

Net international migration grows to + 3,900 people in mid-2018

The number of people coming to live in Northern Ireland from outside the UK increased by 1,800 (15.8 per cent) to 13,100 between mid-2017 and mid-2018. The number of people leaving Northern Ireland to live outside the UK decreased by 1,500 people (14.4 per cent) to 9,200.

The rise in international inflows and decrease in international outflows has led to net international migration of +3,900 people.

International migration was most prominent in the under 35 age groups

In mid-2018, international inflows exceeded outflows for all age groups under 60. There were significant net gains in the under 35 age groups which accounted for 3,400 people, almost all of the total net international migration (3,900 people).

Net international migration among the 60 and over age groups accounted for a modest loss of 200 people over the year.

Two LGDs experienced net outflows of international migrants in mid-2018

Derry City & Strabane and Causeway Coast & Glens Local Government District (LGD) both experienced net outflows of 100 international migrants in mid-2018.

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon (1,100 people) and Belfast LGD (900 people) had the highest levels of net international inward migration in mid-2018.

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In 2018 there were 13,000 international inflows to Northern Ireland

In the calendar year to December 2018 the Medical Card Register shows 13,000 international inflows to Northern Ireland - a 35.4 per cent increase from 2017.

The Republic of Ireland (1,500 inflows) remained the top country of previous residence for international inflows in 2018. This was closely followed by Romania in second (1,500 inflows) and Poland in third (1,100 inflows).





1. Work 45.4 per cent



2. Family 30.5 per cent



3. Education 12.4 per cent

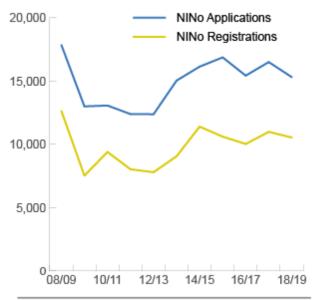
Work, Family & Education were the top 3 reasons given for coming to NI

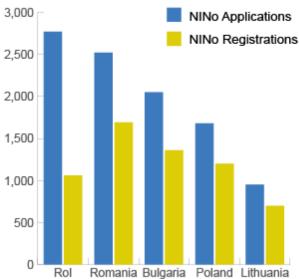
The main reason given for coming to NI from outside the UK in 2018 was Work (45.4 per cent), followed by Family (30.5 per cent), and Education (12.4 per cent).

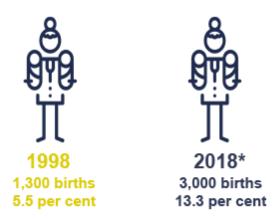
Reasons for coming to NI varied by country of last residence. The main reason for coming to live in NI for inflows from the Republic of Ireland was family (40.2 per cent). For Romania, Poland and Bulgaria the main reason was work (63.3, 72.5 and 65.3 per cent, respectively).











*birth figures for 2018 are provisional

The number of NINo* Applications and Registrations decreased over the 2018/19 financial year

In the year to March 2019 the number of NINo **applications** to non UK nationals decreased from 16,500 to 15,300 (7.2 per cent). In the same period the number of NINo **registrations** to non UK nationals also decreased from 11,000 to 10,500 (4.1 per cent).

*National insurance number

NINo Applications and Registrations were most prevalent from Republic of Ireland and Romanian nationals, respectively

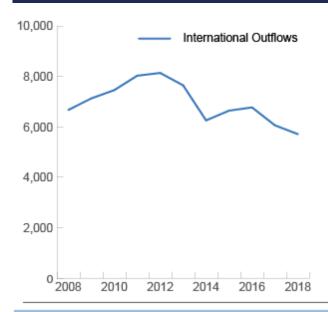
Applications from Republic of Ireland (RoI) nationals were most prevalent in 2018/19 (2,800), however this was a 17.1 per cent (600) decrease from 2017/18. Romania was the most prevalent country of previous residence for **registrations** in 2018/19 (1,700), however this was also a decrease of 9.3 percent (200) from 2017/18

Births to non UK mothers have increased over the past two decades

Over the past two decades the number of births in Northern Ireland to mothers born outside the UK has increased. In 1998 the number of births was 1,300 which was 5.5 per cent of all births for the year. By 2018 the number of births had grown to 3,000 which was 13.3 per cent of all births for the year.







International outflows decrease for the second year in a row

In the calendar year to December 2018 the Medical Card Register showed the number of people leaving Northern Ireland to live outside the UK decreased by 400 (5.8 per cent) to 5,700 in 2018.

The largest proportion of international outflows were from Belfast LGD in 2018

Outflows from Belfast LGD totalled 2,500 which was 42.9 per cent of total outflows for the year (5,700). Across the remaining LGDs the number of outflows ranged from 200 in Ards & North Down LGD to 500 in Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD.





