

Barnsley

Local Migration Profile 2020 Summary Document



This document summarises the main migration trends and latest data that we can access for Barnsley. You are welcome to share this document publicly.

The full Local Migration Profile document contains information about data sources and is available at: www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/statistics.



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Summary of migration trends in Barnsley

Overall population change

The **local population** was estimated at 246,900 people in 2019 [the 'mid year estimate']; an increase of almost 1,700 [or 0.7%] since 2018.

Population change is affected by natural change [births and deaths] and migration [international and internally within the UK]. Internal migration and international migration are usually the principal causes of population growth in Barnsley, with natural change being a lesser.

New arrivals

Different measures of immigration suggest that between 1,000-1,400 new **long-term immigrants** [expected to stay more than a year] arrived in Barnsley in 2019. The official estimate from ONS is at the lower end of this range.

Net migration to Barnsley was around 450 in 2019, continuing a falling trend over the past five years.

Just over 200 **short-term immigrants** visited Barnsley in 2017 to work or study for up to 12 months; almost all of these were short-term workers.

Reasons for migration

Work

The overall number of **new migrant workers** arriving in Barnsley in 2019 increased by around 80 to around 1,300. This small increase was due to a rise in arrivals from countries outside Europe. The greatest change in individual nationalities was an increase of around 40 arrivals from Poland since 2018.

- The number of new migrant **workers from EU accession countries** was under 970 in 2019; on par with the previous year.
- The level of **workers from non-accession countries** is much lower but has increased by almost 100 in the last year to just over 310 in 2019, the top country of origin being Iran.

Romania remains the top country of origin overall with 600 new arrivals. Poland is in second place with 300; ten times more than the subsequent countries of origin.

Study

There are no **international students** in Barnsley undertaking Higher Education courses at registered institutions although some establishments may offer Further Education courses to international students [see Education section below].

Protection

Some **asylum seekers** are housed and supported here through the Home Office dispersal system. Published Home Office figures show that at the end of December 2020, 381 people were being supported in Barnsley while awaiting a decision on their claim [known as Section 95 support]: 372 people were being accommodated, and there were nine people receiving subsistence-only support i.e. no accommodation.

There were fewer than five **unaccompanied asylum seeking children** [UASC] being looked after by the local authority at the end of March 2020. These are children who are in the UK without family and have claimed asylum in their own right. They are separate to the dispersal system for asylum seekers described above.

Those granted protection by the Home Office may then stay in the area as **refugees**. Other groups of refugees are resettled directly from another country, for example, through the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme [VPRS] and the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme [VCRS]; although no resettled refugees arrived in Barnsley during the past year through these programmes [January – December 2020].

Indicators of diversity

The diversity of Barnsley's population is suggested by several longer-term indicators:

- The non-British population of Barnsley comprises 7% of the community, on par with the Yorkshire and Humber average.
- 7% of the population was born outside the UK, compared to the 10% average for Yorkshire and Humber; three quarters of these are from the EU.
- Almost 2,100 pupils at school in Barnsley have a first language that is not English. This is equivalent to 7% of primary pupils and 5% of secondary pupils; both figures are small increases on the previous year, but remain much lower than the Yorkshire and Humber averages of 18% and 14% respectively.
- 6 in every 1,000 new GP registrations in Barnsley are made by people who previously lived abroad, compared with an average of 10 per 1,000 across Yorkshire and Humber.
- The fertility rate in Barnsley is above the Yorkshire and Humber average, but remains below the 'replacement level'. Births to mothers who were themselves born outside the UK have been slowly increasing over the last few years but have now levelled off at 12% of all new births in 2019. This compares to an average of 21% for the region.

Further indicators of migration

Research

Migration Yorkshire has an online database of migration reports covering Yorkshire and the Humber, with the option of filtering results by migrant group, theme, topic and place. Search the database at www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/researchdatabase.

Employers

A number of organisations in the region can employ migrants from outside the EU under the Points Based System – including workers and temporary workers. Full details of the registered employers can be downloaded from:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-licensed-sponsors-workers

Education

A number of educational institutions in the region are registered to sponsor migrant students from outside the EU under the Points Based System. Full details at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-licensed-sponsors-students

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