

1.4.1 Migration from new EU countries 2004-07

Outline

There has been a recent wave of migration into the country from the eight countries that joined the European Union from 2004 to 2007.

Data Description

The data in this section is from a report produced by the Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR) published on 30th April 2008¹. This report estimates the current level of workers from the A8 accession countries (Poland, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia) in each district in England. Their estimates are based on a variety of sources including the Office of National Statistics Labour Force Survey, The International Passenger Survey, Census 2001 and Home Office accession monitoring statistics. The data in this section summarises the results of the Institute of Public Policy Research report for Northamptonshire.

As with a lot of work in this area there are a lot of assumptions involved and there may be quite some difference between estimated and actual figures.

Key Issues

- It is estimated that Northampton local authority has seen by far the highest level of registrations of workers from the A8 accession countries compared to the rest of the county.
- The age profile of the migrant population is changing with increased conception and birth rates.
- The small numbers and transient nature of the migrant population creates difficulty in data collation and therefore the reliability of the data.

Consequences

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. There is a need for further research to support better targeting of services to different populations.

Key Documents

Pollard N, Latorre M, Sriskandarajah D. 2008. *Flood gates or turnstiles? Post-EU enlargement migration flows to (and from) the UK*. (Online). (Accessed 30/04/08). Available from: <http://www.ippr.org.uk/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=603>

Local authority	Total migrant workers approved through Worker Registration Scheme May 2004-December 2007	Current estimate per 1,000 population	2007 Mid year population estimate	Estimated number based on 2007 population
Corby	2330	28	55200	1546
Daventry	930	8	79100	633
East Northamptonshire	555	4	85400	342
Kettering	750	6	89500	537
Northampton	14250	47	202800	9532
South Northamptonshire	465	3	90300	271
Wellingborough	1805	16	75900	1214
Northamptonshire	-	21	678300	14244

Table 1.4.1.1 Estimated numbers of Migrants from the new EU countries, IPPR