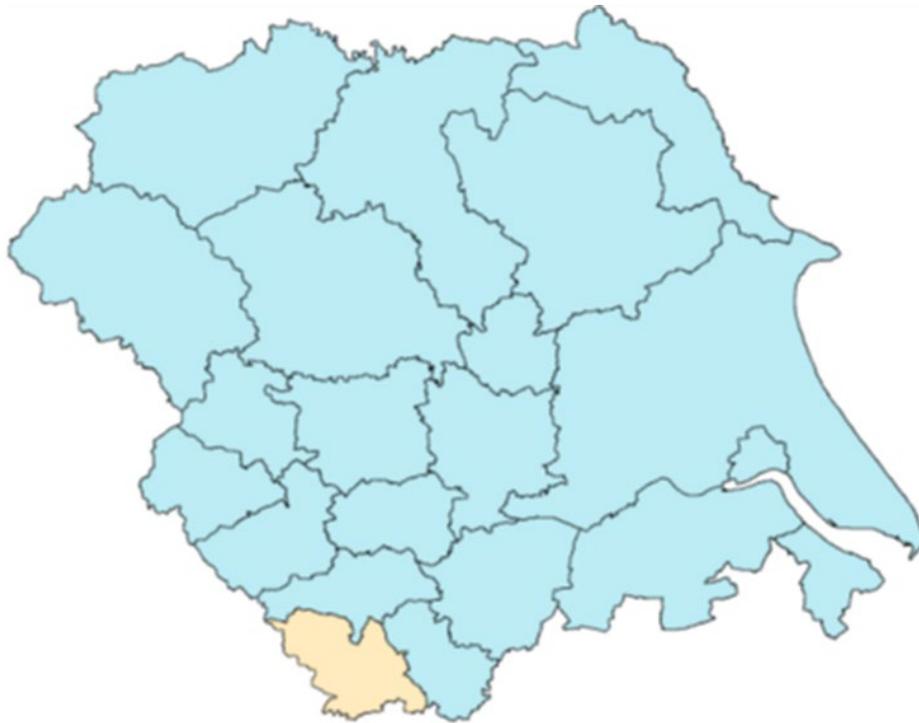


# Sheffield

## Local Migration Profile 2020 Summary Document



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

## Overall population change

After Leeds, Sheffield has the largest population in Yorkshire and the Humber. The **local population** was estimated at 584,900 people in 2019 [the 'mid year estimate']; an increase of around 2,300 [or 0.4%] since 2018.

**Population change** is affected by natural change [births and deaths] and migration [international and internally within the UK]. Growth here is driven by international migration, although natural change is also important. Population growth would be higher without internal migration [i.e. people who move from Sheffield to another part of the UK].

## New arrivals

Different measures of immigration suggest that between 5,200 – 11,300 new **long-term immigrants** [immigrants who are expected to stay more than a year] arrived in Sheffield in 2019. The Office for National Statistics' [ONS] official estimate falls in the middle of this range.

**Net migration** [using ONS estimates] was around 3,900 in 2019, a fall compared with the previous year.

Over 2,100 **short-term migrants** visited Sheffield in 2017 to work or study for up to 12 months; over 80% of these were short term students, rather than workers.

## Reasons for migration

### Work

The overall number of **new migrant workers** arriving in 2019 increased to 5,250, 1,160 more than the previous year. This increase comes from all different regions of the world. The greatest changes in individual nationalities since 2018 was an increase in arrivals from India; 210 more than in 2018.

- The level of **workers from non-accession countries** arriving each year is always higher than the accession group, with around 3,900 arriving in 2019; and increase of almost 1,100 on the previous year.
- Around 1,310 new migrant **workers from EU accession countries** arrived in 2019, a small increase on the previous year.

Romania remains the top country of origin overall with a total of 564 arrivals in 2019, followed by India with 555 arrivals, and China with 338 arrivals.

### Study

Around 13,600 **international students** were undertaking Higher Education courses at registered institutions in Sheffield in the 2019-2020 academic year, an increase of around 1,300 since the previous year. Around 85% 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, 866 people were being supported in Sheffield while awaiting a decision on their claim [known as Section 95 support]: 819 people were being accommodated, and there were 47 people receiving subsistence-only support i.e. no accommodation.

There were also 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], 18 resettled Syrians arrived in Sheffield during the past year [January - December 2020], while further refugee groups are resettled in Sheffield through the Gateway Protection Programme.

### **Indicators of diversity**

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

- Sheffield has 11% of the overall population in Yorkshire and Humber, but all current counts of migration show it receives more than 11% of newcomers.
- The non-British population comprises 9% of the community, higher than the 7% average for the Yorkshire and Humber region.
- 13% of the community was born outside the UK, higher than the Yorkshire and Humber average of 10%; two thirds of these are from outside the EU.
- Around 17,400 pupils at school in Sheffield have a first language that is not English. This is equivalent to 23% of primary pupils and 19% of secondary pupils; both figures are higher than the Yorkshire and Humber averages of 18% and 14% respectively.
- 19 in every 1,000 new GP registrations in Sheffield are made by people who previously lived abroad, the highest rate across Yorkshire and Humber. The average for Yorkshire and Humber is 10 in every 1,000.
- While the fertility rate in Sheffield is the second lowest in Yorkshire and Humber, births to mothers who were born outside the UK are among the highest, totalling 28% of all 2019 births. This compares with an average 21% for the region; only Bradford has a higher level.

### **Further indicators of migration**

#### Research

Migration Yorkshire has an online database of local migration reports that can be filtered by group, theme, topic and place: [www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/researchdatabase](http://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/researchdatabase).

#### Employers

Details of the registered employers in your area who can employ migrants from outside the EU – including skilled workers [Tier 2] and temporary workers [Tier 5] - 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 can 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-licensed-sponsors-students)

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