

Doncaster

Local Migration Profile 2020 Summary Document



This document summarises the main migration trends and latest data that we can access for Doncaster. 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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Overall population change

The **local population** was estimated at 311,900 people in 2019 [the 'mid year estimate']; an increase of over 1,300 people [0.4%] since 2018.

Population change is affected by natural change [births and deaths] and migration [internally within the UK and internationally]. Population growth in Doncaster is driven by international migration, although natural change also contributes, and internal migration adds or removes from the population size in different years [i.e. people who move to/from Doncaster to/from another part of the UK].

New arrivals

Different measures of immigration suggest between 1,600 – 2,800 new **long-term immigrants** [immigrants who are expected to stay more than a year] arrived in Doncaster in 2019. The official estimate from ONS falls at the lower end of this range.

Net migration to Doncaster was just over 600 in 2019, a fall compared to the previous year.

Around 480 **short-term immigrants** visited Doncaster in 2017 to work or study for up to 12 months; over three quarters of these were short term workers rather than students.

Reasons for migration

Work

The overall number of **new migrant workers** arriving in Doncaster in 2019 was just under 2,780, an increase of around 490 compared to the previous year; with increases in arrivals from most regions of the world. The biggest changes in individual nationalities was an increase in arrivals from Romania [by 148].

- The number of new migrant **workers from EU accession countries** continues to dominate, increasing for the first time since 2016 to 2,110 arrivals in 2019.
- The level of **workers from non-accession countries** is lower and a generally more stable trend, although arrivals did increase by over a third to 640 arrivals in 2019, the top countries of origin being Sudan and India.

The top country of origin overall continues to be Romania with 1,533 arrivals. Poland is in second place with 309 arrivals and Bulgaria is in third with 134 arrivals.

Study

There are no **international students** undertaking Higher Education courses at registered institutions in Doncaster 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, 255 people were being supported in Doncaster while awaiting a decision on their claim [known as Section 95 support]: 249 people were being accommodated, and there were six 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 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 Syrians arrived in Doncaster during the past year [January - December 2020].

Indicators of diversity

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

- In Doncaster, 8% of the community are non-British, which is just above the Yorkshire and Humber regional average of 7%.
- Those who were not born in the UK form 9% of Doncaster's population, just below the 10% average for Yorkshire and Humber as a whole; almost two thirds of these are from the EU.
- Just over 5,000 pupils at school in Doncaster have a first language that is not English. This is equivalent to 12% of primary pupils and 9% 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.
- 8 in every 1,000 new GP registrations in Doncaster 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 Doncaster has been falling since 2009, but increased slightly in the last year. It remains higher than regional average. Births to mothers who were born outside the UK are lower than average but have been increasing over time; totalling 19% of all new births in 2019 compared to 21% across the 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.

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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