	60
The Americas	50	60	70	60	40
Others and unknown	0	10	0	0	0

Note: Figures are rounded to nearest ten and may not sum due to rounding

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Benefit Claimants

The National Insurance Number allocation data has also been merged with out-of-work benefits data showing the number of and proportion of 'migrants' claiming benefits within 6 months of a NI Number registration. Table 14 shows the number of National Insurance Number Registrations to overseas nationals by benefit claimed within 6 months of registration by year in Leicestershire.

Table 14: Overseas Nationals in Leicestershire allocated a National Insurance Number by year of allocation – those claiming an out-of-work benefit within 6 months of registrations

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/2005	2005/2006
All	60	40	40	40
IB	0	0	0	0
IS	0	0	0	10
JSA	60	40	40	30
% on out-of-work benefits	7	3	4	3

Notes: JSA – Jobseeker's Allowance, IB – Incapacity Benefit, IS – Income Support

Source: Department for Work and Pensions



Of the 2,800 overseas nationals that registered for a National Insurance in 2005/06, 40 (3%) were claiming an out-of-work benefit – Jobseeker’s Allowance (JSA), Incapacity Benefit (IB) or Income Support (IS) – within 6 months of National Insurance registration. The last two years were sharply down on the previous years especially 2002/03 when 7% of overseas nationals registering were claiming out-of-work benefit. DWP indicate that this is partly because Accession nationals are generally required to have worked continuously for 12 months before they are entitled to income-related benefits.

Of the 40 overseas nationals claiming out-of-work benefits in 2005/06, 75% (30) were actively seeking work (receiving JSA), while only 10 were not obliged to be actively seeking work (receiving IB). DWP figures show this is compared with about 2,500 claimants of IS, JA or IB in Leicestershire over the same period (7% of the total working age population).

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