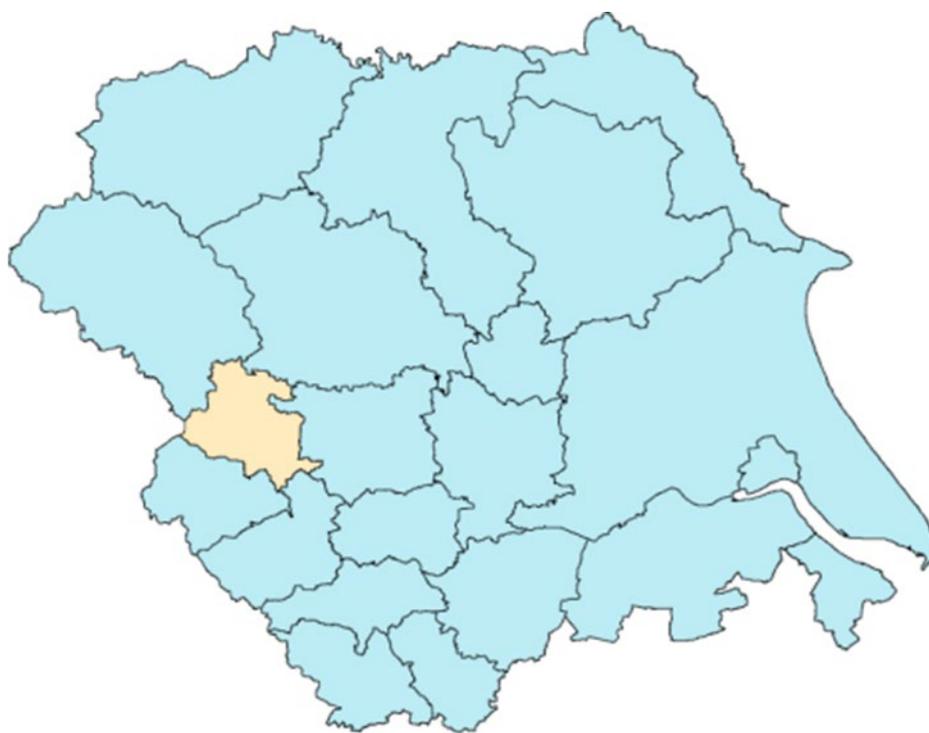


# Bradford

## Local Migration Profile 2020 Summary Document



This document summarises the main migration trends and latest data that we can access for Bradford. 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](http://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/statistics).



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# Summary of migration trends in Bradford

## Overall population change

The **local population** was estimated at 539,800 people in 2019 [the 'mid year estimate']; an increase of 2,600 people [or 0.5% growth] since 2018.

**Population growth** is affected by natural change [births and deaths] and migration [international and internally within the UK]. Population growth in Bradford is driven by natural change, although international migration also contributes. Population growth would be higher without internal migration [i.e. people who moved away from Bradford to another part of the UK].

## New arrivals

Different measures suggest that between 3,600-5,800 new **long-term immigrants** [expected to stay more than a year] arrived in Bradford in 2019. The official estimate from ONS is at the lower end of this range.

**Net migration** was around 1,500 in 2019, a small fall on the previous year.

800 **short-term immigrants** visited Bradford in 2019 to work or study for up to 12 months; just over half of these were workers rather than students.

## Reasons for migration

### Work

**New migrant workers** arriving in Bradford totalled around 4,070 in 2019 – an increase of around 550 compared with the previous year. This was mainly due to an increase in arrivals from non-accession countries, particularly new commonwealth countries. The biggest change in individual nationalities was almost 250 more arrivals from Pakistan compared with 2018.

- The number of new migrant **workers from EU accession countries** fell slightly to around 1,160 arrivals in 2019.
- The level of **workers from non-accession countries** remains higher than the accession group, increasing by more than 750 to around 2,910 in 2019.

Pakistan remains the top country of origin in 2019 with 918 arrivals; Romania is in second place with 407 arrivals; and India moves up into third place with 402 arrivals.

### Study

1,605 **international students** were registered at Higher Education institutions for the 2019/20 academic year; a small increase on the previous year and the first increase since 2010/11. Over three quarters of students are from outside the EU.

### 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, 1,090 people were being supported in Bradford while awaiting a decision on their claim [known as Section 95 support]: 1,046 people were being accommodated, and there were 44 people receiving subsistence-only support i.e. no accommodation.

There were around 20 **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], 12 resettled Syrians arrived in Bradford during the past year [January - December 2020], while further refugee groups are resettled in Bradford through the Gateway Protection Programme.

### **Indicators of diversity**

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

- The non-British population comprises 11% of the community, higher than the 7% average for the Yorkshire and Humber region.
- The non-UK born population comprises 17% of the community, higher than the 10% average for the Yorkshire and Humber region; three quarters of these are from outside the EU.
- Almost 35,900 pupils at school in Bradford have a first language that is not English – a fall in numbers and proportions. This is equivalent to 39% of primary pupils and 32% of secondary pupils; more than double the Yorkshire and Humber averages of 18% and 14% respectively and accounting for over a quarter of the pupils in this category across the whole of Yorkshire and Humber.
- 11 in every 1,000 new GP registrations are made by people who previously lived abroad. This figure has increased in the last year but remains only slightly above the Yorkshire and Humber average of 10 per 1,000.
- The fertility rate in Bradford continues to be the highest among all areas of Yorkshire and Humber. The proportion of births to mothers who were themselves born outside the UK is also the highest, accounting for 33% of all new births in 2019 compared to the average of 21% across Yorkshire and Humber.

### **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](http://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](http://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:

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