

North East Lincolnshire

Local Migration Profile 2020 Summary Document



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

Overall population change

The **local population** was estimated at 159,600 people in 2019 [the 'mid year estimate']; a decrease of almost 300 [or -0.2%] since 2018.

Population change is affected by natural change [births and deaths] and migration [internally within the UK and internationally]. Population change in North East Lincolnshire is relatively small so it is more difficult to analyse patterns, but any small population growth from natural change and international migration here tends to be countered by internal migration [i.e. people who move away from North East Lincolnshire to another part of the UK].

New arrivals

Different measures of immigration suggest between 580 – 980 new **long-term immigrants** [immigrants who are expected to stay more than a year] arrived in North East Lincolnshire in 2019. The official estimate from ONS falls at the lower end of this range.

Net migration to North East Lincolnshire was just under 160 in 2019, a decrease compared with the previous year's figure.

Around 130 **short-term immigrants** visited North East Lincolnshire in 2017 to work or study for up to 12 months. Most of these, over 90%, were short term workers rather than students.

Reasons for migration

Work

The overall number of **new migrant workers** arriving in North East Lincolnshire in 2019 was almost 980, an increase of around 240 on the previous year. This was mainly due to an increase in arrivals from accession countries, although there were increases in arrivals from all regions of the world. The biggest changes in individual nationalities compared with 2018 was an increase of over 90 arrivals from Romania.

- The number of new migrant **workers from EU accession countries** increased to around 660 arrivals in 2019; almost 90 more arrivals than in 2018.
- The level of **workers from non-accession countries** is significantly lower but the number of arrivals has increased by over 120 in the last year, with almost 290 arrivals in 2019; the top country of origin being Portugal.

The top country of origin overall continues to be Romania with 395 arrivals, with Poland in second place with 110 arrivals.

Study

There are no **international students** undertaking Higher Education courses at registered institutions in North East Lincolnshire 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, 69 people were being supported in North East Lincolnshire while awaiting a decision on their claim [known as Section 95 support]: 58 people were being accommodated, and there were 11 people receiving subsistence-only support i.e. no accommodation.

There were also around 15 **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]; two resettled refugees arrived in North East Lincolnshire during the past year through these programmes [January – December 2020].

Indicators of diversity

- In North East Lincolnshire, 4% of the community are non-British, a little lower than the Yorkshire and Humber regional average of 7%.
- Those who were not born in the UK form 6% of North East Lincolnshire's population, below the 10% average for Yorkshire and Humber as a whole; 60% of these are from the EU.
- Around 1,380 pupils at school in North East Lincolnshire have a first language that is not English. This is equivalent to 7% of primary pupils and 5% of secondary pupils; much lower than the Yorkshire and Humber averages of 18% and 14% respectively.
- 6 in every 1,000 new GP registrations in North East Lincolnshire 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 North East Lincolnshire has been declining slowly since 2009, but it remains slightly higher than regional average. Births to mothers who were born outside the UK are lower than average, totalling 11% 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 skilled workers [Tier 2] and temporary workers [Tier 5]. Full details of the registered employers in your area 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 Tier 4 of the Points Based System. Full details at:

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

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