

Migration indicators in Kent 2016

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NOTE: within this bulletin 'Kent' refers to the Kent County Council (KCC) area which excludes Medway

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This bulletin presents the migration indicators for Kent between Mid-year 2015 to Mid-year 2016 as published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in June and August 2017.

Net migration is the difference between the number of people who move into an area minus the number of people who move out of that area. A positive Net migration figure means that more people are moving in than are moving out.

- Between Mid-2015/16 Net migration to Kent was 14,400 which accounts for 83.6% of the total population growth.
- Net migration to Kent in 2015/16 accounts for 0.9% of the total population of +1.5million.
- Just under half (48.0%) of migrants to Kent are aged 25 to 44.

Internal migrants are people who have moved from a different area within the UK for example from Surrey to Kent.

- Net Internal migration to Kent was +8,000 people which accounts for the majority (46.4%) of the total population growth during Mid-2015/16.
- Kent attracts people from all over the UK but mainly from London and elsewhere in the South East.
- The 25 to 44 age group make up the majority (67.6%) of internal migrants to Kent.

International migrants are people who have moved to Kent from outside the UK.

- Net International migration to Kent during Mid-2015/16 was +6,300 people which accounts for 36.7% of the total population growth.
- This figure is lower than the previous high point in Mid-2014/15 with +6,500 net international migrants.
- Just under half (48.8%) of international migrants to Kent are aged under 24.

Introduction

Migration is the key component of population change for Kent and therefore plays an important role in the county's population and economic profile. It is vital that the County Council has a good understanding of the level of migration to Kent and the characteristics of the migrants settling in the area to ensure the planning and provision of appropriate services. Key policy themes for migration include employment and skills, health, education and community cohesion.

Unfortunately there is no single data set that provides the complete picture of migration flows and the characteristics of all migrants. This has made the task of estimating the number of migrants very difficult. In 2008 the Office for National Statistics (ONS) embarked upon a programme of work designed to improve the quality of existing sources of migration statistics. Despite improvements being made there is still no single data set that provides the complete picture of immigration, emigration and the resulting net migrant total.

The most recent migration data comes from the **Components of Population Change**, which are used to calculate the annual Mid-Year Population Estimates (MYEs) and were published 22 June 2017, and **The Local Migration Indicators** which were published 24 August 2017.

The Components of Population Change provide data from Mid- 2002/16*:-

- Total Internal migrants
- Total Long-term international migrants
- Internal and International migrants by age and sex
- Origin and destination of internal migrants

The Local Area Migration Indicators include-

- Short-term international migrant estimates
- Flag 4 GP registrations - data from the NHS Patient Register Data Service (PRDS) on the number of people registering with a doctor whose previous address was outside of the UK

Where possible, data for the South East region and England is presented to allow for comparison of Kent with the national picture. Data for the Kent local authority districts is also presented to help identify local areas which have higher or lower levels of migration.

All data is annual from Mid-year 2015 to Mid-year 2016.

Components of Population Change

Migration was the key component of population change for Kent as a whole, accounting for 83.6% of the population change mid-2015/16.

Migration is also a key component of population change nationally but the national rate of 61.8% is lower than that seen in Kent.

Between mid-2015/16, four of Kent's local authorities, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet have all experienced population increase which is attributed to migration alone.

In these areas there were more deaths than births which resulted in a negative natural change. Dover Shepway and Thanet areas have an older age profile than the rest of Kent so will naturally experience higher numbers of deaths to births. Although Canterbury has a younger profile than that of Kent as a whole, the low birth rate here is due to the high student population.

Gravesham is the only local authority within Kent where the key component of population change was natural change with an increase of 500 people (+104.1%).

Table 1: Components of population change in Kent districts – Mid-2015/16

	Total change	Migration		Natural change	
		Number	% of total change	Number	% of total change
England	481,700	297,900	61.8%	183,900	38.2%
Kent	17,200	14,400	83.6%	2,800	16.4%
Ashford	1,900	1,500	77.5%	400	22.5%
Canterbury	2,500	2,600	107.3%	-200	-7.3%
Dartford	1,700	1,100	65.6%	600	34.4%
Dover	1,000	1,100	109.4%	-100	-9.4%
Gravesham	500	0	-4.1%	500	104.1%
Maidstone	1,900	1,300	70.8%	500	29.2%
Sevenoaks	700	500	67.8%	200	32.2%
Shepway	1,200	1,300	115.3%	-200	-15.3%
Swale	2,600	2,100	79.9%	500	20.1%
Thanet	900	900	107.7%	-100	-7.7%
Tonbridge & Malling	1,600	1,200	77.7%	400	22.3%
Tunbridge Wells	800	700	81.9%	200	18.1%
Medway Unitary Authority	2,100	600	28.8%	1,500	71.2%

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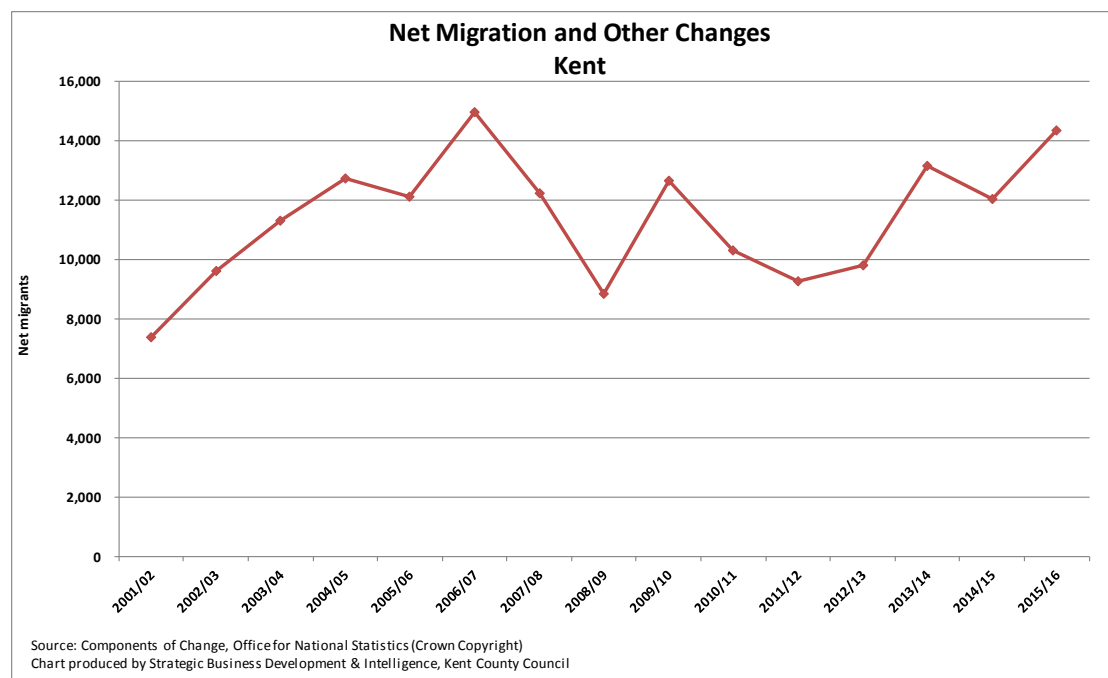
Net migration

The Net migration figure is the difference between the number of people who move into an area minus the number of people who move out of that area. Also included in the net migration figure are “other changes” which are changes in special populations. The special populations are:

- Prisoners (including a ‘counter-adjustment’ for their area of previous residence);
- Home Armed Forces (including a ‘counter-adjustment’ for their area of previous residence);
- Foreign Armed Forces and their dependants
- Service Families Overseas (this is a ‘negative’ component reflecting people who would be usually resident in an area had they not moved overseas as part of this component).

Since 2002 Kent has seen a gradual increase in net migrants, as shown in Chart 1

Chart 1: Net migration and other changes in Kent – Mid-2001/02 to Mid-2015/16



Net migration has fluctuated considerably over the past fifteen years. However, overall Kent has seen a positive growth in net migration, which means that there have been more people entering the county than there have been leaving. This contributes to the population growth of the county along with natural change (number of births minus the number of deaths). Further information on natural population change is presented in the [“Births and deaths in Kent”](#) bulletin

Migration has been the key component of population change for Kent since the 1990's. In the last year, migration accounted for 83.6% of the population change in the county, which is significantly higher than the national average (61.8%). Further information is presented in the "[What's causing Kent's population growth?](#)" bulletin.

Net migration to the county reached a peak in Mid-2006/07 when Kent saw 15,000 net migrants in a single year. In the latest year there were 14,400 net migrants to Kent which is an increase of 2,400 from last year.

11 out of 12 Kent districts have seen net migration increase between Mid-2015/16. Gravesham is the only local authority to have experienced no increase due to migration.

Table 2: Net migration and other changes in Kent districts – Mid-2001/02 to Mid-2015/16

	2001/ 02	2002/ 03	2003/ 04	2004/ 05	2005/ 06	2006/ 07	2007/ 08	2008/ 09	2009/ 10	2010/ 11	2011/ 12	2012/ 13	2013/ 14	2014/ 15	2015/ 16
Kent	7,400	9,600	11,300	12,700	12,100	15,000	12,200	8,900	12,600	10,300	9,300	9,800	13,200	12,000	14,400
Ashford	1,000	1,000	1,300	1,800	1,700	1,300	700	600	700	900	1,100	1,100	1,100	600	1,500
Canterbury	1,500	2,400	2,300	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,000	500	2,300	1,900	2,900	2,100	2,400	2,600	2,600
Dartford	200	400	1,000	1,400	800	500	1,200	800	500	600	700	1,000	900	1,100	1,100
Dover	500	1,100	1,300	700	500	1,200	800	200	1,000	700	100	500	800	400	1,100
Gravesham	-500	0	100	700	300	500	500	400	400	200	400	500	900	500	0
Maidstone	1,000	700	700	800	1,600	2,000	1,400	1,500	1,700	1,400	900	1,400	2,000	2,100	1,300
Sevenoaks	-300	0	600	1,000	900	300	-100	200	400	500	700	400	500	400	500
Shepway	1,200	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,100	1,400	900	900	1,200	1,100	500	200	700	900	1,300
Swale	800	900	300	400	600	1,800	1,600	900	1,300	700	800	1,000	1,200	1,200	2,100
Thanet	1,400	1,000	1,100	1,000	600	1,200	1,200	800	1,100	1,000	1,200	1,100	1,700	1,500	900
Tonbridge & Malling	500	500	500	900	1,400	1,500	1,100	1,000	1,200	600	300	600	900	900	1,200
Tunbridge Wells	100	0	600	600	900	1,500	2,000	1,100	800	700	-200	-100	100	-100	700

Source: MVE3: Components of population change for local authorities in the UK, mid-2016, 22/07/2017

Figures up to 2011 are based on revised data in light of the 2011 Census as at 13 May 2013. All figures are rounded to the nearest 100 so may not sum when added

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Canterbury has continually received a high number of net migrants throughout the decade, reaching its highest level in 2011/12 with a net increase of +2,900 migrants. The number of net migrants to Canterbury has remained at 2,600 people for the past two years.

Further investigation has revealed that the increase in Canterbury is within the 20-24 age-group and is thus related to the student population. See Table 8 on page 16. However, the level of migration between 2008/09 is uncharacteristic of past trends and there is no reasonable explanation why net migration levels decreased so dramatically in that year.

Whilst migration numbers may look quite high, when put into context alongside the total population, migrant numbers make up a small proportion of the total population. During Mid-2015 to Mid-2016, net migrants accounted for 0.9% of the total Kent population. This is higher than the proportion for both the South East which is 0.6% and for England, which is 0.5%.

The proportion varies between each district, with migrants accounting for the largest proportion in Canterbury (1.6%) and the lowest proportion in Gravesham (0.0%).

Table 3: Net migrants as a proportion of the total population of each Kent district – Mid-2015/16

Table 2: Net migrants as a proportion of the total population of each Kent district 2015/16

	Total population mid-2016	Net migrants 2015/16	Migrants as % of total population
England	55,268,100	297,900	0.5%
South East	9,026,300	54,600	0.6%
Kent	1,541,900	14,400	0.9%
Ashford	126,200	1,500	1.2%
Canterbury	162,400	2,600	1.6%
Dartford	105,500	1,100	1.0%
Dover	114,200	1,100	1.0%
Gravesham	106,800	0	0.0%
Maidstone	166,400	1,300	0.8%
Sevenoaks	119,100	500	0.4%
Shepway	111,200	1,300	1.2%
Swale	145,000	2,100	1.4%
Thanet	140,700	900	0.7%
Tonbridge & Malling	127,300	1,200	1.0%
Tunbridge Wells	117,100	700	0.6%

Source: MYE3 Components of population change- Mid-2016 population estimates, Office for National Statistics (Crown Copyright)
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Whilst net figures show the overall volume of migrants in an area, they mask the turnover of population. For example, although net migration to Gravesham district was less than one hundred in Mid-2015 to Mid-2016 there were 5,300 people moving in to and out of the area during that year. For this reason it is also useful to look at the in-flows and out-flows of migrants.

Important note regarding variation in net migration totals

The net migrant totals presented in Chart 1 and Tables 1 and 2 include 'other changes' which include:

- asylum seekers
- visitor switchers - people who enter or leave the UK for less than 12 months but remain for more than a year
- migrant switchers – people who enter or leave the UK intending to stay 12 months or more but leave or return earlier
- post 2011 Census adjustments made to the revised time-series of MYEs from 2002 to 2010 in light of the 2011 Census results

The flow data published by ONS excludes these 'other changes' therefore the net migration counts published in Chart 2 and Table 3 are different to the net migrant totals presented earlier.

In-flows and out-flows of migrants

Chart 2 shows that Kent saw an in-flow of 64,600 migrants to the county in the year Mid-2015/16 whilst out-migration from the county was 50,300. This resulted in a Net number of 14,300 migrants.

Chart 2: In, out and net flow of migrants to Kent Mid-2003/4 to Mid-2015/16

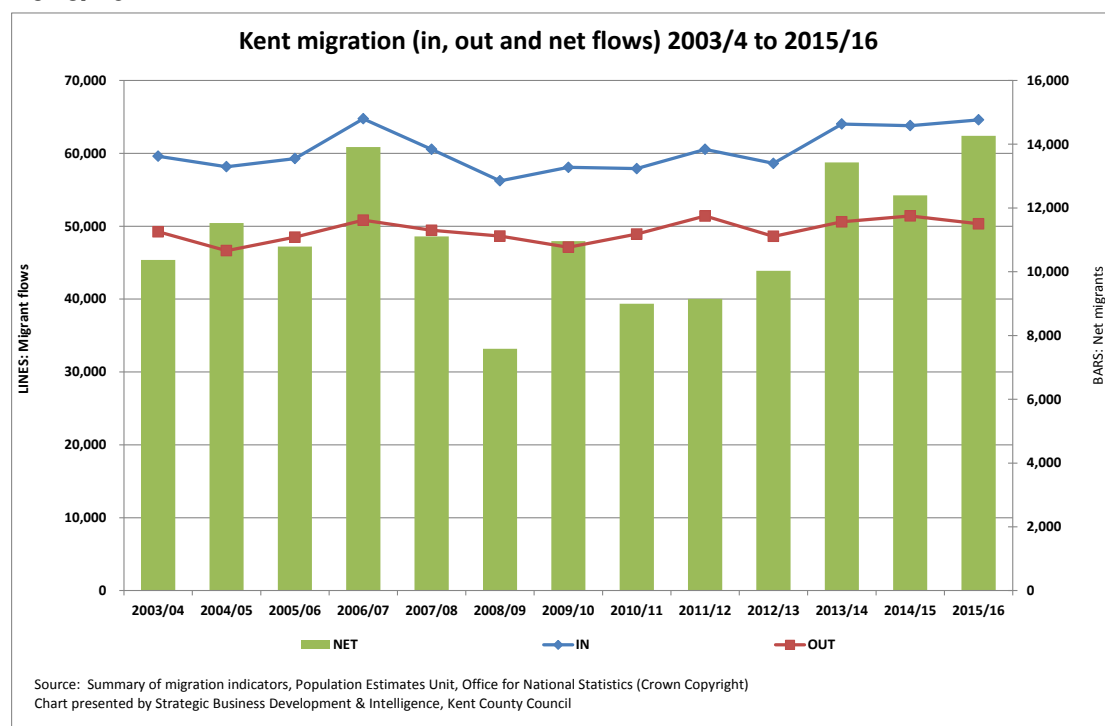


Table 4: In, out and net flow of migrants to Kent districts Mid-2002/03 to Mid-2015/16

Local Authority	2002/03			2003/04			2004/05			2005/06		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	6,400	5,500	900	6,800	5,500	1,200	7,000	5,200	1,800	7,000	5,400	1,600
Canterbury	12,300	9,600	2,700	13,600	10,800	2,800	12,500	10,500	2,000	13,100	11,000	2,100
Dartford	5,600	5,300	200	6,100	5,200	800	6,100	4,800	1,200	5,500	4,900	700
Dover	5,200	4,400	800	5,400	4,400	1,000	4,800	4,400	400	4,900	4,800	100
Gravesham	4,400	4,400	0	4,600	4,500	100	4,900	4,200	700	4,600	4,300	200
Maidstone	8,500	8,000	600	8,200	7,700	600	8,100	7,300	700	8,800	7,200	1,500
Sevenoaks	7,300	7,200	100	7,400	6,800	600	7,600	6,500	1,000	7,300	6,400	1,000
Shepway	5,700	4,600	1,100	5,800	4,800	1,000	5,400	4,400	1,000	5,300	4,900	400
Swale	6,400	5,300	1,100	5,900	5,400	500	5,700	5,200	500	5,700	5,000	700
Thanet	6,300	5,300	1,000	6,400	5,300	1,100	6,100	5,100	1,000	5,700	5,100	600
Tonbridge & Malling	7,300	6,700	600	7,100	6,600	500	7,100	6,200	900	7,500	6,100	1,400
Tunbridge Wells	6,600	6,900	-400	6,800	6,700	100	6,400	6,200	200	7,000	6,500	500

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Table 4 continued

Local Authority	2006/07			2007/08			2008/09			2009/10		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	7,100	5,800	1,300	6,100	5,400	700	5,800	5,200	600	6,000	5,200	800
Canterbury	14,300	12,000	2,300	12,600	11,200	1,400	13,600	12,700	900	13,900	11,300	2,600
Dartford	5,900	5,500	400	6,500	5,500	1,000	5,800	5,100	700	5,400	5,100	300
Dover	5,600	4,700	800	4,800	4,400	400	4,400	4,500	-100	4,800	4,200	600
Gravesham	5,200	4,700	500	5,300	4,900	400	4,700	4,400	300	4,900	4,600	300
Maidstone	9,600	7,800	1,900	9,300	7,900	1,400	8,400	7,000	1,300	8,600	7,100	1,500
Sevenoaks	7,700	7,300	400	7,300	7,300	0	6,400	6,200	200	6,800	6,300	500
Shepway	5,900	5,100	800	5,100	4,800	300	4,700	4,500	200	5,300	4,700	600
Swale	7,200	5,300	1,900	6,400	4,700	1,700	6,000	4,900	1,000	6,300	5,200	1,100
Thanet	6,600	5,500	1,100	6,100	5,000	1,200	5,900	5,100	700	6,200	5,100	1,100
Tonbridge & Malling	8,200	6,700	1,500	7,800	6,700	1,100	6,900	5,800	1,100	7,300	6,100	1,200
Tunbridge Wells	7,600	6,600	1,000	7,900	6,400	1,500	6,700	6,000	700	6,800	6,400	300

Local Authority	2010/11			2011/12			2012/13			2013/14		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	6,200	5,300	900	6,500	5,400	1,100	6,500	5,500	1,100	7,000	5,900	1,100
Canterbury	14,100	11,800	2,200	14,700	11,900	2,800	14,300	11,900	2,400	15,200	12,500	2,600
Dartford	5,400	5,000	400	6,300	5,700	700	6,400	5,400	1,000	6,800	5,800	900
Dover	4,600	4,200	300	5,000	5,000	0	5,200	4,700	500	5,400	4,600	800
Gravesham	4,600	4,500	100	5,200	4,900	400	5,200	4,700	500	5,700	4,900	900
Maidstone	8,700	7,500	1,300	9,100	8,200	900	9,200	7,700	1,500	10,100	8,200	1,900
Sevenoaks	6,700	6,100	600	7,200	6,500	700	7,000	6,600	400	7,600	7,100	500
Shepway	5,200	4,700	500	5,400	4,900	500	5,200	4,900	200	5,700	5,000	700
Swale	6,100	5,300	800	6,500	5,700	800	6,300	5,400	900	7,100	5,800	1,300
Thanet	6,000	5,000	900	6,700	5,500	1,200	6,400	5,300	1,100	7,000	5,400	1,700
Tonbridge & Malling	7,100	6,400	700	7,600	7,300	300	7,500	6,900	600	8,300	7,400	900
Tunbridge Wells	6,900	6,700	200	7,200	7,300	-200	6,700	6,900	-100	7,300	7,200	100

Local Authority	2014/15			2015/16		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	6,600	6,000	600	7,100	5,700	1,500
Canterbury	15,200	12,500	2,700	14,900	12,300	2,600
Dartford	7,100	6,000	1,100	7,200	6,200	1,100
Dover	5,200	4,800	400	5,400	4,400	1,100
Gravesham	5,700	5,100	500	5,300	5,300	0
Maidstone	10,000	7,900	2,100	9,700	8,300	1,300
Sevenoaks	7,600	7,200	400	7,300	6,800	500
Shepway	5,700	4,800	1,000	5,900	4,600	1,300
Swale	6,800	5,600	1,300	7,400	5,400	2,100
Thanet	6,900	5,400	1,500	6,600	5,600	1,000
Tonbridge & Malling	8,100	7,300	900	8,300	7,000	1,200
Tunbridge Wells	7,100	7,100	100	7,600	6,900	700

Source: Detailed components of change 2001 to 2016, Mid Year Population Estimates Unit, Office for National Statistics (Crown Copyright)

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Type of migrant

Migrants are typically categorised into one of two types; an internal migrant or an international migrant. An internal migrant is someone who has moved from within the UK. An international migrant is someone who has moved from outside of the UK. It is important to understand the type of migrant settling in an area because it has an impact on the population of that area. The difference in language is the most obvious issue as well as international migrants requiring access to different services than internal migrants, i.e. interpreters.

International migrants in this section relate only to those who people who change their place of residence for at least 12 months. People who move to Kent from outside of the UK and who intend to stay for less than 12 months are excluded from the counts in this section.

Research-based short-term migration estimates which give an indication of how many migrants are staying for less than 12 months are presented separately on page 18. Internal migrant counts are for all migrant moves regardless of length of stay.

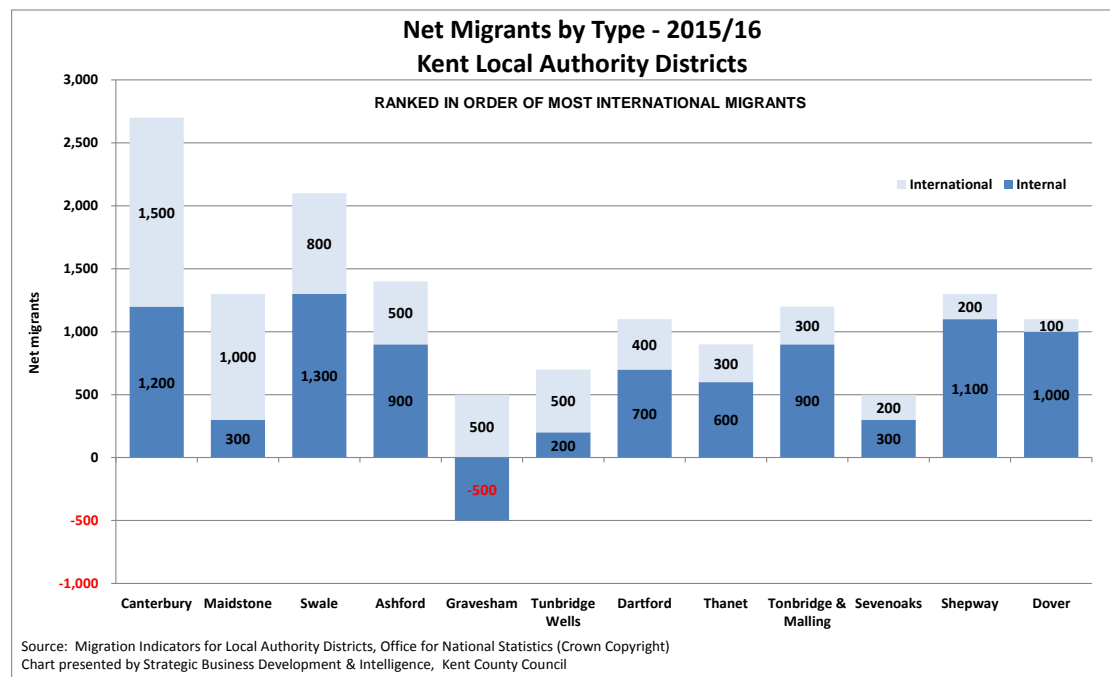
Important note regarding variation in net migrant totals

The migrant type data excludes asylum seekers and visitor/migrant switchers. Therefore the counts of internal and international migrants are consistent with the flow data presented on page 17 of this report but will differ to the totals presented in Chart 1 and Tables 1 and 2.

Net migrant totals by type of migrant

In Mid-2015 to Mid-2016 Kent saw a net increase of +14,300 migrants, with 6,300 net migrants originating from outside of the UK and 8,000 net migrants originating from elsewhere within the UK. Chart 3 presents the type of migrant for each Kent district for the most recent year.

Chart 3: Net internal and international migrants in Kent districts Mid-2014 to Mid-2015



Canterbury has the largest number of net international migrants (+1,500) of all Kent districts, accounting for 23% of the total of international migrants for Kent as a whole.

Between Mid-2015 and Mid-2016 four of Kent's local authorities saw a higher proportion of international migrants than internal migrants. These are Canterbury, Gravesham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells. Gravesham is the only district in Kent to experience negative net internal migrants.

Tables 5a and 4b show the net number of internal and international migrants in each Kent district for the last ten years.

Table 5a: Net INTERNAL migrants to Kent districts – Mid-2006/07 to Mid-2015/16

Local authority	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Kent	7,800	6,500	4,700	6,000	6,200	6,500	7,000	7,800	5,900	8,000
Ashford	600	200	400	600	800	1,000	900	700	100	900
Canterbury	1,400	700	500	1,400	900	1,300	1,500	1,200	1,100	1,200
Dartford	100	800	600	100	200	500	800	600	700	700
Dover	700	200	-200	400	200	0	400	600	200	1,000
Gravesham	-100	-200	-200	-200	-400	200	100	500	0	-500
Maidstone	700	500	800	800	1,000	700	1,000	1,100	1,200	300
Sevenoaks	200	100	200	400	500	600	300	200	100	300
Shepway	600	100	200	400	400	300	200	500	700	1,100
Swale	1,300	1,200	700	600	700	500	500	700	600	1,300
Thanet	1,000	900	600	600	800	1,000	800	1,300	1,000	600
Tonbridge & Malling	1,100	700	900	1,000	800	400	600	700	600	900
Tunbridge Wells	400	1,100	300	0	300	100	-100	-200	-300	200

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Table 5b: Net INTERNATIONAL migrants to Kent districts – Mid-2004/05 to Mid-2015/16

Local authority	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Kent	6,100	4,700	2,900	5,000	2,800	2,600	3,000	5,600	6,500	6,300
Ashford	700	400	200	200	100	100	100	400	400	500
Canterbury	1,000	700	300	1,200	1,400	1,500	900	1,400	1,500	1,500
Dartford	300	200	100	200	200	200	200	300	400	400
Dover	200	200	100	200	100	0	100	200	200	100
Gravesham	600	600	500	500	400	200	400	400	500	500
Maidstone	1,100	900	600	700	300	200	500	900	1,000	1,000
Sevenoaks	200	-100	0	100	100	100	100	300	300	200
Shepway	200	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	200	200
Swale	600	500	300	500	100	300	400	600	700	800
Thanet	100	200	200	500	100	200	300	400	500	300
Tonbridge & Malling	400	300	200	200	-100	-100	0	200	300	300
Tunbridge Wells	600	500	300	300	-100	-300	0	300	400	500

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Although the net figures for Kent districts show a relatively small number, or even zero, this does not mean that there are no migrants in the area. There

will be higher numbers of both internal and international migrants moving into and out of the area at a given time. It is just the net result of those moving in to the area minus those who are moving out is very small or even zero.

For this reason it is important to look at the in-flows and out-flows of international and internal migrants. This gives an indication of where numbers of migrants are particularly high. This is examined further in the next section.

In-flows and out-flows of migrants by type

Internal migration

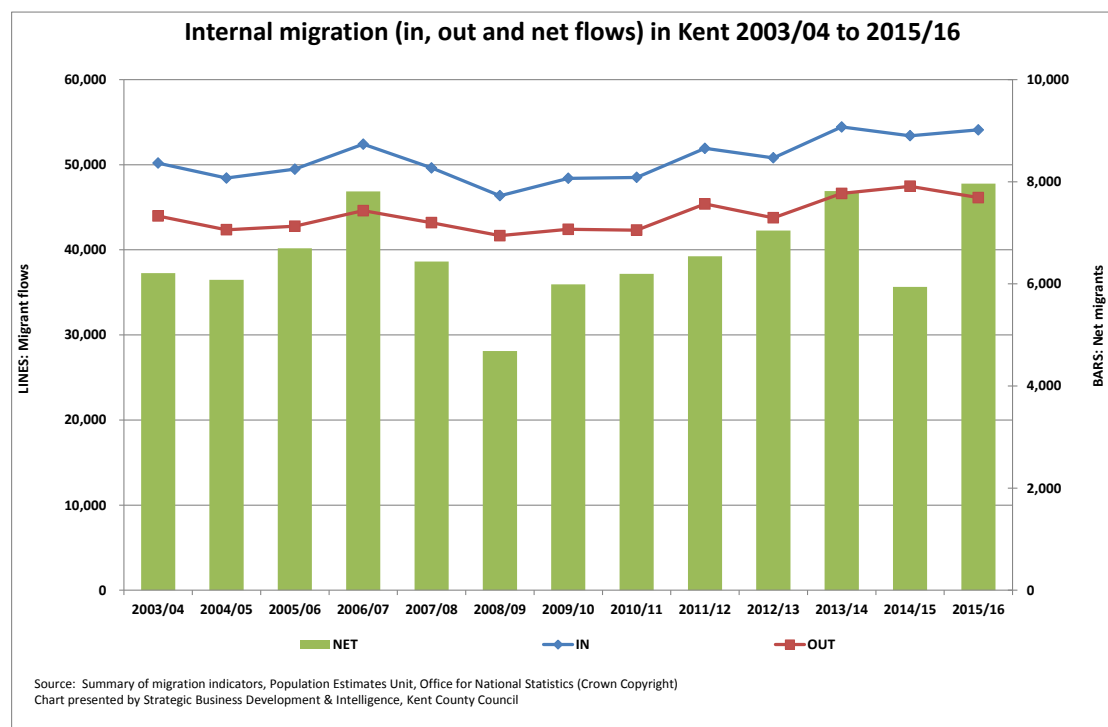
The flow of internal migrants is considerably higher than the flow of international migrants not only for the county as a whole but also for each Kent district.

Over the past thirteen years the average annual number of people moving into Kent from elsewhere in the UK is 50,600 whilst the average number of people who leave Kent each year is 44,100.

In Mid-2015 to Mid-2016 Kent saw 54,100 internal migrants moving into Kent and 46,100 people moving out.

Chart 4 presents a time series of inflows, outflows and the net effect of internal migration for the KCC area since Mid-2003 to Mid-2004.

Chart 4: Internal migration flows for Kent – Mid-2003/4 to Mid-2015/16



Of all of the Kent local authority districts, Canterbury sees the highest flows of internal migrants, which is not surprising given its large student population which will turnover each year. Maidstone has consistently seen the second highest flows of internal migrants. Year-on-year Gravesham and Dover have seen the smallest flows of internal migrants.

International migration

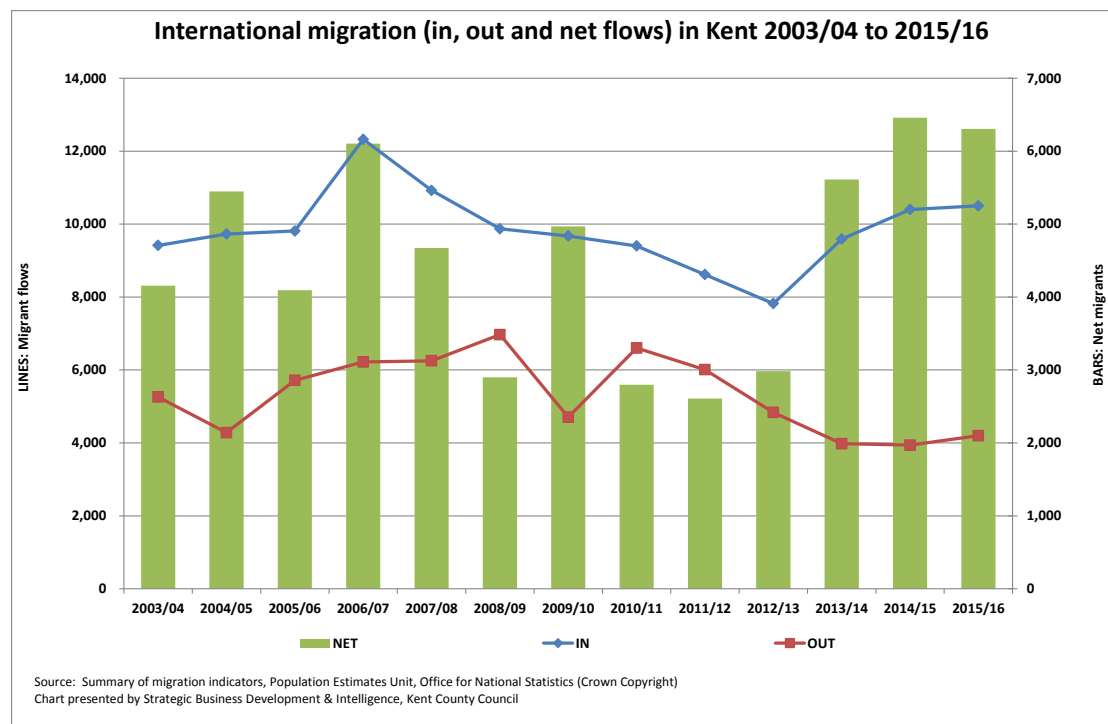
Between Mid-2015 and Mid-2016, 10,500 international migrants, people from overseas moved into Kent whilst 4,200 emigrated from Kent out of the UK.

Over the past thirteen years the average annual number of people moving into Kent from outside of the UK is 9,900 whilst the average number of people who leave Kent to go overseas each year is 5,300.

Between Mid-2006 to Mid-2007 the number of international migrants arriving in Kent rose sharply to its highest point in the past decade. Kent saw the lowest number of international migrants arriving in Mid-2012 to Mid-2013.

Chart 5 presents a time series of inflows, outflows and the net effect of international migration for Kent since Mid-2003 to Mid-2004.

Chart 5: International migration flows for the KCC area – Mid-2003/04 to Mid-2015/16



Canterbury also sees the highest flows of international migrants. Again, this could partly be related to foreign students studying at university in Canterbury. As with the case of internal migrants, Maidstone has frequently seen the second highest flows of international migrants over the years whilst Shepway

and Sevenoaks have consistently seen the lowest flows of international migrants. However, there has been some variation amongst Kent districts.

Tables 6a and 6b present the in and out-flows of internal and international migrants to each local authority district within Kent over the last thirteen years.

Table 6a: In-flow, Out-flow and Net Effect of INTERNAL migrants

	2003/04			2004/05			2005/06		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	6,300	5,000	1,300	6,500	4,800	1,600	6,200	5,000	1,200
Canterbury	11,600	9,700	1,900	10,500	9,600	900	10,900	9,600	1,300
Dartford	5,100	5,000	100	5,000	4,600	300	5,000	4,600	300
Dover	4,900	4,000	800	4,300	4,100	200	4,300	4,300	0
Gravesham	3,700	4,300	-600	3,900	4,000	-100	3,900	4,100	-200
Maidstone	7,400	7,200	300	7,300	7,000	400	7,700	6,700	1,000
Sevenoaks	6,200	6,400	-200	6,300	6,200	100	6,700	6,000	700
Shepway	5,100	4,400	800	4,800	4,200	600	4,700	4,500	100
Swale	5,700	5,000	700	5,400	4,800	500	5,100	4,600	500
Thanet	5,600	5,000	600	5,200	4,700	500	4,900	4,500	400
Tonbridge & Malling	6,800	6,300	500	6,800	5,900	900	7,000	5,800	1,200
Tunbridge Wells	6,200	6,100	100	5,900	5,800	0	6,200	6,000	200
	2006/07			2007/08			2008/09		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	6,100	5,500	600	5,300	5,000	200	5,100	4,700	400
Canterbury	11,600	10,300	1,400	10,400	9,600	700	11,200	10,600	500
Dartford	5,300	5,200	100	6,000	5,100	800	5,300	4,700	600
Dover	4,800	4,200	700	4,200	3,900	200	3,800	4,000	-200
Gravesham	4,200	4,300	-100	4,400	4,500	-200	3,900	4,100	-200
Maidstone	8,100	7,400	700	8,000	7,500	500	7,300	6,500	800
Sevenoaks	7,100	6,900	200	6,800	6,700	100	5,900	5,700	200
Shepway	5,100	4,600	600	4,400	4,400	100	4,200	4,000	200
Swale	6,300	5,000	1,300	5,600	4,400	1,200	5,200	4,500	700
Thanet	5,700	4,800	1,000	5,300	4,400	900	5,100	4,500	600
Tonbridge & Malling	7,600	6,500	1,100	7,200	6,500	700	6,300	5,500	900
Tunbridge Wells	6,700	6,300	400	7,000	5,900	1,100	5,900	5,600	300
	2009/10			2010/11			2011/12		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	5,500	4,900	600	5,600	4,800	800	6,000	5,000	1,000
Canterbury	11,600	10,200	1,400	11,400	10,500	900	12,300	11,000	1,300
Dartford	4,900	4,800	100	5,000	4,700	200	5,900	5,400	500
Dover	4,300	3,900	400	4,100	3,900	200	4,500	4,500	0
Gravesham	4,100	4,400	-200	3,900	4,300	-400	4,600	4,500	200
Maidstone	7,500	6,700	800	7,700	6,700	1,000	8,200	7,500	700
Sevenoaks	6,400	6,000	400	6,300	5,800	500	6,800	6,200	600
Shepway	4,800	4,400	400	4,700	4,300	400	5,000	4,700	300
Swale	5,500	4,800	600	5,500	4,800	700	5,800	5,300	500
Thanet	5,300	4,800	600	5,200	4,500	800	5,900	5,000	1,000
Tonbridge & Malling	6,800	5,800	1,000	6,700	5,900	800	7,200	6,800	400
Tunbridge Wells	6,100	6,000	0	6,300	6,000	300	6,600	6,500	100

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Table 6a Cont'd.: In-flow, Out-flow and Net Effect of INTERNAL migrants

	2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	6,100	5,100	900	6,400	5,700	700	5,900	5,800	100
Canterbury	12,500	11,000	1,500	12,900	11,700	1,200	12,800	11,700	1,100
Dartford	6,000	5,200	800	6,300	5,700	600	6,500	5,800	700
Dover	4,800	4,400	400	4,900	4,200	600	4,600	4,400	200
Gravesham	4,500	4,400	100	5,100	4,600	500	4,900	4,900	0
Maidstone	8,200	7,200	1,000	8,800	7,700	1,100	8,700	7,500	1,200
Sevenoaks	6,600	6,300	300	7,100	6,800	200	7,100	7,000	100
Shepway	4,900	4,700	200	5,300	4,900	500	5,300	4,600	700
Swale	5,700	5,200	500	6,300	5,600	700	5,900	5,400	600
Thanet	5,700	4,900	800	6,200	5,000	1,300	6,000	5,000	1,000
Tonbridge & Malling	7,100	6,500	600	7,800	7,100	700	7,600	7,000	600
Tunbridge Wells	6,100	6,200	-100	6,500	6,700	-200	6,400	6,700	-300
	2015/16								
	IN	OUT	NET						
Ashford	6,400	5,500	900						
Canterbury	12,600	11,500	1,200						
Dartford	6,600	6,000	700						
Dover	4,900	3,900	1,000						
Gravesham	4,500	5,000	-500						
Maidstone	8,200	7,900	300						
Sevenoaks	6,800	6,500	300						
Shepway	5,500	4,300	1,100						
Swale	6,500	5,200	1,300						
Thanet	5,700	5,100	600						
Tonbridge & Malling	7,800	6,800	900						
Tunbridge Wells	6,800	6,500	200						

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Table 6b: In-flow, Out-flow and Net Effect of INTERNATIONAL migrants

	2003/04			2004/05			2005/06		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	500	500	0	500	400	100	800	400	400
Canterbury	2,000	1,100	900	2,000	900	1,100	2,200	1,300	900
Dartford	900	200	700	1,100	200	900	600	200	300
Dover	500	300	200	500	300	200	600	500	100
Gravesham	900	200	700	1,000	200	800	700	300	400
Maidstone	800	500	300	800	400	400	1,100	500	600
Sevenoaks	1,200	400	800	1,300	300	900	600	400	200
Shepway	600	400	300	600	200	400	600	300	300
Swale	200	400	-200	300	300	0	600	400	200
Thanet	800	300	500	800	300	500	700	600	200
Tonbridge & Malling	300	300	0	300	300	0	600	300	200
Tunbridge Wells	600	600	0	500	400	200	800	500	300

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Table 6b Cont'd: In-flow, Out-flow and Net Effect of INTERNATIONAL migrants

	2006/07			2007/08			2008/09		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	1,000	300	700	800	400	400	600	400	200
Canterbury	2,700	1,700	1,000	2,200	1,500	700	2,400	2,100	300
Dartford	600	300	300	600	400	200	500	400	100
Dover	800	600	200	700	500	200	600	500	100
Gravesham	1,000	400	600	900	300	600	800	300	500
Maidstone	1,500	400	1,100	1,300	500	900	1,100	500	600
Sevenoaks	600	400	200	600	700	-100	500	500	0
Shepway	700	500	200	600	400	200	500	400	100
Swale	900	300	600	800	300	500	700	400	300
Thanet	900	800	100	800	600	200	800	600	200
Tonbridge & Malling	700	200	400	600	200	300	600	300	200
Tunbridge Wells	900	300	600	900	400	500	800	500	300
	2009/10			2010/11			2011/12		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	500	300	200	600	500	100	500	400	100
Canterbury	2,300	1,100	1,200	2,700	1,300	1,400	2,500	900	1,500
Dartford	500	200	200	500	300	200	400	200	200
Dover	600	300	200	500	400	100	500	500	0
Gravesham	800	200	500	700	300	400	600	400	200
Maidstone	1,100	400	700	1,000	800	300	900	700	200
Sevenoaks	400	300	100	400	300	100	400	300	100
Shepway	500	300	200	500	400	100	400	200	200
Swale	900	300	500	600	500	100	700	400	300
Thanet	900	400	500	700	600	100	700	500	200
Tonbridge & Malling	500	300	200	500	500	-100	400	500	-100
Tunbridge Wells	700	400	300	600	700	-100	600	800	-300
	2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	500	300	100	600	200	400	700	200	400
Canterbury	1,700	800	900	2,200	800	1,400	2,400	900	1,500
Dartford	400	200	200	500	200	300	600	200	400
Dover	500	400	100	500	400	200	600	400	200
Gravesham	700	300	400	700	300	400	800	300	500
Maidstone	1,000	500	500	1,300	500	900	1,400	400	1,000
Sevenoaks	400	300	100	500	200	300	500	200	300
Shepway	300	300	100	400	100	200	400	200	200
Swale	700	300	400	800	200	600	900	200	700
Thanet	700	400	300	800	400	400	900	400	500
Tonbridge & Malling	400	400	0	500	200	200	500	200	300
Tunbridge Wells	600	700	0	800	400	300	800	400	400
	2015/16								
	IN	OUT	NET						
Ashford	700	200	500						
Canterbury	2,300	800	1,500						
Dartford	600	200	400						
Dover	500	400	100						
Gravesham	800	300	500						
Maidstone	1,500	400	1,000						
Sevenoaks	500	300	200						
Shepway	400	200	200						
Swale	1,000	200	800						
Thanet	900	500	300						
Tonbridge & Malling	500	200	300						
Tunbridge Wells	800	400	500						

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Age profile of migrants to and from Kent

In the year ending June 2016 there were a total of 92,700 in-migrants to Kent and 78,400 out-migrants from Kent. The result was a net increase of 14,300 migrants. Table 6 illustrates the estimated age profile of migrants for the year Mid-2015 to Mid-2016.

Table 7: Age profile of internal and international migrants to and from Kent – Mid-2015 to Mid-2016

Age	Internal migration			International migration			Total Migration		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	82,200	74,200	8,000	10,500	4,200	6,300	92,700	78,400	14,300
0-15	13,900	10,600	3,300	1,800	300	1,500	15,600	10,900	4,800
16-24	17,900	20,600	-2,700	2,800	1,200	1,600	20,700	21,800	-1,100
25-44	28,300	23,300	5,000	4,100	2,200	1,900	32,400	25,500	6,800
45-64	14,300	12,500	1,700	1,300	400	900	15,600	12,900	2,700
65+	7,800	7,100	700	500	100	400	8,300	7,200	1,100

Age	Internal migration			International migration			Total Migration		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
0-15	16.9%	14.3%	40.9%	16.8%	6.2%	23.9%	16.9%	13.9%	33.4%
16-24	21.8%	27.8%	-34.2%	26.6%	28.5%	25.3%	22.4%	27.9%	-7.9%
25-44	34.5%	31.4%	62.7%	38.8%	52.9%	29.4%	35.0%	32.6%	48.0%
45-64	17.4%	16.9%	21.9%	12.8%	9.9%	14.8%	16.9%	16.5%	18.8%
65+	9.5%	9.6%	8.6%	4.9%	2.6%	6.5%	9.0%	9.2%	7.7%

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The majority of net migrants to Kent in the year Mid-2015 to Mid-2016 were aged 25-44 years old. This age group will add to the working age population of Kent. The 25-44 year old age group is also the main child bearing age group and possibly have young families therefore it is also likely that the second largest net increase of 4,800 0-15 year olds is linked to the net increase of 25-44 year olds

Kent sees a net outflow of 16-24 year olds to other parts of the UK. Table 6 shows that there are significant flows both into and out of the county of 16-24 year olds. However, there are more people in this age group leaving the county than entering. This profile is thought to reflect the movement of young people going to university or other forms of higher education. Traditionally more Kent residents study for higher education in establishments outside of the county. Detailed movements of graduates into and out of Kent are presented in [“The Graduates in Kent”](#) bulletin.

In Mid-2015 to Mid-2016 there was a net inflow of 1,100 people aged 65+ to the county. There is a perception that Kent’s coastal towns are attractive retirement destinations. An examination of the age profile of internal migrants

for Kent's local authority district's supports this as the larger net gains of people aged 65+ are in Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet

Table 7 presents the flow of total migrants by age group for each Kent district during the year Mid-2015 to Mid-2016. Please note that the district flow data includes flows between Kent districts.

Table 8: Age profile of all migrants to and from Kent districts – Mid-2015 to Mid-2016

Ashford				Gravesham				Swale			
Age	Persons			Age	Persons			Age	Persons		
	IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	7,100	5,700	1,500	All Ages	5,300	5,300	0	All Ages	7,400	5,400	2,100
0-15	1,300	800	500	0-15	1,100	1,000	100	0-15	1,400	800	600
16-24	1,200	1,500	-300	16-24	900	1,200	-200	16-24	1,200	1,300	-100
25-44	2,600	1,700	900	25-44	2,200	2,000	200	25-44	2,700	1,700	1,000
45-64	1,300	1,000	300	45-64	800	900	0	45-64	1,500	1,000	500
65+	700	600	100	65+	300	400	-100	65+	600	500	100

Canterbury				Maidstone				Thanet			
Age	Persons			Age	Persons			Age	Persons		
	IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	14,900	12,300	2,600	All Ages	9,700	8,300	1,300	All Ages	6,600	5,600	1,000
0-15	1,300	800	500	0-15	1,600	1,100	500	0-15	1,200	900	300
16-24	7,900	6,300	1,600	16-24	1,800	1,900	-100	16-24	1,100	1,500	-400
25-44	3,300	3,200	100	25-44	3,800	3,100	700	25-44	1,900	1,700	200
45-64	1,500	1,200	300	45-64	1,600	1,600	100	45-64	1,500	900	600
65+	900	700	200	65+	900	700	200	65+	900	600	300

Dartford				Sevenoaks				Tonbridge & Malling			
Age	Persons			Age	Persons			Age	Persons		
	IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	7,200	6,200	1,100	All Ages	7,300	6,800	500	All Ages	8,300	7,000	1,200
0-15	1,500	1,300	200	0-15	1,500	1,000	500	0-15	1,600	1,000	700
16-24	1,000	1,100	-100	16-24	1,100	1,500	-300	16-24	1,300	1,700	-400
25-44	3,300	2,400	1,000	25-44	2,900	2,400	500	25-44	3,300	2,300	1,000
45-64	1,000	1,000	0	45-64	1,200	1,300	-100	45-64	1,400	1,300	100
65+	400	400	0	65+	600	700	-100	65+	700	800	-100

Dover				Shepway				Tunbridge Wells			
Age	Persons			Age	Persons			Age	Persons		
	IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	5,400	4,400	1,100	All Ages	5,900	4,600	1,300	All Ages	7,600	6,900	700
0-15	800	600	200	0-15	1,000	600	300	0-15	1,400	900	500
16-24	900	1,100	-200	16-24	900	1,100	-200	16-24	1,400	1,800	-400
25-44	1,600	1,300	300	25-44	1,800	1,400	400	25-44	2,900	2,300	600
45-64	1,300	800	500	45-64	1,400	800	500	45-64	1,200	1,200	-100
65+	700	500	300	65+	800	600	200	65+	700	600	100

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Age profiles of internal and international migrants in the Kent local authority districts are available upon request from research@kent.gov.uk

Origin and destination of Kent internal migrants

The majority of people who moved into Kent in the year ending June 2016 came from London. 24,800 people, equivalent to 45.9% of all in-migrants, came from the capital. In contrast, of all the people leaving Kent, 24.3% (11,200 people) moved to London. The result was a net gain of 13,600 people from London.

The rest of the South East is the second most popular origin of people moving in to Kent. 14,500 people from this area moved to Kent which accounts for 26.8% of all in-migrants to Kent in the year ending June 2016. However a total of 14,900 people left Kent for the rest of the South East. This figure accounts for 32.3% of all out-migrants from Kent and makes this region the most popular destination for people leaving Kent.

The net increase of internal migrants to Kent came from London. All other areas saw more people moving from Kent than people moving to Kent. The net loss of migrants was greatest to the South West region but in terms of actual numbers of migrants, most people from Kent moved elsewhere in the South East region.

Table 9 illustrates the origin and destination of Kent internal migrants in Mid-2015/16

Table 9: Origin and destination of Kent migrants – Mid-2015/16

	Net Migrants (persons)		
	IN to Kent	OUT of Kent	NET
East	5,000	5,300	-300
East Midlands	1,700	2,500	-800
London	24,800	11,200	13,600
North East	500	800	-300
North West	1,300	1,700	-400
South East	14,500	14,900	-400
South West	2,400	4,000	-1,600
West Midlands	1,300	1,900	-600
Yorkshire and The Humber	1,200	1,700	-500
Northern Ireland	700	1,000	-300
Scotland	600	1,000	-400
Wales	100	200	-100
Grand Total	54,100	46,100	8,000

Source: Detailed Estimates File by Origin and Destination; Office for National Statistics (ONS) © Crown Copyright

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Table 10 shows the detailed matrix of the origin and destination of internal migrants to and from Kent local authorities in Mid-2015 to Mid-2016

Table 10 : Matrix showing origin and destination of internal migrants to and from Kent districts

		Destination																								
		Ashford	Canterbury	Dartford	Dover	Gravesham	Maidstone	Sevenoaks	Shepway	Swale	Thanet	Tonbridge & Malling	Tunbridge Wells	East	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire & The Humber	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Origin	Total	6,400	12,600	6,600	4,900	4,500	8,200	6,800	5,500	6,500	5,700	7,800	6,800	321,200	246,400	579,600	94,200	298,600	415,300	296,900	238,900	204,100	119,000	43,900	8,800	
	Ashford	5,500	0	400	0	200	100	300	0	1,000	200	100	100	200	300	200	600	100	100	900	300	100	200	100	100	0
	Canterbury	11,500	400	0	100	800	100	200	100	400	500	900	100	100	1,400	300	2,500	100	300	2,000	600	300	200	200	200	0
	Dartford	6,000	100	100	0	0	700	100	500	100	200	100	200	0	400	200	1,600	0	100	900	200	100	100	0	100	0
	Dover	3,900	200	400	0	0	0	100	0	600	100	400	0	0	200	100	400	100	100	500	300	100	100	100	100	0
	Gravesham	5,000	0	100	500	0	0	200	200	0	200	100	200	0	400	200	800	0	100	1,300	200	100	100	100	100	0
	Maidstone	7,900	600	300	0	100	100	0	100	200	400	100	900	400	500	300	800	100	200	1,700	500	200	100	100	100	0
	Sevenoaks	6,500	100	100	300	0	200	200	0	0	100	0	900	400	300	200	1,200	100	100	1,300	400	100	100	100	100	0
	Shepway	4,300	700	300	0	600	0	100	0	0	100	100	0	0	200	100	500	0	100	700	300	100	100	100	100	0
	Swale	5,200	200	700	100	200	0	400	0	100	0	100	100	0	400	200	600	100	100	1,200	300	100	100	100	100	0
	Thanet	5,100	100	600	0	500	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	400	200	700	100	200	800	300	200	200	100	100	0
	Tonbridge & Malling	6,800	200	100	100	0	100	1,200	400	100	200	100	0	800	400	200	700	100	100	1,400	400	100	100	100	100	0
	Tunbridge Wells	6,500	300	100	0	0	0	500	200	100	0	0	600	0	300	200	900	100	200	2,200	400	200	200	100	100	0
	East	306,100	300	1,600	300	300	200	400	300	300	300	400	300	300	164,300	21,100	36,800	3,400	7,900	25,900	14,200	9,500	9,500	3,700	4,000	800
	East Midlands	233,600	100	300	100	100	100	100	100	100	200	100	100	100	14,700	123,900	14,500	3,400	11,000	12,600	8,800	17,400	19,100	3,100	2,900	600
	London	672,900	1,300	3,700	4,300	700	1,700	1,700	3,100	1,100	1,500	1,800	2,100	1,800	73,900	17,400	381,300	4,500	15,500	85,300	25,600	18,800	11,900	5,700	6,800	1,400
	North East	93,100	100	100	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	2,700	2,900	5,900	51,100	6,600	3,400	2,000	2,300	10,400	900	3,800	600
	North West	293,000	100	200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	6,500	10,300	15,000	6,800	181,400	8,800	8,200	13,600	22,300	10,200	6,800	1,800
	South East	409,600	1,100	2,200	500	600	700	1,900	1,000	700	1,900	800	1,400	1,700	23,400	17,400	52,700	4,100	10,700	201,300	46,400	15,000	9,300	8,100	5,800	1,000
	South West	266,800	200	500	100	100	100	200	200	200	200	200	200	300	9,300	7,100	20,200	2,300	7,400	31,700	150,100	13,300	5,600	12,800	3,800	700
West Midlands	237,200	100	300	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	7,400	19,200	15,400	2,300	15,100	11,900	15,900	128,000	8,500	8,700	2,800	700	
Yorkshire & The Humber	202,900	100	200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	7,200	19,000	13,200	10,700	22,800	8,100	6,000	8,000	98,800	2,700	4,500	700	
Wales	115,700	100	200	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	100	100	100	2,900	3,000	6,100	1,000	10,400	6,200	11,600	8,400	2,700	60,400	1,700	400	
Scotland	35,600	100	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	100	100	2,900	2,200	5,900	3,400	6,000	4,300	3,300	2,200	3,700	1,300	0	0	
Northern Ireland	8,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	500	1,300	600	2,100	700	700	500	600	400	0	0	

Local Migration Indicators

Short-term international migration estimates (experimental statistics)

The international migration figures presented up until this point have been based on the ONS definition of a long-term migrant. This is someone who intends to stay for 12 months or more. It excludes all people who intend to stay for less than a year which are known as short-term migrants.

The figures shown in this section are from the International Passenger Survey and are estimates of short-term non-British migrants satisfying the United Nations definition of a short term migrant. These are annual figures from Mid-year to Mid-year and are only available from Mid-2007 to Mid-2008 up to Mid-2014 to Mid-2015 with the final year being provisional figures.

There were an estimated 3,300 short-term migrants in Kent during Mid-2014 to Mid-2015. This number is equivalent to a rate of 2.2 to every one thousand resident population for that year. This rate is lower than that of the South East (2.6) and lower than the rate for England (2.8).

The rate of short-term migrants per thousand resident population between Mid-2007 to Mid-2008 and Mid-2014 to Mid-2014 for Kent, the South East and England is presented in Chart 6.

Chart 6: Short-term international migrant rate per thousand resident population: Mid- 2007/08 to Mid-2014/15

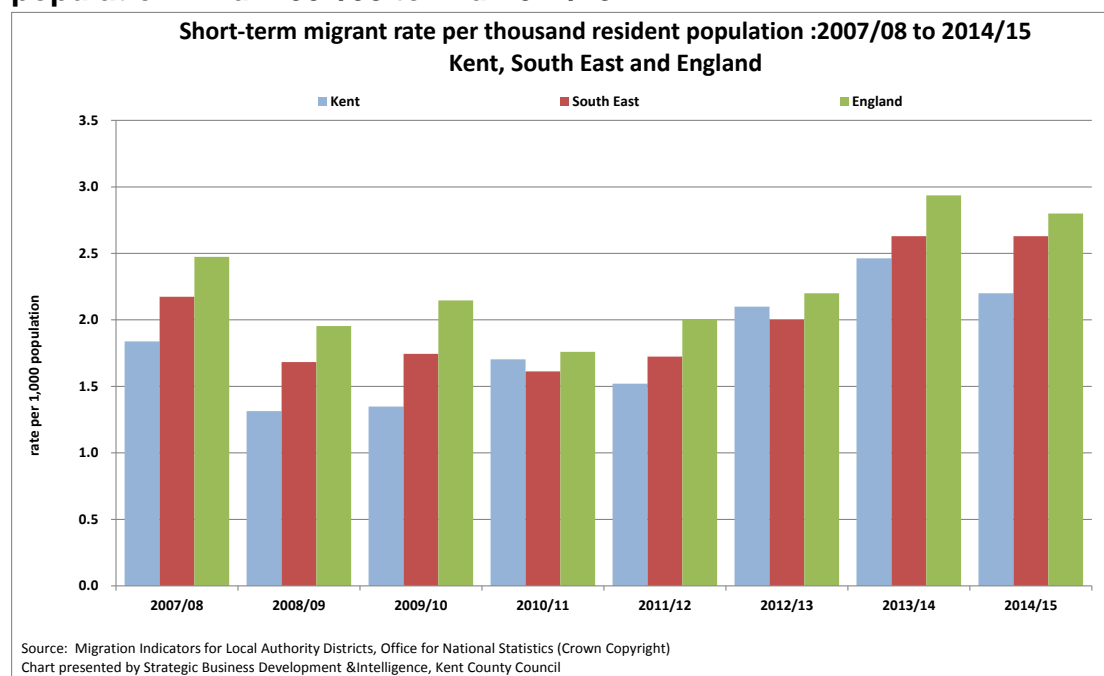


Table 10 presents the estimates and rates of short-term international migrants to England, the South East, Kent, and Local authorities in Kent between Mid-2007 to Mid-2008 and Mid-2014 to Mid-2015.

It is not surprising that the majority of Kent's short-term migrants are in the University City of Canterbury. Shepway continues to attract the smallest number of short term migrants.

Table 11: Estimates of short-term international migrants to England, the South East, Kent, and Local authorities in Kent Mid-2007/08 to Mid-2014/15

	2007/08			2008/09			2009/10		
	Total Population	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population	Total Population	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population	Total Population	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population
England	51,815,900	128,200	2.5	52,196,400	102,000	2.0	52,642,500	113,000	2.1
South East	8,426,400	18,300	2.2	8,490,900	14,300	1.7	8,577,800	15,000	1.7
Kent	1,423,300	2,600	1.8	1,435,300	1,900	1.3	1,451,900	2,000	1.3
Ashford	114,600	100	0.9	115,700	100	0.6	117,000	100	0.5
Canterbury	146,100	800	5.6	146,400	600	4.2	148,700	600	3.9
Dartford	93,900	100	1.2	95,300	100	0.8	96,300	100	1.1
Dover	109,800	100	1.1	110,100	100	0.8	111,100	100	1.1
Gravesham	99,400	200	2.2	100,200	100	1.0	101,100	200	1.6
Maidstone	149,700	300	2.0	151,600	200	1.3	153,700	200	1.4
Sevenoaks	113,300	100	0.9	113,800	100	0.8	114,500	100	0.6
Shepway	104,800	100	0.5	105,700	0	0.4	107,000	100	0.6
Swale	131,700	300	2.2	133,000	200	1.4	135,000	200	1.3
Thanet	131,800	200	1.4	132,300	100	1.1	133,500	200	1.4
Tonbridge & Malling	117,000	100	0.9	118,500	100	1.1	120,100	100	0.5
Tunbridge Wells	111,300	200	1.9	112,800	200	1.4	114,000	100	1.3
	2010/11			2011/12			2012/13		
	Total Population	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population	Total Population	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population	Total Population	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population
England	53,107,200	93,400	1.8	53,493,700	107,200	2.0	53,865,800	117,200	2.2
South East	8,652,800	13,900	1.6	8,724,700	15,000	1.7	8,792,800	17,800	2.0
Kent	1,466,500	2,500	1.7	1,480,200	2,200	1.5	1,493,500	3,200	2.1
Ashford	118,400	100	1.0	120,100	100	0.6	121,700	100	1.0
Canterbury	150,600	400	3.0	153,400	700	4.4	155,300	600	3.6
Dartford	97,600	200	1.6	98,900	100	1.1	100,600	200	1.8
Dover	111,700	100	1.1	111,800	100	1.0	112,300	200	1.5
Gravesham	101,800	200	1.6	102,800	200	1.6	103,800	200	2.2
Maidstone	155,800	300	1.9	157,300	300	1.9	159,300	600	3.6
Sevenoaks	115,400	200	1.7	116,400	100	0.6	117,000	100	0.8
Shepway	108,200	100	0.6	108,700	0	0.4	108,800	100	0.5
Swale	136,300	200	1.2	137,700	200	1.5	139,200	500	3.3
Thanet	134,400	300	2.6	135,700	200	1.6	136,800	300	2.5
Tonbridge & Malling	121,100	200	1.3	121,900	100	1.1	123,000	200	1.6
Tunbridge Wells	115,200	300	2.2	115,500	100	1.2	115,700	200	2.0
	2013/14			2014/15					
	Total Population	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population	Total Population	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population			
England	54,316,600	159,500	2.9	54,786,300	153,400	2.8			
South East	8,873,800	23,300	2.6	8,947,900	23,500	2.6			
Kent	1,510,400	3,700	2.5	1,524,700	3,300	2.2			
Ashford	123,300	200	1.3	124,300	100	1.2			
Canterbury	157,600	1,100	7.1	160,000	1,000	6.5			
Dartford	102,200	200	2.0	103,900	200	1.5			
Dover	113,100	200	1.4	113,200	100	1.1			
Gravesham	105,300	200	2.1	106,300	200	2.1			
Maidstone	161,800	600	3.7	164,500	500	3.3			
Sevenoaks	117,800	100	1.0	118,400	100	0.8			
Shepway	109,500	100	0.7	110,000	100	0.6			
Swale	140,800	300	2.4	142,400	300	2.4			
Thanet	138,400	300	2.4	139,800	300	1.8			
Tonbridge & Malling	124,400	200	1.2	125,800	100	1.2			
Tunbridge Wells	116,100	200	2.1	116,200	200	1.8			

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Between Mid-2014 and Mid-2015 the majority of short-term migrants in Kent were here for employment. This is in line with the England and the South East where the majority of short-term migrants also give employment as the main reason for migration.

Over the past seven years in Kent the split between short-term migration for employment and for study has fluctuated. Overall the main reason is employment but there have been two years where study has been by far the main reason for short-term migration in Kent. Mid-2008 to Mid-2009 and Mid-2010 to Mid-2011 saw the proportion of short-term migrants for study outweigh those here for employment.

Table 12: Estimates of short-term international migrants to England, the South East, Kent, and Local authorities in Kent by reason for migration Mid-2007/08 to Mid-2014/15

	2007/08			2008/09			2009/10		
	Total Short-term migrants	% Employment	% Study	Total Short-term migrants	% Employment	% Study	Total Short-term migrants	% Employment	% Study
England	128,200	50.8%	49.2%	102,000	36.2%	63.8%	112,800	40.8%	59.2%
South East	18,300	49.0%	51.0%	14,300	34.7%	65.3%	15,000	39.7%	60.3%
Kent	2,600	58.8%	41.2%	1,900	46.8%	53.2%	2,000	50.5%	49.5%
Ashford	100	79.8%	20.2%	100	52.2%	47.8%	100	75.8%	24.2%
Canterbury	800	26.4%	73.6%	600	17.6%	82.4%	600	17.3%	82.7%
Dartford	100	57.0%	43.0%	100	46.2%	53.8%	100	49.5%	50.5%
Dover	100	66.1%	33.9%	100	51.7%	48.3%	100	66.9%	33.1%
Gravesham	200	78.5%	21.5%	100	60.4%	39.6%	200	69.6%	30.4%
Maidstone	300	74.9%	25.1%	200	67.7%	32.3%	200	57.8%	42.2%
Sevenoaks	100	52.5%	47.5%	100	26.4%	73.6%	100	59.2%	40.8%
Shepway	100	72.2%	27.8%	0	60.0%	40.0%	100	79.0%	21.0%
Swale	300	91.2%	8.8%	200	88.0%	12.0%	200	78.5%	21.5%
Thanet	200	61.3%	38.7%	100	47.6%	52.4%	200	61.1%	38.9%
Tonbridge & Malling	100	80.9%	19.1%	100	84.8%	15.2%	100	66.1%	33.9%
Tunbridge Wells	200	68.1%	31.9%	200	48.7%	51.3%	100	57.2%	42.8%
	2010/11			2011/12			2012/13		
	Total Short-term migrants	% Employment	% Study	Total Short-term migrants	% Employment	% Study	Total Short-term migrants	% Employment	% Study
England	93,400	34.2%	65.8%	107,200	42.6%	57.4%	117,200	43.2%	56.8%
South East	13,900	35.1%	64.9%	15,000	46.1%	53.9%	17,800	41.9%	58.1%
Kent	2,500	30.0%	70.0%	2,200	58.5%	41.5%	3,200	51.4%	48.6%
Ashford	100	32.0%	68.0%	100	74.0%	26.0%	100	52.0%	48.0%
Canterbury	400	17.5%	82.5%	700	28.6%	71.4%	600	26.9%	73.1%
Dartford	200	32.7%	67.3%	100	55.4%	44.6%	200	39.5%	60.5%
Dover	100	34.6%	65.4%	100	57.9%	42.1%	200	39.5%	60.5%
Gravesham	200	55.3%	44.7%	200	67.7%	32.3%	200	40.6%	59.4%
Maidstone	300	42.8%	57.2%	300	86.8%	13.2%	600	64.4%	35.6%
Sevenoaks	200	13.8%	86.2%	100	41.9%	58.1%	100	41.2%	58.8%
Shepway	100	51.6%	48.4%	0	81.3%	18.8%	100	63.5%	36.5%
Swale	200	46.7%	53.3%	200	85.4%	14.6%	500	81.5%	18.5%
Thanet	300	26.1%	73.9%	200	60.1%	39.9%	300	33.6%	66.4%
Tonbridge & Malling	200	25.5%	74.5%	100	90.6%	9.4%	200	63.5%	36.5%
Tunbridge Wells	300	19.4%	80.6%	100	52.6%	47.4%	200	64.4%	35.6%

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Table 12: Continued

	2013/14			2014/15		
	Total Short-term migrants	% Employment	% Study	Total Short-term migrants	% Employment	% Study
England	159,500	47.3%	52.7%	153,400	58.1%	41.9%
South East	23,300	45.2%	54.8%	23,500	56.2%	43.8%
Kent	3,700	53.4%	46.6%	3,300	57.8%	42.2%
Ashford	200	64.4%	35.6%	100	72.5%	27.5%
Canterbury	1,100	27.2%	72.8%	1,000	22.9%	77.1%
Dartford	200	58.1%	41.9%	200	65.5%	34.5%
Dover	200	49.7%	50.3%	100	52.2%	47.8%
Gravesham	200	66.7%	33.3%	200	79.5%	20.5%
Maidstone	600	74.6%	25.4%	500	82.1%	17.9%
Sevenoaks	100	56.3%	43.7%	100	68.0%	32.0%
Shepway	100	75.1%	24.9%	100	79.3%	20.7%
Swale	300	82.2%	17.8%	300	88.7%	11.3%
Thanet	300	47.1%	52.9%	300	52.4%	47.6%
Tonbridge & Malling	200	59.5%	40.5%	100	70.9%	29.1%
Tunbridge Wells	200	57.4%	42.6%	200	69.0%	31.0%

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Flag 4 GP Registrations

Flag 4 records are provided to ONS from the PRDS data provided by Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). Flag 4s are codes within the PRDS system which indicate that someone who has registered with a GP in England and Wales was previously living overseas.

A Flag 4 may be generated when an individual registers with a GP if:

- a) An individual was born outside the UK and enters England and Wales for the first time and registers with an NHS GP.
- b) An individual's registration will also generate a Flag 4 if the previous address of an individual is reported as outside the UK.

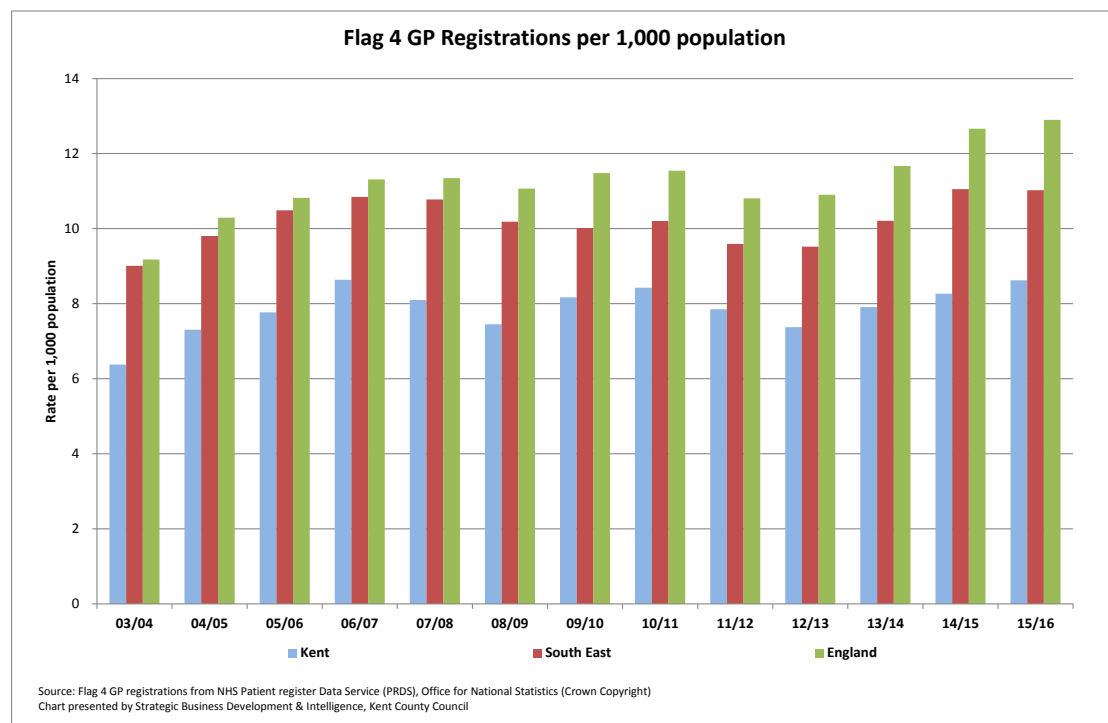
International in-migration records may not be retained on the patient register records through the person's subsequent migration within the UK. The patient register dataset is a "snapshot" taken annually. When an international in-migrant subsequently moves internally within the UK, and re-registers with a second GP, the "Flag 4" demarcation is not retained as the individual's last residence is now within the UK. If this internal migration occurs within the year of international in-migration, i.e. before the next mid-year "snapshot", the international in-migration will not be recorded.

Although the rate of Flag 4 GP registrations in Kent has always risen and fallen in line with the national and regional rates, the rate in Kent has consistently been lower than the South East and England rate

Between Mid-2015 to Mid-2016 there were 13,274 Flag4 GP registrations in Kent. This is equivalent to a rate of 8.6 per thousand population. This is the highest number of Flag4 GP registrations in Kent in the past thirteen years.

The rate of Flag4 GP registrations per thousand resident population for Kent, the South East and England for Mid-2003/04 to Mid-2015/16 is presented in Chart 7.

Chart 7: Flag 4 GP registrations per thousand resident population in Kent the South East and England Between Mid-2003/04 to Mid-2015/16



Within the Kent local authority districts, the rate of Flag 4 GP registrations during Mid-2015 and Mid-2016 was highest in Canterbury at 20.9 per thousand population. Canterbury has consistently had the highest rate of Flag4 GP registrations which is mainly due to the high number of students in the area.

During the year June 2014 to June 2015 Gravesham saw the second highest rate of 11.2 registrations per thousand population whilst Dover experienced the lowest rate at 4.4

Table 13 provides the number and rate of Flag 4 GP registrations for Kent, the South East, England and all Kent local authority districts for each year from Mid-2003/04 up to Mid-2015/16.

Table 13: Flag 4 GP Registrations in England, the South East, Kent, and Local authorities in Kent by reason for migration Mid-2003/04 to Mid-2015/16

	2003/04			2004/05			2005/06		
	Mid-2004 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population	Mid-2005 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population	Mid-2006 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population
England	50,194,600	460,705	9.2	50,606,000	520,899	10.3	50,965,200	551,602	10.8
South East	8,133,100	73,284	9.0	8,202,900	80,437	9.8	8,270,900	86,758	10.5
Kent	1,361,400	8,683	6.4	1,375,200	10,048	7.3	1,389,600	10,799	7.8
Ashford	107,300	619	5.8	109,400	612	5.6	111,500	933	8.4
Canterbury	140,600	2,136	15.2	141,900	2,277	16.0	143,500	2,235	15.6
Dartford	88,300	362	4.1	90,000	510	5.7	91,200	555	6.1
Dover	106,900	433	4.1	107,500	580	5.4	107,900	700	6.5
Gravesham	95,900	631	6.6	96,900	787	8.1	97,600	789	8.1
Maidstone	142,200	837	5.9	143,400	911	6.4	145,300	1,067	7.3
Sevenoaks	110,000	578	5.3	111,300	684	6.1	112,500	631	5.6
Shepway	99,900	541	5.4	101,500	736	7.3	102,500	863	8.4
Swale	125,900	737	5.9	126,500	736	5.8	127,600	710	5.6
Thanet	128,800	707	5.5	129,300	887	6.9	129,600	885	6.8
Tonbridge & Malling	110,400	374	3.4	111,700	412	3.7	113,500	523	4.6
Tunbridge Wells	105,100	728	6.9	105,900	916	8.6	107,100	908	8.5

	2006/07			2007/08			2008/09		
	Mid-2007 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population	Mid-2008 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population	Mid-2009 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population
England	51,381,100	581,279	11.3	51,815,900	587,993	11.3	52,196,400	577,566	11.1
South East	8,351,400	90,570	10.8	8,426,400	90,812	10.8	8,490,900	86,501	10.2
Kent	1,407,800	12,161	8.6	1,423,300	11,526	8.1	1,435,300	10,696	7.5
Ashford	113,300	1,101	9.7	114,600	908	7.9	115,700	748	6.5
Canterbury	145,200	2,514	17.3	146,100	2,406	16.5	146,400	2,499	17.1
Dartford	92,200	539	5.8	93,900	667	7.1	95,300	603	6.3
Dover	109,000	834	7.7	109,800	676	6.2	110,100	662	6.0
Gravesham	98,500	1,041	10.6	99,400	1,049	10.6	100,200	1,062	10.6
Maidstone	147,700	1,260	8.5	149,700	1,044	7.0	151,600	1,066	7.0
Sevenoaks	113,100	609	5.4	113,300	622	5.5	113,800	586	5.1
Shepway	103,900	1,051	10.1	104,800	759	7.2	105,700	605	5.7
Swale	129,700	807	6.2	131,700	912	6.9	133,000	621	4.7
Thanet	130,600	998	7.6	131,800	923	7.0	132,300	945	7.1
Tonbridge & Malling	115,500	509	4.4	117,000	514	4.4	118,500	458	3.9
Tunbridge Wells	108,900	898	8.2	111,300	1,046	9.4	112,800	841	7.5

	2009/10			2010/11			2011/12		
	Mid-2010 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population	Mid-2011 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population	Mid-2012 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population
England	52,642,500	604,357	11.5	53,107,200	613,124	11.5	53,493,700	578,105	10.8
South East	8,577,800	85,909	10.0	8,652,800	88,279	10.2	8,724,700	83,687	9.6
Kent	1,451,900	11,862	8.2	1,466,500	12,356	8.4	1,480,200	11,626	7.9
Ashford	117,000	798	6.8	118,400	937	7.9	120,100	837	7.0
Canterbury	148,700	2,691	18.1	150,600	3,013	20.0	153,400	2,900	18.9
Dartford	96,300	639	6.6	97,600	678	6.9	98,900	618	6.2
Dover	111,100	625	5.6	111,700	658	5.9	111,800	629	5.6
Gravesham	101,100	1,270	12.6	101,800	1,116	11.0	102,800	1,046	10.2
Maidstone	153,700	1,111	7.2	155,800	1,176	7.5	157,300	1,037	6.6
Sevenoaks	114,500	481	4.2	115,400	466	4.0	116,400	519	4.5
Shepway	107,000	756	7.1	108,200	680	6.3	108,700	566	5.2
Swale	135,000	1,078	8.0	136,300	1,458	10.7	137,700	1,238	9.0
Thanet	133,500	1,103	8.3	134,400	1,008	7.5	135,700	995	7.3
Tonbridge & Malling	120,100	461	3.8	121,100	410	3.4	121,900	419	3.4
Tunbridge Wells	114,000	849	7.4	115,200	756	6.6	115,500	822	7.1

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	2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	Mid-2013 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population	Mid-2014 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population	Mid-2015 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population
England	53,865,800	587,279	10.9	54,316,600	633,738	11.7	54,786,300	688,068.0	12.6
South East	8,792,800	83,730	9.5	8,873,800	90,602	10.2	8,947,900	98,891.0	11.1
Kent	1,493,500	11,017	7.4	1,510,400	11,947	7.9	1,524,700	12,607.0	8.3
Ashford	121,700	800	6.6	123,300	889	7.2	124,300	1,159.0	9.3
Canterbury	155,300	2,886	18.6	157,600	3,201	20.3	160,000	3,321.0	20.8
Dartford	100,600	593	5.9	102,200	587	5.7	103,900	692.0	6.7
Dover	112,300	635	5.7	113,100	646	5.7	113,200	546.0	4.8
Gravesham	103,800	955	9.2	105,300	1,005	9.5	106,300	1,046.0	9.8
Maidstone	159,300	1,113	7.0	161,800	1,128	7.0	164,500	1,325.0	8.1
Sevenoaks	117,000	509	4.4	117,800	563	4.8	118,400	577.0	4.9
Shepway	108,800	404	3.7	109,500	471	4.3	110,000	542.0	4.9
Swale	139,200	992	7.1	140,800	943	6.7	142,400	887.0	6.2
Thanet	136,800	1,011	7.4	138,400	1,130	8.2	139,800	1,064.0	7.6
Tonbridge & Malling	123,000	342	2.8	124,400	467	3.8	125,700	485.0	3.9
Tunbridge Wells	115,700	777	6.7	116,100	917	7.9	116,200	963.0	8.3

	2015/16		
	Mid-2016 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	Rate per 1,000 population
England	55,268,100	713,000	12.9
South East	9,026,300	99,500	11.0
Kent	1,541,900	13,300	8.6
Ashford	126,200	1,200	9.5
Canterbury	162,400	3,400	20.9
Dartford	105,500	800	7.6
Dover	114,200	500	4.4
Gravesham	106,800	1,200	11.2
Maidstone	166,400	1,400	8.4
Sevenoaks	119,100	700	5.9
Shepway	111,200	600	5.4
Swale	145,000	1,000	6.9
Thanet	140,700	1,000	7.1
Tonbridge & Malling	127,300	600	4.7
Tunbridge Wells	117,100	1,000	8.5

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Conclusion

This bulletin has highlighted that migration plays an important role in Kent's population profile. In the twelve months between Mid-2015 and Mid-2016, Net migration accounted for 83.6% of the County's population growth. This is a higher proportion than England, which saw migration accounting for 61.8% of the total population change for Mid-2015 to Mid-2016.

Despite this, net migration accounted for less than 1% (0.9%) of Kent County's total mid-year population estimate for 2016 (1.5 million). Net migration in England as a whole accounted for 0.5% of the total mid-year population estimate for 2016 (55.3 million)

Each migration data set has its own strengths and weaknesses as has been outlined in this document. In the absence of one definitive data set, we will have to continue using a variety of data sets to provide a comprehensive picture of migration in Kent.