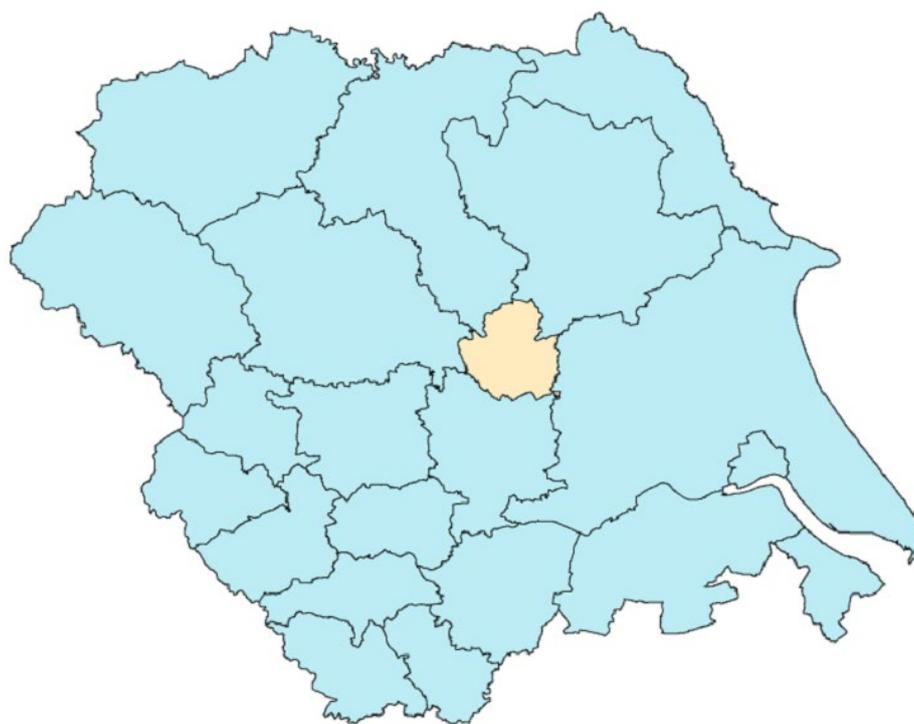


# York

## Local Migration Profile 2020 Summary Document



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

## Overall population change

The **local population** was estimated at 210,600 people in 2019 [the 'mid year estimate']; an increase of around 700 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 York is usually driven by international migration. Population growth would have been higher over the last year if it wasn't for internal migration [i.e. people who moved away from York to another part of the UK].

## New arrivals

Different measures of immigration suggest between 1,500 – 3,100 new **long-term immigrants** [immigrants who are expected to stay more than a year] arrived in York in 2019. The official estimate from ONS falls towards the upper end of this range.

**Net migration** to York was around 1,100 in 2019, a decrease on the previous year.

Around 820 **short-term immigrants** visited York 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 York in 2019 was around 1,530, an increase of over 340 compared to the previous year. The increase was due to a rise in arrivals from non-accession countries. The greatest changes in individual nationalities were increases in arrivals from India and China, each with around 50 more arrivals in 2019 than in the previous year.

- The level of **workers from non-accession countries** is much higher than the accession group and rising, with around 1,220 arrivals in 2019.
- The number of new migrant **workers from EU accession countries** was stable at around 280 arrivals in 2019.

The top country of origin overall is now China with 147 arrivals. Italy is in second place with 146 arrivals, followed by India in third with 140 arrivals.

### Study

Around 5,200 **international students** were registered at a Higher Education institution in York in the 2019-2020 academic year, an increase of over 650 overseas students compared with the previous year. Over 80% of these students come from outside the EU.

### Protection

There are not usually any **asylum seekers** housed in York through the Home Office dispersal system, although very small numbers of asylum seekers may have moved here independently. However, published Home Office figures show that at the end of December 2020, two people were being supported in York while awaiting a decision on their claim [known as Section 95 support]: both people were being accommodated.

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 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 York during the past year through these programmes [January – December 2020].

### **Indicators of diversity**

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

- York has 4% of the overall population in Yorkshire and Humber, but several measures of migration show it receives more than 4% of newcomers.
- In York, 6% of the community are non-British, just below the Yorkshire and Humber regional average of 7%.
- Those who were not born in the UK form 9% of York's population, also just below the Yorkshire and Humber regional average of 10%; almost two thirds of these are from outside the EU.
- Around 2,000 pupils at school in York have a first language that is not English. This is equivalent to 10% of primary pupils and 6% of secondary pupils, much lower than the Yorkshire and Humber averages of 18% and 14% respectively.
- 15 in every 1,000 new GP registrations in York 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 York is the lowest in the Yorkshire and Humber region and falling. Births to mothers who were born outside the UK are lower than average, totalling 16% 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-licensed-sponsors-students)

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