

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 2023.

Summary

- There were 17,825 NINo allocations to overseas nationals in Kent in 2023, an increase of 36.9% since 2019.
- NINos increased in all Kent districts except Swale and Tonbridge & Malling.
- 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 European Union areas fell between 2019 and 2023.
- The top 3 countries of origin of Kent NINos in 2023 were India (3,054), Nigeria (2,550) and Ukraine (1,196).
- 64.9% 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.

Changes to migration and residence of foreign nationals

On 5 March 2020 the [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Bill 2020](#) was introduced to government. 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.

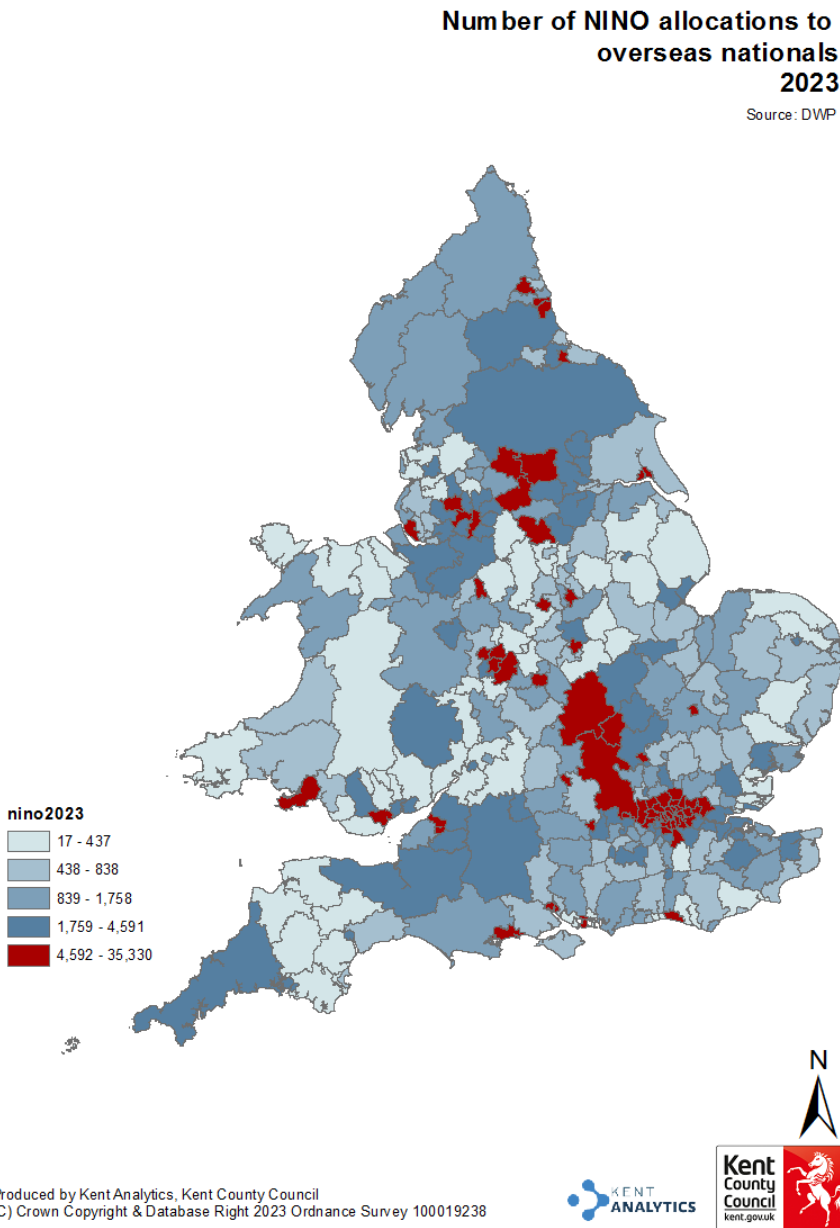
This bulletin begins by looking at the total number of overseas nationals allocated a National Insurance Number between January and December 2022 regionally in England. Data for 2023 is compared to 2019, as this was the last period before the impact of movement restrictions because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the UK withdrawal from the European Union. It looks at allocations in Kent compared to 2002 and 2019, and at district level by world area of origin and age group.

Annual number of NINo allocations

As a result of the impact of Covid-19 on the processing of NINo applications during 2020 and 2021, and the UK withdrawal from the European Union we compare 2023 data with 2019, the last full calendar year where applications were being allocated as normal.

The total number of new NINo allocations in 2023 in local authority districts in England and Wales is shown in map 1.

Map 1: NINo allocations in England & Wales



The English regional distribution of overseas nationals entering the country for 2023 is shown in table 1. There were a total of 895,009 new National Insurance Numbers (NINOs) allocated to overseas nationals in England during this period. This is more than twice as many as was seen in 2002. When compared to 2019 there were 222,341 more NINO allocations, an increase of 33%.

Overall, the London region had the highest number of NINO allocations in 2023 with 299,262 which accounted for a third of all allocations in the country.

The South East had the 2nd highest number of NINO allocations (112,657), equivalent to 12.6% of all allocations in England.

The biggest increase in NINOs since 2019 was seen in the West Midlands region which saw 51,817 more NINOs allocated. The South East saw the fourth highest increase with 23,434 more allocations than in 2019, an increase of 26.3%.

Table 1: NINO allocations by region

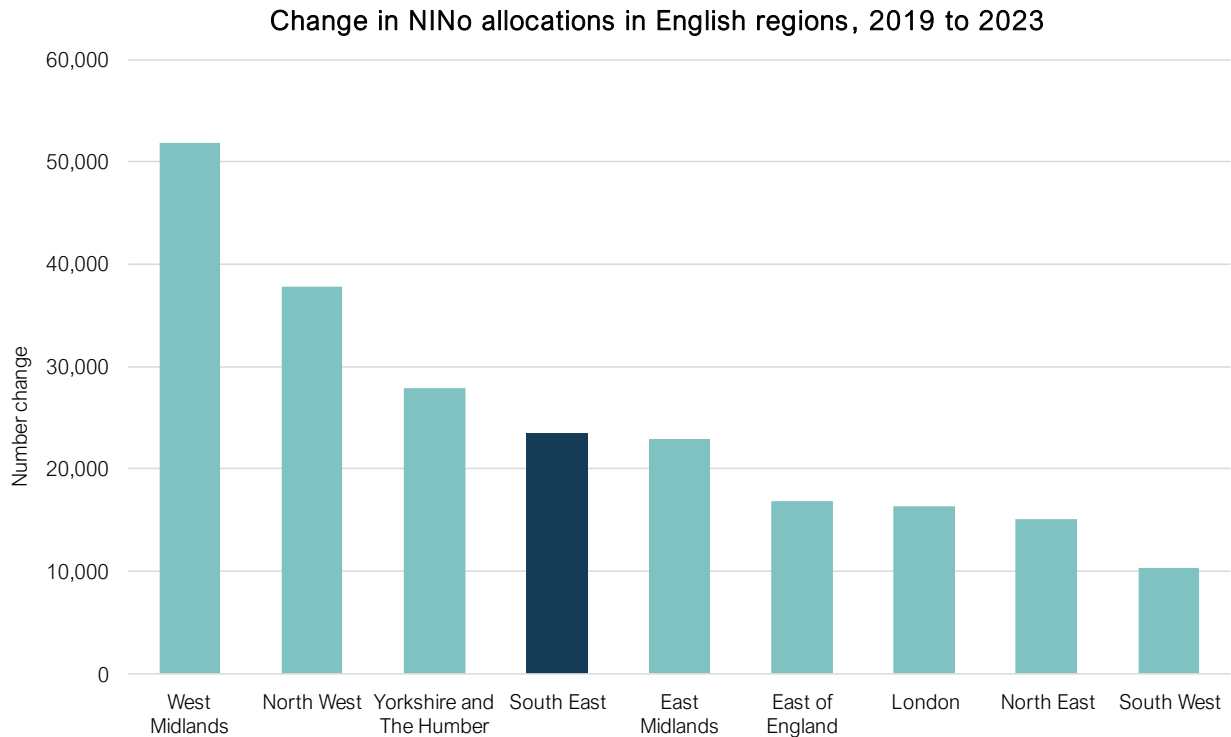
Area	2023	% of England NINOs	Change since 2002	% change since 2002	Change since 2019	% change since 2019
England	895,009	100%	627,386	234%	222,341	33%
North East	27,220	3.0%	22,375	461.8%	15,033	123.4%
North West	91,528	10.2%	73,352	403.6%	37,828	70.4%
Yorkshire and The Humber	64,732	7.2%	52,973	450.5%	27,874	75.6%
East Midlands	67,202	7.5%	56,369	520.3%	22,827	51.4%
West Midlands	106,738	11.9%	87,622	458.4%	51,817	94.3%
East of England	77,836	8.7%	56,252	260.6%	16,870	27.7%
London	299,262	33.4%	164,059	121.3%	16,375	5.8%
South East	112,657	12.6%	77,575	221.1%	23,434	26.3%
South West	47,835	5.3%	36,814	334.0%	10,280	27.4%

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

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Chart 1 (overleaf) shows how the number of NINO allocations has changed regionally since 2019.

Chart 1: Change in NINo allocations in English Regions

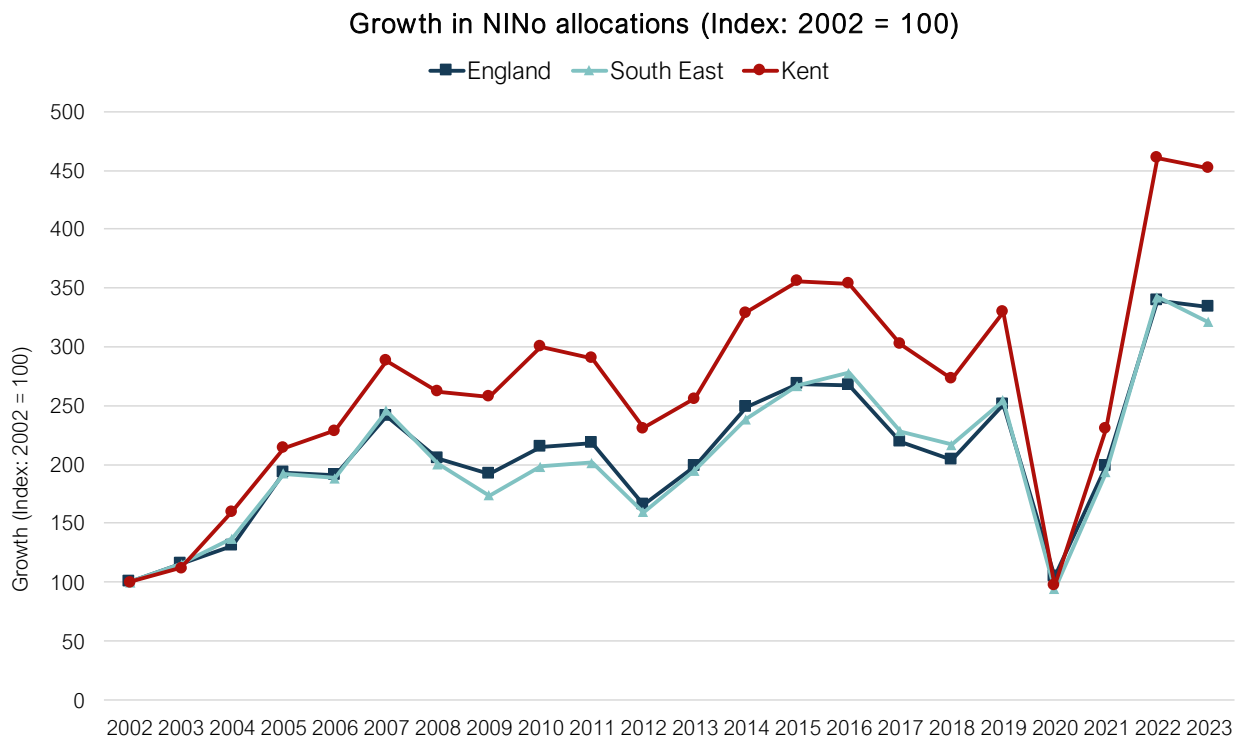


Source: DWP Stat Xplore
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Kent saw a total of 17,825 new NINo allocations in 2023, up 36.9% from 2019. 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.

Chart 2: Growth in NINo allocations since 2002



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Where have overseas nationals registering in Kent come from?

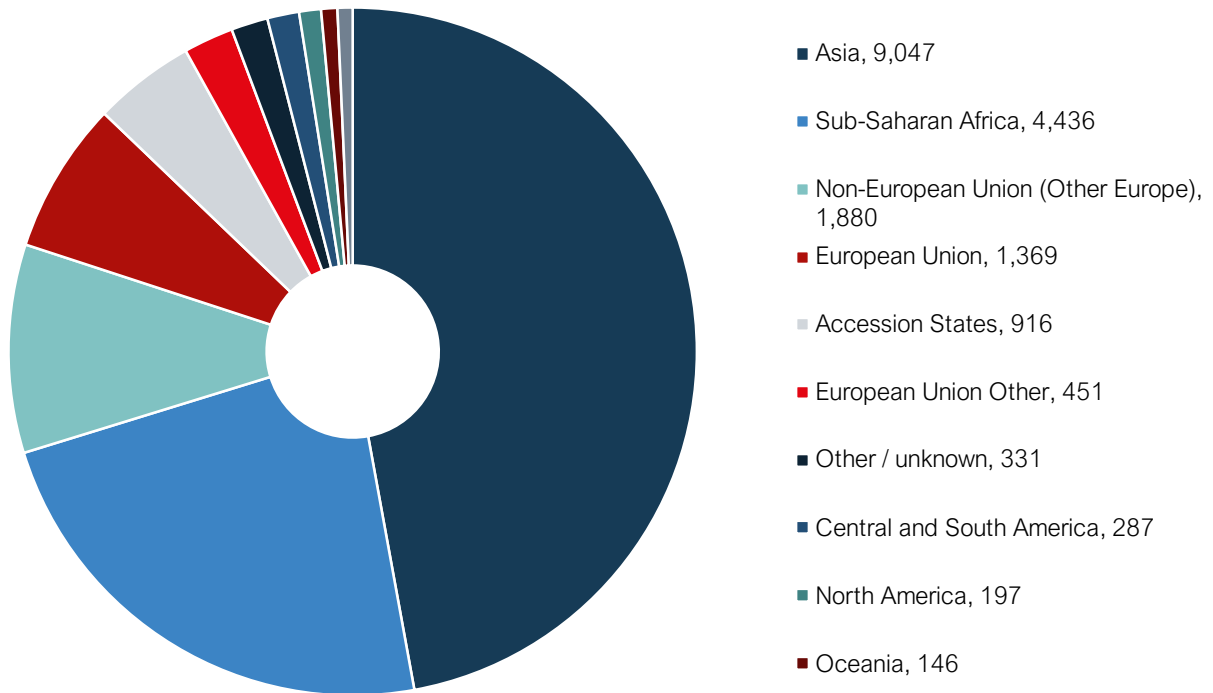
NINo data is available by world area of origin. Tables showing the countries in each world area can be found at the end of this bulletin.

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

A table in Annex 2 at the end of this bulletin shows which countries are within each world area.

Chart 3

Kent NINos by world area of origin, 2023



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

Table 2 show 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 2023 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 2023	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Total	17,825	4,335	112,657	895,009
European Union	1,369	243	8,429	74,858
Accession States	916	174	3,878	34,022
European Union Other	451	64	4,547	40,833
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	1,880	239	8,040	52,868
Asia	9,047	1,664	58,190	493,944
Sub-Saharan Africa	4,436	2,016	27,249	195,818
North Africa	136	41	1,564	13,801
North America	197	33	2,017	14,639
Central and South America	287	65	2,597	16,658
Oceania	146	14	1,690	15,681

Source: DWP - NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK
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Compared to 2019 new NINo allocations in Kent to nationals from all European Union countries have fallen, this is most likely due to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and the removal of the freedom for EU nationals to come to the UK for work.

Allocations to nationals from all other world areas has increased.

The biggest increases in Kent were to nationals from Asia (+7,536, +498.7%), Sub-Saharan Africa (+3,757, +553.3%), and Non-European Union (Other Europe) (+1,046, +125.4%).

The change in allocations since 2019 can be found in tables 3 and 4.

Table 3: Number change in NINo allocations in Kent by world area, 2019 to 2023

World area	Kent	Medway	South East	England
European Union	-8,042	-1,317	-46,913	-335,412
Accession states	-6,609	-1,057	-29,946	-191,385
European Union Other	-1,431	-268	-16,977	-144,031
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	1,046	130	4,560	26,285
Asia	7,536	1,303	39,130	345,219
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,757	1,813	22,247	160,417
North Africa	12	25	602	4,779
North America	45	8	134	751
Central and South America	127	-12	604	2,683
Oceania	1	5	334	2,478

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

Table 4: Percentage change in NINo allocations in Kent by world area, 2019 to 2023

World area	Kent	Medway	South East	England
European Union	-85.5%	-84.4%	-84.8%	-81.8%
Accession states	-87.8%	-85.9%	-88.5%	-84.9%
European Union Other	-76.0%	-80.7%	-78.9%	-77.9%
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	125.4%	119.3%	131.0%	98.9%
Asia	498.7%	360.9%	205.3%	232.1%
Sub-Saharan Africa	553.3%	893.1%	444.8%	453.1%
North Africa	9.7%	156.3%	62.6%	53.0%
North America	29.6%	32.0%	7.1%	5.4%
Central and South America	79.4%	-15.6%	30.3%	19.2%
Oceania	0.7%	55.6%	24.6%	18.8%

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

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 2023 are shown in table 5. The table compares the number that were coming from these countries in 2019.

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 there have been significant changes to the countries of origin of people being allocated a NINo.

In 2019 the top countries of origin of NINos in Kent were Romania (3,629) and Bulgaria (2,552). Between them they accounted for almost half of all Kent NINos. While they still

remain within the top countries of origin in 2022, they account for just over 6% of all allocations.

The top three countries of origin in 2023 were India, Nigeria, and Ukraine.

NINos to nationals originating from India saw the biggest number increase since 2019 (+2,510 allocations, +461.4%).

NINos to nationals from Hong Kong saw the biggest percentage increase, although the numbers are still relatively low (250 NINos in 2023, up from 6 in 2019). An immigration route opened in 2021, allowing British National (Overseas) status holders from Hong Kong and their eligible dependants to come to the UK to live, study and work.

Table 5: Kent top countries of origin

Kent NINos	2019	2019 %	2023	2023 %	Change 2019-2023	% change 2019-2023
Total	12,700	100.0%	17,764	100.0%	5,064	39.9%
India	544	4.3%	3,054	17.6%	2,510	461.4%
Nigeria	300	2.4%	2,550	14.7%	2,250	750.0%
Ukraine	509	4.0%	1,196	6.9%	687	135.0%
Nepal	306	2.4%	1,024	5.9%	718	234.6%
Kyrgyzstan	0	0.0%	790	4.5%	790	-
Zimbabwe	26	0.2%	732	4.2%	706	2715.4%
Tajikistan	0	0.0%	583	3.4%	583	-
Pakistan	102	0.8%	578	3.3%	476	466.7%
Ghana	58	0.5%	515	3.0%	457	787.9%
Uzbekistan	0	0.0%	512	2.9%	512	-
Romania	3,629	28.6%	468	2.7%	-3,161	-87.1%
Bangladesh	57	0.4%	458	2.6%	401	703.5%
Kazakhstan	0	0.0%	370	2.1%	370	-
Bulgaria	2,552	20.1%	343	2.0%	-2,209	-86.6%
Other / unknown	33	0.3%	337	1.9%	304	921.2%
Sri Lanka	65	0.5%	296	1.7%	231	355.4%
Hong Kong	6	0.0%	250	1.4%	244	4066.7%
South Africa	144	1.1%	229	1.3%	85	59.0%
Moldova	29	0.2%	223	1.3%	194	669.0%
Afghanistan	50	0.4%	210	1.2%	160	320.0%

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 2019.

The table shows that the biggest drop in NINo allocations was to nationals from a European Union country or Accession State.

The biggest reduction in number was to those coming from Romania and Bulgaria.

Table 6: Top ten change in European countries of origin

Kent NINos	2019	2019 %	2022	2022 %	Change 2019-2022	% change 2019-2022
Romania	3,629	28.6%	468	2.7%	-3,161	-87.1%
Bulgaria	2,552	20.1%	343	2.0%	-2,209	-86.6%
Poland	630	5.0%	38	0.2%	-592	-94.0%
Italy	428	3.4%	55	0.3%	-373	-87.1%
Spain	307	2.4%	39	0.2%	-268	-87.3%
Lithuania	260	2.0%	5	0.0%	-255	-98.1%
France	234	1.8%	58	0.3%	-176	-75.2%
Portugal	186	1.5%	17	0.1%	-169	-90.9%
Greece	193	1.5%	25	0.1%	-168	-87.0%
Hungary	154	1.2%	0	0.0%	-154	-100.0%

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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 2019 and 2023.

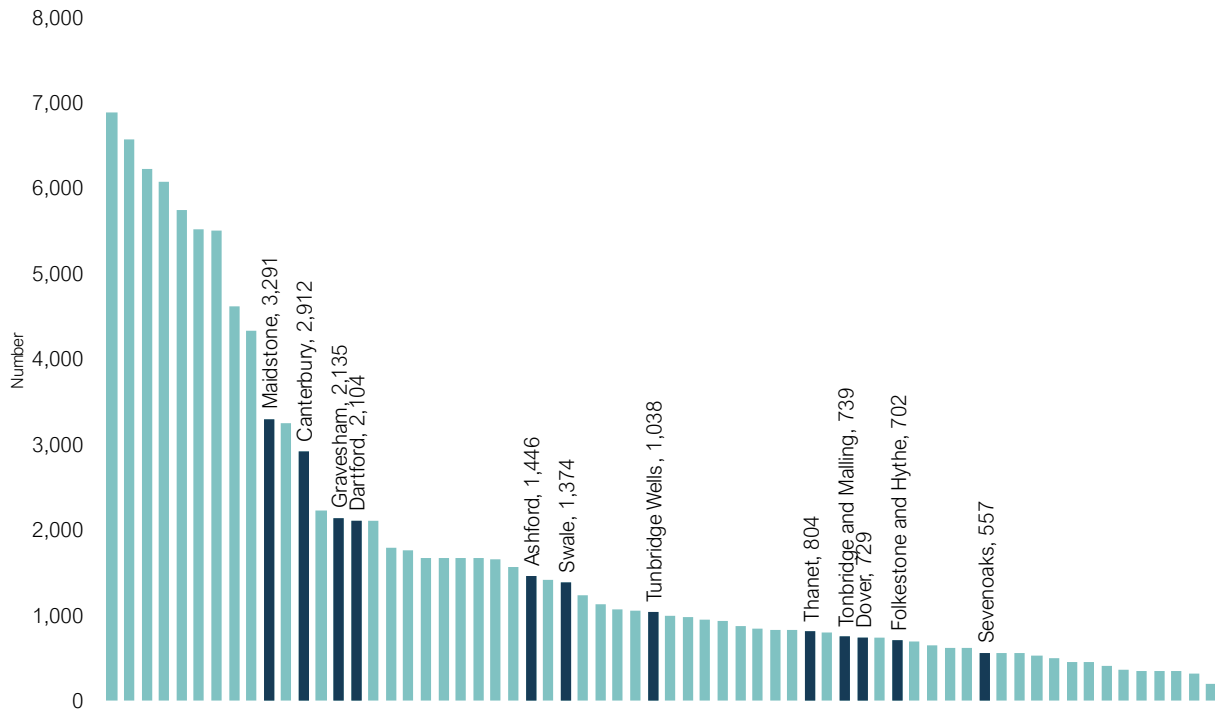
Compared to other authorities in the South East, Maidstone had the 10th and Canterbury the 12th highest number of NINos in 2023 with Dartford and Gravesham at 14th and 15th highest. Sevenoaks had among the lowest allocations in the region.

Dartford had the 7th highest increase in NINos allocated in 2023 compared to 2019 and Gravesham the 9th highest. Swale and Tonbridge & Malling were among the 13 South East local authorities to see fewer allocations in 2023.

A table showing the number of NINos in all South East local authorities in 2019 and 2023 can be found in Annex 1 at the end of this bulletin.

Chart 4: NINo allocations in the South East Region

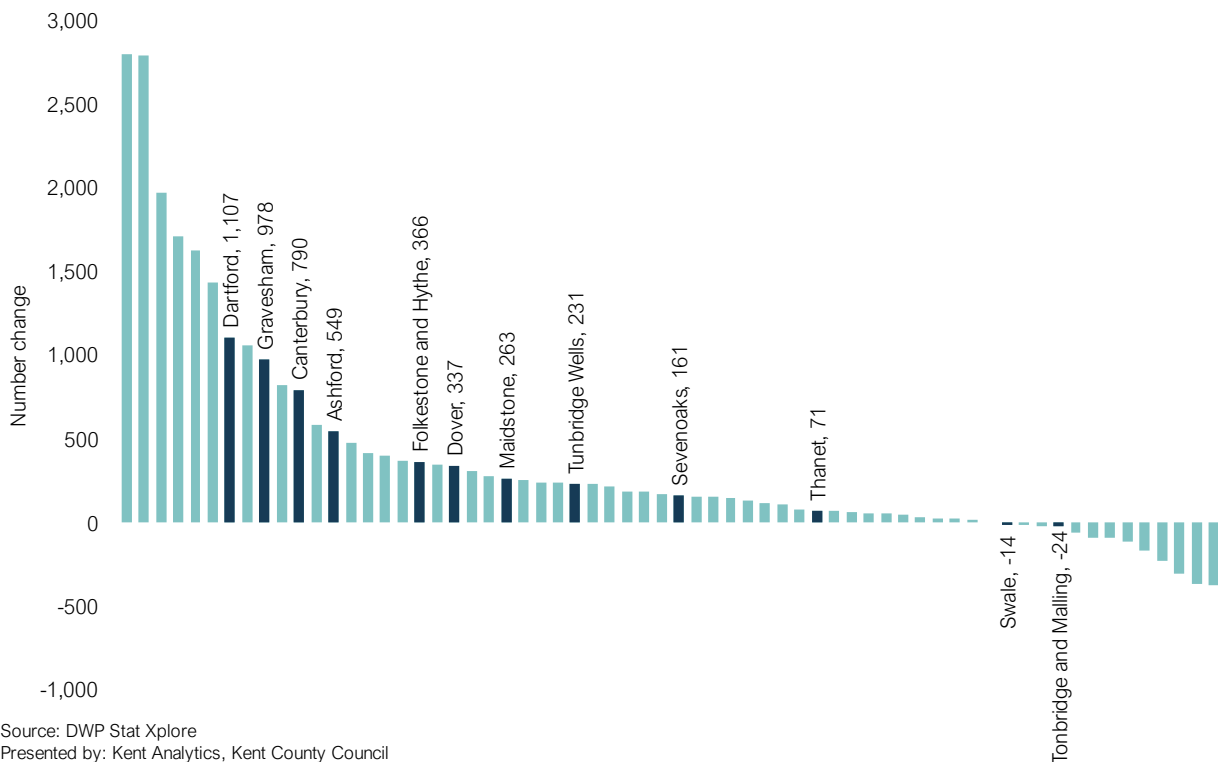
Number of NINOs in South East local authorities 2023



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, 2019 to 2023



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

Table 7 shows the NINo allocations across Kent local authority districts and shows the number and percentage change since 2019.

Table 7: Change in NINo allocations in Kent districts

Area	2023	Change since 2019	% change since 2019
Ashford	1,446	549	61.2%
Canterbury	2,912	790	37.2%
Dartford	2,104	1,107	111.0%
Dover	729	337	86.0%
Folkestone and Hythe	702	366	108.9%
Gravesham	2,135	978	84.5%
Maidstone	3,291	263	8.7%
Sevenoaks	557	161	40.7%
Swale	1,374	-14	-1.0%
Thanet	804	71	9.7%
Tonbridge and Malling	739	-24	-3.1%
Tunbridge Wells	1,038	231	28.6%
Kent	17,825	4,809	36.9%
Medway	4,335	1,976	83.8%
Kent & Medway	22,160	6,785	44.1%
South East	112,657	23,434	26.3%
England	895,009	222,341	33.1%

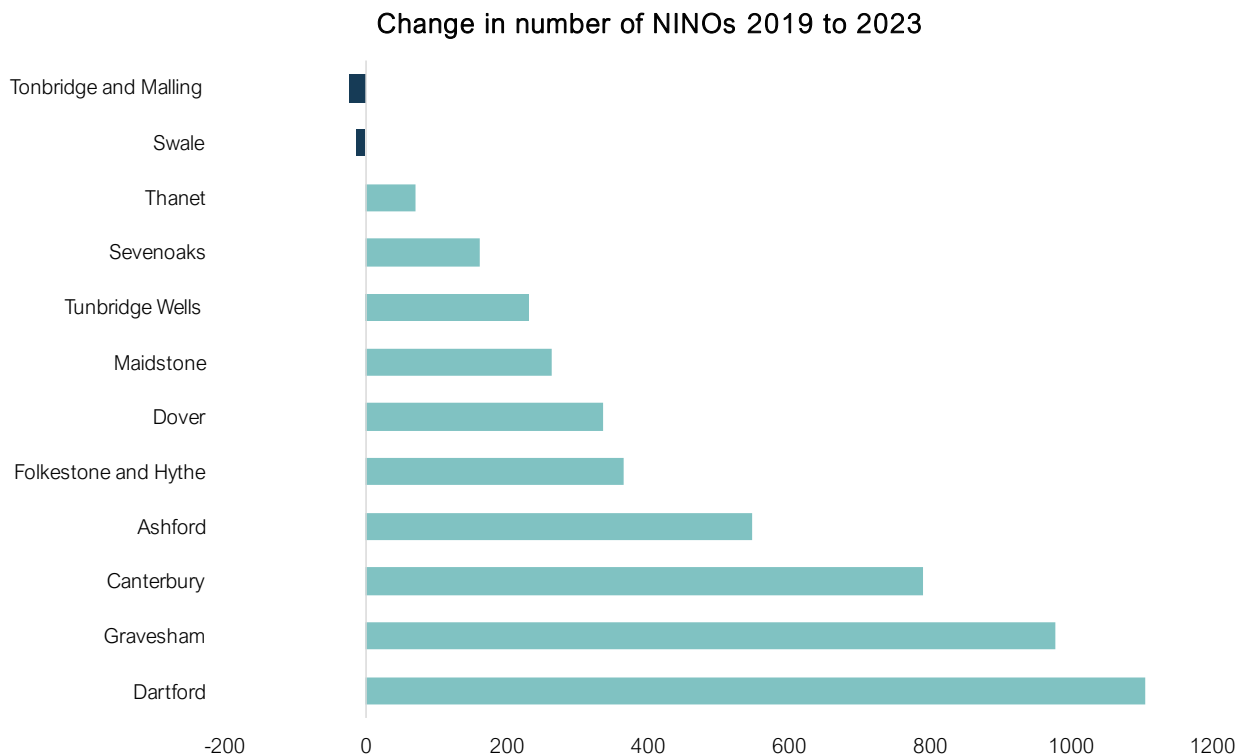
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Maidstone had the highest number of allocations in 2022 (3,291 allocations), this was 263 more than in 2019. Dartford saw the biggest increase in NINo allocations since 2019 with just over twice as many allocations in 2023 than in 2019 (+1,107). Sevenoaks had the smallest number of NINos in 2023 (557).

Swale (-14) and Tonbridge & Malling (-24) were the only districts to see fewer NINo allocations in 2023.

Chart 6 shows the change in NINo allocations in Kent districts since 2019.

Chart 6: Change in NINo allocations in Kent districts



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Nationally the highest proportion of NINo allocations was to nationals from Asia (55.2%). This is also reflected in the South East region and in Kent as a whole. In Kent, nationals from Asia accounted for half of all new NINo allocations.

Table 8 shows that NINOs from Asia accounted for the highest proportion of NINOs in all Kent local authorities except Dartford which had a higher proportion from Sub-Saharan Africa.

Table 9 shows how the number of NINOs coming from different world areas has changed since 2019. The biggest reduction in all Kent districts was to NINOs from the European Union and from European Accession States. The biggest increases came from allocations to individuals from Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and Non-European Union (Other Europe) countries.

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

2023	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
Ashford	1,446	3.5%	1.2%	2.7%	4.1%	56.4%	28.3%	0.6%	1.2%	1.9%	1.9%
Canterbury	2,912	8.1%	3.2%	4.9%	7.0%	59.1%	18.8%	1.2%	2.0%	1.1%	0.5%
Dartford	2,104	5.1%	2.8%	2.2%	4.0%	37.8%	49.9%	0.4%	0.4%	1.2%	0.2%
Dover	729	5.9%	3.6%	2.3%	17.8%	57.3%	15.4%	1.1%	1.6%	0.7%	1.0%
Folkestone and Hythe	702	4.8%	2.8%	2.0%	8.3%	64.0%	15.7%	3.1%	1.3%	1.4%	0.7%
Gravesham	2,135	9.1%	6.7%	2.1%	2.9%	55.9%	29.8%	0.3%	0.5%	1.0%	0.3%
Maidstone	3,291	9.4%	8.5%	0.9%	22.5%	48.8%	13.6%	0.9%	0.4%	1.6%	0.4%
Sevenoaks	557	8.4%	2.7%	5.7%	20.6%	38.2%	21.7%	-	2.5%	1.6%	2.5%
Swale	1,374	11.4%	10.2%	1.0%	12.5%	38.6%	30.9%	0.5%	0.4%	4.5%	0.7%
Thanet	804	6.8%	4.6%	2.4%	14.1%	48.1%	23.5%	2.0%	2.2%	2.1%	0.9%
Tonbridge and Malling	739	6.8%	3.1%	3.9%	9.1%	57.8%	20.7%	-	2.0%	1.4%	1.1%
Tunbridge Wells	1,038	7.6%	5.2%	2.7%	6.6%	46.9%	22.2%	0.9%	1.8%	1.2%	3.5%
Kent	17,825	7.7%	5.1%	2.5%	10.5%	50.8%	24.9%	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	0.8%
Medway	4,335	5.6%	4.0%	1.5%	5.5%	38.4%	46.5%	0.9%	0.8%	1.5%	0.3%
Kent & Medway	22,160	7.3%	4.9%	2.3%	9.6%	48.3%	29.1%	0.8%	1.0%	1.6%	0.7%
South East	112,657	7.5%	3.4%	4.0%	7.1%	51.7%	24.2%	1.4%	1.8%	2.3%	1.5%
England	895,009	8.4%	3.8%	4.6%	5.9%	55.2%	21.9%	1.5%	1.6%	1.9%	1.8%

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Table 9: Change in number of NINOs by world area of origin

Change 2019-2023	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
Ashford	549	-444	-286	-157	44	572	329	-14	6	14	11
Canterbury	790	-1,250	-989	-262	16	1,511	443	-5	12	3	-2
Dartford	1,107	-522	-395	-133	54	656	908	-7	-5	3	-3
Dover	337	-255	-205	-50	120	382	94	8	2	-3	-2
Folkestone and Hythe	366	-143	-84	-56	36	338	94	22	2	4	0
Gravesham	978	-704	-574	-132	41	1,055	568	0	11	4	-5
Maidstone	263	-1,893	-1,725	-164	369	1,303	359	10	5	41	-1
Sevenoaks	161	-222	-128	-89	99	181	81	0	-2	-7	2
Swale	-14	-1,081	-1,036	-47	119	487	399	2	0	50	2
Thanet	71	-491	-376	-116	84	303	155	4	4	9	0
Tonbridge and Malling	-24	-532	-445	-86	4	368	126	0	7	2	-8
Tunbridge Wells	231	-512	-373	-137	56	375	193	3	8	6	14
Kent	4,809	-8,042	-6,609	-1,431	1,046	7,536	3,757	12	45	127	1
Medway	1,976	-1,317	-1,057	-268	130	1,303	1,813	25	8	-12	5
Kent & Medway	6,785	-9,359	-7,666	-1,699	1,176	8,839	5,570	37	53	115	6
South East	23,434	-46,913	-29,946	-16,977	4,560	39,130	22,247	602	134	604	334
England	222,341	-335,412	-191,385	-144,031	26,285	345,219	160,417	4,779	751	2,683	2,478

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 2023.

India is the top country of origin in five districts and within the top three countries of origin in all districts except Swale.

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

2023	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	381	India	203	Nigeria	202
Canterbury	India	562	Nigeria	283	Kyrgyzstan	220
Dartford	Nigeria	781	India	298	Nepal	160
Dover	Kyrgyzstan	121	Ukraine	105	India	86
Folkestone and Hythe	Nepal	150	India	125	Iran	44
Gravesham	India	936	Nigeria	450	Romania	115
Maidstone	Ukraine	441	Tajikistan	323	India	285
Sevenoaks	Ukraine	85	Nigeria	61	India	56
Swale	Nigeria	204	Kyrgyzstan	138	Ukraine	115
Thanet	India	162	Nigeria	102	Ukraine	79
Tonbridge and Malling	India	117	Kyrgyzstan	73	Uzbekistan	69
Tunbridge Wells	India	130	Nigeria	87	Hong Kong	86

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

Age profile of NINOs in Kent

In 2023 64.9% of new NINOs allocated in Kent were to people aged under 35 at the time of registration, below the national average of 73.1%. 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 73.1% 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 (72.3%).

Tunbridge Wells had the highest proportion of NINOs allocated to people aged 35 and over (47.6%) than anywhere else in the county. This is shown in table 11.

Table 11: Proportion of NINOs by broad age group

2023	Under 35	35+	% under 35	% 35+
Ashford	809	636	56.0%	44.0%
Canterbury	2,129	782	73.1%	26.9%
Dartford	1,265	841	60.1%	39.9%
Dover	478	260	64.8%	35.2%
Folkestone and Hythe	475	227	67.7%	32.3%
Gravesham	1,540	590	72.3%	27.7%
Maidstone	2,133	1,159	64.8%	35.2%
Sevenoaks	325	235	58.0%	42.0%
Swale	876	494	63.9%	36.1%
Thanet	496	311	61.5%	38.5%
Tonbridge and Malling	482	254	65.5%	34.5%
Tunbridge Wells	544	495	52.4%	47.6%
Kent	11,560	6,264	64.9%	35.1%
Medway	2,840	1,490	65.6%	34.4%
Kent & Medway	14,400	7,754	65.0%	35.0%
South East	76,809	35,854	68.2%	31.8%
England	654,034	240,980	73.1%	26.9%

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 2019 and 2023 the age profile has changed slightly. In 2019 those aged 24 and under made up a larger proportion of Kent's total NINOs than seen in 2023. In 2023 those aged 25 to 42 at registration made up a higher proportion than seen in 2019.

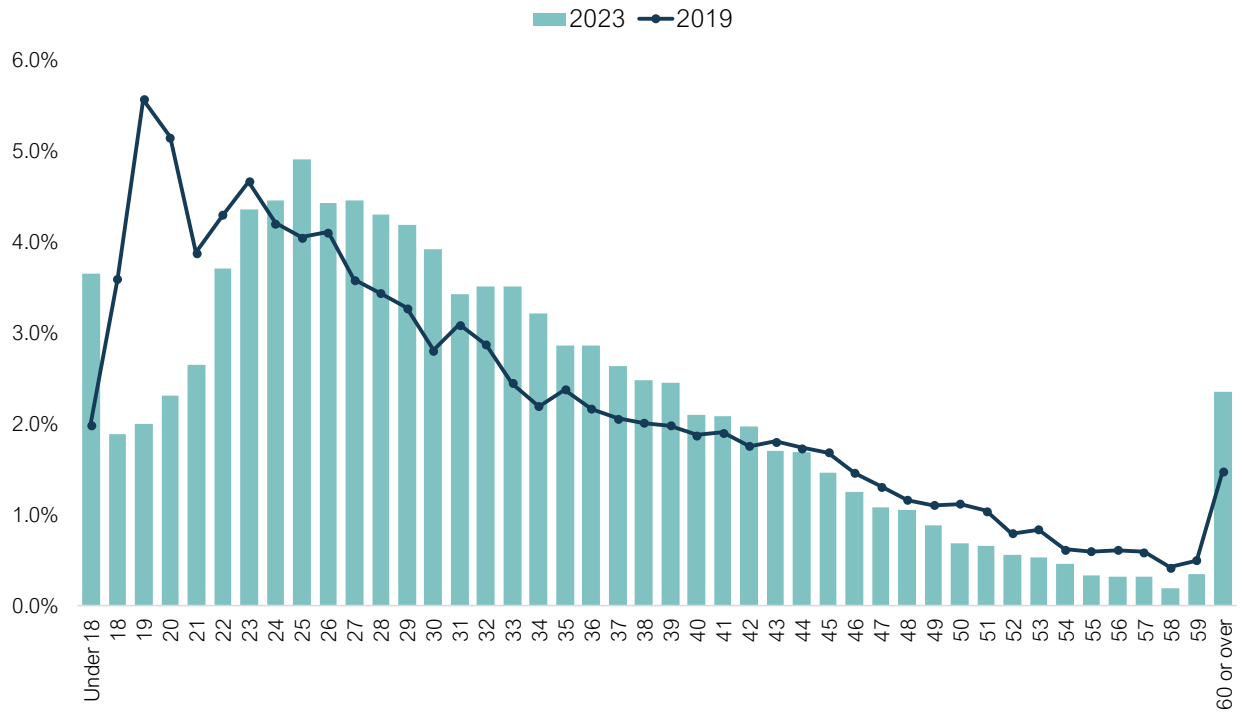
People aged under 18 made up a larger proportion of all NINO allocations than seen in 2019. Young people from Nigeria accounted for 20% of all NINOs allocated to people within that age group, while 10% were to individuals from India.

People aged 60 and above also made up a larger proportion of NINOs in 2023 than in 2019. The number of people aged 60 or over being allocated a NINO has more than doubled in Kent since 2019, from 191 to 418. Further analysis shows that half of these people originated from Ukraine or Nepal.

Chart 7 shows the age profile of overseas nationals allocated a NINo in 2023 compared with 2019.

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

Proportion of NINos in Kent by single year of age, 2019 and 2023



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

Age

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

Local authority	2019	2023	Number	
			change 2019-2023	% change 2019-2023
Slough	4,091	6,882	2,791	68.2%
Southampton	4,938	6,565	1,627	32.9%
Oxford	5,396	6,222	826	15.3%
Milton Keynes	4,367	6,081	1,714	39.2%
Portsmouth	2,943	5,747	2,804	95.3%
Buckinghamshire	4,089	5,524	1,435	35.1%
Reading	5,525	5,505	-20	-0.4%
Brighton and Hove	4,923	4,620	-303	-6.2%
Medway	2,359	4,335	1,976	83.8%
Maidstone	3,028	3,291	263	8.7%
Guildford	2,186	3,249	1,063	48.6%
Canterbury	2,122	2,912	790	37.2%
Wokingham	1,746	2,224	478	27.4%
Gravesham	1,157	2,135	978	84.5%
Dartford	997	2,104	1,107	111.0%
Crawley	2,464	2,094	-370	-15.0%
Rushmoor	1,208	1,792	584	48.3%
Windsor and Maidenhead	1,640	1,760	120	7.3%
Woking	1,326	1,670	344	25.9%
Reigate and Banstead	1,296	1,668	372	28.7%
Cherwell	2,031	1,663	-368	-18.1%
Basingstoke and Deane	1,420	1,657	237	16.7%
Spelthorne	1,239	1,642	403	32.5%
Runnymede	1,427	1,562	135	9.5%
Ashford	897	1,446	549	61.2%
Vale of White Horse	989	1,403	414	41.9%
Swale	1,388	1,374	-14	-1.0%
Bracknell Forest	1,000	1,230	230	23.0%
Elmbridge	1,189	1,127	-62	-5.2%
Arun	1,233	1,069	-164	-13.3%
Eastbourne	803	1,046	243	30.3%
Tunbridge Wells	807	1,038	231	28.6%
West Berkshire	1,075	987	-88	-8.2%
Mid Sussex	949	974	25	2.6%
Epsom and Ewell	630	943	313	49.7%
Chichester	1,159	928	-231	-19.9%
Winchester	583	865	282	48.4%
South Oxfordshire	927	838	-89	-9.6%

Local authority	2019	2023	Number change 2019-2023	% change 2019-2023
Surrey Heath	715	827	112	15.7%
Waverley	754	825	71	9.4%
Thanet	733	804	71	9.7%
Worthing	605	788	183	30.2%
Tonbridge and Malling	763	739	-24	-3.1%
Dover	392	729	337	86.0%
New Forest	573	727	154	26.9%
Folkestone and Hythe	336	702	366	108.9%
Test Valley	510	684	174	34.1%
Isle of Wight	416	633	217	52.2%
Horsham	561	614	53	9.4%
Eastleigh	356	608	252	70.8%
Sevenoaks	396	557	161	40.7%
West Oxfordshire	656	545	-111	-16.9%
Wealden	395	545	150	38.0%
Hastings	473	526	53	11.2%
Hart	449	495	46	10.2%
Mole Valley	427	448	21	4.9%
East Hampshire	460	445	-15	-3.3%
Tandridge	334	400	66	19.8%
Lewes	322	359	37	11.5%
Havant	315	338	23	7.3%
Rother	180	337	157	87.2%
Fareham	255	335	80	31.4%
Gosport	132	315	183	138.6%
Adur	182	182	0	0.0%

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

Annex 2: Countries by world area

World Area	Country
European Union EU15	Austria
European Union EU15	Belgium
European Union EU15	Denmark
European Union EU15	Finland
European Union EU15	France
European Union EU15	Germany
European Union EU15	Great Britain
European Union EU15	Greece
European Union EU15	Italy
European Union EU15	Luxembourg
European Union EU15	Netherlands
European Union EU15	Portugal
European Union EU15	Ireland
European Union EU15	Spain
European Union EU15	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)	Switzerland
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Norway
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Iceland
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Ukraine
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Russia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Armenia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Belarus
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Moldova
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Azerbaijan
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Georgia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Turkey
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Albania

World Area	Country
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Macedonia
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Serbia & Montenegro
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Andorra
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Monaco
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	San Marino
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Vatican City
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Liechtenstein
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Faroe Islands
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Greenland
Non-European Union (Other Europe)	Bouvet Island
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

World Area	Country
Central and South America	Nicaragua
Central and South America	Panama
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	United States
North America	Canada
North America	Puerto Rico
North America	Virgin Islands (USA)
Asia and the middle east	Afghanistan
Asia and the middle east	Bahrain
Asia and the middle east	Bangladesh
Asia and the middle east	Bhutan
Asia and the middle east	British Indian Ocean Territory
Asia and the middle east	Brunei
Asia and the middle east	Burma
Asia and the middle east	Cambodia
Asia and the middle east	China
Asia and the middle east	East Timor
Asia and the middle east	Hong Kong
Asia and the middle east	India
Asia and the middle east	Indonesia
Asia and the middle east	Iran
Asia and the middle east	Iraq
Asia and the middle east	Israel
Asia and the middle east	Japan
Asia and the middle east	Jordan
Asia and the middle east	Kazakhstan
Asia and the middle east	Kuwait
Asia and the middle east	Kyrgyzstan
Asia and the middle east	Laos
Asia and the middle east	Lebanon
Asia and the middle east	Macau

World Area	Country
Asia and the middle east	Malaysia
Asia and the middle east	Maldives
Asia and the middle east	Mongolia
Asia and the middle east	Nepal
Asia and the middle east	North Korea
Asia and the middle east	Oman
Asia and the middle east	Pakistan
Asia and the middle east	Philippines
Asia and the middle east	Qatar
Asia and the middle east	Sabah
Asia and the middle east	Sarawak
Asia and the middle east	Saudi Arabia
Asia and the middle east	Sharjah
Asia and the middle east	Singapore
Asia and the middle east	South Korea
Asia and the middle east	Sri Lanka
Asia and the middle east	Syria
Asia and the middle east	Taiwan
Asia and the middle east	Tajikistan
Asia and the middle east	Thailand
Asia and the middle east	Turkmenistan
Asia and the middle east	United Arab Emirates
Asia and the middle east	Uzbekistan
Asia and the middle east	Vietnam
Asia and the middle east	Yemen
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

World Area	Country
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
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

World Area	Country
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
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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