

Rotherham

Local Migration Profile 2020 Summary Document



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

Overall population change

The **local population** was estimated at 265,400 people in 2019 [the 'mid year estimate']; an increase of around 750 people [0.3%] since 2018.

Population growth is affected by natural change [births and deaths] and migration [international and internally within the UK]. Population growth in Rotherham is driven by a combination of international migration and natural change. Population growth is also affected by a third factor: internal migration [i.e. people who move to/from Rotherham from/to another part of the UK] which varies as to whether it adds to or reduces the population figure each year.

New arrivals

Different measures of immigration suggest that between 800 – 1,000 new **long-term immigrants** [immigrants who are expected to stay more than a year] arrived in Rotherham in 2019. The official estimate from ONS is at the lower end of this range.

Net migration to Rotherham was around 370 in 2019 – a similar level to the previous year.

Around 110 **short-term migrants** visited in 2017 to work or study for up to 12 months; around 80% of these were short term workers rather than students.

Reasons for migration

Work

The overall number of **new migrant workers** arriving in Rotherham increased to just over 850 in 2019, an increase of around 220 individuals compared to the previous year. There were increases in arrivals from most world regions. The biggest change in individual nationalities was around 50 more arrivals from Romania than in 2018.

- New migrant **workers from EU accession countries** increased to around 390 arrivals in 2019, just below the non-accession group.
- The level of **workers from non-accession countries** arriving each year increased by almost 150 to around 460 arrivals in 2019, and is now larger than the accession group. The top country of origin here is Pakistan.

Romania remains the top country of origin overall with 161 arrivals in 2019. Pakistan and Poland are in joint second place with 52 arrivals each, followed Lithuania in third with 47 arrivals and Slovakia in fourth with 46 arrivals.

Study

There are no **international students** undertaking Higher Education courses at registered institutions in Rotherham 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, 391 people were being supported in Rotherham while awaiting a decision on their claim [known as Section 95 support]: 387 people were being accommodated, and there were four 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]; although no resettled refugees arrived in Rotherham during the past year through these programmes [January – December 2020].

Indicators of diversity

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

- Rotherham has 5% of the overall population in Yorkshire and Humber, but all counts of migration show it receives less than 5% of newcomers.
- The non-British population makes up 3% of the community; this is below the average of 7% for the Yorkshire and Humber.
- 5% of the population was born outside the UK, again lower than the 10% average for Yorkshire and Humber; just over half of these are from the EU.
- Around 4,600 pupils at school in Rotherham 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 lower than the Yorkshire and Humber averages of 18% and 14% respectively.
- Just 4 in every 1,000 new GP registrations are by people who previously lived abroad, compared with an average of 10 per 1,000 across Yorkshire and Humber.
- While the fertility rate in Rotherham is a little higher than the average across Yorkshire and Humber, births to mothers who were born outside the UK total 14% of all new births in 2019 compared to an average of 21% for the Yorkshire and Humber.

Further indicators of migration

Research

Migration Yorkshire has an online database of local migration reports. Search by migrant group, theme, topic and place 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 [Tier 2] and temporary workers [Tier 5]. Full details from: www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-licensed-sponsors-workers

Education

A number of educational institutions 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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