

# Voluntary and natural migrations

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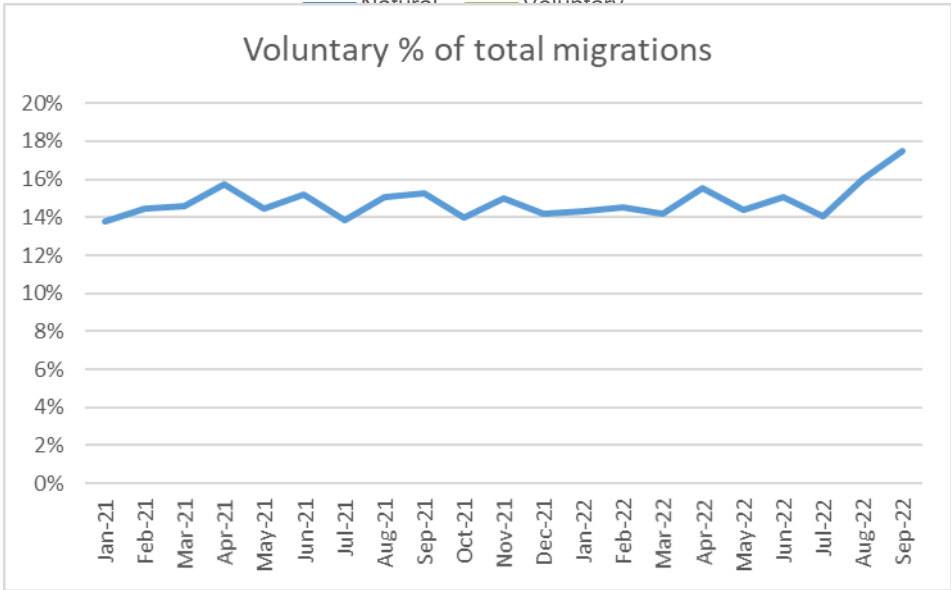
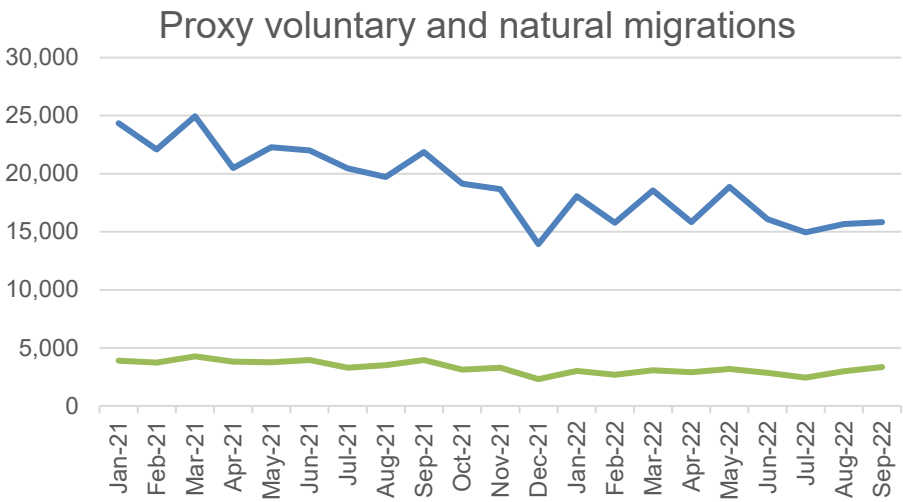
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# Estimates of voluntary moves to UC

- The table below sets out estimates of natural and voluntary migrations.
- Overall, estimated voluntary migrations have been relatively stable as a % of total migrations, with a slight increase from August-22.
- However, a precise measurement of the number of claimants moving to UC as a direct result of exposure to the communications campaign (e.g. attributable) cannot be made. We have no absolute method of measuring claimant motivation to claim.
- Note total migrations here do not include managed migrations.

Migration volume monthly estimates	Total migrations	Natural (proxy)	Voluntary total (proxy)	Voluntary % of total
Oct-21	22,300	19,200	3,100	14%
Nov-21	22,000	18,700	3,300	15%
Dec-21	16,200	13,900	2,300	14%
Jan-22	21,100	18,100	3,000	14%
Feb-22	18,400	15,800	2,700	15%
Mar-22	21,600	18,600	3,100	14%
Apr-22	18,700	15,800	2,900	16%
May-22	22,000	18,900	3,200	14%
Jun-22	18,900	16,100	2,800	15%
Jul-22	17,400	14,900	2,400	14%
Aug-22	18,700	15,700	3,000	16%
Sep-22	19,200	15,800	3,400	17%



*There is no reliable indicator on the UC data to split voluntary and natural migrations. These figures present a proxy measure to estimate who are the voluntary and who are the natural migrants, but it is very likely that we are classifying some voluntary migrations as natural and vice versa.*

## Summary

- This paper has been brought to this meeting:  
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