

NINO allocations to overseas nationals

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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 summarises the results of National Insurance Number allocations to adult overseas nationals entering the United Kingdom and looks at the number registering in Kent in 2024.

Summary

- There were 11,555 NINo allocations to overseas nationals in Kent in 2024, a decrease of 35.2% since 2023.
- NINos decreased in all Kent districts between 2023 and 2024.
- More than a third of Kent's NINo allocations were in either Canterbury or Maidstone.
- Asia was the top world area of origin accounting for the biggest proportion of Kent's NINo allocations.
- NINos to people from all world areas of origin fell between 2023 and 2024, except for Oceania.
- The top 3 countries of origin of Kent NINos in 2024 were India (1,318), Nepal (984) and Nigeria (858).
- 66.8% of Kent NINos were aged under 35 at the time of registration.

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Introduction

The data used in this bulletin is taken from the National Insurance Recording System and is published by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). The data is randomly adjusted at source to avoid the release of confidential data.

Data is available from 2002 and is available to local authority district level. Numbers may not always sum due to rounding at source.

The data cover overseas nationals allocated a National Insurance Number (NINo) on the National Insurance Recording System (NIRS). The figures cover overseas nationals who wish to work or claim benefits in the UK. This includes those who are self-employed or students working part time. All overseas nationals allocated a NINo are included, regardless of their intended length of stay in the UK.

The data show only those who are entering the UK each year and not those currently in the UK or those who are leaving. It shows where the person was at time of registration and not their subsequent movements.

The data cannot be used as a count of:

- annual migration to the UK
- the number of foreign nationals who have started work or are currently in work
- the number of foreign nationals who are currently in the UK.

This bulletin begins by looking at the total number of overseas nationals allocated a National Insurance Number between January and December 2024 regionally in England. Data for 2024 is compared to 2023 and 2002. This is followed by the latest 1-year change at district level by world area of origin and age group.

Changes to migration and residence of foreign nationals

The [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Bill 2020](#) was introduced to government on 5 March 2020. It set out how the government planned to end free movement of people from Europe into the UK at the end of the withdrawal transition period (30th December 2020) and introduced the UK's point-based immigration system.

Information about the [UK points based immigration policy](#) can be found on the Home Office website.

Settlement in the UK following the UK withdrawal from the EU

People from the EU, the European Economic Area (EEA: made up of the 27 European Union member states plus Iceland, Liechtenstein & Norway) or Switzerland already living and/or working in the UK who wished to remain in the UK after it withdrew from Europe needed to make an EU settlement application. This had to be done before 30th June 2021.

Impact of Coronavirus on NINo Statistics

The NINo allocation process was disrupted as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. This resulted in a significant reduction in the number of NINOs allocated in 2020 and 2021.

The processing of NINo applications made for employment purposes was suspended in March 2020 to enable the redeployment of resources to other DWP areas, for example to help process new Universal Credit applications. Although new NINo applications made for employment purposes were not accepted, those already received and new applications made for benefit purposes were processed to completion. The postal process for NINo applicants with a valid work visa issued prior to their arrival in the UK was reinstated on 1 June 2020, after being suspended in March 2020, enabling applications to be accepted from Non-EU nationals. The NINo service became fully available from April 2021.

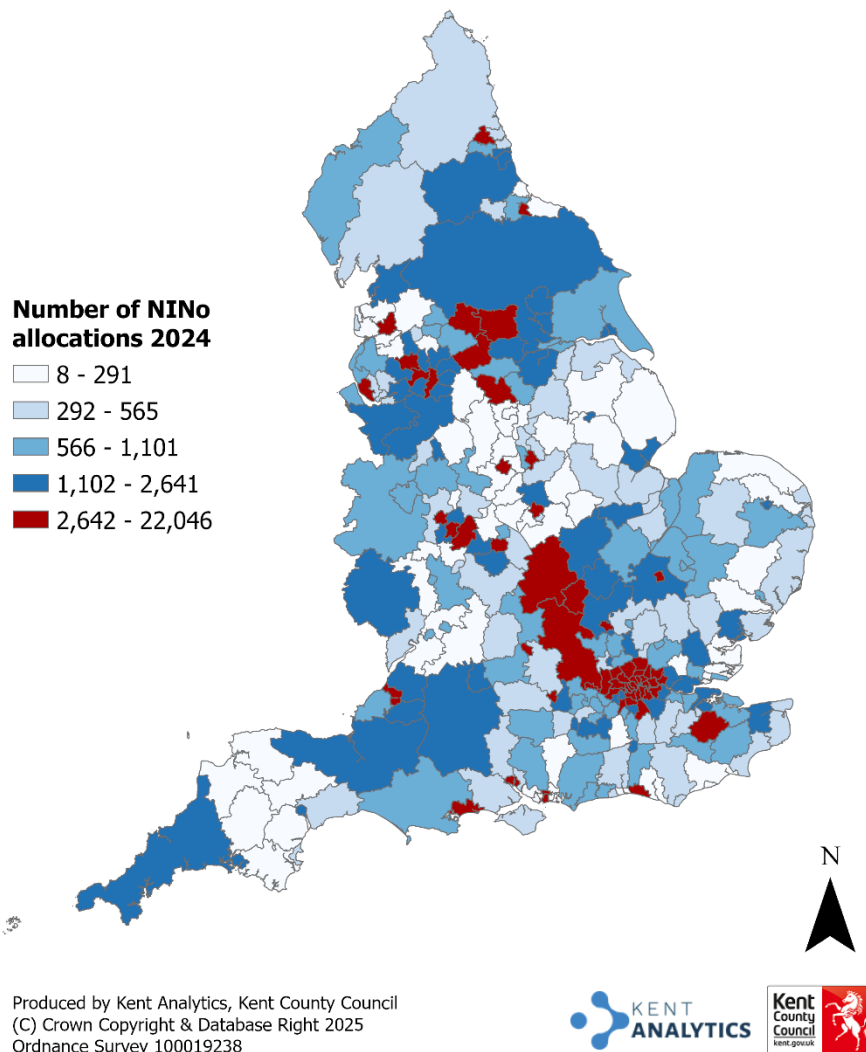
Annual number of NINo allocations

The total number of new NINo allocations in 2024 in local authority districts in England is shown in map 1.

Map 1: NINo allocations in England

Number of NINo allocations to overseas nationals 2024

Source: DWP



The English regional distribution of overseas nationals entering the country for 2024 is shown in table 1. There were a total of 546,601 new National Insurance Numbers (NINos) allocated to overseas nationals in England during this period. This is 104% more than was seen in 2002. When compared to 2023, there were 348,408 less NINo allocations, a decrease of 39%.

Overall, the London region had the highest number of NINo allocations in 2024 with 194,938 which accounted for just over a third of all allocations in the country.

The South East had the 2nd highest number of NINo allocations (70,531), equivalent to 12.9% of all allocations in England.

The number of NINo allocations fell in all regions of the country between 2023 and 2024. The biggest decrease in NINos since 2023 was seen in London which saw 104,321 less NINos allocated. The South East saw the third highest decrease with 42,124 less allocations than in 2023, a decrease of 37.4%.

Table 1: NINo allocations by region

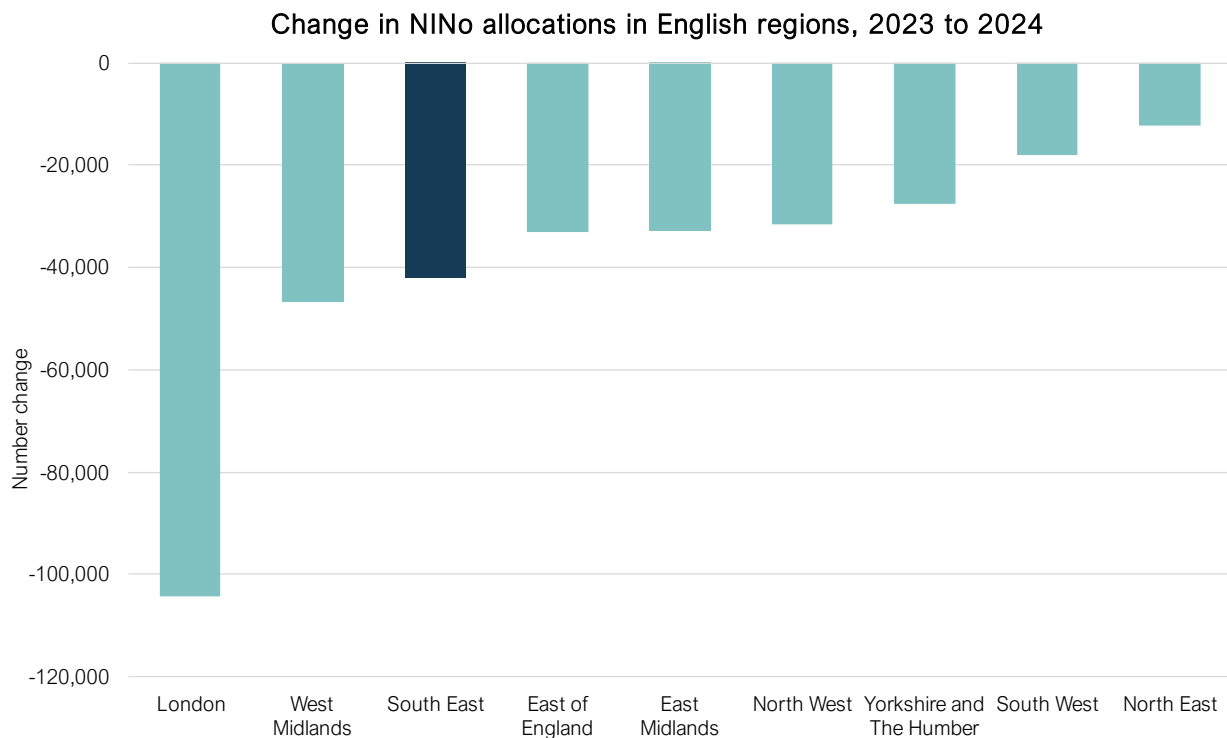
Area	2024	% of England NINos	Change since 2002	% change since 2002	Change since 2023	% change since 2023
England	546,601	100%	278,978	104%	-348,408	-39%
North East	15,025	2.7%	10,180	210.1%	-12,196	-44.8%
North West	59,848	10.9%	41,672	229.3%	-31,680	-34.6%
Yorkshire and The Humber	37,200	6.8%	25,441	216.4%	-27,532	-42.5%
East Midlands	34,321	6.3%	23,488	216.8%	-32,879	-48.9%
West Midlands	60,023	11.0%	40,907	214.0%	-46,712	-43.8%
East of England	44,843	8.2%	23,259	107.8%	-32,999	-42.4%
London	194,938	35.7%	59,735	44.2%	-104,321	-34.9%
South East	70,531	12.9%	35,449	101.0%	-42,124	-37.4%
South West	29,877	5.5%	18,856	171.1%	-17,954	-37.5%

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

Numbers may not sum due to rounding

Chart 1 overleaf shows how the number of NINo allocations has changed regionally since 2023.

Chart 1: Change in NINo allocations in English Regions

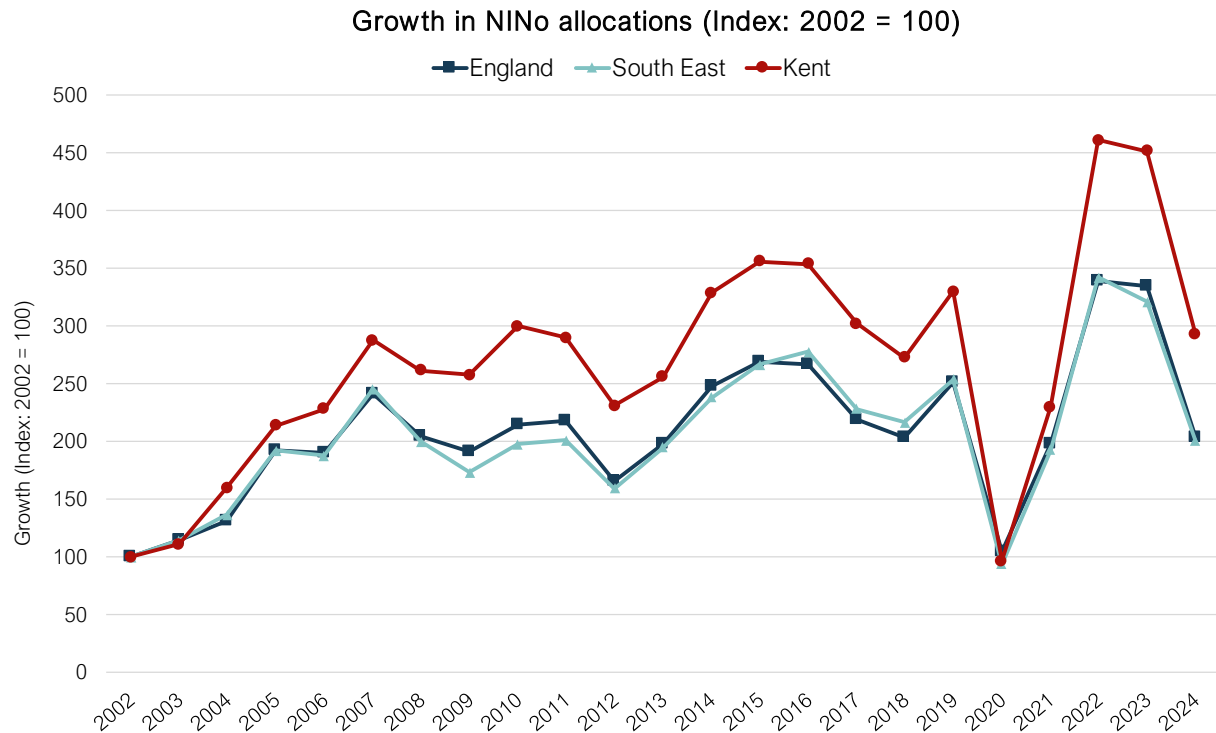


Source: DWP Stat Xplore
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Kent saw a total of 11,555 new NINo allocations in 2024, down 35.2% from 2023. The rate of growth in number of NINo allocations since 2002 in Kent compared to England and the South East is shown in chart 2.

From 2002 the rate of growth in the South East as a whole reflects a very similar pattern as seen nationally, however the rate of growth seen in Kent is consistently higher. The chart clearly shows the impact of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 and 2021 and the subsequent increase in 2022 of NINos being allocated in Kent was greater than seen nationally and regionally. Between 2022 and 2023 the numbers being allocated fell slightly, and there was a considerably larger fall in 2024.

Chart 2: Growth in NINo allocations since 2002



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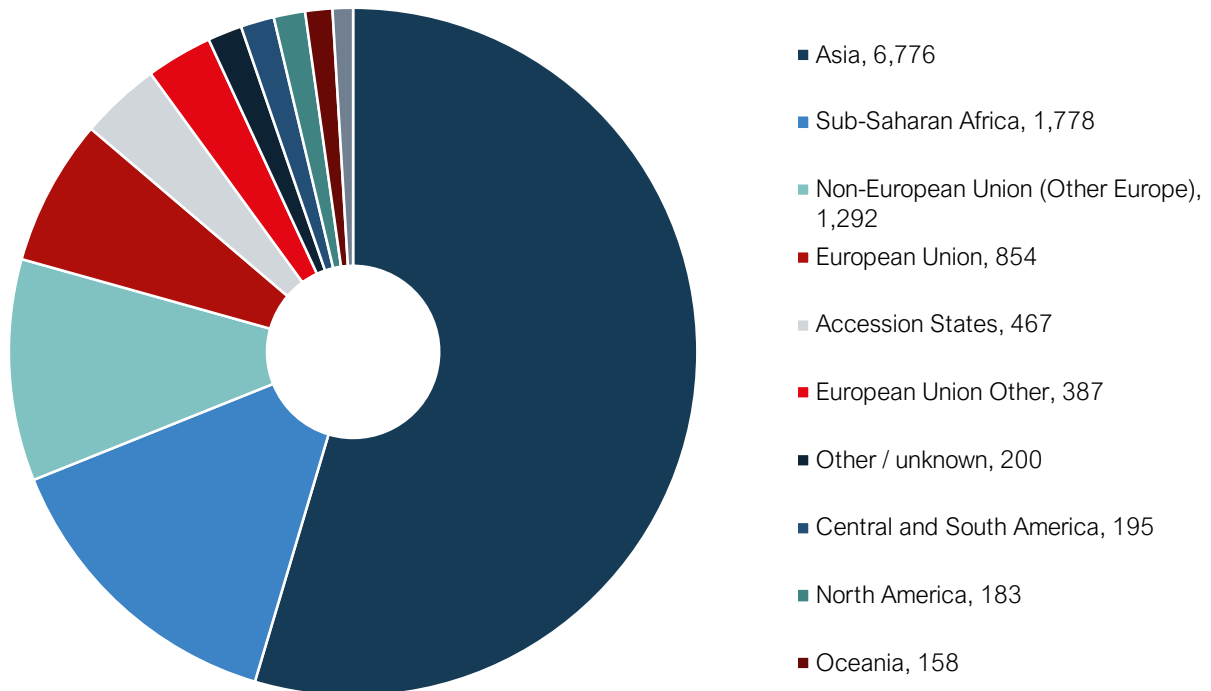
Where have overseas nationals registering in Kent come from?

NINo data is available by world area of origin. A table in Annex 2 at the end of this bulletin shows which countries are within each world area.

The world area of origin data displayed in chart 3 shows the origin of applicants registering in Kent based on their nationality.

Chart 3: Kent NINOs by world area of origin

Kent NINOs by world area of origin, 2024



Source: DWP Stat Xplore
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Table 2 shows the number of NINOs by world area of origin in Kent, Medway, the South East and England.

The largest number of NINOs allocated in Kent in 2024 were to people from Asia. These accounted for the biggest proportion of Kent allocations.

Kent saw a higher proportion of NINOs being allocated to nationals from European countries which are not in the European Union (Non-European Union (Other Europe) countries than was seen either regionally or nationally.

Table 2: NINo allocations by world area of origin

World area of origin 2024	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Total	11,555	2,450	70,531	546,601
European Union Total	854	148	5,745	45,272
Accession States	467	90	2,025	14,754
European Union incl. Malta, Cyprus & Croatia	387	60	3,718	30,517
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	1,292	160	5,455	34,609
Asia	6,776	1,267	40,164	327,329
Sub-Saharan Africa	1,778	706	11,052	77,591
North Africa	119	36	1,222	11,652
North America	183	16	1,933	14,121
Central and South America	195	94	1,818	11,974
Oceania	158	13	1,427	14,242

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

Numbers may not sum due to rounding

Note: European Union Total is the sum of Accession States and European Union incl. Malta, Cyprus & Croatia

Compared to 2023, new NINo allocations in Kent to nationals from all world areas have fallen except those from Oceania where there was a slight increase.

The biggest decreases in Kent were to nationals from Sub-Saharan Africa (-2,659, -59.9%), Asia (-2,274, -25.1%) and Non-European Union (Other Europe) (-588, -31.3%).

The change in allocations since 2023 are presented in tables 3 and 4.

Table 3: Number change in NINo allocations in Kent by world area, 2023 to 2024

World area	Kent	Medway	South East	England
European Union Total	-514	-93	-2,684	-29,584
Accession States	-448	-89	-1,856	-19,267
European Union incl. Malta, Cyprus & Croatia	-64	-3	-831	-10,316
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	-588	-77	-2,588	-18,260
Asia	-2,274	-396	-18,024	-166,614
Sub-Saharan Africa	-2,659	-1,308	-16,200	-118,229
North Africa	-20	1	-347	-2,148
North America	-10	-13	-86	-519
Central and South America	-91	27	-776	-4,680
Oceania	10	-2	-261	-1,439

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

Note: European Union Total is the sum of Accession States and European Union incl. Malta, Cyprus & Croatia

Table 4: Percentage change in NINo allocations in Kent by world area, 2023 to 2024

World area	Kent	Medway	South East	England
European Union Total	-37.6%	-38.6%	-31.8%	-39.5%
Accession States	-49.0%	-49.7%	-47.8%	-56.6%
European Union incl. Malta, Cyprus & Croatia	-14.2%	-4.8%	-18.3%	-25.3%
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	-31.3%	-32.5%	-32.2%	-34.5%
Asia	-25.1%	-23.8%	-31.0%	-33.7%
Sub-Saharan Africa	-59.9%	-64.9%	-59.4%	-60.4%
North Africa	-14.4%	2.9%	-22.1%	-15.6%
North America	-5.2%	-44.8%	-4.3%	-3.5%
Central and South America	-31.8%	40.3%	-29.9%	-28.1%
Oceania	6.8%	-13.3%	-15.5%	-9.2%

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

Note: European Union Total is the sum of Accession States and European Union incl. Malta, Cyprus & Croatia

Country of origin

The world area of origin of nationals being allocated a NINo can be broken down further into individual country of origin. Statistical disclosure control has been applied to this table at source to avoid the release of confidential data. Totals may not sum due to the disclosure control applied.

The top twenty countries from which NINo applicants in Kent originated in 2024 are shown in table 5. The table compares the number that were coming from these countries in 2023.

The number of nationals from individual countries may fluctuate from year to year. Changes in Government policy and economic conditions in both the country of origin as well as the UK, coupled with changes to the rules governing the free movement of individuals have had a large influence on the numbers of migrants coming to the UK to work. This was seen particularly following the entry of the A8 countries into Europe in 2004.

After 2013 the number of workers coming from A8 countries began to fall. In 2014, however, restrictions on the movements of workers from Romania and Bulgaria (A2 countries) were lifted, and while numbers coming to the UK from A8 countries fell, those from the A2 countries increased rapidly.

Following the coronavirus pandemic and the UK withdrawal from the European Union there have been significant changes to the countries of origin of people being allocated a NINo.

In 2023 the top countries of origin of NINos in Kent were India (3,057), Nigeria (2,546) and Ukraine (1,183). Between them they accounted for over a third of all Kent NINos. While they

still remain within the top five countries of origin in 2024, they account for less (just over a quarter) of all allocations.

The top three countries of origin in 2024 were India, Nepal, and Nigeria.

Of the top 20 countries of origin, NINOs to nationals originating from India saw the biggest number decrease since 2023 (-1,739 allocations, -56.9%).

NINOs to nationals from Kazakhstan saw the biggest number and percentage increase (+281 allocations, +74.9%).

Table 5: Kent top countries of origin

Kent NINOs	2023	2023 %	2024	2024 %	Change	% change 2023-2024
Total	17,430	100.0%	11,155	100.0%	6,275	36.0%
India	3,057	17.5%	1,318	11.8%	-1,739	-56.9%
Nepal	1,014	5.8%	984	8.8%	-30	-3.0%
Nigeria	2,546	14.6%	858	7.7%	-1,688	-66.3%
Uzbekistan	518	3.0%	739	6.6%	221	42.7%
Ukraine	1,183	6.8%	691	6.2%	-492	-41.6%
Kazakhstan	375	2.2%	656	5.9%	281	74.9%
Tajikistan	588	3.4%	629	5.6%	41	7.0%
Pakistan	582	3.3%	523	4.7%	-59	-10.1%
Kyrgyzstan	794	4.6%	494	4.4%	-300	-37.8%
Zimbabwe	736	4.2%	249	2.2%	-487	-66.2%
Moldova	227	1.3%	210	1.9%	-17	-7.5%
Other / Unknown	333	1.9%	205	1.8%	-128	-38.4%
Sri Lanka	291	1.7%	198	1.8%	-93	-32.0%
Romania	467	2.7%	195	1.7%	-272	-58.2%
Bulgaria	332	1.9%	172	1.5%	-160	-48.2%
Ghana	505	2.9%	169	1.5%	-336	-66.5%
Afghanistan	211	1.2%	167	1.5%	-44	-20.9%
Turkey	158	0.9%	161	1.4%	3	1.9%
Bangladesh	464	2.7%	154	1.4%	-310	-66.8%
South Africa	230	1.3%	153	1.4%	-77	-33.5%

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

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Table 6 shows the countries of origin which have shown the biggest drop in NINO allocations in Kent since 2023.

The table shows that the biggest drop in NINo allocations was to nationals from India (-1,739) and Nigeria (-1,688), though these were still the first and third top countries of origin in 2024.

Table 6: Top ten change in countries of origin

Kent NINos	2023	2023 %	2024	2024 %	Change 2023-2024	% change 2023-2024
India	3,057	17.5%	1,318	11.8%	-1,739	-56.9%
Nigeria	2,546	14.6%	858	7.7%	-1,688	-66.3%
Ukraine	1,183	6.8%	691	6.2%	-492	-41.6%
Zimbabwe	736	4.2%	249	2.2%	-487	-66.2%
Ghana	505	2.9%	169	1.5%	-336	-66.5%
Bangladesh	464	2.7%	154	1.4%	-310	-66.8%
Kyrgyzstan	794	4.6%	494	4.4%	-300	-37.8%
Romania	467	2.7%	195	1.7%	-272	-58.2%
Bulgaria	332	1.9%	172	1.5%	-160	-48.2%
Other / Unknown	333	1.9%	205	1.8%	-128	-38.4%

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

NINo allocations in Kent districts

The following section looks at the characteristics of overseas nationals allocated a NINo at Kent local authority district level.

Chart 4 overleaf shows the number of NINo allocations in Kent local authorities compared to other authorities in the South East, and chart 5 shows the change between 2023 and 2024.

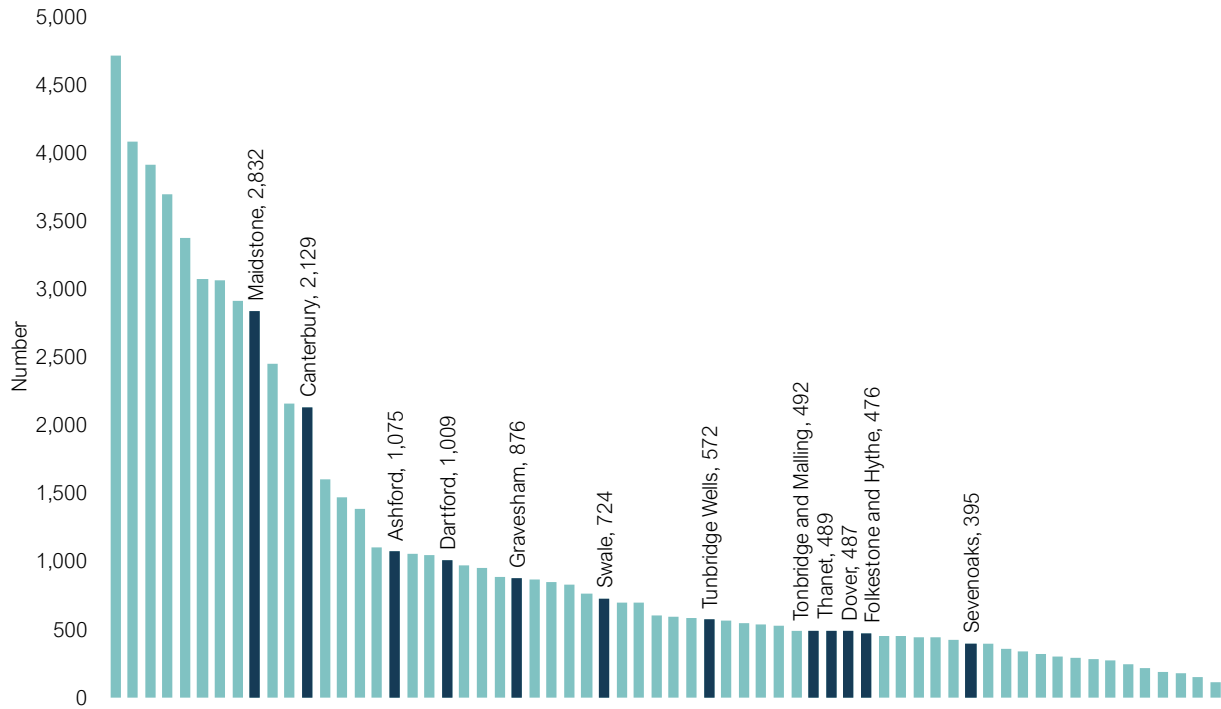
Compared to other authorities in the South East, Maidstone had the 9th and Canterbury the 12th highest number of NINos in 2024 with Ashford at 17th highest. Sevenoaks had among the lowest allocations in the region.

Gravesham had the 10th highest decrease in NINos allocated in 2024 compared to 2023 and Dartford had the 11th highest. Sevenoaks was among the South East local authorities to see the lowest decrease in allocations in 2024.

A table showing the number of NINos in all South East local authorities in 2023 and 2024 can be found in Annex 1 at the end of this bulletin.

Chart 4: NINo allocations in the South East Region

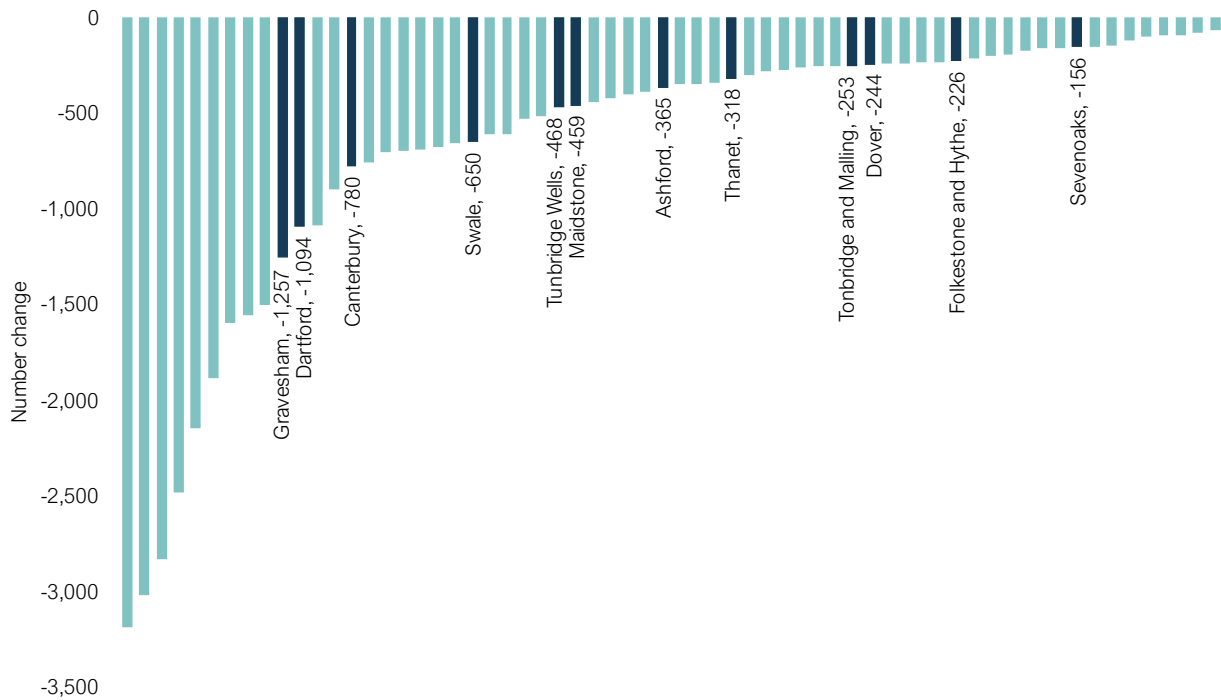
Number of NINOs in South East local authorities 2024



Source: DWP Stat Xplore
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Chart 5: Change in NINo allocations in the South East Region

Change in number of NINOs in South East local authorities, 2023 to 2024



Source: DWP Stat Xplore
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Table 7 shows the NINo allocations across Kent local authority districts and shows the number and percentage change since 2023.

Table 7: Change in NINo allocations in Kent districts

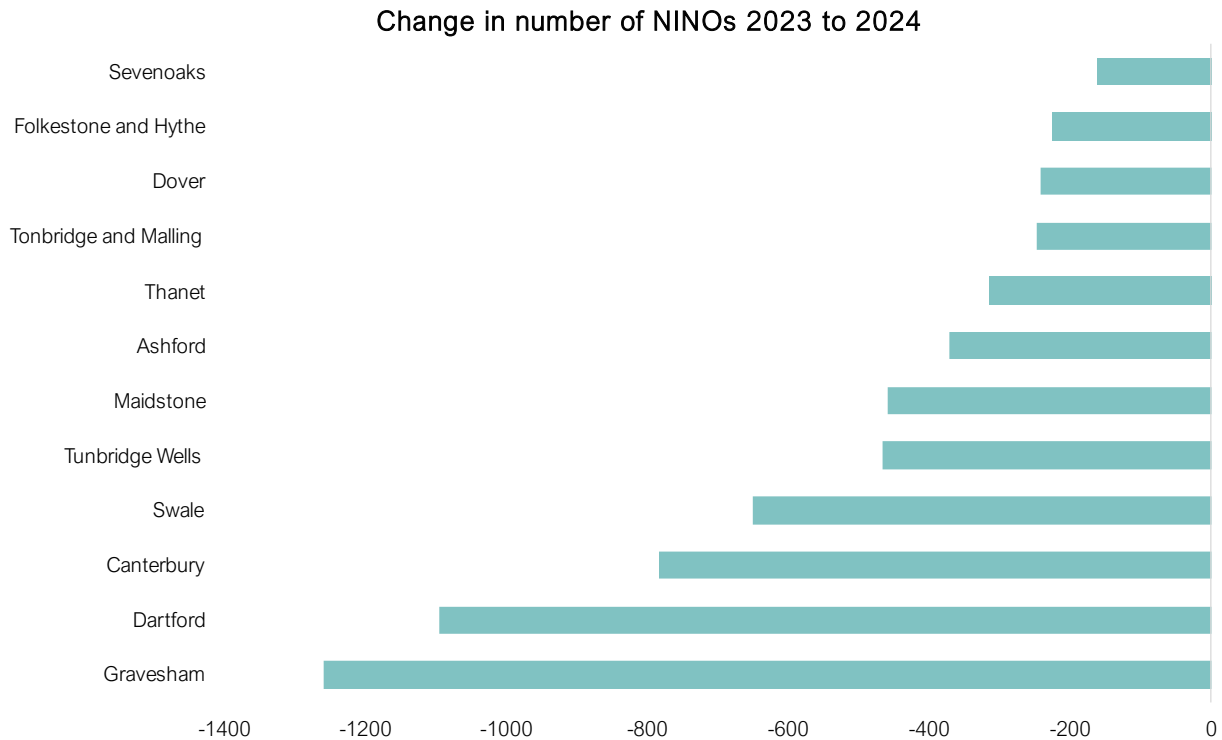
Area	2024	Change since 2023	% change since 2023
Ashford	1,075	-365	-25.3%
Canterbury	2,129	-780	-26.8%
Dartford	1,009	-1,094	-52.0%
Dover	487	-244	-33.4%
Folkestone and Hythe	476	-226	-32.2%
Gravesham	876	-1,257	-58.9%
Maidstone	2,832	-459	-13.9%
Sevenoaks	395	-156	-28.3%
Swale	724	-650	-47.3%
Thanet	489	-318	-39.4%
Tonbridge and Malling	492	-253	-34.0%
Tunbridge Wells	572	-468	-45.0%
Kent	11,555	-6,272	-35.2%
Medway	2,450	-1,885	-43.5%
Kent & Medway	14,008	-8,151	-36.8%
South East	70,531	-42,124	-37.4%
England	546,601	-348,408	-38.9%

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK
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Maidstone had the highest number of allocations in 2024 (2,832 allocations), which was 459 less than in 2023. Gravesham saw the biggest decrease in NINo allocations since 2023 with less than half as many allocations in 2024 than in 2023 (-1,257).

Sevenoaks had the smallest number of NINOs in 2024 (395) and saw the smallest decrease (-156). Chart 6 shows the change in NINo allocations in Kent districts since 2023.

Chart 6: Change in NINo allocations in Kent districts



Source: DWP Stat Xplore
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Table 8 shows that nationally the highest proportion of NINo allocations was to nationals from Asia (59.9%). This is also reflected in the South East region, in all Kent districts and Kent as a whole. In Kent, nationals from Asia accounted for more than half of all new NINo allocations.

Table 9 shows how the number of NINos coming from different world areas has changed since 2023. The biggest reduction in all Kent districts was to NINos from Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. Oceania was the only area to see an increase, although small (+10).

Table 8: Proportion of district NINOs by world area of origin

2024	Total NINOs	European Union	Accession states	European Union Other	Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Asia	Sub-Saharan Africa	North Africa	North America	Central and South America	Oceania	Other / Unknown
Ashford	1,075	5.9%	2.2%	3.4%	4.8%	66.4%	13.1%	0.7%	1.3%	2.4%	3.1%	2.1%
Canterbury	2,129	7.9%	2.7%	5.2%	6.0%	65.2%	12.4%	1.5%	2.9%	1.7%	1.0%	2.0%
Dartford	1,009	5.6%	3.6%	2.4%	6.9%	47.0%	35.2%	0.8%	0.8%	1.9%	0.7%	0.9%
Dover	487	5.7%	3.1%	3.1%	10.3%	65.9%	10.5%	1.0%	2.5%	1.4%	1.2%	0.0%
Folkestone and Hythe	476	4.0%	1.3%	2.5%	13.7%	61.3%	13.0%	2.3%	2.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Gravesham	876	8.4%	5.5%	2.7%	3.9%	58.6%	25.2%	0.8%	1.1%	1.8%	0.0%	0.9%
Maidstone	2,832	5.8%	4.7%	1.2%	19.0%	62.4%	9.1%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	1.6%
Sevenoaks	395	12.9%	2.5%	9.4%	20.3%	42.8%	11.4%	0.0%	4.8%	3.3%	4.3%	1.5%
Swale	724	11.9%	9.1%	2.2%	12.2%	49.9%	19.8%	0.0%	0.7%	5.2%	1.1%	0.0%
Thanet	489	10.8%	5.7%	4.7%	19.6%	44.0%	17.0%	2.5%	1.8%	2.2%	2.5%	0.0%
Tonbridge and Malling	492	8.5%	4.3%	4.7%	7.7%	57.5%	16.1%	0.0%	2.6%	1.0%	2.6%	3.7%
Tunbridge Wells	572	8.6%	3.8%	5.8%	10.0%	49.3%	12.9%	1.6%	3.0%	1.0%	4.5%	9.4%
Kent	11,555	7.4%	4.0%	3.3%	11.2%	58.6%	15.4%	1.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.4%	1.7%
Medway	2,450	6.0%	3.7%	2.4%	6.5%	51.7%	28.8%	1.5%	0.7%	3.8%	0.5%	0.4%
Kent & Medway	14,008	7.1%	4.0%	3.2%	10.4%	57.4%	17.7%	1.1%	1.4%	2.0%	1.2%	1.5%
South East	70,531	8.1%	2.9%	5.3%	7.7%	56.9%	15.7%	1.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.0%	2.4%
England	546,601	8.3%	2.7%	5.6%	6.3%	59.9%	14.2%	2.1%	2.6%	2.2%	2.6%	1.8%

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK
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Table 9: Change in number of NINOs by world area of origin

Change 2023-2024	Total NINOs	European Union	Accession states	European Union Other	Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Asia	Sub-Saharan Africa	North Africa	North America	Central and South America	Oceania	Other / Unknown
Ashford	-371	10	8	4	-11	-104	-271	2	1	-4	8	-3
Canterbury	-783	-67	-34	-30	-79	-333	-284	-5	-4	5	4	-14
Dartford	-1,095	-49	-20	-23	-13	-322	-691	-2	-3	-10	2	-13
Dover	-242	-17	-14	2	-81	-95	-63	-3	2	1	1	0
Folkestone and Hythe	-226	-13	-11	-4	10	-158	-48	-6	-2	-4	-5	-9
Gravesham	-1,259	-122	-99	-20	-28	-681	-413	-1	1	-8	-5	3
Maidstone	-459	-147	-148	7	-202	158	-188	-5	0	-44	3	-26
Sevenoaks	-162	3	-10	6	-38	-47	-79	0	7	4	3	-9
Swale	-650	-74	-73	-2	-86	-166	-285	-5	-2	-22	2	-15
Thanet	-315	-1	-10	8	-17	-174	-109	-1	-7	-8	12	0
Tonbridge and Malling	-247	-7	-1	-6	-30	-145	-71	0	-1	-5	1	6
Tunbridge Wells	-466	-30	-31	1	-6	-208	-156	1	3	-4	-7	-48
Kent	-6,270	-514	-448	-64	-588	-2,274	-2,659	-20	-10	-91	10	-131
Medway	-1,885	-93	-89	-3	-77	-396	-1,308	1	-13	27	-2	-11
Kent & Medway	-8,152	-607	-534	-63	-662	-2,668	-3,969	-23	-25	-67	3	-138
South East	-42,126	-2,684	-1,856	-831	-2,588	-18,024	-16,200	-347	-86	-776	-261	-1,162
England	-348,408	-29,584	-19,267	-10,316	-18,260	-166,614	-118,229	-2,148	-519	-4,680	-1,439	-6,926

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

Numbers may not sum due to rounding

Table 10 shows the top three individual countries of origin of NINOs in each of the Kent local authority districts in 2024.

India is the top country of origin in three districts and within the top three countries of origin in six other districts.

Ashford, and Folkestone & Hythe have a high number of NINOs allocated to people from Nepal, largely reflecting the number of Ghurkha soldiers formerly based locally applying to stay in the UK following active service in the British Army.

Table 10: Top 3 countries of origin for NINOs in Kent districts

2024	Top country of origin	Number of NINOs from top country of origin	2nd highest country of origin	Number of NINOs from 2nd highest country of origin	3rd highest country of origin	Number of NINOs from 3rd highest country of origin
Ashford	Nepal	460	India	70	Nigeria	53
Canterbury	India	314	Kazakhstan	204	Pakistan	165
Dartford	Nigeria	242	India	150	Nepal	126
Dover	Kyrgyzstan	77	Kazakhstan	60	Ukraine	42
Folkestone and Hythe	Nepal	150	Ukraine	39	India	37
Gravesham	India	353	Nigeria	165	Pakistan	62
Maidstone	Tajikistan	474	Uzbekistan	364	Ukraine	276
Sevenoaks	Ukraine	54	India	26	Kyrgyzstan	25
Swale	Kyrgyzstan	97	Uzbekistan	61	Tajikistan	57
Thanet	India	61	Ukraine	50	Pakistan	38
Tonbridge and Malling	Uzbekistan	68	Kyrgyzstan	64	India	35
Tunbridge Wells	Other / Unknown	54	Hong Kong	47	India	46

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

Age profile of NINOs in Kent

In 2024, 66.8% of new NINOs allocated in Kent were to people aged under 35 at the time of registration, below the national average of 77.1%. This varies across the county, however all Kent districts saw a higher proportion of allocations to those aged under 35 than to those aged 35 and over.

In Canterbury 76.5% are aged under 35, most likely as a result of the location of university campuses located within Canterbury. While an overseas student does not necessarily have to register for a NINO to study in the UK, they do need to register if they claim benefits or work in the UK. Gravesham also saw a higher proportion of NINOs allocated to those aged under 35 (75.0%).

Ashford had the highest proportion of NINOs allocated to people aged 35 and over (48.3%) than anywhere else in the county. This is shown in table 11.

Table 11: Proportion of NINOs by broad age group

2024	Under 35	35+	% under 35	% 35+
Ashford	555	519	51.7%	48.3%
Canterbury	1,629	501	76.5%	23.5%
Dartford	699	318	68.7%	31.3%
Dover	310	167	65.0%	35.0%
Folkestone and Hythe	261	210	55.4%	44.6%
Gravesham	659	220	75.0%	25.0%
Maidstone	1,891	944	66.7%	33.3%
Sevenoaks	236	162	59.3%	40.7%
Swale	474	251	65.4%	34.6%
Thanet	326	158	67.4%	32.6%
Tonbridge and Malling	342	146	70.1%	29.9%
Tunbridge Wells	324	242	57.2%	42.8%
Kent	7,714	3,831	66.8%	33.2%
Medway	1,781	657	73.1%	26.9%
Kent & Medway	9,504	4,503	67.9%	32.1%
South East	49,802	20,731	70.6%	29.4%
England	421,422	125,171	77.1%	22.9%

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

Numbers may not sum due to rounding

It is also possible to look at NINO allocations by single year of age.

Between 2023 and 2024 the age profile has changed slightly. In 2023 those aged 25 and under made up a smaller proportion of Kent's total NINOs than seen in 2024. In 2023 those aged 28 to 37, and 39 to 50 at registration made up a higher proportion than seen in 2024.

People aged under 18 in 2024 made up a considerably larger proportion of all NINO allocations than seen in 2023. Young people from Nigeria accounted for 21% of all NINOs allocated to people within that age group, while 9% were to individuals from India.

People aged 60 and above also made up a larger proportion of NINOs in 2024 than in 2023. Further analysis shows that close to half of these people originated from Ukraine or Nepal.

Chart 7 shows the age profile of overseas nationals allocated a NINO in 2024 compared with 2023.

Chart 7: NINo allocations in Kent by single year of age

Proportion of NINOs in Kent by single year of age, 2023 and 2024



Annex 1: NINos allocated to overseas nationals in South East local authorities

Local authority	2023	2024	Number change 2023-2024	% change 2023-2024
Oxford	6,218	4,714	-1,504	-24.2%
Southampton	6,564	4,081	-2,483	-37.8%
Reading	5,507	3,912	-1,595	-29.0%
Slough	6,884	3,695	-3,189	-46.3%
Buckinghamshire	5,526	3,377	-2,149	-38.9%
Brighton and Hove	4,621	3,067	-1,554	-33.6%
Milton Keynes	6,078	3,058	-3,020	-49.7%
Portsmouth	5,742	2,909	-2,833	-49.3%
Maidstone	3,291	2,832	-459	-13.9%
Medway	4,335	2,450	-1,885	-43.5%
Guildford	3,246	2,161	-1,085	-33.4%
Canterbury	2,909	2,129	-780	-26.8%
Rushmoor	1,793	1,602	-191	-10.7%
Wokingham	2,225	1,466	-759	-34.1%
Crawley	2,095	1,390	-705	-33.7%
Windsor and Maidenhead	1,759	1,100	-659	-37.5%
Ashford	1,440	1,075	-365	-25.3%
Woking	1,669	1,058	-611	-36.6%
Basingstoke and Deane	1,658	1,049	-609	-36.7%
Dartford	2,103	1,009	-1,094	-52.0%
Cherwell	1,665	968	-697	-41.9%
Spelthorne	1,644	957	-687	-41.8%
Runnymede	1,560	886	-674	-43.2%
Gravesham	2,133	876	-1,257	-58.9%
Vale of White Horse	1,401	871	-530	-37.8%
Arun	1,066	851	-215	-20.2%
Bracknell Forest	1,229	827	-402	-32.7%
Reigate and Banstead	1,667	767	-900	-54.0%
Swale	1,374	724	-650	-47.3%
Elmbridge	1,127	702	-425	-37.7%
Chichester	927	694	-233	-25.1%
Winchester	861	608	-253	-29.4%
Epsom and Ewell	940	596	-344	-36.6%
Mid Sussex	969	581	-388	-40.0%
Tunbridge Wells	1,040	572	-468	-45.0%
Waverley	823	569	-254	-30.9%
Surrey Heath	829	550	-279	-33.7%
West Berkshire	982	537	-445	-45.3%
Eastbourne	1,046	527	-519	-49.6%

Local authority			Number	% change
	2023	2024	change 2023-2024	2023-2024
South Oxfordshire	841	495	-346	-41.1%
Tonbridge and Malling	745	492	-253	-34.0%
Thanet	807	489	-318	-39.4%
Dover	731	487	-244	-33.4%
Folkestone and Hythe	702	476	-226	-32.2%
Wealden	544	454	-90	-16.5%
West Oxfordshire	549	450	-99	-18.0%
Worthing	793	445	-348	-43.9%
Test Valley	681	442	-239	-35.1%
New Forest	725	421	-304	-41.9%
Sevenoaks	551	395	-156	-28.3%
Isle of Wight	634	394	-240	-37.9%
Horsham	617	356	-261	-42.3%
Eastleigh	607	336	-271	-44.6%
Hart	497	321	-176	-35.4%
Tandridge	396	305	-91	-23.0%
Hastings	525	291	-234	-44.6%
East Hampshire	444	283	-161	-36.3%
Lewes	360	279	-81	-22.5%
Mole Valley	448	245	-203	-45.3%
Rother	339	216	-123	-36.3%
Havant	341	193	-148	-43.4%
Fareham	336	182	-154	-45.8%
Gosport	312	153	-159	-51.0%
Adur	182	118	-64	-35.2%

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

Annex 2: Countries by world area

World Area	Country
European Union EU14	Austria
European Union EU14	Belgium
European Union EU14	Denmark
European Union EU14	Finland
European Union EU14	France
European Union EU14	Germany
European Union EU14	Greece
European Union EU14	Italy
European Union EU14	Luxembourg
European Union EU14	Netherlands
European Union EU14	Portugal
European Union EU14	Ireland
European Union EU14	Spain
European Union EU14	Sweden
European Union EU8	Czech Republic
European Union EU8	Estonia
European Union EU8	Hungary
European Union EU8	Latvia
European Union EU8	Lithuania
European Union EU8	Poland
European Union EU8	Slovakia
European Union EU8	Slovenia
European Union EU2	Bulgaria
European Union EU2	Romania
European Union Other	Croatia
European Union Other	Cyprus
European Union Other	Malta
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Albania
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Andorra
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Armenia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Azerbaijan
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Belarus
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Bouvet Island
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Faroe Islands
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Georgia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Greenland
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Iceland
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Kosovo
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Liechtenstein
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Macedonia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Moldova
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Monaco

World Area	Country
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Montenegro
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Norway
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Russia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	San Marino
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Serbia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Serbia & Montenegro
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Switzerland
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Turkey
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Ukraine
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Vatican City
Central and South America	Anguilla
Central and South America	Antigua
Central and South America	Antilles (Netherlands)
Central and South America	Argentina
Central and South America	Aruba and Curaçao
Central and South America	Bahamas
Central and South America	Barbados
Central and South America	Barbuda
Central and South America	Belize
Central and South America	Bermuda
Central and South America	Bolivia
Central and South America	Brazil
Central and South America	Cayman Islands
Central and South America	Chile
Central and South America	Colombia
Central and South America	Costa Rica
Central and South America	Cuba
Central and South America	Dominica
Central and South America	Dominican Rep
Central and South America	Ecuador
Central and South America	El Salvador
Central and South America	Falkland Islands
Central and South America	French Guiana
Central and South America	Grenada
Central and South America	Guadeloupe
Central and South America	Guatemala
Central and South America	Guyana
Central and South America	Haiti
Central and South America	Honduras
Central and South America	Jamaica
Central and South America	Martinique
Central and South America	Mexico
Central and South America	Montserrat
Central and South America	Nicaragua
Central and South America	Panama

World Area	Country
Central and South America	Paraguay
Central and South America	Peru
Central and South America	Sint Maarten (Dutch Part)
Central and South America	South Georgia & South Sandwich Island
Central and South America	St Kitts and Nevis
Central and South America	St Lucia
Central and South America	St Pierre & Miquelon
Central and South America	St Vincent & Grenadines
Central and South America	Suriname
Central and South America	Trinidad & Tobago
Central and South America	Turks & Caicos Islands
Central and South America	Uruguay
Central and South America	Venezuela
Central and South America	Virgin Islands (British)
North America	Canada
North America	Puerto Rico
North America	United States
North America	Virgin Islands (USA)
Middle East and Central Asia	Afghanistan
Middle East and Central Asia	Bahrain
Middle East and Central Asia	Iran
Middle East and Central Asia	Iraq
Middle East and Central Asia	Israel
Middle East and Central Asia	Jordan
Middle East and Central Asia	Kuwait
Middle East and Central Asia	Lebanon
Middle East and Central Asia	Oman
Middle East and Central Asia	Qatar
Middle East and Central Asia	Kazakhstan
Middle East and Central Asia	Kyrgyzstan
Middle East and Central Asia	Tajikistan
Middle East and Central Asia	Turkmenistan
Middle East and Central Asia	Uzbekistan
Middle East and Central Asia	Saudia Arabia
Middle East and Central Asia	Syria
Middle East and Central Asia	Yemen
Middle East and Central Asia	United Arab Emirates
East Asia	China
East Asia	Hong Kong
East Asia	Japan
East Asia	Macau
East Asia	Mongolia
East Asia	North Korea
East Asia	South Korea
East Asia	Taiwan

World Area	Country
South Asia	Bangladesh
South Asia	Bhutan
South Asia	British Indian Ocean Territory
South Asia	India
South Asia	Maldives
South Asia	Nepal
South Asia	Pakistan
South East Asia	Brunei
South East Asia	Burma
South East Asia	Cambodia
South East Asia	East Timor
South East Asia	Indonesia
South East Asia	Laos
South East Asia	Malaysia
South East Asia	Phillipines
South East Asia	Singapore
South East Asia	Thailand
South East Asia	Vietnam
North Africa	Algeria
North Africa	Egypt
North Africa	Libya
North Africa	Mauritania
North Africa	Morocco
North Africa	Sudan
North Africa	Tunisia
North Africa	Western Sahara
Sub-Saharan Africa	Angola
Sub-Saharan Africa	Benin
Sub-Saharan Africa	Botswana
Sub-Saharan Africa	Burkina Faso
Sub-Saharan Africa	Burundi
Sub-Saharan Africa	Cameroon
Sub-Saharan Africa	Cape Verde
Sub-Saharan Africa	Central African Republic
Sub-Saharan Africa	Chad
Sub-Saharan Africa	Comoros
Sub-Saharan Africa	Congo
Sub-Saharan Africa	Congo (Democratic Republic)
Sub-Saharan Africa	Djibouti
Sub-Saharan Africa	Equatorial Guinea
Sub-Saharan Africa	Eritrea
Sub-Saharan Africa	Ethiopia
Sub-Saharan Africa	Gabon
Sub-Saharan Africa	Gambia
Sub-Saharan Africa	Ghana

World Area	Country
Sub-Saharan Africa	Guinea
Sub-Saharan Africa	Guinea-Bissau
Sub-Saharan Africa	Ivory Coast
Sub-Saharan Africa	Kenya
Sub-Saharan Africa	Lesotho
Sub-Saharan Africa	Liberia
Sub-Saharan Africa	Madagascar
Sub-Saharan Africa	Malawi
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mali
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mauritius
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mayotte
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mozambique
Sub-Saharan Africa	Namibia
Sub-Saharan Africa	Niger
Sub-Saharan Africa	Nigeria
Sub-Saharan Africa	Reunion
Sub-Saharan Africa	Rwanda
Sub-Saharan Africa	Sao Tome and Principe
Sub-Saharan Africa	Senegal
Sub-Saharan Africa	Seychelles
Sub-Saharan Africa	Sierra Leone
Sub-Saharan Africa	Somalia
Sub-Saharan Africa	South Africa
Sub-Saharan Africa	St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
Sub-Saharan Africa	Swaziland
Sub-Saharan Africa	Tanzania
Sub-Saharan Africa	Togo
Sub-Saharan Africa	Uganda
Sub-Saharan Africa	Zambia
Sub-Saharan Africa	Zimbabwe
Oceania	American Samoa
Oceania	Antarctic Territories (British)
Oceania	Australia
Oceania	Christmas Island
Oceania	Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Oceania	Cook Islands
Oceania	Fiji
Oceania	French Polynesia (inc. Tahiti)
Oceania	French Southern Territories
Oceania	Heard Island & McDonald Islands
Oceania	Micronesia (Sub Region)
Oceania	New Caledonia
Oceania	New Zealand
Oceania	Niue
Oceania	Norfolk Island

World Area	Country
Oceania	Papua New Guinea
Oceania	Pitcairn
Oceania	Samoa
Oceania	Solomon Islands
Oceania	Tokelau
Oceania	Tonga
Oceania	Tuvalu
Oceania	US Minor Outlying Islands
Oceania	Vanuatu
Oceania	Wallis & Futuna

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