



Registered Migrant Workers

Stirling Council Area
2005/06

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By
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1. Summary

This briefing paper summarises information collected on registered migrant workers, collected as they apply for National Insurance (NI) numbers.

- Numbers of migrant workers registering in Stirling has recently increased faster than Scottish or UK levels.
- A total of 720 registered for NI numbers in 2005/06.
- Almost a third of these were from Poland, whilst another quarter are from other new EU member states.
- There is a trend for an increasingly male proportion of migrant workers.
- Stirling's share of Scotland's total is relatively small but has increased to be 1.7% of all registrations, mirroring Stirling's share of Scotland's total population.

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2. Introduction & Background

National Insurance (NI) numbers are required for employment / self-employment purposes (including students working part-time) and for claiming welfare benefits and tax credits. The Department for Work & Pensions has responsibility for allocating NI numbers to overseas nationals. For overseas nationals, the date of their arrival in the UK is recorded as is the date they register. This date is normally considered to be the date that they became active in the labour market. Students working part-time or during holidays will also be included in these counts. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 10.

Note: short-term migrants are not included in population estimates as an international migrant is defined as someone who changes their country of residence for 12 months or more.

3. Overall Numbers

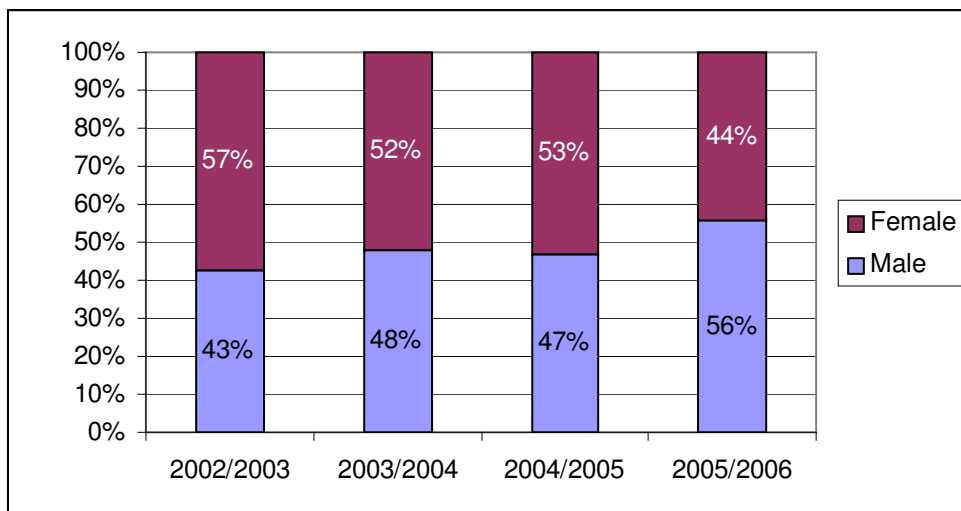
- A total of 720 migrant workers resident in the Stirling Council area received an NI number in 2005/2006, and a total of around 1500 since 2002/03. Of course, registration may not lead to actual work or prolonged residence, but overall numbers are a useful trend to follow.
- Table 1 shows that both the recent and overall rates of increase in migrants receiving NI numbers in Stirling is high in comparison to the rest of Scotland and the rest of the UK.
- The total number of migrants that have received NI numbers since 2002 in the Stirling Council area is 1,470, and in Scotland, 94,240.

Table 1 - Number of Migrants Receiving NI Numbers 2002-2006.

Year	Stirling		Scotland		UK	
	No.	% change yr. on yr.	No.	% change yr. on yr.	No.	% change yr. on yr.
2002/2003	210		14,520		349,240	
2003/2004	240	14%	15,500	8%	370,750	6%
2004/2005	300	25%	22,850	47%	439,730	19%
2005/2006	720	140%	41,370	81%	662,390	51%
Total 2002-2006	1,470	243%	94,240	184%	1,822,110	90%

Table 2 illustrates the number of migrants receiving National Insurance numbers broken down into gender. There is a trend for an increasingly male proportion of migrant workers. This is reflected at Scotland and UK levels.

Figure 1 - Number of Migrants Receiving National Insurance Numbers By Gender 2002-2006, Stirling



4. Origin of Migrant Workers

Table 2 illustrates a breakdown of the origin of the foreign migrants for 2005/2006 and comparisons with the whole of Scotland and the UK. The highest percentages of migrant residents in Stirling are from EU new member states (59%), followed by EU 15 (11%) and Africa (mainly S. Africa) (10%). The highest for Scotland are EU new member states (52%), EU 15 (15%) and Indian subcontinent/ Sri Lanka (9%).

Table 2 - Origin of Foreign Migrants 2005/2006, Sorted by Stirling Proportions

Origin	Stirling	Scotland	UK
EU New Member States	59%	52%	41%
EU15	11%	15%	15%
Africa	10%	6%	11%
China & Taiwan	6%	3%	2%
Australasia	5%	6%	5%
North America	3%	4%	2%
India subcontinent, Sri Lanka	3%	9%	13%
Balkans	2%	1%	1%
South East Asia	2%	2%	3%
Others	0%	1%	6%

Table 3 gives a breakdown of the 59% that are from EU new member states. It shows that of the 370 migrants from EU new member states, 220 (59%) are from Poland. Migrants from Poland make up 35% of all migrants in the Stirling Council area that received a National Insurance number in 2005-2006.

Table 3 - Origin of Stirling Migrants - EU New Member States - 2005-2006.

Origin	Number	Proportion of Total Stirling Migrants
Poland	220	35%
Slovakia	50	8%
Latvia	30	5%
Lithuania	30	5%
Czech Republic	20	3%
Hungary	20	3%
Total	370	59%

Table 4 details totals by origin since 2002/03. Recent increase in Polish migrants, arising from accession to the EU on 1st May 2004 have dominated the overall totals.

Table 4 Origin of Stirling Migrants – Total from 2002/03 to 2005/06

Origin	No.	Origin	No.
Poland	260	Hungary	30
China, People's Rep. of	130	Italy	30
South Africa	90	Lithuania	30
Australia	80	New Zealand	30
India	60	Greece	20
Slovak Rep	60	Malaysia	20
Germany	50	Pakistan	20
Canada	40	Spain	20
France	40	Zimbabwe	20
Ireland	40	Bulgaria	10
Latvia	40	Mexico	10
USA	40	Netherlands	10
Czech Rep	30	Nigeria	10

5. Stirling's Share of Scottish Total

Table 5 illustrates the share of Scottish migrant worker registrations for all Scottish local authorities. Stirling's share has gradually risen and now its level of 1.7% is in line with its overall share of total population relative to Scotland. The larger cities and highland region attract the greatest share of in-migrants.

Table 5 – Local Authority shares of Scottish Migrant Worker Registrations

Council Area	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006
City of Edinburgh	31.2%	31.5%	26.4%	28.2%
City of Glasgow	20.9%	18.3%	17.5%	16.1%
City of Aberdeen	9.9%	9.9%	9.7%	9.3%
Highland	4.1%	4.5%	6.3%	6.4%
Perth & Kinross	2.3%	3.3%	4.2%	3.9%
Aberdeenshire	2.3%	2.9%	4.1%	3.8%
Fife	3.5%	3.6%	3.9%	3.7%
City of Dundee	3.6%	4.2%	4.1%	3.5%
West Lothian	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	2.8%
North Lanarkshire	1.9%	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
South Lanarkshire	2.3%	2.0%	1.8%	1.9%
Angus	0.6%	0.6%	2.1%	1.8%
Stirling	1.5%	1.6%	1.3%	1.7%
Renfrewshire	1.7%	1.7%	1.4%	1.7%
Argyll & Bute	1.2%	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%
Scottish Borders	1.0%	1.3%	1.7%	1.6%
Dumfries & Galloway	0.8%	0.9%	1.5%	1.4%
Moray	0.6%	1.1%	1.4%	1.3%
Falkirk	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	1.1%
South Ayrshire	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	1.0%
Inverclyde	1.2%	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%
East Lothian	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%
North Ayrshire	1.2%	1.0%	1.1%	0.7%
Midlothian	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
East Dunbartonshire	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.4%
West Dunbartonshire	0.6%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%
East Ayrshire	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Clackmannanshire	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
East Renfrewshire	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%
Western Isles	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Shetland Islands	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%
Orkney Islands	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%

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