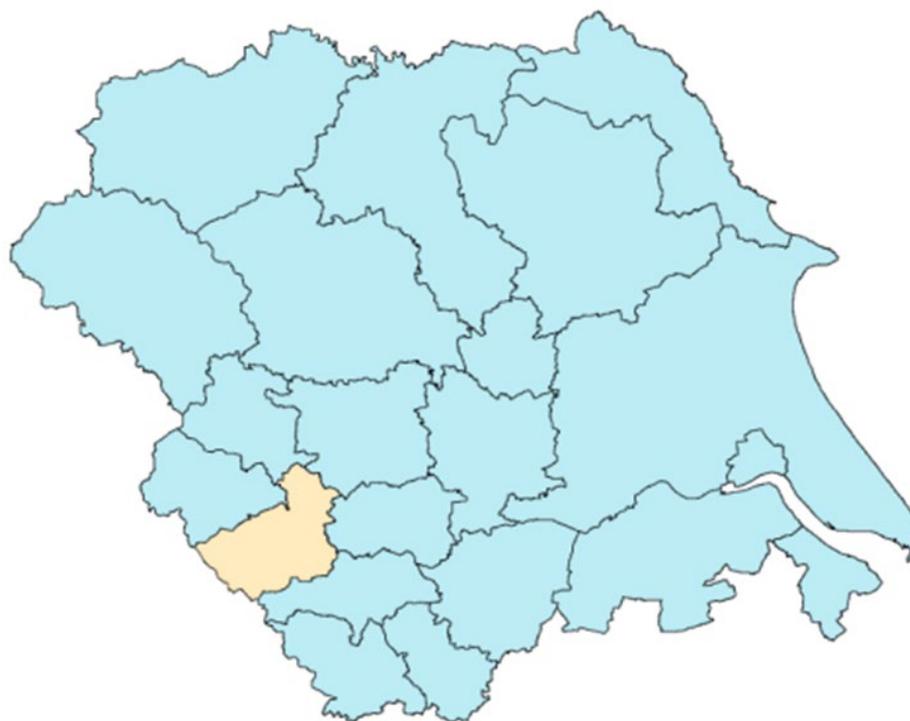


Kirklees

Local Migration Profile 2020 Summary Document



This document summarises the main migration trends and latest data that we can access for Kirklees. 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 Kirklees

Overall population change

Kirklees has one of the largest populations in Yorkshire and Humber [after only Leeds, Sheffield and Bradford]. The **local population** was estimated at 439,800 people in 2019 [the 'mid year estimate']; an increase of 1,100 people [or 0.2% growth] since 2018.

Population growth is affected by natural change [births and deaths] and migration [international and internally within the UK]. Population growth in Kirklees is usually driven by both natural change and international migration. Population growth would be higher if it was not for negative internal migration [i.e. people who move away from Kirklees to another part of the UK].

New arrivals

Between 2,300-3,500 new **long-term immigrants** [immigrants who are expected to stay more than a year] arrived in Kirklees in 2019. The official estimate from the Office for National Statistics falls towards the lower end of this range.

Net migration to Kirklees was around 1,600 in 2019, a decrease compared with the previous year.

Nearly 1,700 **short-term migrants** visited Kirklees in 2017 to work or study for up to 12 months; almost 90% of these were short-term students rather than workers.

Reasons for migration

Work

The overall number of **new migrant workers** arriving in Kirklees rose to around 2,370 in 2019; an increase of around 500 compared with 2018. This was due to increases in arrivals from most world regions, and despite a fall in arrivals from accession countries. The greatest change in individual nationalities was an increase in arrivals from Pakistan by over 120.

- The level of **workers from non-accession countries** remains much higher than the accession group, with around 1,730 arriving in 2019.
- The number of new migrant **workers from EU accession countries** fell slightly to around 580 arrivals in 2019.

Pakistan remains the top country of origin with 429 arrivals, Romania is in second place with 319 arrivals and India moves into third place with 170 arrivals.

Study

3,280 **international students** were registered at a Higher Education institution in Kirklees in the 2019-2020 academic year, an increase of around 100 students on the previous year. Over 85% of these students come 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, 729 people were being supported in Kirklees while awaiting a decision on their claim [known as Section 95 support]: 709 people were being accommodated, and there were 20 people receiving subsistence-only support i.e. no accommodation.

There were fewer than ten **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]; five resettled refugees arrived in Kirklees during the past year through these programmes [January – December 2020].

Indicators of diversity

The diversity of the Kirklees population is suggested by several longer-term indicators:

- The proportion of the Kirklees population that is non-British is 5%, just below the Yorkshire and Humber average of 7%.
- 11% of the population was born outside the UK, slightly higher than the average 10% for Yorkshire and Humber; over two thirds of these are from outside the EU.
- Around 16,800 pupils in Kirklees have a first language that is not English. This is equivalent to 28% of primary pupils and 21% of secondary pupils. Both figures are significantly higher than the Yorkshire and Humber averages of 18% and 14% respectively. However, Kirklees' figures fell slightly compared to the previous year.
- 8 in every 1,000 new GP registrations are made by people who previously lived abroad, below the average of 10 per 1,000 across Yorkshire and Humber.
- The fertility rate in Kirklees has been a falling trend since 2009 but remains a little higher than average for Yorkshire and Humber. 23% of all new births in 2019 were to mothers who were themselves born outside the UK. This compares with an 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.

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:

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