



# National Insurance Number Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals Entering the UK

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## 1. Introduction and definitions

1.1 - This report provides statistics regarding National Insurance Numbers (NINo) allocated to adult overseas nationals entering the United Kingdom (UK). A NINo is generally required by any overseas national looking to work or claim benefits / tax credits in the UK, including the self employed or students working part time.

1.2 - The figures provide a measure of in-migration (inflow) for adult overseas nationals registering for a NINo, however do not reflect emigration (outflow, i.e. migrants who leave the UK) or the overall migrant population (stock).

1.3 - The figures reflect adult overseas nationals allocated a NINo through the adult registration scheme. In addition there will be a small number of overseas nationals (aged 16-19 yrs) allocated a NINo automatically through the Juvenile Registration scheme. This occurs when the individual has previously been allocated a child registration number. These juvenile cases are not captured by the statistics.

1.4 - The registration date referred to in this report represents the date the information on the individual was processed on HM Revenue and Customs' National Insurance Recording System (NIRS).

1.5 - For reporting purposes, throughout this document Accession nationals refers to overseas nationals from the 12 Accession countries. These are Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, which joined on the European Union (EU) on 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2004, and Romania and Bulgaria, who have joined on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

## 2. Differences to previously published National Statistics

2.1 – A number of changes and improvements have been made to this set of National Statistics since the last publication. These are as follows:

- Improvements to the area allocation process and more frequent scans provide a more accurate account of individuals' location at point of registration.
- The basis of the reporting year has been changed from tax year (6<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> April) to financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March).
- A new quarterly time series backdated to January 2002 has been produced.
- The Arrivals series has been withdrawn since it was subject to significant levels of future revision.
- Use of fixed datasets to eliminate any retrospection in future reports.

For these reasons, **this set of data replaces previously published National Statistics on NINo allocations to adult overseas nationals.**

### Tabulation tool

2.2 - All tables included in the following report and further information on NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals can be obtained using the Department's internet-based interactive tabulation tool (see web link below). Users are able to specify the variables they are interested in and tabulate accordingly.

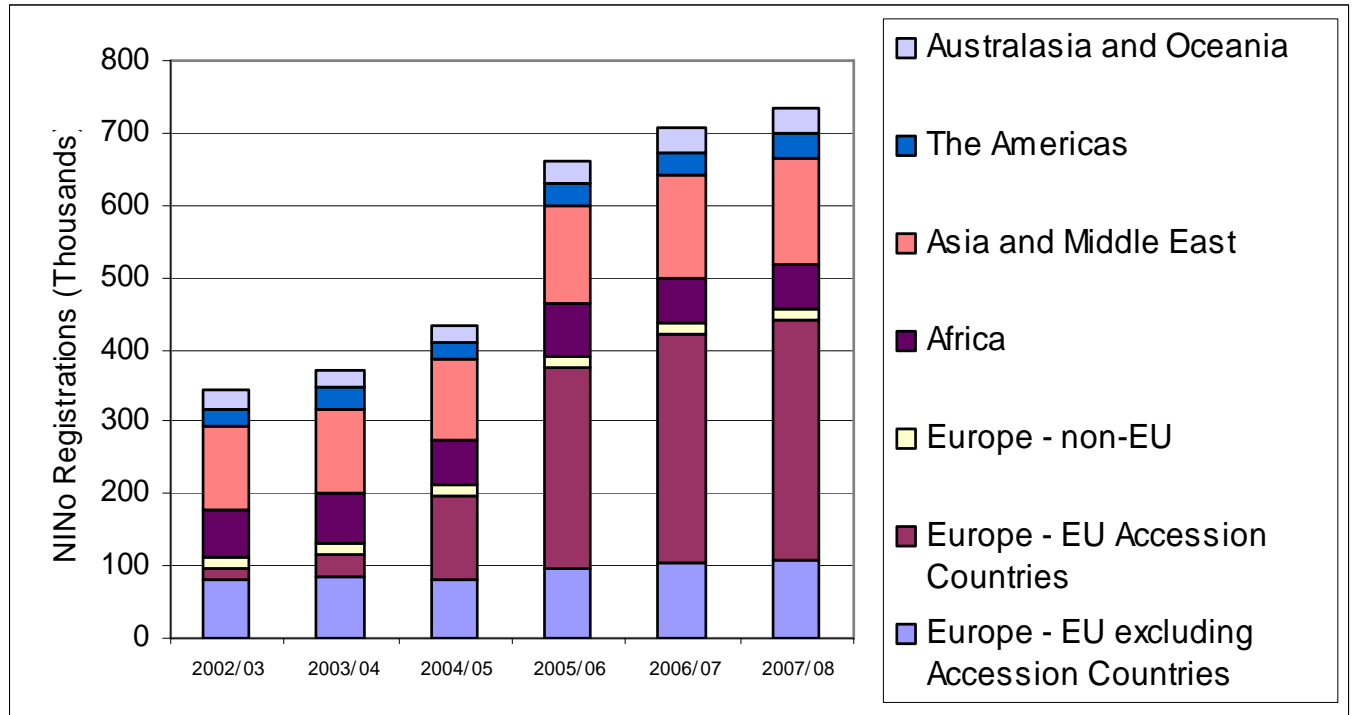
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### 3. Headline Figures

- The total number of NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals in 2007/08 was 733 thousand, an increase of 27 thousand (3.9%) on the previous year. This is the smallest annual percentage increase in the period for which figures are available.
- The quarterly time series shows numbers of registrations levelling out in the last 3 quarters of 2007/08 at around 188 thousand.
- Registrations to Accession nationals increased by 4.7% from 318 thousand in 2006/07 to 332 thousand in 2007/08, with Poland forming the largest nationality: 211 thousand NINo registrations were made to Polish citizens in 2007/08 (a 4.4% decrease from the previous year).
- In 2007/08, there were 400 thousand registrations to non Accession nationals, a 3.2% increase from the previous year.
- Registrations from Bulgaria and Romania, who joined the EU on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2007 show the largest increase, rising by 11 thousand and 19 thousand respectively in the year to 2007/08.
- Some local areas have seen large increases in NINo registrations in the year to 2007/08 partly as a result of increases in Bulgarian and Romanian nationals. Whilst two thirds of Local Authorities have seen NINo registrations fall or remain unchanged, 7% have seen NINo registrations increase by more than 20% in the year in 2007/08.
- The London Government Office Region accounts for 37.2% of all registrations in 2007/08, an increase from 34.1% from the previous year. The North East has the fewest registrations with 1.7% of the UK total.
- Of the 706 thousand registrations in 2006/07, 20 thousand (2.9%) were claiming an out of work benefit – Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), Incapacity Benefit (IB) or Income Support (IS) – within 6 months of NINo registration. . This is down from 12.5% in 2002/03

#### 4. Registrations by year and world area.

**Fig 1: NINo registrations to Adult Overseas Nationals, by year of registration and world area.**

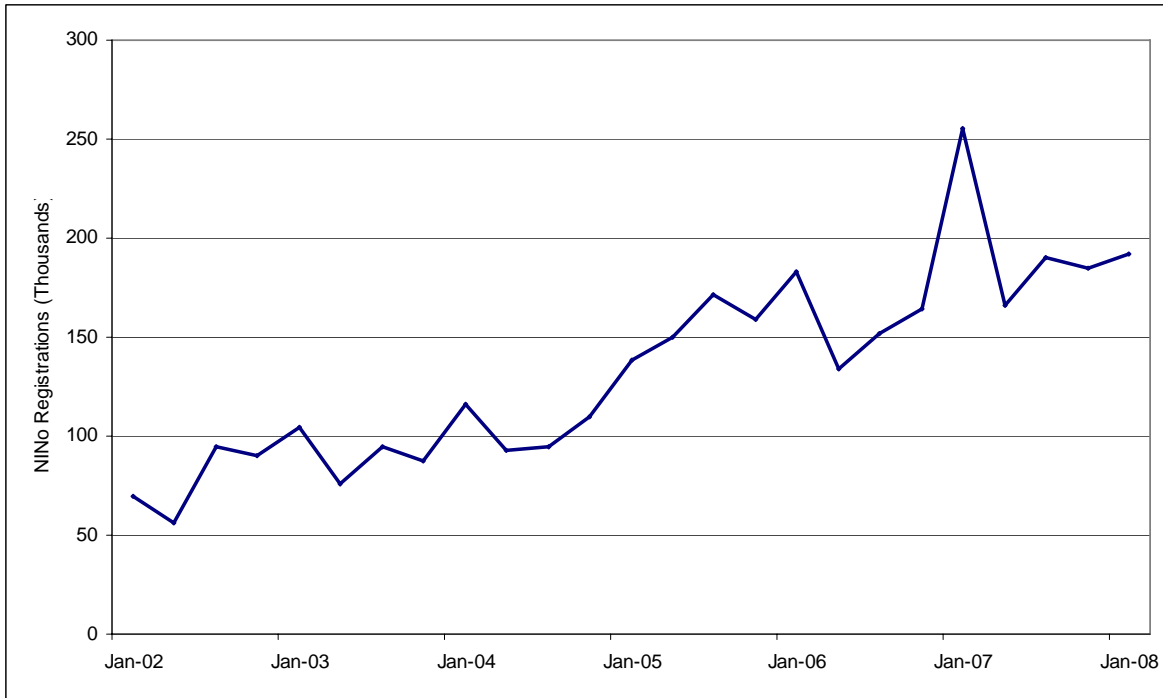


**Source:** 100% extract from National Insurance Recording System

- Registrations have risen from 346 thousand in 2002/03 to 733 thousand in 2007/08, with the most significant increase coming from nationals from the Accession countries. However the rate of growth is slowing.
- Registrations to nationals from the EU Accession countries increased by 15 thousand in the year to 2007/08.
- Poland remains the biggest contributor - registrations in respect of Polish nationals made up 29% of all registrations to adult overseas nationals in 2007/08.
- However, the number of registrations to Polish nationals has fallen by 10 thousand from the previous year.
- Registrations from Bulgaria and Romania show the largest increase, rising by 11 thousand and 19 thousand respectively in the year to 2007/08.
- Registrations to non-EU nationals showed a 3% increase in 2007/08 compared to the previous year.

## 5. Quarterly time series analysis

**Fig 2: NINo registrations to Adult Overseas Nationals, registration time series by quarter.**



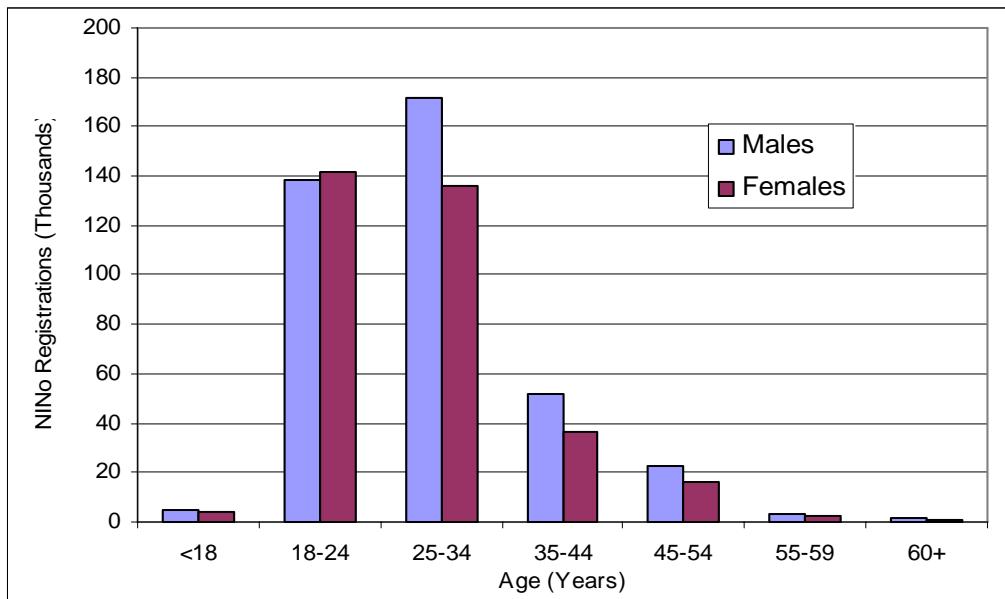
**Source:** 100% extract from National Insurance Recording System

5.1 - The data shows an overall increasing trend, with the number of registrations levelling out in the last 3 quarters of 2007/08 at around 188 thousand.

5.2 - The quarterly time series shows a number of peaks and troughs. The series is reflecting both seasonal effects in the registration of overseas nationals and operational factors in recording a NINo on the NIRS computer system. It is a combination of these factors that result in the sharp rise in quarter 1 of 2007.

## 6. Age and Gender

**Fig 3: NINo registrations to Adult Overseas Nationals, by gender and age group – registrations 2007 /2008.**



**Source:** 100% extract from National Insurance Recording System

6.1 - The 25-34 age group is the largest single age group for NINo registrations for men, whereas the biggest group for women is 18-24. Over 80% of all registrations in 2007/08 were made up of 18-34 yr olds.

6.2 - Overall, 54% of NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals are from males. However, by age band, the 18-24 age group is the only group where registrations from females exceed those from males.

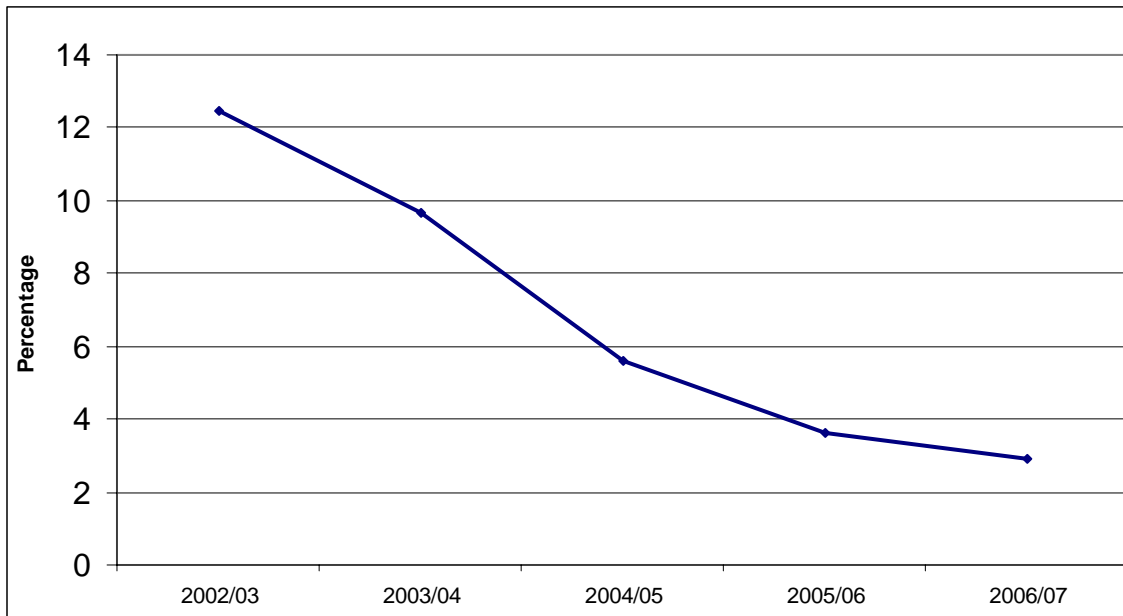
## 7. Out-of-work benefits.

### **Merging NINo allocation data with benefits data**

7.1 - DWP produces quarterly National Statistics of benefit claimants in the UK. In particular, key out-of-work benefits data (Jobseekers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, and Income Support) can be merged with National Insurance Recording System data to show adult overseas nationals receiving out-of-work benefits per year.

7.2 - NINo allocation data have been merged with benefits data to show numbers and proportions of overseas nationals claiming benefit within 6 months of registering for a NINo.

**Fig 4: Percentage of Adult Overseas Nationals claiming an out-of-work benefit within 6 months of registration, by year of registration.**



**Source:** 100% extract from National Insurance Recording System

*Note - The above chart shows the latest figures where benefits data relating to the 6, month reporting periods are available. Data is not shown for the year 2007/08 as for some claimants the 6 month reporting period has yet to elapse.*

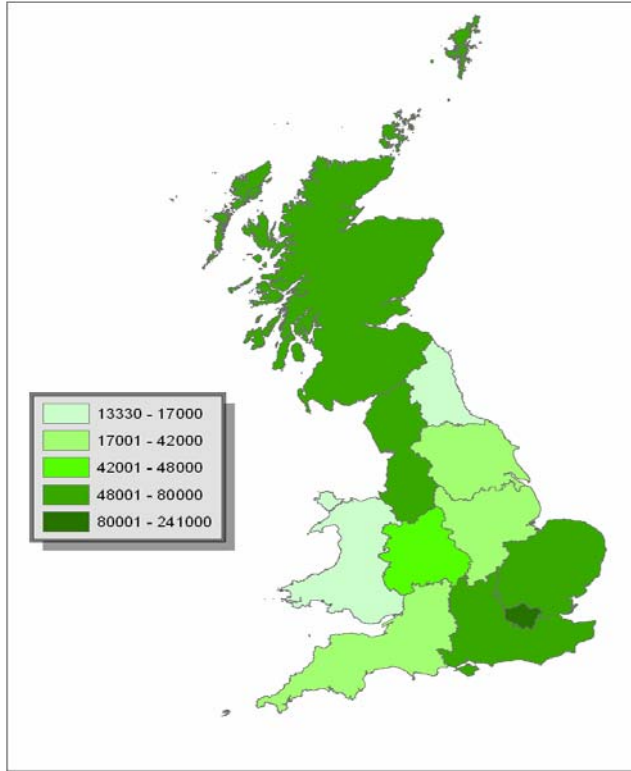
7.3 - Of the 706 thousand registrations in 2006/07, 20 thousand (2.9%) were claiming an out-of-work benefit – JSA, IB or IS – within 6 months of NINo registration. This is down from 12.5% in 2002/03.

7.4 - Of the 20 thousand registrations in 2006/07 claiming benefit within 6 months of registration, 80% claim JSA, 10% claim IS and 10% claim IB.

## 8. Area Analysis

8.1 - Registrations are allocated to Government Office Regions, Local Authorities and Parliamentary Constituencies using address matching software and matching to the latest postcode directory. Figures reflect the best estimate of an overseas national's locality at the time of registering for a NINo.

**Fig 5: NINo registrations to Adult Overseas Nationals, by GOR registrations 2007/08.**



8.2 - In 2007/08, of the 733 thousand NINo registrations, 273 thousand (37.2%) of these are from London GOR (Government Office Region), an increase of 32 thousand from the previous year. There were 18 thousand registrations in Northern Ireland, accounting for 2.4% of all UK registrations. The North East has the fewest registrations with 12 thousand, 1.7% of the UK total.

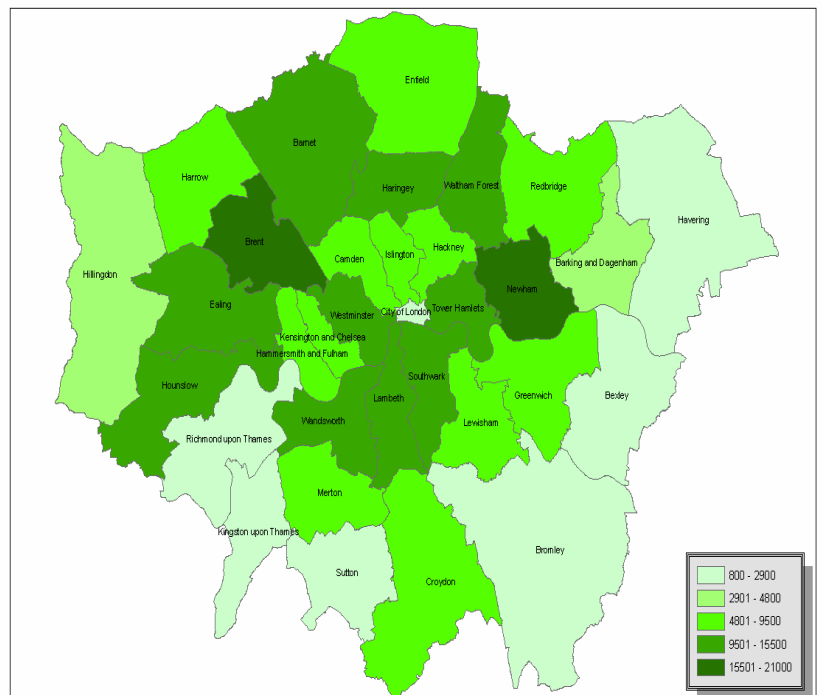
See appendix B for GOR table

8.3 - Of the top 20 Local Authorities (Fig 6) with the highest number of registrations in 2007/08, 15 of these are in London GOR. Birmingham and Edinburgh represent the highest LAs outside of London

**Fig 6: NINo registrations to Adult Overseas Nationals, top 20 LAs 2007/08**

Local Authority	thousands
Newham	20.51
Brent	19.24
Ealing	15.33
Haringey	13.65
Tower Hamlets	13.21
Birmingham	13.12
Waltham Forest	12.67
Edinburgh, City of	12.45
Westminster	12.07
Wandsworth	11.63
Barnet	11.51
Manchester	11.23
Lambeth	11.13
Hounslow	10.73
Glasgow City	10.40
Southwark	9.98
Hammersmith and Fulham	9.41
Leeds	8.86
Camden	8.84
Hackney	8.53

**Fig 7: NINo registrations to Adult Overseas Nationals for LA's within London GOR. – 2007/08**



## 9. Appendix A – Sources

9.1 - DWP receive a quarterly cumulative scan from HMRC's National Insurance Recording System (NIRS) which contains details of all adult overseas nationals allocated a NINo. This is used to produce these National Statistics.

9.2 - The figures encompass adult overseas nationals allocated a NINo for whatever reason, i.e. the figures cover benefit/tax credit recipients as well as workers (including self employed). All adult overseas nationals allocated a NINo are included, regardless of their length of stay in the UK.

9.3 - The figures are based on recorded registration date on NIRS, i.e. after the NINo application and allocation process has been completed. This may be a number of weeks or months after arriving in the UK. The registration series is not subject to any future change.

9.4 - The DWP NINo data does not show when overseas nationals subsequently depart the UK, nor show length of stay in the UK. The DWP figures are therefore a measure of inflow of overseas nationals registering for a NINo. It does not measure outflow or overall stock of overseas nationals in the UK.

9.5 - The definition of migrants in this publication – adult overseas nationals allocated a NINo – differs from other published statistics in the area, such as International Migration statistics derived from the International Passenger Survey (IPS), and statistics on foreign workers derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The various definitions of migrants mean the data sources may have different numbers of migrants for the same time period.

### Other statistics on migration

9.6 - Other figures come from the Home Office's Worker Registration Scheme (WRS) and the Office for National Statistics' International Passenger Survey (IPS).

9.7 - There are differences in coverage, e.g. WRS statistics cover A8 arrivals only. The various series measure different aspects of migration and help present a better overall picture.

9.8 - In the earlier period the ONS arrival figures are *higher* than the DWP NINo series because they are not restricted to arrivals allocated a NINo. For example, they include non-working students, family members, asylum seekers and other visitors not requiring a NINo. This more than outweighs the fact that the ONS international migration series cover just those migrants staying longer than a year. In more recent years, there has been an influx of short term migrants from A8 countries, which has led to the balance going the other way - Worker registration scheme statistics indicate that nearly two thirds of applicants give their intended length of stay as less than a year

9.9 - The DWP NINo data covers people allocated a NINo for all types of work – including the self-employed and students working part-time – and whatever the length of stay in the UK. It also covers overseas nationals allocated a NINo to claim benefits or tax credits. In addition, the data is a 100% sample held at case-level data sources. In particular, the data can be merged with benefits data to show how many entrants claim key benefits following their NINo registration in the UK.

9.10 - The Home Office Accession Monitoring Report (AMR) contained NINo allocation data to 2007/08 but has subsequently been withdrawn. In the interests of coherent reporting alternative figures are being released via this report.

## 10. Appendix B – Tables

**Table 1. NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK, by year of registration and world area of origin**

	Thousands					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
<b>All</b>	<b>346.23</b>	<b>373.50</b>	<b>435.35</b>	<b>663.06</b>	<b>705.84</b>	<b>733.09</b>
Europe - EU excluding Accession Countries	80.09	85.54	80.71	97.84	102.75	107.47
Europe - EU Accession Countries	17.67	28.72	116.84	276.68	317.50	332.44
Europe - non-EU	14.66	15.87	14.04	15.50	16.14	17.21
Africa	65.98	70.71	64.08	74.03	60.72	59.63
Asia and Middle East	113.56	116.03	109.39	134.40	143.79	149.87
The Americas	26.33	31.41	26.52	31.53	31.50	32.64
Australasia and Oceania	27.13	24.49	23.16	32.51	32.98	33.35
Others and Unknown	0.80	0.72	0.61	0.56	0.46	0.49

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**Source:** 100% extract from National Insurance Recording System

**Notes:**

**Time Series - Year Of Registration Date** Years are shown as financial year (1 April - 31 March).

**World Area of Origin** Based on a client's nationality. The mapping for 'world areas' are based on the present day. Bulgaria & Romania are listed as EU Accession States for the entire Back Series. European Union excludes the Accession States.

**Table 2. NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK, top ten countries by year of registration**

		Thousands					
		2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08		
Poland	61.12	Poland	171.08	Poland	220.43	Poland	210.66
India	32.47	India	45.93	India	48.82	India	49.76
Pakistan	20.19	Rep of Lithuania	30.94	Slovak Rep	28.60	Slovak Rep	29.99
South Africa	19.19	Slovak Rep	27.51	Pakistan	25.01	Pakistan	24.83
Australia	16.47	South Africa	24.03	Australia	24.21	Australia	24.10
Rep of Lithuania	15.54	Australia	23.83	Rep of Lithuania	23.92	Romania	22.95
France	13.18	Pakistan	22.29	France	20.01	France	21.77
China Peoples Rep	12.55	France	17.23	South Africa	16.80	Rep of Lithuania	19.03
Portugal	12.20	Rep of Latvia	14.40	Germany	15.07	Germany	15.53
Slovak Rep	11.11	Germany	13.39	China Peoples Rep	13.00	Italy	15.40

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**Table 3. NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK, by quarter of registration and word area of origin**

Thousands

	All	Europe - EU excluding Accession Countries	Europe - EU Accession Countries	Europe - non-EU	Africa	Asia and Middle East	The Americas	Australasia and Oceania	Others and Unknown
Jan 04 - Mar 04	115.89	27.33	10.35	5.35	20.53	36.12	9.11	6.85	0.25
Apr 04 - Jun 04	92.86	20.01	11.92	3.76	15.94	28.80	6.59	5.57	0.26
Jul 04 - Sept 04	94.46	17.24	23.58	3.29	14.19	24.84	5.95	5.28	0.09
Oct 04 - Dec 04	109.58	20.30	33.13	3.35	15.60	24.79	6.48	5.83	0.10
Jan 05 - Mar 05	138.46	23.16	48.21	3.65	18.36	30.96	7.49	6.48	0.16
Apr 05 - Jun 05	149.97	23.37	57.56	3.76	18.36	31.16	7.46	8.17	0.12
Jul 05 - Sept 05	171.37	23.45	71.98	3.93	20.65	33.50	8.40	9.33	0.13
Oct 05 - Dec 05	158.76	24.15	66.38	3.78	16.33	33.17	7.67	7.14	0.13
Jan 06 - Mar 06	182.95	26.87	80.77	4.03	18.69	36.56	7.99	7.88	0.17
Apr 06 - Jun 06	133.94	19.77	57.62	3.18	13.50	26.76	6.03	6.91	0.16
Jul 06 - Sept 06	151.49	20.27	70.77	3.20	13.56	28.90	6.83	7.88	0.09
Oct 06 - Dec 06	164.66	25.28	73.36	3.70	12.99	33.46	7.71	8.08	0.09
Jan 07 - Mar 07	255.75	37.43	115.75	6.05	20.66	54.67	10.94	10.12	0.13
Apr 07 - Jun 07	166.13	23.43	75.98	3.98	13.87	33.42	7.37	7.99	0.09
Jul 07 - Sept 07	189.91	24.11	97.27	4.04	14.36	33.29	7.65	9.12	0.08
Oct 07 - Dec 07	185.09	29.44	78.85	4.24	14.80	40.59	8.77	8.27	0.14
Jan 08 - Mar 08	191.96	30.50	80.33	4.95	16.60	42.57	8.84	7.97	0.19

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**Notes:**

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**World Area of Origin** Based on a client's nationality. The mapping for 'world areas' are based on the present day. Bulgaria & Romania are listed as EU Accession States for the entire Back Series. European Union excludes the Accession States.

**Table 4. NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK, by gender and age, 2007/08**

	Thousands			%	Thousands		
	Total	Males	Females		Total	Males	Females
All	733.09	394.92	338.17	All		53.9%	46.1%
<18	8.75	4.89	3.85	<18	1.2%	0.7%	0.5%
18-24	279.87	138.48	141.39	18-24	38.2%	18.9%	19.3%
25-34	307.73	171.58	136.15	25-34	42.0%	23.4%	18.6%
35-44	88.30	52.02	36.28	35-44	12.0%	7.1%	4.9%
45-54	39.30	22.74	16.57	45-54	5.4%	3.1%	2.3%
55-59	6.44	3.63	2.81	55-59	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%
60+	2.70	1.58	1.13	60+	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%

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**Table 5. NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK from EU Accession Countries, by quarter of registration and nationality**

*Thousands*

	Total	Malta	Rep of Estonia	Rep of Latvia	Rep of Lithuania	Bulgaria	Hungary	Poland	Romania	Cyprus	Rep of Slovenia	Czech Rep	Slovak Rep
Jan 04 - Mar 04	10.35	0.06	0.09	0.29	1.38	2.00	0.36	4.00	1.17	0.09	0.08	0.37	0.47
Apr 04 - Jun 04	11.92	0.08	0.12	0.45	1.72	1.64	0.37	4.97	1.01	0.10	0.21	0.55	0.70
Jul 04 - Sept 04	23.58	0.13	0.34	1.29	3.10	1.08	0.71	11.96	0.68	0.17	0.18	1.54	2.40
Oct 04 - Dec 04	33.13	0.12	0.50	1.67	4.52	1.00	1.12	17.51	0.76	0.22	0.20	2.21	3.28
Jan 05 - Mar 05	48.21	0.14	0.73	2.91	6.21	0.80	1.61	26.68	0.84	0.29	0.22	3.06	4.73
Apr 05 - Jun 05	57.56	0.13	0.75	3.63	7.74	0.89	1.83	32.21	0.70	0.26	0.15	3.17	6.10
Jul 05 - Sept 05	71.98	0.16	0.89	3.76	8.20	0.85	1.99	44.19	0.82	0.23	0.12	3.51	7.27
Oct 05 - Dec 05	66.38	0.17	0.63	3.20	6.95	0.57	2.27	41.66	0.64	0.29	0.09	3.29	6.61
Jan 06 - Mar 06	80.77	0.16	0.76	3.80	8.05	0.52	2.48	53.02	0.72	0.33	0.13	3.28	7.53
Apr 06 - Jun 06	57.62	0.11	0.46	2.58	5.25	0.45	1.87	38.19	0.54	0.21	0.12	2.30	5.53
Jul 06 - Sept 06	70.77	0.13	0.42	2.51	5.44	0.41	2.06	49.70	0.56	0.19	0.10	2.62	6.62
Oct 06 - Dec 06	73.36	0.18	0.52	2.53	5.46	0.56	2.51	51.30	0.61	0.27	0.11	2.76	6.55
Jan 07 - Mar 07	115.75	0.23	0.65	3.41	7.76	1.43	4.30	81.24	2.26	0.39	0.20	3.97	9.91
Apr 07 - Jun 07	75.98	0.12	0.35	2.12	4.84	2.96	2.85	48.05	5.53	0.22	0.10	2.47	6.37
Jul 07 - Sept 07	97.27	0.17	0.35	2.00	5.04	5.05	3.13	63.37	6.27	0.21	0.15	3.14	8.40
Oct 07 - Dec 07	78.85	0.16	0.32	1.79	4.59	2.81	3.59	49.88	5.11	0.33	0.13	2.72	7.41
Jan 08 - Mar 08	80.33	0.14	0.35	1.88	4.55	3.14	3.74	49.37	6.05	0.34	0.16	2.81	7.82

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EU Accession Countries include Romania and Bulgaria which joined the EU on 1st January 2007

**Table 6. NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK, by year of registration and Government Office Region**

Government Office Region	Thousands				
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
All	373.50	435.35	663.06	705.84	733.09
North East	5.88	7.36	10.93	13.33	12.23
North West	23.67	31.22	48.81	51.12	51.18
Yorkshire and the Humber	18.92	19.98	36.50	41.33	42.16
East Midlands	16.55	23.56	38.72	40.72	38.45
West Midlands	23.50	28.01	42.04	47.23	46.63
East of England	26.48	34.62	52.78	52.73	51.79
London	157.42	169.71	235.44	240.93	272.71
South East	43.49	51.00	80.24	79.33	82.83
South West	16.07	22.57	34.06	41.23	38.90
Wales	7.09	10.04	16.64	16.72	16.35
Scotland	15.96	23.44	41.40	51.89	52.41
Northern Ireland	13.89	8.11	16.06	19.68	17.64
Overseas Residents	4.58	5.74	9.43	9.58	9.80

**Definitions and conventions:** "-" Nil or Negligible; Figures are rounded to the nearest ten and displayed in thousands. Some additional disclosure control has been applied. Totals may not sum due to rounding method used.

**NOTE:** Registration date is derived from the date at which a NINo is maintained on the National Insurance Recording System

**Source:** 100% extract from National Insurance Recording System

**Notes:**

Overseas Residents - Foreign nationals who have registered for a NINo but reside abroad.

Geographical location is assigned by matching postcodes against the relevant postcode directory

Geographical counts are based on individuals recorded address at the time of scan for that reporting period - the individual may have subsequently moved out of the area or back abroad.

**Time Series - Year Of Registration Date** Years are shown as financial year (1 April - 31 March).

**Table 7. NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK and claiming an out-of-work benefit within 6 months of registration, by year of registration**

	Thousands				
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
All	43.14	36.19	24.40	23.94	20.38
IB / SDA	3.37	3.27	2.71	2.37	2.09
IS	7.24	7.15	4.49	3.09	2.00
JSA	32.53	25.77	17.20	18.48	16.29
% on out-of-work benefits	12.5%	9.7%	5.6%	3.6%	2.9%

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**Notes:**

**Time Series - Year Of Registration Date** Years are shown as financial year (1 April - 31 March).

The above tables show the latest figures where benefits data relating to the 6 month reporting period are available. Registration year 07/08 is not shown as the figures would be subject to change.

Benefits are arranged hierarchically (JSA, IB, IS) and claimants are assigned to the topmost benefit which they receive to avoid double counting