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# INTRODUCTION

## BACKGROUND

On 1 May 2004, ten countries – Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia – joined the European Union (EU). From that date, nationals of Malta and Cyprus have had full free movement rights and rights to work, throughout the EU. Prior to enlargement, existing EU member states had the right to regulate access to their labour markets by nationals of the other eight countries – the ‘Accession 8’ or ‘A8’. The UK Government put in place transitional measures to regulate A8 nationals’ access to the labour market (via the Worker Registration Scheme) and to restrict access to benefits.

The data in this publication are based on Management Information, are provisional and may be subject to change. The data are **not** National Statistics.

## KEY FINDINGS

- Nationals from the A8 countries continue to come to the UK to work, contributing to the success of the UK economy, while making few demands on our welfare system.
- In total there were 56,000 initial applicants to the Worker Registration Scheme (WRS) in Quarter 3 (Q3) 2007, compared to 54,000 in Q2 2007, and 65,000 in Q3 2006.
- A8 workers are continuing to go where the work is, helping to fill the gaps in our labour market, particularly in administration, business and management, hospitality and catering, agriculture, manufacturing and food, fish and meat processing. In Q3 2007, 43% of registered workers applied to work in administration, business and management (which includes employment agencies), compared to 25% in 2004.
- In many cases, A8 nationals are supporting the provision of public services in communities across the UK. In the twelve months up to 30 September 2007, 2,250 A8 nationals have registered as bus, lorry and coach drivers, 4,760 as care workers, 765 as teachers, researchers and classroom assistants, 120 as dental practitioners (including hygienists and dental nurses), and 1,100 as GPs, hospital doctors, nurses and medical specialists.
- Workers applied to work for employers based all over the UK, with the proportion applying to London falling to 10% in Q3 2007 from 19% in Q3 2004, but relatively steady over the last year at around 9% in Q2 2007 and Q3 2006. As the proportion applying elsewhere has increased, Anglia and the Midlands have now overtaken London, with 15% and 14% respectively of the total registered workers in Q3 2007.
- 97% of workers applying to the WRS applied to work full time.
- 98% of applications for National Insurance numbers made by A8 nationals between May 2004 and September 2007 were for employment purposes.
- The vast majority of workers registering since May 2004 were young: 82% aged between 18 and 34. 94% of workers stated that they had no dependants living with them in the UK when they registered and only 5% had dependants under the age of 17 with them.
- The numbers of A8 nationals applying for tax-funded income-related benefits and housing support remain low. For example, 2,341 applications for Income Support and Jobseeker's Allowance were processed in Q3 2007, of which 582 were allowed to proceed for further consideration, compared to 3,785 and 936 in Q2 2007 and 1,622 and 455 in Q3 2006.

## NOTE ON THE PUBLICATION

This is the thirteenth of a series of quarterly reports based on provisional Management Information collected through the WRS and manual monitoring of applications for National Insurance numbers, claims for benefits, applications for tax credits and applications for housing and homelessness assistance. The figures published in the earlier reports have been updated to include applications that were previously outstanding. The data are presented in quarters and annually, except for 2004, which has been shown as a total for the part year May to December 2004.

## NOTE ON WORKER REGISTRATION SCHEME DATA

Nationals of the A8 countries who wish to take up employment in the UK for a period of at least a month are generally required to register with the WRS. The statistics in this publication are only of those who have registered with the Home Office to work as employees in the UK. Workers who are self-employed do not need to register and are therefore not included in these figures; there may also be other workers from the accession countries who for one reason or another do not register and are thus also not included in these figures. The data from the WRS provided here are data on applicants to the scheme rather than applications (with the exception of Table 2 and Section 1a). Applicants must register more than once if they are employed by more than one employer. They must also re-register if they change employer. Each application to the WRS therefore represents one job, not one applicant. To avoid counting applicants more than once, each applicant is represented only once in this report, with information relating to the **first** job for which he/she registered.

Data are provisional and an estimated 555 applications remain outstanding, of which 500 were received in Q3 2007. In these cases, final decisions had not been issued at the time of producing this report. In this report, outstanding applications are included only in Table 1 in the 'Outstanding' column.

All WRS data in this report are sorted according to the date the applicant applied. The 'date applied' is the date the applicant puts on the application form. There will be cases in which there is a delay between when the forms are filled in or posted and when the applications are received by the Home Office.

The number of applicants to the WRS does **not** represent a measurement of net migration to the UK (inflows minus outflows). Rather, it is a gross (cumulative) figure for the number of workers applying to the WRS. The figures are not current: an individual who has registered to work and who leaves employment is not required to de-register, so some of those counted will have left the employment for which they registered and indeed some are likely to have left the UK. Figures for net migration to the UK are published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The first release of the International Migration estimates for 2006, published on 15 November 2006, estimates that 71,000 more A8 citizens migrated into the UK for at least a year than left in 2006. This shows an increase of 16% compared with an estimated 61,000 in 2004. For further information, please click on the following link.

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/pdfdir/emig1107.pdf>

Enquiries about the figures should be made to the Border and Immigration Agency (Tel: 020 8760 8757). Press enquiries should be made to the Home Office Press Office (Tel: 020 7035 3535).

## TECHNICAL NOTES

- All WRS figures (other than percentages) shown in Tables 1 to 11 and the annex are rounded to the nearest five. The figures in Tables 12 to 20 are not rounded.
- † indicates 1 or 2.
- - indicates nil.
- Because of rounding, figures may not sum to the totals shown. All percentages and charts are calculated from non-rounded figures.
- Since accession took place on 1 May 2004, the data quoted for 2004 are only for the part year from May to December, so care should be taken when comparing this with subsequent periods.

## LINKS TO USEFUL WEBSITES

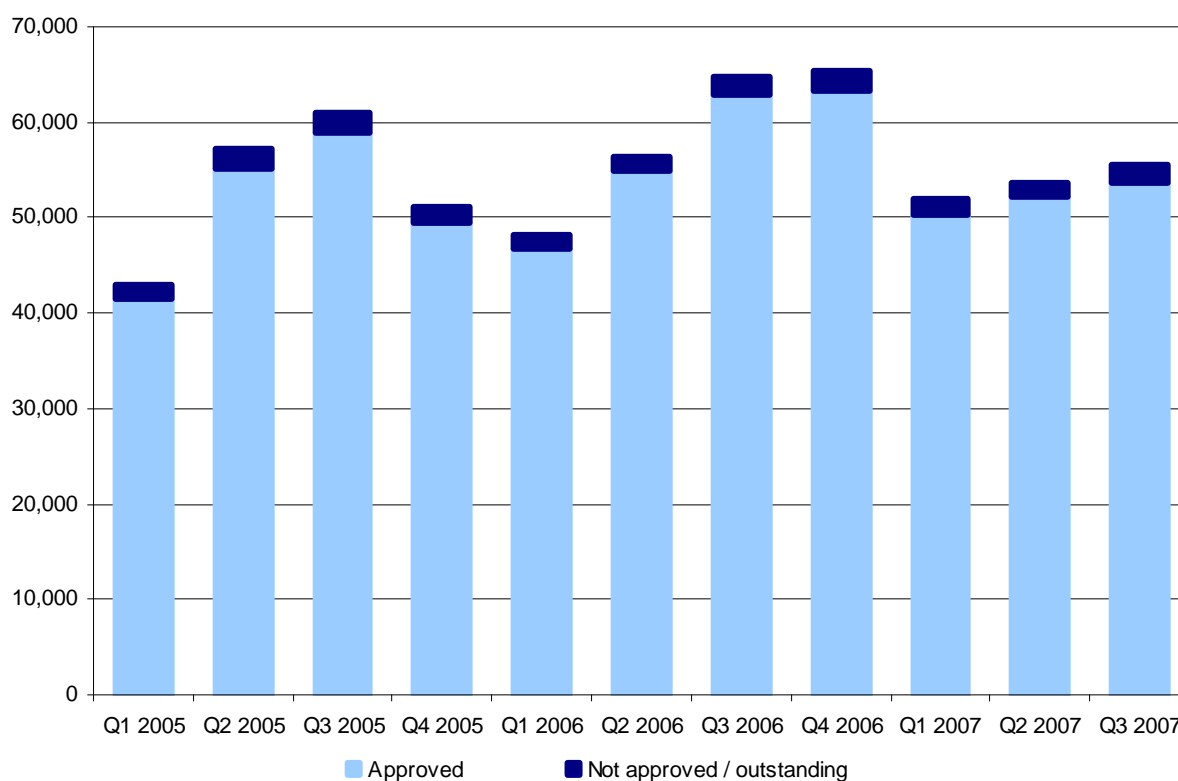
- Working in the UK, information about WRS:  
[www.workingintheuk.gov.uk](http://www.workingintheuk.gov.uk)
- Link to the Worker Registration Form and guidance:  
[http://www.workingintheuk.gov.uk/working\\_in\\_the\\_uk/en/homepage/schemes\\_and\\_programmes/worker\\_registration.html](http://www.workingintheuk.gov.uk/working_in_the_uk/en/homepage/schemes_and_programmes/worker_registration.html)
- Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland Scheme:  
[http://www.scotlandistheplace.com/stitp/sitp\\_display\\_noflash.jsp?pContentID=276&p\\_applic=CCC&pElementID=165&pMenuID=3&p\\_service=Content.show&](http://www.scotlandistheplace.com/stitp/sitp_display_noflash.jsp?pContentID=276&p_applic=CCC&pElementID=165&pMenuID=3&p_service=Content.show&)
- HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) Right To Reside In The United Kingdom:  
<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/manuals/tctmanual/TCTM02001.htm>  
<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits/residence-rules.htm>
- Communities and Local Government (CLG):  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/>
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) – The impact of free movement of workers from Central and Eastern Europe on the UK labour market:  
<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/wp29.pdf>
- DWP – National Insurance Number Allocations to Overseas Nationals Entering the UK 2006:  
[http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/niall/nino\\_allocation.asp](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/niall/nino_allocation.asp)
- Accession Monitoring Report:  
[http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/reports/accession\\_monitoring\\_report](http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/reports/accession_monitoring_report)
- The European Community Association Agreements Statistics for Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey:  
<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/reports/eeas>
- Bulgarian and Romanian Accession Statistics:  
<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/reports/bulgarianandromanianaccession>
- Home Office – Research, Development and Statistics report on Employers' use of migrant labour:  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs06/rdsolr0406.pdf>
- The Office for National Statistics (ONS):  
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>
- ONS statistics on International Migration (MN Series):  
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=507&More=N>
- ONS International Passenger Survey Travel Trends (annual data on travel to/from the UK):  
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=1391&Pos=&ColRank=1&Rank=272;>  
ONS Visits to the UK from the enlarged EU (monthly data on EU travel to the UK from May 2004 to December 2006):  
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=12222>

# WORKER REGISTRATION SCHEME (WRS)

## APPLICANTS AND APPLICATIONS TO THE WRS

### 1. Applicants<sup>1</sup>

Chart 1 – Applicants by quarter of application, January 2005 - September 2007



- A cumulative total of 743,000 applicants have applied to register on the WRS between 1 May 2004 and 30 September 2007, of which 715,000 initial applications were approved. This does not indicate the number of long term migrants into the UK as most intend to come for short periods.
- In total there were 56,000 applicants in Q3 2007, of whom 54,000 (96%) were issued with Worker Registration certificates and cards, compared to 54,000 and 52,000 (97%) in Q2 2007 and 65,000 and 63,000 (97%) in Q3 2006.
- Initial applications, which in 2005 peaked in the summer months, rose to their highest levels in October and November 2006. So far in 2007 there have been fewer initial applications in any one month than in October or November 2006 and the number of applications peaked in June and July.
- The monthly totals of initial applications for July to September 2007 were 22,000, 18,000, and 15,000 respectively. The total number of initial applications made in Q3 2007 was 2,000 higher than in Q2 2007 and 9,000 lower than in Q3 2006.

<sup>1</sup> The data for applicants are recorded by the date on the application form, the standard statistical approach. However, as applications continue to be received dated under previously published quarters, the number of applications will show increases for these quarters in subsequent reports.

**Table 1 – Applicants, by quarter and year of application, May 2004 - September 2007**

Number of applicants

Period		Approved	Refused	Exempt	Withdrawn	Outstanding	Total
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>125,880</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>6,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,550</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>204,965</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>†</b>	<b>212,325</b>
2006	Q1	46,765	320	30	995	-	48,110
	Q2	54,905	285	40	1,255	-	56,480
	Q3	62,855	320	25	1,585	†	64,790
	Q4	63,345	275	110	1,605	-	65,335
<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>227,865</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>5,440</b>	<b>†</b>	<b>234,715</b>
2007	Q1	50,285	220	150	1,370	20	52,045
	Q2	52,105	180	120	1,270	35	53,710
	Q3	53,635	220	115	1,165	500	55,635

This table shows applicants rather than the number of applications made. The figures are for initial applications only (and do not include the 5,730 multiple applications, where an individual is doing more than one job simultaneously, or the 286,370 applications to re-register, where an individual has changed employers).

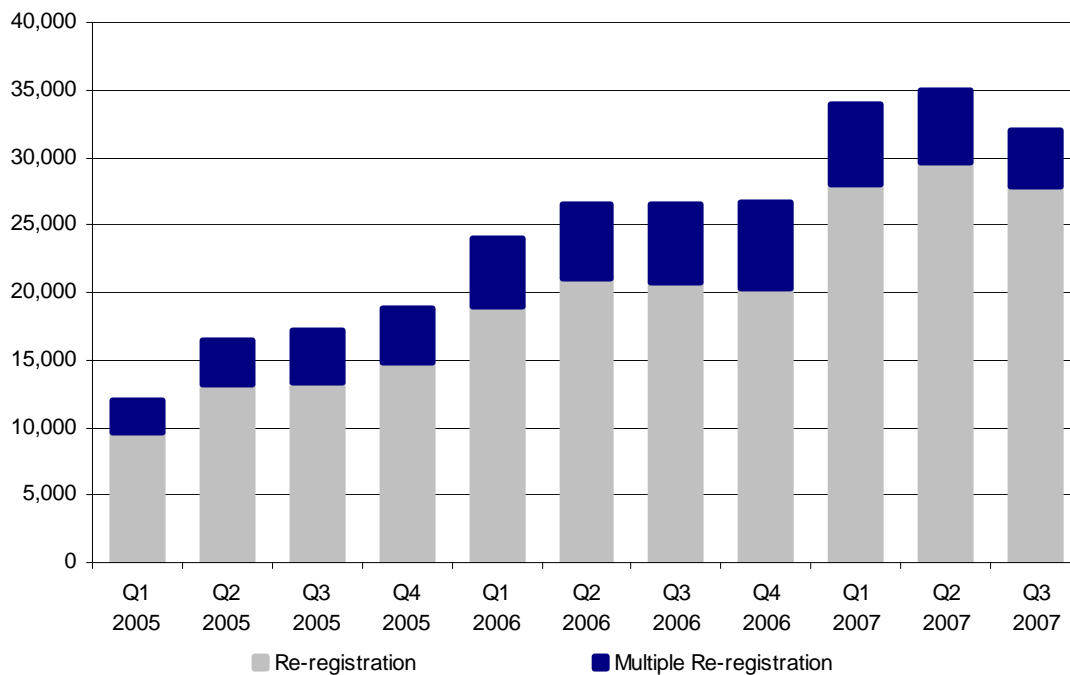
The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

Note: Please see Introduction: Technical Note on WRS data.

Source: Management Information from Border and Immigration Agency, which is extracted from administrative databases.

## 1a. Applications

Chart 2 – Total re-registrations, by quarter of application, January 2005 - September 2007



- A total of 88,000 initial applications and re-registrations, excluding outstanding applications, were made in Q3 2007, of which 86,000 (98%) were approved (i.e. the worker's employment was registered), compared to 89,000 and 87,000 (98%) in Q2 2007 and 92,000 and 90,000 (98%) in Q3 2006.
- Total applications since May 2004, include 230,000 applications to re-register (from those who have previously registered but have changed employer), 6,000 multiple applications (from those working for more than one employer simultaneously), and 57,000 applications for multiple re-registration (from those registering for subsequent, additional jobs, or those who have left their employer and are re-registering for more than one job). These applications account for the difference between the number of applicants and the number of applications.
- Over the reporting period, the number of re-registrations was 28,000 in Q3 2007 compared to 30,000 in Q2 2007 and 21,000 in Q3 2006, continuing the trend this year for increased re-registrations.

Table 2 – Total re-registrations, by quarter and year of application, May 2004 - September 2007

Period		Re-registration	Multiple Re-registration	Total
2004	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,005</b>	<b>3,710</b>	<b>13,715</b>
2005	<b>Total</b>	<b>50,990</b>	<b>13,630</b>	<b>64,620</b>
2006	Q1	18,940	5,120	24,060
	Q2	21,105	5,460	26,565
	Q3	20,755	5,720	26,475
	Q4	20,365	6,325	26,690
2006	<b>Total</b>	<b>81,165</b>	<b>22,625</b>	<b>103,790</b>
2007	Q1	28,060	5,915	33,975
	Q2	29,690	5,245	34,930
	Q3	27,825	4,185	32,010

The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

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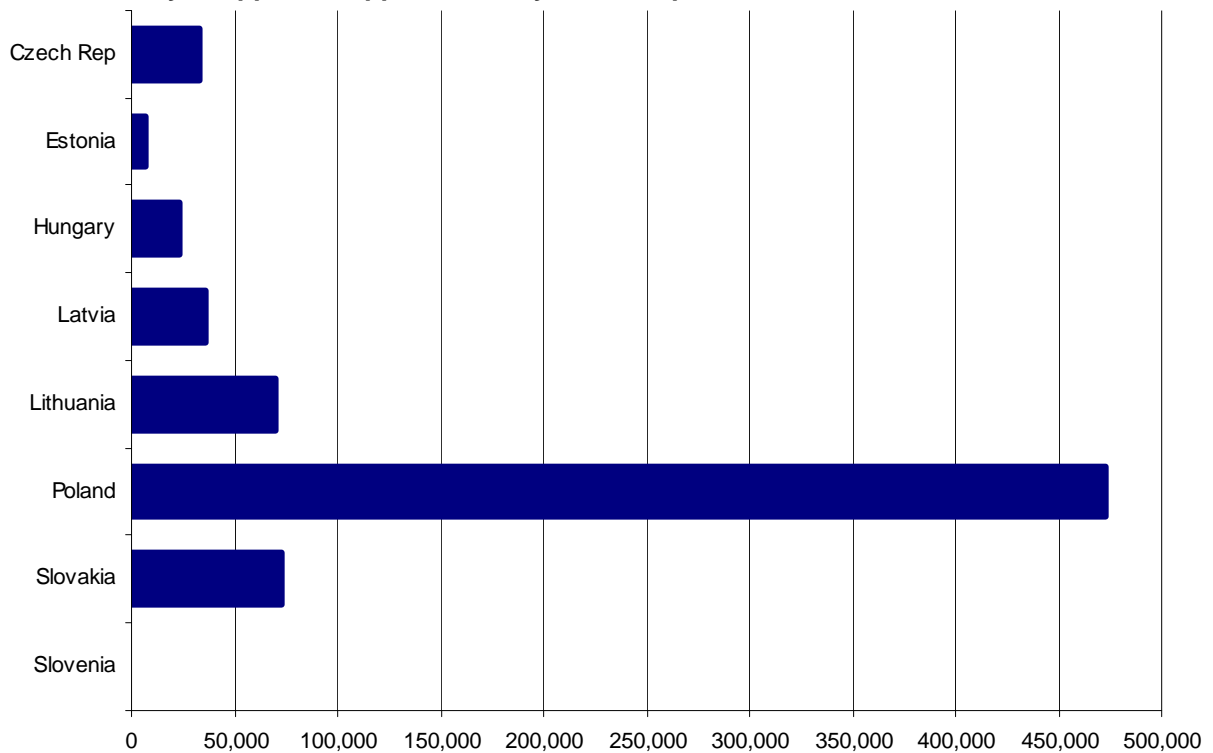
Source: Management Information from Border and Immigration Agency, which is extracted from administrative databases.



## PROFILE OF REGISTERED WORKERS

### 2. Nationality of applicants

Chart 3 – Nationality of approved applicants, May 2004 - September 2007



- In the period 1 May 2004 to 30 September 2007, the highest proportion of approved applicants were Polish (66% of the total), followed by Lithuanian (10%) and Slovak (10%).
- The percentage of approved applications that were made by Polish nationals in Q3 2007 was 72%, compared to 71% in Q2 2007 and 72% in Q3 2006.
- Only 645 Slovenian applications have been approved since May 2004, and this is too few to register in the above chart.

**Table 3 – Nationality of approved applicants, by quarter and year of application, May 2004 - September 2007**

		Number of applicants								
Period		Czech Rep	Estonia	Hungary	Latvia	Lithuania	Poland	Slovakia	Slovenia	Total
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,255</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>8,670</b>	<b>19,270</b>	<b>71,025</b>	<b>13,020</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>125,880</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,575</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>6,355</b>	<b>12,955</b>	<b>22,990</b>	<b>127,325</b>	<b>22,035</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>204,965</b>
<b>2006</b>	Q1	1,865	390	1,435	2,560	4,235	31,920	4,305	55	<b>46,765</b>
	Q2	2,045	340	1,600	2,790	4,470	38,125	5,490	40	<b>54,905</b>
	Q3	2,220	420	1,835	2,265	4,340	45,465	6,260	50	<b>62,855</b>
	Q4	2,215	325	2,190	1,880	4,015	46,980	5,695	40	<b>63,345</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,345</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>7,060</b>	<b>9,490</b>	<b>17,065</b>	<b>162,490</b>	<b>21,750</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>227,865</b>
<b>2007</b>	Q1	1,820	270	1,965	1,835	3,740	35,775	4,840	45	<b>50,285</b>
	Q2	1,790	210	2,075	1,625	3,675	37,120	5,570	40	<b>52,105</b>
	Q3	1,865	245	2,160	1,420	3,465	38,680	5,750	50	<b>53,635</b>
<b>% of Q3 Total</b>		<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

This table shows applicants approved rather than the total number of applications made. The figures are for initial applications only (not multiple applications, where an individual is doing more than one job simultaneously, or re-registrations, where an individual has changed employers).

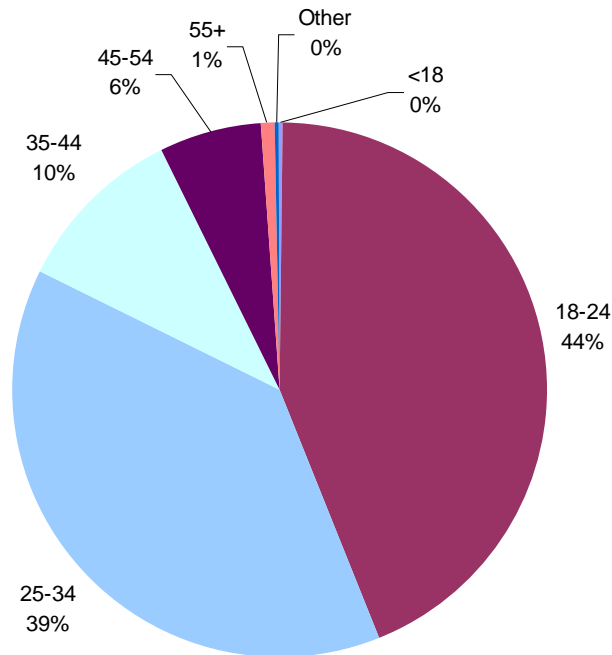
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### 3. Age and Gender of registered workers

Chart 4 – Age of registered workers, by percentage, May 2004 - September 2007



- Of those who applied between May 2004 and September 2007, 82% of registered workers were aged 18 – 34. In Q3 2007 this percentage was 82% and the percentage in the 35-44 age bracket remains at 10%, little changed from 11% in Q2 2007 and 9% in Q3 2006.
- The male to female ratio for those who applied between May 2004 and September 2007 is 57:43. In the latest quarter the ratio was 55:45.

Table 4 – Age of registered workers, by quarter and year of application, May 2004 - September 2007

		Number of registered workers								
Period		<18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Others <sup>2</sup>	Total
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	320	54,355	49,835	12,655	7,425	1,020	20	260	125,885
<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>	655	89,815	78,295	21,760	12,575	1,560	20	285	204,965
<b>2006</b>	Q1	105	18,365	19,510	5,205	3,080	425	10	65	46,765
	Q2	175	23,330	21,780	5,665	3,420	445	5	75	54,900
	Q3	295	31,270	21,545	5,805	3,410	440	5	90	62,855
	Q4	160	26,765	25,280	6,515	3,965	575	5	75	63,345
<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>99,735</b>	<b>88,115</b>	<b>23,190</b>	<b>13,875</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>227,855</b>
<b>2007</b>	Q1	130	19,340	20,915	5,800	3,485	545	15	50	50,285
	Q2	245	21,110	20,345	5,970	3,775	570	15	75	52,105
	Q3	380	26,220	17,865	5,295	3,250	535	10	80	53,630

This table shows registered workers rather than the number of applications made. The figures are for initial applications only (not multiple applications, where an individual is doing more than one job simultaneously, or re-registrations, where an individual has changed employers).

The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

Note: Please see Introduction: Technical Note on WRS data.

Source: Management Information from Border and Immigration Agency, which is extracted from administrative databases.

<sup>2</sup> This includes applicants who did not state their age and, for data quality reasons, applicants who submitted an application form with a date of birth that would make them less than 15 years old or above 72 years old.

#### 4. Dependants of registered workers<sup>3</sup>

- A small minority (6%) of registered workers who applied between May 2004 and September 2007 declared that they had dependants living with them in the UK when they applied. Amongst those who did have dependants, the average number of dependants was 1.5.
- The number of dependants as a proportion of the number of registered workers was 13% in Q3 2007, 13% in Q2 2007 and 12% in Q3 2006.

**Table 5 – Registered workers' dependants<sup>4</sup>, by quarter and year of application, May 2004 - September 2007**

Period		Total registered workers	Registered workers with dependants	Number of dependants		
				Under 17	17 and over	Total
2004	<b>Total</b>	<b>125,880</b>	<b>5,485</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>8,525</b>
2005	<b>Total</b>	<b>204,965</b>	<b>10,695</b>	<b>8,510</b>	<b>7,775</b>	<b>16,285</b>
2006	Q1	46,765	3,690	3,060	2,525	<b>5,590</b>
	Q2	54,905	4,215	3,495	2,815	<b>6,310</b>
	Q3	62,855	5,190	4,365	3,450	<b>7,815</b>
	Q4	63,345	6,700	5,570	4,615	<b>10,185</b>
2006	<b>Total</b>	<b>227,865</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>16,495</b>	<b>13,410</b>	<b>29,900</b>
2007	Q1	50,285	5,090	4,425	3,370	<b>7,795</b>
	Q2	52,105	4,485	4,015	2,890	<b>6,905</b>
	Q3	53,635	4,610	4,205	3,020	<b>7,225</b>

This table shows registered workers rather than the number of applications made. The figures are for initial applications only (not multiple applications, where an individual is doing more than one job simultaneously, or re-registrations, where an individual has changed employers).

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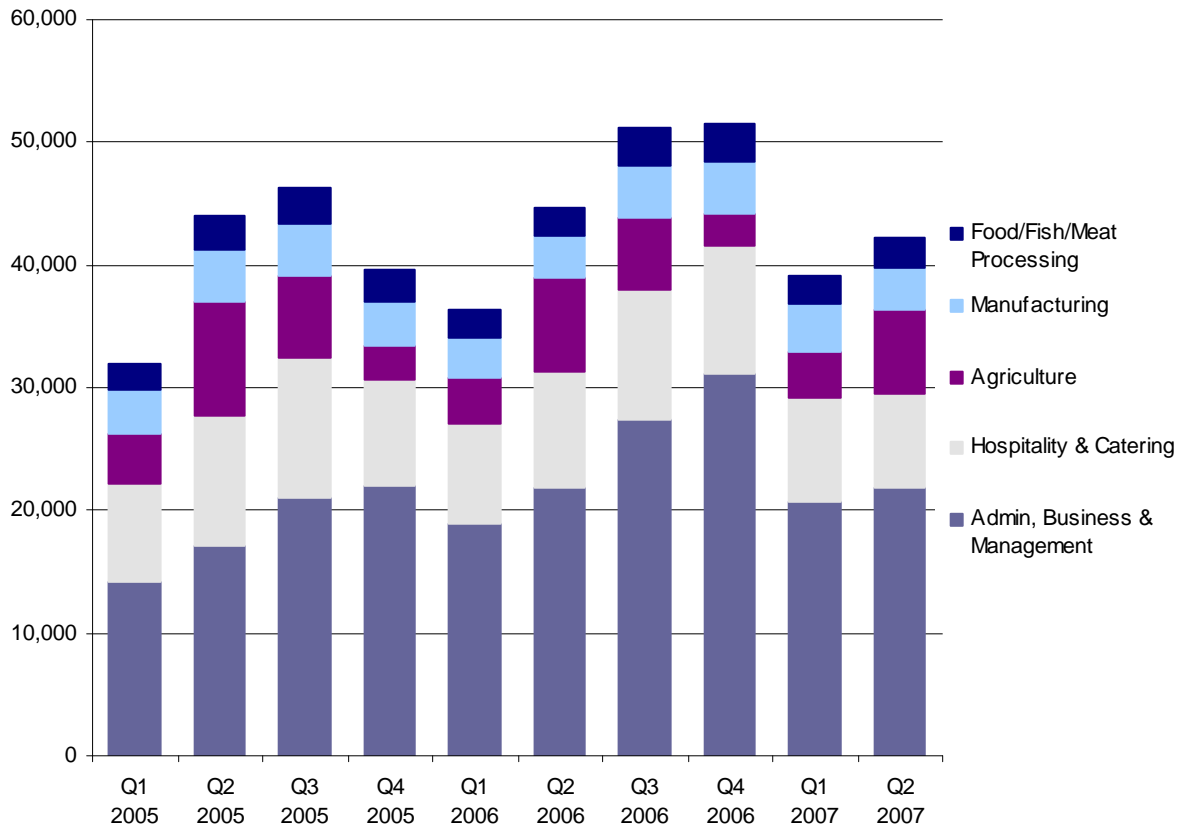
Source: Management Information from Border and Immigration Agency, which is extracted from administrative databases.

<sup>3</sup> These data are derived from applicants' responses to the question on the WRS application form: *If your dependants (children and/or spouse or partner) are living with you in the UK, how many of them are: Aged 16 or under? and Aged 17 or above?* The Home Office does not verify these responses.

<sup>4</sup> It is likely that there is some 'double counting' of dependants, in the sense that some of those recorded as dependants (particularly older children and spouses) may also have registered in their own right to work in the UK.

## 5. Sectors<sup>5</sup> in which registered workers are employed

Chart 5 – Top 5 sectors in which registered workers are employed, by quarter of application, January 2005 - September 2007



- The top five sectors for registered workers, who applied between May 2004 and September 2007, were administration, business and management<sup>6</sup> (38%), hospitality and catering (19%), agriculture (10%), manufacturing (7%) and food, fish and meat processing (5%).
- The proportion of workers working for employers in the administration, business and management group<sup>6</sup> rose to 43% in Q3 2007, slightly higher than the 42% in Q2 2007, and unchanged from Q3 2006. Meanwhile, the proportion in hospitality and catering rose to 17% in Q3 2007, up from 15% in Q2 2007, but unchanged from Q3 2006.
- Agriculture fell to 9% in Q3 2007, reflecting the seasonal nature of the work, from 13% in the previous quarter, but unchanged from Q3 2006.

<sup>5</sup> Not equivalent to the ONS Standard Industry Classification codes.

<sup>6</sup> The majority of workers in the administration, business & management sector work for recruitment agencies and could be employed in a variety of occupations. For a full list of occupations please see Annex A of the report.

**Table 6 – Sectors<sup>7</sup> in which registered workers are employed, by quarter and year of application, May 2004 - September 2007**

Sector	Number of registered workers									
	2004 Total	2005 Total	2006				2006 Total	2007		
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3
Administration, business & management	31,235	74,485	18,970	21,850	27,340	31,075	99,230	20,770	21,765	22,955
Hospitality & catering	34,310	38,550	8,105	9,440	10,630	10,500	38,675	8,395	7,790	9,005
Agriculture	16,905	22,700	3,755	7,655	5,830	2,655	19,900	3,785	6,785	4,755
Manufacturing	9,750	15,610	3,235	3,440	4,275	4,215	15,160	3,845	3,460	4,030
Food/fish/meat processing	6,480	10,605	2,245	2,290	3,070	3,035	10,640	2,275	2,350	2,405
Health & medical	5,550	10,935	2,795	2,235	2,515	2,390	9,935	1,985	1,610	1,755
Retail	5,355	8,760	1,975	2,115	2,670	3,160	9,920	2,340	2,045	2,405
Construction & land	5,185	7,255	2,155	2,260	2,365	2,230	9,010	2,810	2,500	2,310
Transport	2,725	6,695	1,420	1,395	1,405	1,525	5,745	1,505	1,300	1,230
Entertainment & leisure	2,190	3,675	615	910	1,040	590	3,155	620	865	850
Education & cultural	1,490	1,920	595	400	495	560	2,050	540	435	555
Real Estate & property	535	925	210	205	280	470	1,165	550	515	560
Financial services	425	455	140	150	225	175	695	165	130	215
Computer services	385	420	150	105	140	160	555	165	115	160
Extraction industries	365	440	105	140	155	200	605	165	130	165
Security & protection	345	550	120	130	150	155	555	135	105	90
Telecommunications	180	185	40	35	65	55	195	65	50	45
Sporting activities	145	120	30	30	30	40	125	35	25	25
Utilities (gas, electricity, water)	125	155	40	50	60	45	200	45	70	40
Government	80	125	25	30	35	60	145	50	30	40
Law-related services	85	75	10	15	25	30	75	25	25	30
Not stated	2,030	330	30	25	50	15	120	10	15	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,880</b>	<b>204,965</b>	<b>46,765</b>	<b>54,905</b>	<b>62,855</b>	<b>63,345</b>	<b>227,865</b>	<b>50,285</b>	<b>52,105</b>	<b>53,635</b>

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The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

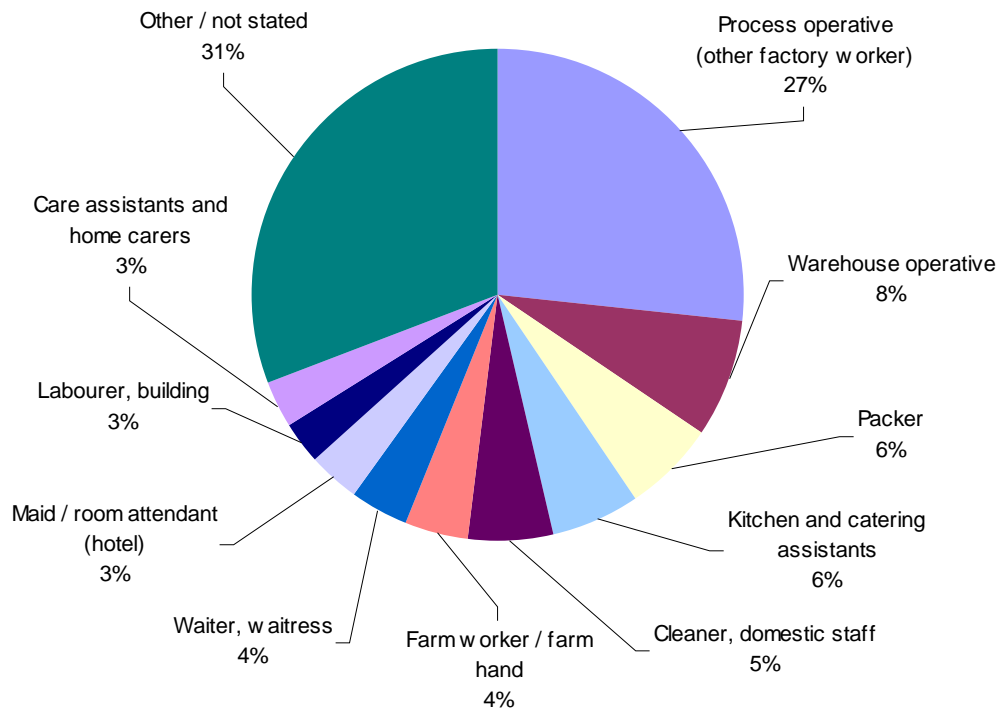
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<sup>7</sup> Not equivalent to the ONS Standard Industry Classification codes.

## 6. Occupations<sup>8</sup> in which registered workers are employed

Chart 6 – Top 10 occupations in which registered workers are employed, July 2004 - September 2007 (May/June 2004 data not available)



Note: Percentages indicate percentage of all workers registered, July 2004 to September 2007

- The top 20 occupations have remained largely consistent over the period, July 2004 to September 2007.
- The biggest group of workers registered with the WRS is in general occupations (27%) classified as “process operatives (other factory worker)”. This is followed by warehouse operatives (8%) and packers (6%).
- Please refer to Annex A for a full table of occupations of registered workers who applied between July 2004 and September 2007.

<sup>8</sup> Not equivalent to the ONS Standard Occupational Classification codes.

**Table 7 – Top 20 occupations in which registered workers are employed, by quarter and year of application, July 2004 - September 2007**

Occupation	Number of registered workers									
	2004 Total	2005 Total	2006				2006 Total	2007		
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3
Process operative (other factory worker)	17,970	53,265	12,485	14,005	17,360	20,070	63,920	14,510	15,100	15,975
Warehouse operative	3,810	13,860	3,665	4,390	6,225	7,615	21,895	4,220	3,880	4,990
Packer	5,515	13,375	2,625	2,955	3,680	4,080	13,335	2,570	2,870	2,785
Kitchen and catering assistants	5,940	12,415	2,695	3,230	3,440	3,590	12,955	2,695	2,700	3,070
Cleaner, domestic staff	4,355	10,200	3,150	2,925	3,365	3,640	13,080	3,215	2,825	2,970
Farm worker/ farm hand	3,350	9,330	1,915	3,860	2,785	1,110	9,670	1,835	3,230	2,360
Waiter, waitress	4,980	7,660	1,530	1,765	2,010	2,115	7,420	1,560	1,370	1,705
Maid / room attendant (hotel)	3,375	7,060	1,665	1,855	2,060	2,115	7,700	1,765	1,720	1,850
Labourer, building	2,080	5,275	1,510	1,795	1,790	1,805	6,895	1,820	1,825	1,595
Care assistants and home carers	2,580	6,880	1,765	1,480	1,570	1,475	6,285	1,225	935	1,120
Sales and retail assistants	2,535	5,405	1,245	1,415	1,720	1,935	6,320	1,515	1,420	1,640
Crop harvester	1,235	4,750	450	1,820	1,210	190	3,675	385	1,455	835
Bar staff	1,950	2,970	550	585	720	645	2,500	580	555	600
Food processing operative (fruit / veg)	1,600	3,370	640	755	815	705	2,920	415	430	410
Food processing operative (meat)	1,525	2,555	490	535	790	755	2,570	525	550	490
Chef, other	1,380	2,400	495	605	605	645	2,350	560	465	485
Fruit picker (farming)	545	2,305	140	710	600	95	1,540	215	890	635
Administrator, general	1,000	1,780	395	480	585	450	1,910	365	360	375
Driver, HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicle)	730	2,215	350	355	420	460	1,595	410	400	380
Carpenter / joiner	440	1,090	460	410	605	460	1,935	620	520	560
<b>Total in the top 20 occupations</b>	<b>66,890</b>	<b>168,155</b>	<b>38,220</b>	<b>45,935</b>	<b>52,345</b>	<b>53,955</b>	<b>190,460</b>	<b>41,005</b>	<b>43,495</b>	<b>44,840</b>
Other/Not stated	20,160	36,810	8,545	8,970	10,505	9,385	37,405	9,275	8,610	8,795

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The total shown for 2004 is for the part year July to December.

Note: Please see Introduction: Technical Note on WRS data.

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## 7. Registered workers' hours of work<sup>9</sup> and wages<sup>10</sup>

- 97% of workers who applied in the twelve months to September 2007 were working more than 16 hours a week, of which 86% stated they worked 35 hours a week or more.<sup>11</sup> This shows little change with figures of 97% and 86% respectively for the period May 2004 to September 2007.
- 72% of workers who applied between October 2006 and September 2007 stated that their hourly rate of earnings was £4.50 - £5.99 per hour, while 21% stated an hourly rate of £6.00 - £7.99. This compares to 76% and 17% for the period May 2004 to September 2007.

## 8. Proportion of registered workers in temporary/permanent employment<sup>12</sup>

- 52% of workers who registered in the twelve months to September 2007 were in temporary employment and 44% in permanent employment (4% did not provide this information). This was little changed compared with data for the period May 2004 and September 2007 when 51% were in temporary employment and 46% in permanent employment.
- The proportion of registered workers employed on a temporary or permanent basis varied considerably between sectors. Between October 2006 and September 2007, 73% of registered workers applied to work for employers working in agriculture were in temporary employment and 22% in permanent employment. In hospitality and catering the pattern was reversed, with only 18% in temporary employment and 78% in permanent employment. In administration, business & management, 80% were in temporary employment while 65% were in permanent employment in manufacturing.

## 9. Intended Length of Stay

- 57% of registered workers indicated on their application form in the twelve months ending September 2007 that they intended to stay in the UK for less than three months.

**Table 8 – Intended length of stay of registered workers, October 2006 - September 2007**

Intended length of stay	Twelve months ending September 2007	Percentage
Less than 3 months	125,830	57%
3 to 5 months	3,455	2%
6 to 11 months	6,295	3%
1 to 2 years	9,145	4%
More than 2 years	18,550	8%
Do not know	56,090	26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>219,365</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Management Information from Border and Immigration Agency, which is extracted from administrative databases.

Extra care should be taken when using the above data as the applicants' situation may change significantly from the time when the application form is completed, which may affect their continued stay in the UK.

<sup>9</sup> These data are derived from applicants' responses to the question on the WRS application form: *How many hours per week do you normally work?* The Home Office does not verify these responses.

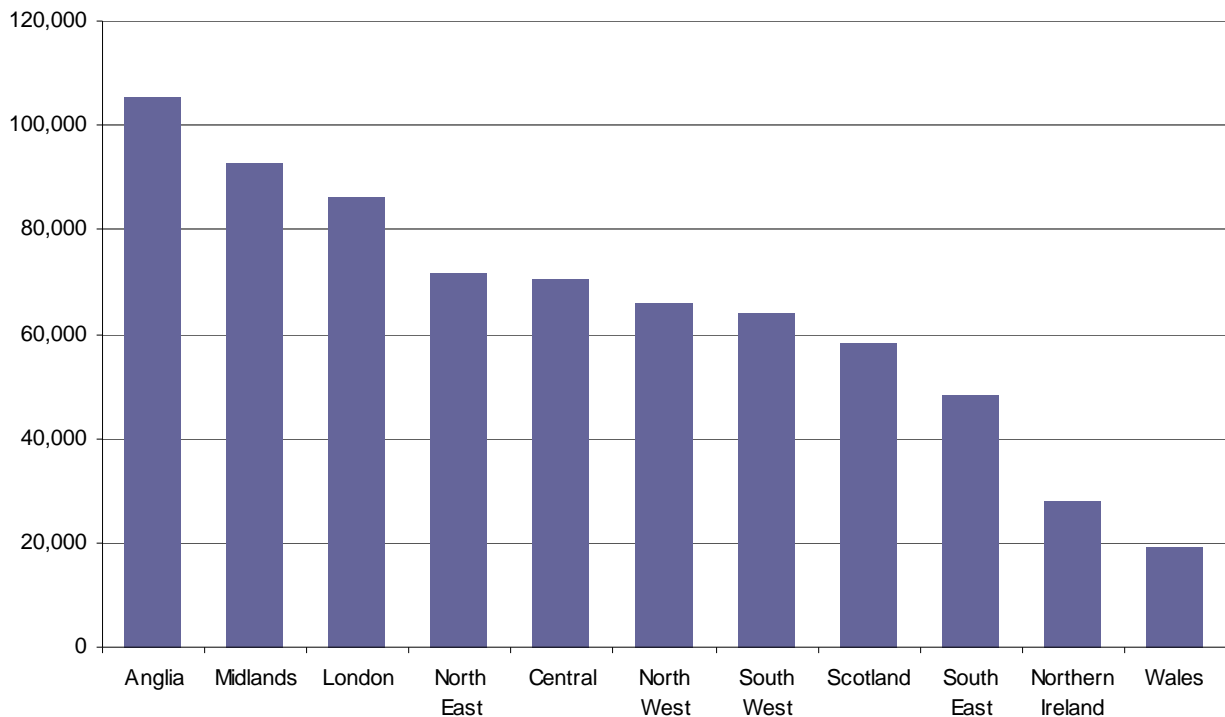
<sup>10</sup> These data are derived from applicants' responses to the question on the WRS application form: *How much is your hourly rate, before deductions?* The Home Office does not verify these responses.

<sup>11</sup> The 97% is likely to be an underestimate. The proportion of registered workers working part time is likely to be lower than 3%, because some were doing more than one part time job, simultaneously. The data published here take account of only one of those jobs – so the total hours an individual was working will in some cases be more than 16.

<sup>12</sup> These data are derived from applicants' responses to the question on the WRS application form: *What type of employment are you undertaking?* (Please indicate by ticking the appropriate box). The Home Office does not verify these responses.

## 10. Geographical distribution of employers of registered workers<sup>13</sup>

Chart 7 – Geographical distribution of employers of registered workers, May 2004 - September 2007



- Between May 2004 and September 2007, Anglia had the greatest number of workers registering with employers in the area, with 15% of the total. This is followed by the Midlands and London, with 13% and 12% of the workers registered. This compares with 14% for Anglia and the Midlands, 11% for the North East, and 10% for the North West and London in the twelve months to September 2007.
- Northern Ireland and Wales had the fewest registrations between May 2004 and September 2006 with 4% and 3% respectively of the total.
- The proportion applying to London-based employers, however, fell from 19% in Q3 2004 to just 10% in Q3 2007. At the same time the proportion and number applying to work in most other areas has increased and in the latest quarter the highest proportion of workers (15%) was in the Anglia region, followed closely by the Midlands (14%).

<sup>13</sup> Regions are based on the applicant's employer's postcode, where supplied. Regions are defined according to the Post Office's Postal Address Book regions.

**Table 9 – Geographical distribution of employers of registered workers by quarter and year of application, May 2004 - September 2007**

		Number of registered workers											
Period		Anglia	Midlands	London	North East	Central	North West	South West	Scotland	South East	Northern Ireland	Wales	Total <sup>14</sup>
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>21,915</b>	<b>11,710</b>	<b>25,470</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>13,885</b>	<b>7,675</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>125,880</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>29,930</b>	<b>26,755</b>	<b>23,460</b>	<b>21,405</b>	<b>20,640</b>	<b>19,135</b>	<b>18,150</b>	<b>15,895</b>	<b>13,670</b>	<b>8,845</b>	<b>5,490</b>	<b>204,965</b>
<b>2006</b>	Q1	6,435	6,325	5,090	5,280	4,975	4,715	3,995	3,485	2,780	2,040	1,415	<b>46,765</b>
	Q2	7,435	7,520	4,940	5,615	5,390	5,470	6,015	5,080	3,340	2,105	1,645	<b>54,905</b>
	Q3	8,600	9,300	5,430	7,170	5,580	6,735	6,165	5,580	3,735	2,305	1,905	<b>62,855</b>
	Q4	9,220	10,010	6,035	7,395	5,365	6,950	5,180	4,910	3,470	2,515	1,910	<b>63,345</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>31,690</b>	<b>33,155</b>	<b>21,495</b>	<b>25,460</b>	<b>21,310</b>	<b>23,875</b>	<b>21,360</b>	<b>19,050</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>8,965</b>	<b>6,875</b>	<b>227,865</b>
<b>2007</b>	Q1	6,780	6,885	5,440	5,015	5,025	4,835	4,405	4,555	3,215	2,350	1,580	<b>50,285</b>
	Q2	7,210	7,125	4,940	5,060	4,870	5,095	5,505	5,190	3,435	1,965	1,480	<b>52,105</b>
	Q3	7,790	7,280	5,300	5,690	4,930	5,465	4,750	5,295	3,400	2,065	1,385	<b>53,635</b>

This table shows registered workers rather than the number of applications made. The figures are for initial applications only (not multiple applications, where an individual is doing more than one job simultaneously, or re-registrations, where an individual has changed employers).

The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

Please note that changes have been made to the way that regional information is recorded by refining the linkage to postcode information to ensure greater accuracy. This has resulted in changes to the data shown under some regions and 'Not stated' since the second Quarter 2004, but does not change the previously published totals.

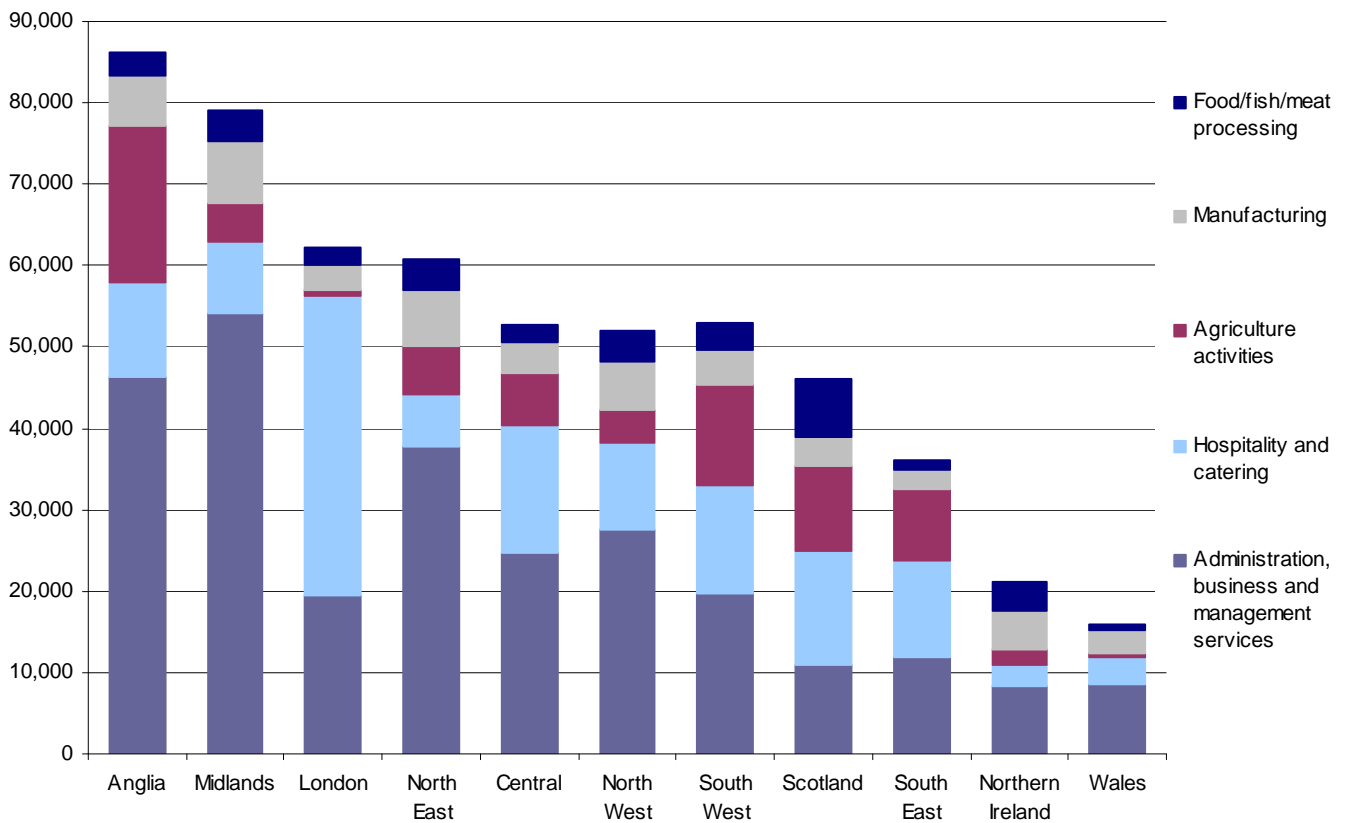
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<sup>14</sup> Applicants who did not state a postcode are included in the 'Total' column only.

## 11. Geographical distribution<sup>15</sup> of employers of registered workers by sector<sup>16</sup>

**Chart 8 – Top 5 sectors – geographical distribution of employers of registered workers, cumulative total, May 2004 - September 2007**



### Regional distribution within sectors

- 27% of those working in hospitality and catering were working for employers in London – far more than in any other region. The next highest proportions were employed in Central England, Scotland and the South West (11%, 10% and 10% respectively).
- 26% of those working in agriculture were working for employers in Anglia, followed by the South West (17%), whereas only 1% were based in London or Wales.
- 20% of those working in administration, business and management were working for employers based in the Midlands, followed by 17% in Anglia and 14% in the North East.

### Industrial distribution within regions

- 43% of those working for employers located in London were working in hospitality and catering, 24% in Scotland and 10% in Northern Ireland.
- 58% of those working for employers located in the Midlands were working in administration, business and management (including employment agencies), as were 53% of those in the North East, but only 23% in London and 19% in Scotland.
- 19% of those working for employers in the South West, and 18% in Anglia, the South East and Scotland were working in agriculture.

<sup>15</sup> Regions are based on the applicant's employer's postcode, where supplied. Regions are defined according to the Post Office's Postal Address Book regions.

<sup>16</sup> Not equivalent to the ONS Standard Industry Codes.

**Table 10 – Top 10 Sectors – geographical distribution of employers of registered workers, cumulative total, May 2004 - September 2007**

Sector	Number of registered workers											
	Anglia	Midlands	London	North East	Central	North West	South West	Scotland	South East	Northern Ireland	Wales	Total <sup>17</sup>
Admin., business & management services	46,255	54,190	19,560	37,670	24,710	27,470	19,600	10,955	11,890	8,360	8,440	<b>270,445</b>
Hospitality & catering	11,805	8,815	36,655	6,585	15,690	10,875	13,385	13,880	11,925	2,670	3,315	<b>136,725</b>
Agriculture activities	19,175	4,655	720	5,785	6,270	3,855	12,450	10,515	8,670	1,695	535	<b>74,830</b>
Manufacturing	6,015	7,540	3,175	6,885	3,995	5,980	4,225	3,685	2,440	4,755	2,855	<b>51,860</b>
Food/fish/meat processing	3,055	3,920	2,015	3,815	1,985	3,915	3,210	6,935	1,265	3,670	750	<b>34,750</b>
Health & medical services	4,330	2,455	3,365	2,725	5,110	2,375	3,330	2,275	3,345	1,160	1,070	<b>31,770</b>
Retail & related services	4,980	2,930	6,850	2,050	3,215	2,820	1,930	1,815	2,375	1,050	520	<b>30,820</b>
Construction & land services	2,515	2,465	3,640	2,175	3,575	3,275	1,560	4,160	1,860	3,080	600	<b>29,075</b>
Transport	3,200	2,920	1,575	1,770	1,645	2,500	1,390	1,545	1,460	705	350	<b>19,200</b>
Entertainment & leisure services	1,215	980	1,845	730	1,400	1,495	1,405	720	935	95	440	<b>11,355</b>
<b>Total in top 10 sectors</b>	<b>102,540</b>	<b>90,870</b>	<b>79,410</b>	<b>70,195</b>	<b>67,595</b>	<b>64,550</b>	<b>62,485</b>	<b>56,485</b>	<b>46,175</b>	<b>27,235</b>	<b>18,870</b>	<b>690,830</b>
Others / not stated	2,780	2,040	6,690	1,490	3,060	1,525	1,385	1,655	2,075	620	370	23,905

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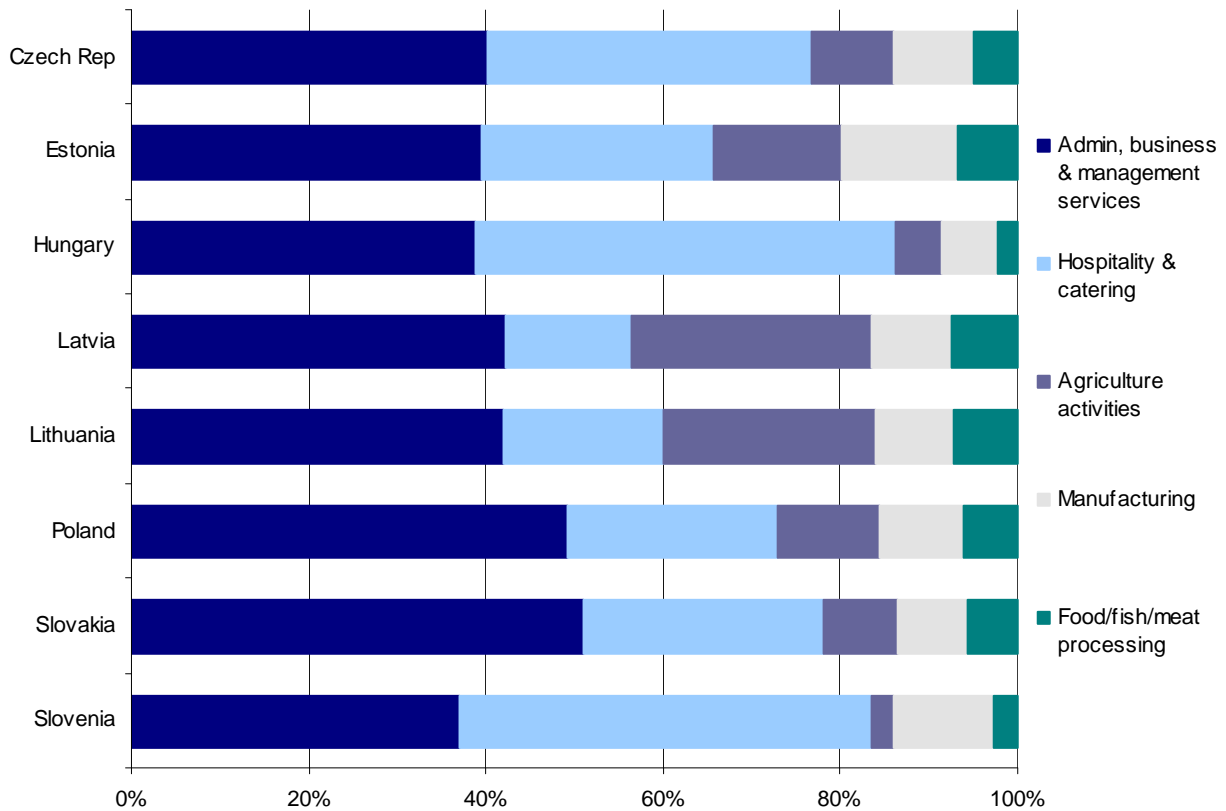
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<sup>17</sup> Applicants who did not state a postcode are included in the 'Total' column only.

## 12. Nationality of registered workers by sector<sup>18</sup>

Chart 9 – Proportion of registered workers of the top 5 sectors by nationality, May 2004 - September 2007



- Between May 2004 and Sept 2007 a greater proportion of workers from Lithuania and Latvia worked in agriculture than any other nationality. 20% of Lithuanians and 24% of Latvians worked in agriculture compared to 10% of all workers.
- Polish workers made up the largest proportion in every sector between May 2004 and September 2007, 68% of approvals for applications to work in administration, business and management services (including employment agencies) and 64% in hospitality and catering. This compares to 66% of all workers registered with the WRS who are Polish.

<sup>18</sup> Not equivalent to the ONS Standard Industry Codes.

**Table 11 – Top 10 Sectors – Nationality of registered workers, cumulative total, May 2004 - September 2007**

Sector	Number of registered workers								
	Czech Rep	Estonia	Hungary	Latvia	Lithuania	Poland	Slovakia	Slovenia	Total
Admin., business & management services	9,520	2,025	6,185	13,495	25,125	183,810	30,145	135	<b>270,445</b>
Hospitality & catering	8,615	1,335	7,555	4,585	10,735	87,810	15,920	170	<b>136,725</b>
Agriculture activities	2,185	745	835	8,650	14,385	43,080	4,940	10	<b>74,830</b>
Manufacturing	2,145	660	1,000	2,860	5,280	35,185	4,680	40	<b>51,860</b>
Food/fish/meat processing	1,185	350	370	2,410	4,280	22,850	3,295	10	<b>34,750</b>
Health & medical services	2,130	375	1,585	600	1,830	21,540	3,665	45	<b>31,770</b>
Retail & related services	1,685	305	1,275	900	2,210	21,195	3,195	55	<b>30,820</b>
Construction & land services	1,245	210	910	1,050	2,920	20,480	2,240	20	<b>29,075</b>
Transport	920	185	870	295	960	14,925	1,030	20	<b>19,200</b>
Entertainment & leisure services	1,025	150	875	450	875	6,580	1,385	20	<b>11,355</b>
<b>Total in top 10 sectors</b>	<b>30,660</b>	<b>6,345</b>	<b>21,465</b>	<b>35,290</b>	<b>68,600</b>	<b>457,450</b>	<b>70,490</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>690,830</b>
Other Occupations / Not stated	1,990	280	1,765	705	1,605	14,970	2,475	115	23,905

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# NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBERS

## 13. National Insurance Numbers allocated and purpose of allocation

- Between May 2004 and September 2007, the total number of National Insurance Number applications stood at just over 760,000.
- 97.7% of National Insurance Numbers were allocated for employment purposes, 0.8% for benefit purposes and 1.5% for tax credit purposes.
- For the period 1st May 2004 to 30th September 2007, 55.1% of applicants were male and 44.9% were female. The percentage of 18-34 year olds was 82.5%.
- Most applications were from Polish (66.1%), Slovakian (9.8%) and Lithuanian (9.5%) nationals.

**Table 12 – National Insurance Numbers allocated and refused, May 2004 - September 2007**

Period		Total Allocated	Allocated for employment purposes	Allocated for benefit purposes	Allocated for tax credit purposes	Total Refused
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>63,479</b>	<b>62,539</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1,611</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>221,818</b>	<b>218,521</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>2,354</b>
<b>2006</b>	Q1	62,075	60,830	359	886	606
	Q2	57,081	55,855	394	832	827
	Q3	71,007	69,613	416	978	1,488
	Q4	76,460	74,611	529	1,320	1,070
<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>266,623</b>	<b>260,909</b>	<b>1,698</b>	<b>4,016</b>	<b>3,991</b>
<b>2007</b>	Q1	71,655	68,782	738	2,135	754
	Q2	57,961	55,592	520	1,849	746
	Q3	67,908	66,281	469	1,158	1,124
<b>Total</b>		<b>749,444</b>	<b>732,624</b>	<b>5,662</b>	<b>11,158</b>	<b>10,580</b>

Reporting periods are as follows.

- 2004 = 1 May - 31 December 2004.
- 2005 = 1 January 2005 - 31 December 2005.
- Q1 2006 = 1 January - 31 March 2006, Q2 2006 = 1 April - 30 June 2006, Q3 2006 = 1 July - 30 September 2006, Q4 2006 = 1 October - 31 December 2006.
- Q1 2007 = 1 January - 31 March 2007, Q2 2007 = 1 April - 30 June 2007, Q3 2007 = 1 July - 30 September 2007.

This table includes all identified claims from A8 nationals, and is not restricted to those required to register with the WRS.

Source: Management Information from Jobcentre Plus, which is collated from their clerical processes.



## 14. National Insurance Number applications by region

**Table 13 – National Insurance Numbers allocated and refused by region, May 2004 – September 2007**

Region	2004 Total	2005 Total	2006				2006 Total	2007			Total
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	
London	20,816	58,197	15,513	13,266	16,168	16,838	61,785	18,858	15,784	15,235	190,675
South East	10,645	28,247	8,784	6,522	7,355	8,017	30,678	9,634	7,134	10,382	96,720
Scotland	3,701	20,581	4,809	5,840	8,546	8,468	27,663	7,000	6,393	8,260	73,598
North West	4,103	20,375	4,514	5,781	7,407	7,492	25,194	7,697	6,489	8,210	72,068
East of England	7,175	20,743	6,563	5,948	8,134	7,182	27,827	3,276	2,792	2,063	63,876
East Midlands	4,791	20,881	5,466	3,993	5,129	6,180	20,768	5,539	4,375	5,483	61,837
Yorks & Humber	2,467	11,598	3,345	4,733	5,590	5,873	19,541	7,112	6,067	6,068	52,853
West Midlands	4,027	16,055	5,346	4,338	5,771	5,980	21,435	4,820	2,778	3,545	52,660
South West	4,200	14,822	4,377	3,854	3,951	6,436	18,618	3,408	2,137	3,963	47,148
Wales	1,605	6,691	1,936	1,342	1,544	2,005	6,827	2,145	1,752	2,117	21,137
North East	569	2,782	1,091	1,302	1,518	1,217	5,128	1,206	1,009	1,299	11,993
Fast-track <sup>19</sup>	991	3,200	937	989	1,382	1,842	5,150	1,714	1,997	2,407	15,459
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65,090</b>	<b>224,172</b>	<b>62,681</b>	<b>57,908</b>	<b>72,495</b>	<b>77,530</b>	<b>270,614</b>	<b>72,409</b>	<b>58,707</b>	<b>69,032</b>	<b>760,024</b>

Reporting periods are as follows.

- 2004 = 1 May - 31 December 2004.
- 2005 = 1 January 2005 - 31 December 2005.
- Q1 2006 = 1 January - 31 March 2006, Q2 2006 = 1 April - 30 June 2006, Q3 2006 = 1 July - 30 September 2006, Q4 2006 = 1 October - 31 December 2006.
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Source: Management Information from Jobcentre Plus, which is collated from their clerical processes.

<sup>19</sup> Fast-track applications relate to highly skilled / specialist employment only. Specific regions are unknown.

# BENEFITS AND TAX CREDITS

## 15. Applications for tax-funded, income-related benefits

- Table 14 shows applications for income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support and State Pension Credit.
- Between May 2004 and September 2007, there were 6,751 applications for Income Support, 12,212 for income-based Jobseeker's Allowance and 308 for State Pension Credit.
- 4,202 applications (including 341 allowed on reconsideration or appeal) were allowed to proceed for further consideration of whether the claimants meet the other conditions of entitlement.
- In all, so far 21.8% of applications have been allowed and the majority (78.2%) were disallowed on the basis of the Habitual Residence Tests.
- Most applications were from Polish (48.8%), Lithuanian (13.9%) and Czech (12.8%) nationals.

**Table 14 – Applications for tax-funded, income-related benefits, May 2004 – September 2007**

	2004 total	2005 total	2006				2006 total	2007			Total
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	
<b>Applications for Income Support</b>											
Disallowed <sup>20</sup>	204	745	280	355	391	598	1,624	1,020	1,174	795	5,562
Allowed to proceed for further processing <sup>21</sup>	5	38	62	88	160	180	490	211	260	185	1,189
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>6,751</b>
<b>Applications for income based Jobseekers Allowance</b>											
Disallowed <sup>20</sup>	537	1,546	603	833	776	773	2,985	1,574	1,675	964	9,281
Allowed to proceed for further process <sup>21</sup>	18	131	158	257	295	362	1,072	637	676	397	2,931
<b>Total</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>4,057</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>12,212</b>
<b>Applications for State Pension Credit</b>											
Disallowed <sup>20</sup>	4	40	8	20	21	28	77	26	37	42	226
Allowed to proceed for further processing <sup>21</sup>	0	2	4	5	21	9	39	5	16	20	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Total disallowed<sup>20</sup></b>	<b>745</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>4,686</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>1,801</b>	<b>15,069</b>
<b>Total allowed to proceed for further processing<sup>21</sup></b>	<b>23</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>4,202</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>6,287</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>19,271</b>

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Source: Management Information from Jobcentre Plus and the Pension Service, which is collated from their clerical processes.

<sup>20</sup> On failing the Habitual Residence tests.

<sup>21</sup> On passing the Habitual Residence Test.

## 16. Nationality of applicants for tax-funded, income-related benefits

Table 15 – Applications for tax-funded, income-related benefits by nationality, May 2004 – September 2007

Period	Czech Rep	Estonia	Hungary	Latvia	Lithuania	Poland	Slovakia	Slovenia	Total
<b>2004 Total</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>768</b>
<b>2005 Total</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,502</b>
<b>2006 Q1</b>	171	13	28	93	160	513	130	7	1,115
Q2	201	22	40	132	209	739	206	9	1,558
Q3	225	30	59	102	222	822	196	8	1,664
Q4	234	27	60	174	298	920	232	5	1,950
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>2,994</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6,287</b>
<b>2007 Q1</b>	361	33	107	291	465	1,774	435	7	3,473
Q2	375	59	143	260	547	2,055	390	9	3,838
Q3	225	22	75	189	350	1,311	225	6	2,403
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>9,413</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>19,271</b>

## 17. Applications for tax-funded, income-related benefits by region

Table 16 – Applications for tax-funded, income-related benefits by region, May 2004 - September 2007

Region	2004 Total	2005 Total	2006				2006 Total	2007			Total
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	
London	234	791	314	394	483	640	1,831	912	1,355	790	5,913
North West	125	319	141	172	176	184	673	397	386	221	2,121
Yorks & Humber	69	280	121	252	212	246	831	403	331	198	2,112
South East	85	206	79	138	134	186	537	317	364	289	1,798
East of England	44	213	101	156	157	147	561	314	303	174	1,609
East Midlands	32	156	91	117	124	126	458	300	276	252	1,474
West Midlands	47	174	73	104	140	131	448	274	251	153	1,347
Scotland	38	141	84	81	105	119	389	190	216	122	1,096
South West	22	78	44	42	50	58	194	133	145	93	665
North East	49	72	34	52	42	79	207	118	102	58	606
Wales	23	72	33	50	41	34	158	115	109	53	530
<b>Total</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>6,287</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>19,271</b>

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Source: Management Information from Jobcentre Plus and the Pension Service, which is collated from their clerical processes.

## 18. Applications for Child Benefit

- During the period May 2004 to September 2007, 66% of applications were approved and 19% were rejected.
- There are cases where an application may be processed in a different month to that in which it was received and therefore the number of applications received will not total the number of approved and rejected applications. This is because once a Child Benefit application is made by an A8 national, the Child Benefit Office makes further enquiries about the applicant's date of arrival in the UK and employment status, in order to ascertain whether or not the applicant passes the right to reside test.
- The total number of children involved in applications approved in Quarter 3 2007 was 14,751.

**Table 17 – Applications for Child Benefit, May 2004 – September 2007**

Period		Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Rejected <sup>22</sup>	Applications Terminated
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,490</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>2006</b>	Q1	10,353	7,710	1,932	182
	Q2	7,063	7,121	1,896	125
	Q3	11,686	8,168	1,930	159
	Q4	12,081	9,804	2,590	113
<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>41,183</b>	<b>32,803</b>	<b>8,348</b>	<b>579</b>
<b>2007</b>	Q1	17,813	12,405	3,308	167
	Q2	14,547	11,270	3,307	144
	Q3	18,063	9,923	3,285	142
<b>Total</b>		<b>119,185</b>	<b>78,850</b>	<b>22,317</b>	<b>1,252</b>

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The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

Source: Management Information from HMRC Child Benefit Offices, which is collated from their clerical processes.

<sup>22</sup> Includes withdrawn claims.

## 19. Applications for Tax Credits

- Between May 2004 and September 2007, 66% of applications for tax credits were approved and 10% were rejected.
- 24% of applications for tax credits are not yet decided as supplementary enquiries need to be made to establish a claimant's right to reside, which will mean that a claim may be decided in a different month to that in which it is received.

**Table 18 – Applications for Tax Credits, May 2004 – September 2007**

Period		Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Rejected
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,090</b>	<b>4,544</b>	<b>619</b>
<b>2006</b>	Q1	8,068	6,127	593
	Q2	5,016	3,086	334
	Q3	8,975	3,503	603
	Q4	7,373	5,173	732
<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>29,432</b>	<b>17,889</b>	<b>2,262</b>
<b>2007</b>	Q1	9,476	8,064	1,351
	Q2	11,390	7,829	1,251
	Q3	9,377	6,069	1,123
<b>Total</b>		<b>67,705</b>	<b>44,647</b>	<b>6,791</b>

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The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

*Source: Management Information from HMRC Tax Credit Offices, which is collated from their clerical processes.*

# HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT

## **20. Local Authority lettings**

Data on local authority lettings to A8 nationals were previously taken from a section added to the P1E form (which is submitted quarterly by local authorities and provides robust data on their actions under homelessness legislation). The section on the allocation of local authority dwellings to foreign nationals was added in April 2005, as an interim measure because this information was not available from other data sources at the time. Prior to this, information on A8 nationals was provided manually by local authorities.

A new data source, the Continuous Recording of Social Lettings (CORE), which is a record of all lettings by housing associations and an increasing number of local authorities, will be used to provide this information in the future. It is more suitable for collecting data on lettings and a question on nationality was added to the CORE form in 2006/07. Data will be available from November 2007.

## 21. Homelessness assistance<sup>23</sup>

- The May 2004 to June 2007<sup>24</sup> total of 2,518 decisions on A8 applications for homelessness assistance represents 0.4% of the total number of homelessness decisions over the 38-month period.

**Table 19 – Decisions on applications for assistance<sup>25, 26</sup>, England, May 2004 – June 2007**

Period		Main duty owed to Applicant	Applicant not owed a main duty	Total
2004	Total	178	277	455
2005	Total	208	385	593
2006	Q1	67	162	229
	Q2	71	153	224
	Q3	91	189	280
	Q4	90	121	211
2006	Total	319	625	944
2007	Q1	98	182	280
	Q2	90	156	246
<b>Total</b>		<b>893</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>2,518</b>

The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

This table includes all identified claims from A8 nationals, and is not restricted to those required to register with the WRS.

Source: Management Information provided to Communities by Local Housing Authorities, with some imputation for missing data.

<sup>23</sup> Estimates ARE made for non-response by Local Authorities on homelessness assistance.

<sup>24</sup> Data currently collected on Communities and Local Government's P1E form, and only available up to June 2007.

<sup>25</sup> Under the homelessness provisions of the 1985 and 1996 Housing Acts.

<sup>26</sup> 'Main duty owed' means that the local authority is required to secure accommodation for the applicant and his/her household.

- The May 2004 to June 2007<sup>27</sup> total of 893 A8 acceptances represents 0.3% of the total number of acceptances of homelessness applications over the 38-month period.

**Table 20 – Homeless households owed a main duty<sup>28</sup> by reason for eligibility, England, May 2004 – June 2007**

Period		Currently legally employed	Self-employed/ provider of services	Recipient of services <sup>29</sup>	Other	Total
2004	Total	123	6	2	47	178
2005	Total	152	5	2	49	208
2006	Q1	48	0	0	19	67
	Q2	52	1	“	18	71
	Q3	76	2	“	13	91
	Q4	73	1	“	16	90
2006	Total	249	4	0	66	319
2007	Q1	83	7	“	8	98
	Q2	79	1	“	10	90
<b>Total</b>		<b>686</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>893</b>

The total shown for 2004 is for the part year May to December.

This table includes all identified claims from A8 nationals, and is not restricted to those required to register with the WRS.

Source: Management Information provided to Communities by Local Housing Authorities, with some imputation for missing data.

<sup>27</sup> Data currently collected on Communities and Local Government's P1E form, and only available up to June 2007.

<sup>28</sup> 'Main duty owed' means that the local authority is required to secure accommodation for the applicant and his/her household.

<sup>29</sup> No longer valid after Q2 2006.



# ANNEX A

## ALL OCCUPATIONS IN WHICH REGISTERED WORKERS ARE EMPLOYED, TOTAL JULY 2004 - SEPTEMBER 2007 (MAY AND JUNE 2004 UNAVAILABLE)

Occupation (In alphabetical order)	Total July 2004 to September 2007
Accountant, certified	35
Accountant, chartered	10
Accountant, financial	200
Accountant, trainee	220
Actor	5
Actuary	10
Administrator, utilities	40
Administrator / receptionist, medical	315
Administrator, government & related	65
Administrator, communications / marketing / advertising	610
Administrator, finance	1,140
Administrator, financial services	330
Administrator, general	5,790
Administrator, hospital	70
Administrator, Human Resources	560
Administrator, IT	510
Administrator, office	2,370
Administrator, records	430
Administrator, sports and leisure	150
Administrator, university	95
Agricultural machinery operator	1,455
Air steward / stewardess	305
Airport staff	545
Alternative/complementary medicine specialist	25
Anaesthetist	140
Animal husbandry	765
Architect	400
Architectural technician	475
Artist / sculptor	95
Arts officer, producers or director	60
Auditor	60
Author, writer	10
Baker	3,170
Bank manager	15
Banker, business	45
Banker, international	25

Banker, investment	50
Banker, merchant	10
Banker, personal	25
Bar staff	9,155
Barrister	40
Beautician	240
Bricklayer / mason	1,690
Butcher / meat cutter	2,615
Call centre agent / operator	825
Camera person / photographer	65
Care assistants and home carers	19,025
Caretaker, school	120
Carpenter / joiner	5,165
Caseworker (legal)	10
Cashier (bank, building society)	170
Cashier / check-out operator	1,895
Caterer, higher education	20
Caterer, school	60
Chef, head	650
Chef, other	7,640
Chef, second	360
Chemical engineer	205
Childminders and related occupations	1,195
Chiropodist	†
Circus performer	15
Circus rigger	85
Civil engineer	625
Cleaner, domestic staff	36,645
Cold store operative	85
Conductor, railway	15
Conductor, bus	35
Construction materials delivery	185
Constructor, road	270
Constructor, roofing	275
Constructor, steel	1,055
Consultant, hospital	215
Crop harvester	12,335
Dancer or choreographer	15
Deliveryman	465
Dental hygienist	60
Dental nurse	350
Dental practitioner	370
Detention / custody guard / officer	10

Dietician	†
Director / senior executive	220
Dock worker	65
Doctor (hospital)	700
Driver, bus	3,030
Driver, coach	185
Driver, crane	95
Driver, delivery van	4,500
Driver, fork-lift	1,015
Driver, HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicle)	5,735
Driver, PCV (Passenger Carrying Vehicle)	1,265
Driver, taxi	85
Driver, train	5
Driver, underground	†
Electrician	770
Engineer, electrical	280
Engineer, gas	25
Engineer, hardware (computer)	315
Engineer, oil and natural gas	100
Engineer, other transport-related	520
Engineer, railway	70
Engineer, software	620
Engineer, water	30
Entertainer	435
Farm worker / farm hand	29,770
Financial adviser	150
Financial consultant	215
Fisherman	60
Fishmonger / filleter / gutter	1,265
Fitness coach	105
Floorer and wall tiler	240
Flower picker	1,270
Food processing operative (fruit / vegetable)	9,145
Food processing operative (meat)	8,210
Foreign language teacher (private)	35
Forestry workers	170
Fruit picker (farming)	6,130
Gardener / landscape gardener	2,135
General Practitioner	115
Groundsman	635
Hairdresser or related occupation	455
Handyman, general (building and contracting)	2,330

Hotel porter	3,895
Interpreter	30
IT strategy and planning professionals	210
Kitchen and catering assistants	39,770
Laboratory assistant	405
Labourer, building	19,495
Launderer, dry cleaner, presser	3,580
Lawyer / solicitor	60
Legal clerk	55
Legal secretary	30
Leisure and theme park attendants	2,675
Leisure and travel service occupations	780
Lifeguard	105
Maid / Room attendant (hotel)	23,465
Maintenance (electrical)	245
Maintenance (gas)	20
Maintenance (water/sewage)	30
Management accountant	60
Manager, bar	185
Manager, care home	30
Manager, catering	460
Manager, customer care	295
Manager, entertainment /arts /leisure	115
Manager, farm	55
Manager, financial	235
Manager, health and social services	90
Manager, hotel	220
Manager, Human Resources / Training	180
Manager, IT	115
Manager, office	580
Manager, other hospitality	420
Manager, quality	170
Manager, restaurant	290
Manager, retail	515
Manager, safety and hygiene	70
Manager, utilities	25
Market and street traders and assistants	65
Mechanic	2,865
Mechanical engineer	960
Merchandisers and window dressers	135
Midwife	5
Musicians	65

Nurse	350
Nursery nurse	485
Nursing auxiliaries and assistants	470
Optician	55
Packer	40,450
Painter and decorator	1,680
Personal assistant	790
Pharmacist / pharmacologist	545
Physiologist	10
Physiotherapist	55
Pilot (aircraft)	5
Plasterer	405
Playgroup leader / assistant	245
Plumber, heating and ventilating engineer	490
Policeman/woman	†
Power station staff	20
Prison officer	5
Process operative (electronic equipment)	3,260
Process operative (other factory worker)	180,735
Process operative (textiles)	2,825
Process operative (vehicle manufacturing)	1,130
Production manager	200
Programmer, computer	435
Property sales and lettings	125
Psychiatrist	45
Psychologist	15
Purchaser (retail trade)	210
Receptionist, office	1,170
Receptionist, hotel	1,925
Refuse and salvage occupation	1,040
Researcher, medical	315
Researcher, higher education	430
Residential warden, house parent	200
Retailer	465
Road sweeper	520
Roofer, roof tiler or slater	160
Sales or retail assistant	18,840
School secretary	30
Secretary	415
Secure delivery worker	50
Security guard	2,025

Senior manager	60
Sewage worker	20
Shelf stacker	415
Ship hand	75
Ship's captain	5
Site manager (construction)	190
Site manager (extraction industry)	10
Site supervisor (construction)	235
Site supervisor (extraction industry)	25
Skilled machine operator (construction)	1,345
Skilled machinery operator (extraction)	500
Skilled vehicle operator (construction)	120
Slaughterer, meat	365
Social worker	345
Software analyst	215
Sports and leisure assistant	775
Sports coach	25
Sports manager	5
Sportsperson (professional)	70
Steward / stewardess (ferry/shipping)	75
Supervisor (gas/water/electric)	15
Supervisor, door / bouncer	55
Supervisor, production	515
Supervisor, retail	365
Supplier, construction materials	60
Surgeon	70
Surveyor	180
Systems analyst	230
Teacher, higher education	230
Teacher, primary and nursery education	155
Teacher, secondary education	125
Teacher, special needs education	80
Teacher's assistant	805
Technician, medical	260
Telecommunications administrator	105
Telecommunications engineer	185
Telecommunications manager	15
Telecommunications supervisor	10
Telephone salesperson	140
Telesales Supervisor	25
Ticketeer or station attendant	150
Translator	105
Tutor (private)	45

Typist	80
Veterinarian	155
Waiter, waitress	24,695
Ward Sister	15
Warden (care home)	55
Warehouse manager	290
Warehouse operative	52,650
Warehouse supervisor	455
Water works staff	25
Welder	4,630
Wholesaler	30
Window cleaner	135
Worker, gas	10
Worker, oil	25
Not stated	10,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>675,900</b>