

1.4 Migrant Population

Outline

The focus of this section is on the economic migrant population in the county. The UK and Northamptonshire have experienced high levels of inward migration from Eastern Europe and other countries over the past few years. Although there is lots of evidence of this taking place, there are few reliable statistics on the numbers and characteristics of this population. Population movements are difficult to keep track of because they are often of a short-term nature.

Data Description

The data in this section is from the study 'Economic Migration in Northamptonshire': results and analysis of consultations', 2009, report produced by Northamptonshire Observatory. The study used a number of methodologies to collate information; the findings of this report are from the following –

- four focus groups with migrants in Northampton, Corby, Wellingborough and Kettering,
- an online survey on the Polack website managed by the Council for Ethnic Minority Communities,
- an online survey of businesses.

In addition the Observatory Manager contacted a range of service providers including the Police, County and Borough Councils, Race Equality Council and Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Key Issues

- The latest Annual Population Survey June 2008 report there were 31,000 people in the county with a white ethnicity who lived in, but were not born in, the UK; this is around 7,000 less than the peak in June 2007; this represents 4.6% of the total population (5.7% in June 2007).
- Trend data show that this population is reducing in the south of the county and increasing in the north, particularly a shift from South Northants and Northampton to Corby and Wellingborough.
- The transient nature of the economic migration creates difficulties in collate accurate data.

Consequences

Economic migration is very difficult to track and predict the need for services. Services need to be flexible to meet changing demands and have the capacity to support or provide targeted services to different populations. There is a need for services such as welfare, advice, housing and translation services. Services need to be flexible and able to cope with changing trends in migration

Key Documents

The Northamptonshire Observatory. 2009. *Economic Migration in Northamptonshire: results and analysis of consultations* (Online). Available from:

<http://www.northamptonshireobservatory.org.uk/publications/document.asp?theme=&documentid=1382>

Office for National Statistics. 2008. *Annual Population Survey* (Online). Available from:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/about-statistics/user-guidance/lm-guide/sources/household/aps/index.html>

Locality	Jan 2007-Dec 2007	
	Number	%
Corby	6,600	12.0
Daventry	1,400	1.7
East Northamptonshire	3,100	3.8
Kettering	3,000	3.4
Northampton	13,300	6.7
South Northamptonshire	1,500	1.7
Wellingborough	6,800	9.0
Northamptonshire	35,600	5.3

Table 1.4.1 Percentage of population who are white not UK born, ONS - Annual Population Survey

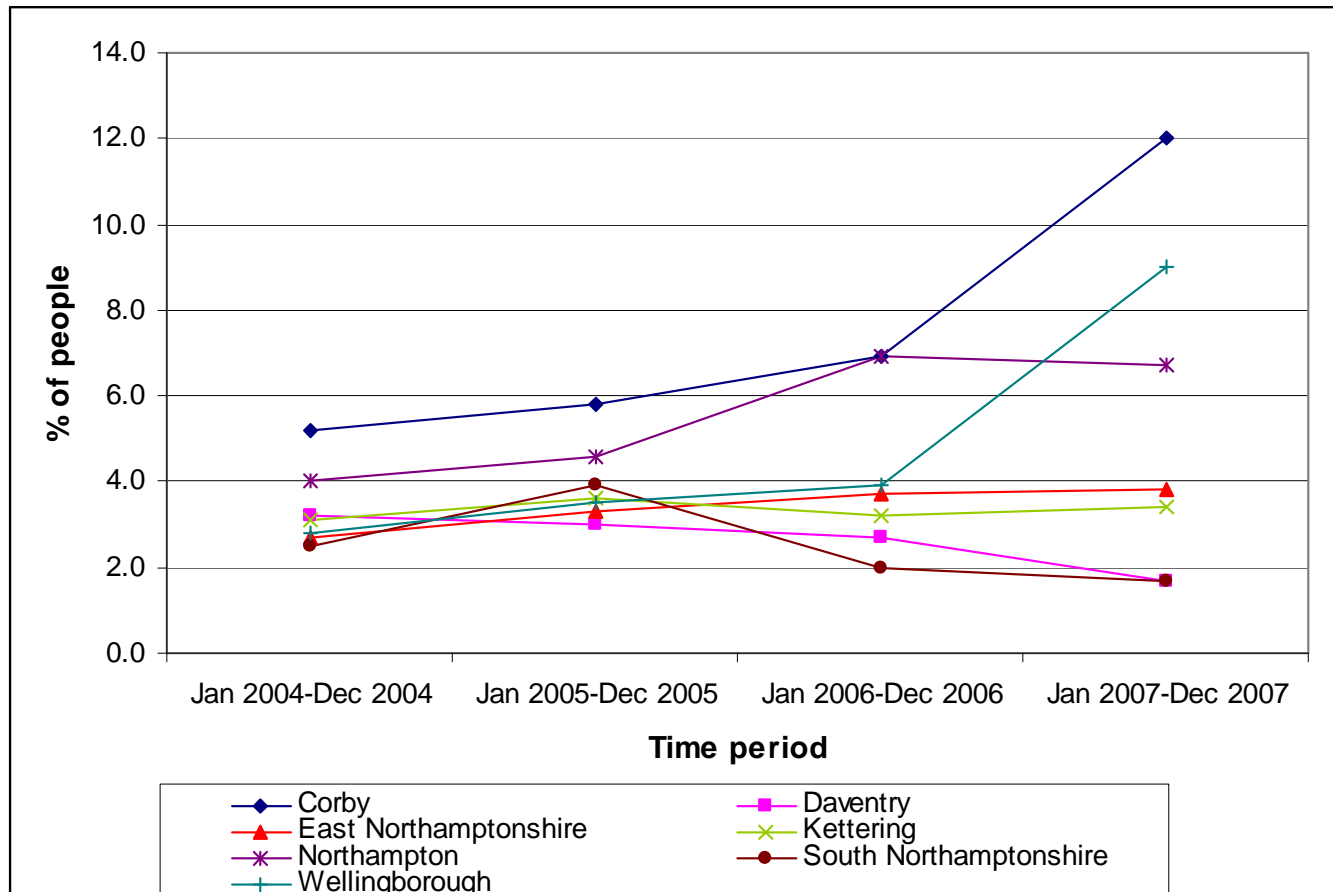


Figure 1.4.1 Trend in the percentage of population who are white not UK born, from 2004 to 2007, by Northamptonshire districts, ONS

Date	Northamptonshire		Corby		Daventry		East Northamptonshire		Kettering		Northampton		South Northamptonshire		Wellingborough	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Jan 2004-Dec 2004	21,600	3.4	2,700	5.2	2,300	3.2	2,100	2.7	2,600	3.1	7,800	4.0	2,100	2.5	2,000	2.8
Apr 2004-Mar 2005	22,600	3.6	2,800	5.3	2,600	3.5	2,200	2.8	2,600	3.2	7,800	4.0	2,200	2.7	2,400	3.2
Oct 2004-Sep 2005	24,100	3.8	3,300	6.3	2,200	3.0	2,400	3.1	2,500	3.1	7,900	4.1	2,800	3.4	2,900	3.9
Jan 2005-Dec 2005	25,500	4.0	3,100	5.8	2,200	3.0	2,600	3.3	3,000	3.6	8,900	4.6	3,200	3.9	2,600	3.5
Apr 2005-Mar 2006	31,400	4.8	2,900	5.3	1,600	2.1	3,600	4.4	4,500	5.2	12,200	6.2	2,800	3.2	3,900	5.3
Jul 2005-Jun 2006	28,700	4.4	3,200	5.8	2,300	3.0	3,200	3.9	3,900	4.6	11,700	6.0	1,600	1.8	2,900	3.9
Oct 2005-Sep 2006	29,300	4.5	3,000	5.6	2,200	2.9	3,200	4.0	4,300	5.0	12,100	6.2	1,700	2.0	2,600	3.5
Jan 2006-Dec 2006	30,000	4.5	3,800	6.9	2,100	2.7	3,000	3.7	2,800	3.2	13,700	6.9	1,700	2.0	2,900	3.9
Apr 2006-Mar 2007	30,800	4.7	4,200	7.8	1,500	1.9	3,000	3.6	2,300	2.6	14,400	7.3	2,200	2.4	3,300	4.4
Jul 2006-Jun 2007	38,100	5.7	3,900	7.1	1,600	2.0	3,500	4.2	4,300	5.0	16,800	8.5	2,400	2.7	5,700	7.6
Oct 2006-Sep 2007	37,200	5.6	4,300	7.9	1,600	2.0	3,300	4.0	3,200	3.6	16,700	8.4	2,300	2.6	5,700	7.6
Jan 2007-Dec 2007	35,600	5.3	6,600	12.0	1,400	1.7	3,100	3.8	3,000	3.4	13,300	6.7	1,500	1.7	6,800	9.0
Apr 2007-Mar 2008	34,100	5.1	6,900	12.5	1,800	2.2	3,700	4.4	2,800	3.1	9,400	4.7	900	1.0	8,700	11.6
Jul 2007-Jun 2008	31,100	4.6	6,200	11.3	1,300	1.7	3,900	4.6	NA	NA	9,500	4.7	1,300	1.4	8,600	11.4

Table 1.4.2 Number and percentage of population who are white not UK born, from 2004 to 2007, ONS

Locality	Jan 2007-Dec 2007	
	Number	%
Corby	1,900	3.4
Daventry	1,600	2.0
East Northamptonshire	1,200	1.4
Kettering	2,100	2.4
Northampton	12,300	6.2
South Northamptonshire	!	!
Wellingborough	3,900	5.2
Northamptonshire	22,800	3.4

(! Estimate and confidence interval not available since the group sample size is too small).

Table 1.4.3 Percentage of population who are in a Black or minority ethnic group and not UK born, ONS

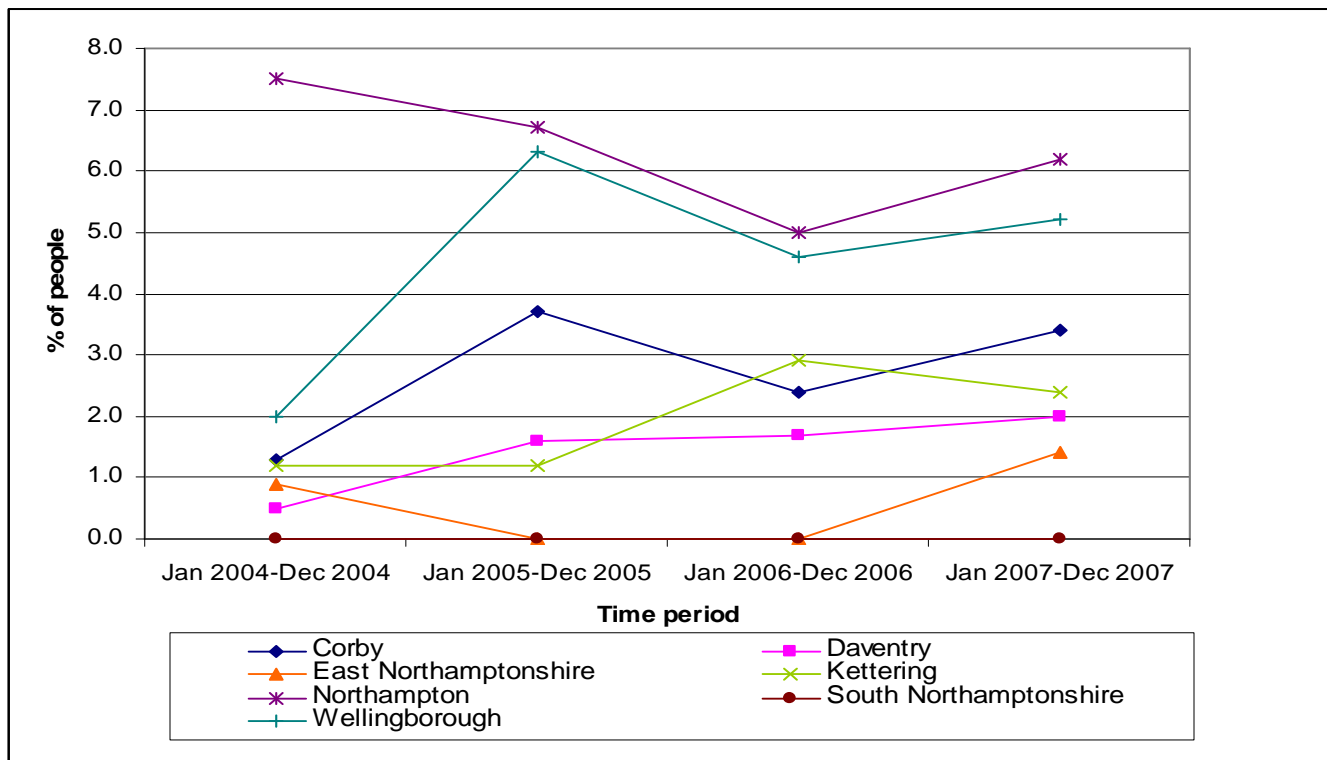


Figure 1.4.2 Trend in the percentage of population who are in a Black or minority ethnic group and not UK born, from 2004 to 2007 by Northamptonshire districts, ONS

Time Period	Northamptonshire		Corby		Daventry		East Northamptonshire		Kettering		Northampton		South Northamptonshire		Wellingborough	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Jan 2004-Dec 2004	18,900	2.9	700	1.3	~	0.5	700	0.9	1,000	1.2	14,500	7.5	-	-	1,500	2.0
Apr 2004-Mar 2005	17,000	2.6	600	1.1	600	0.8	500	0.7	1,200	1.4	12,100	6.3	-	-	1,900	2.6
Oct 2004-Sep 2005	20,000	3.1	600	1.1	700	0.9	~	0.6	900	1.1	14,100	7.3	~	0.6	2,700	3.7
Jan 2005-Dec 2005	22,000	3.4	2,000	3.7	1,200	1.6	0	0.0	1,000	1.2	13,100	6.7	0	0.0	4,600	6.3
Apr 2005-Mar 2006	23,500	3.6	2,300	4.2	1,700	2.3	-	-	1,700	1.9	14,700	7.5	-	-	3,100	4.2
Jul 2005-Jun 2006	23,300	3.6	2,000	3.7	1,500	1.9	-	-	2,000	2.3	14,700	7.5	-	-	2,900	3.9
Oct 2005-Sep 2006	20,600	3.1	2,400	4.5	1,300	1.8	-	-	1,700	2.0	12,000	6.1	-	-	2,700	3.7
Jan 2006-Dec 2006	18,700	2.8	1,300	2.4	1,300	1.7	-	-	2,500	2.9	9,900	5.0	-	-	3,400	4.6
Apr 2006-Mar 2007	19,000	2.9	2,400	4.5	900	1.2	-	-	2,400	2.8	9,700	4.9	-	-	3,200	4.3
Jul 2006-Jun 2007	20,400	3.1	1,900	3.5	900	1.2	1,400	1.7	2,500	2.8	10,700	5.4	-	-	3,100	4.1
Oct 2006-Sep 2007	20,300	3.0	1,800	3.3	1,500	1.9	1,300	1.6	1,900	2.1	10,800	5.4	-	-	3,100	4.1
Jan 2007-Dec 2007	22,800	3.4	1,900	3.4	1,600	2.0	1,200	1.4	2,100	2.4	12,300	6.2	-	-	3,900	5.2
Apr 2007-Mar 2008	22,000	3.3	-	-	1,400	1.8	1,100	1.3	2,100	2.4	13,300	6.7	-	-	3,400	4.5
Jul 2007-Jun 2008	22,600	3.4	-	-	1,500	1.9	-	-	2,500	2.8	14,200	7.1	-	-	2,700	3.5

Table 1.4.4 Percentage of population who are in a Black or minority ethnic group and not UK born, from 2004 to 2007 by Northamptonshire districts, ONS