

## Migration indicators in Kent - 2019

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This bulletin presents the migration indicators for Kent between mid-year 2018 to mid-year 2019 as published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in May and August 2020.

**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.

- Net migration to Kent was 11,300 which accounts for 87.3% of the total population growth between 2018 and 2019.
- Net migration to Kent in 2019 accounts for 0.7% of the total population of +1.5million.
- 51.8% of all migrants are aged between 25 and 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 +8,100 people which accounts for the majority (71%) of Kent's Net migration during mid-2018/19
- Kent attracts people from all over the UK but mainly from London (46.5%) and elsewhere in the South East (25.4%).
- The majority (30.6%) of people leaving Kent during mid-2018/19 went elsewhere in the South East.
- 73.1% of all internal migrants are aged between 25 and 44.

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

- Net International migration to Kent during mid-2018/19 was +3,300 people which accounts for 29% of Kent's Net migration.
- This figure is the lowest number since mid-2012/13.
- 55.4% of all international migrants 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 6 May 2020, and **The Local Migration Indicators** which were published 27 August 2020.

**The Components of Population Change** provide data from mid-2002 to mid-2019 include:

- 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 to mid-year with mid-2018 to mid-2019 being the latest available.

## Components of Population Change

Migration was the key component of population change for Kent as a whole, accounting for 87.3% of the population change between mid-2018 and mid-2019. Migration is also a key component of population change nationally but the national rate of 58.4% is lower than that seen in Kent.

Between mid-2018 and mid-2019, four of Kent's local authorities, Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe 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, Folkestone & Hythe 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.

Dartford saw the highest increase in population between mid-2018 and mid-2019 which is due both high natural change and a high net migration figure. Thanet saw the lowest increase in population between mid-2018 and mid-2019 which is due to negative natural change combined with low net migration figure

**Table 1: Components of population change in Kent districts – mid-2018 to mid-2019**

	Natural change		Net Migration		Total change
	Number	% of total change	Number	% of total change	
<b>England</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>41.6%</b>	<b>180,800</b>	<b>58.4%</b>	<b>309,800</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>12,900</b>
Ashford	200	23.0%	600	77.0%	800
Canterbury	-400	-43.0%	1,200	143.0%	800
Dartford	800	27.3%	2,100	72.7%	2,900
Dover	-200	-18.5%	1,400	118.5%	1,200
Folkestone & Hythe	-400	-86.1%	800	186.1%	400
Gravesham	400	72.2%	200	27.8%	600
Maidstone	400	21.6%	1,500	78.4%	1,900
Sevenoaks	100	27.8%	300	72.2%	500
Swale	400	26.6%	1,100	73.4%	1,600
Thanet	-200	-171.8%	300	271.8%	100
Tonbridge & Malling	300	20.2%	1,300	79.8%	1,600
Tunbridge Wells	100	16.9%	600	83.1%	700
<b>Medway Unitary Authority</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>166.8%</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-66.8%</b>	<b>700</b>

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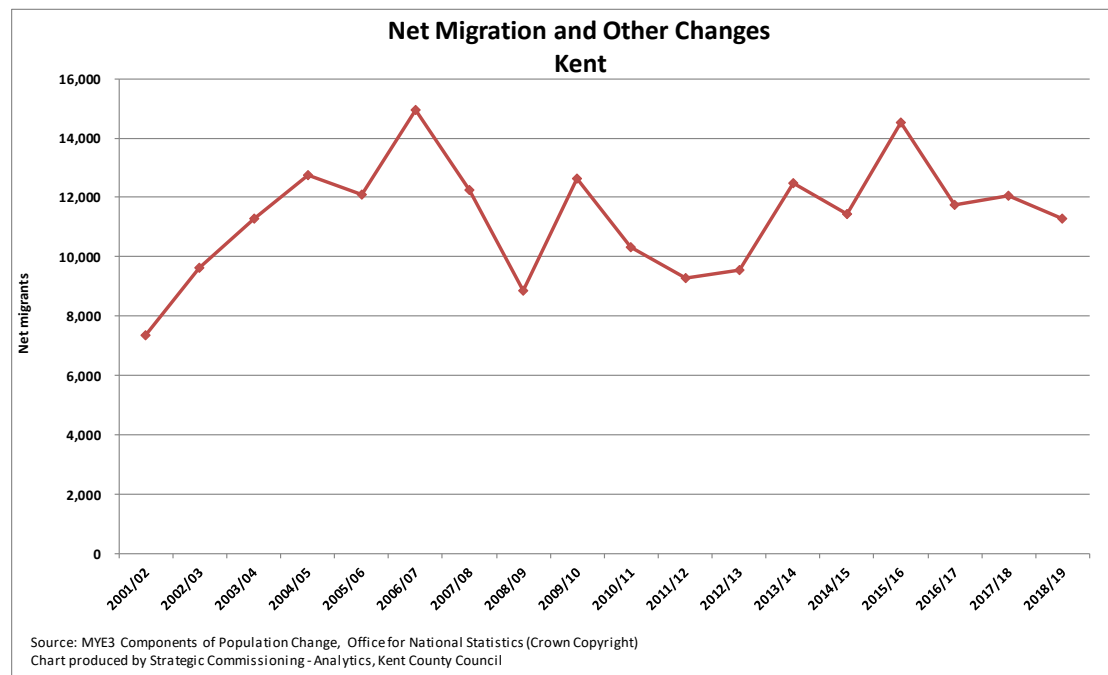
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## Net migration

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)

**Chart 1: Net migration and other changes in Kent – mid-2001/02 to mid-2018/19**



Net migration has fluctuated considerably over the past seventeen 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. During mid-2018 to mid-2019, migration accounted for 87.3% of the population change in the county, which is significantly higher than the

national average (58.4%). 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 to mid-2007 when Kent saw 15,000 net migrants in a single year. In the latest year there were 11,300 net migrants to Kent which is a decrease of **-800** from last year.

Five out of 12 Kent districts have seen net migration increase during mid-2018 and mid-2019. These are Canterbury, Dartford, Gravesham, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells. Dover is the only district to have seen no change in net migration in the past year.

**Table 2: Net migration and other changes in Kent districts – mid-2008/09 to mid-2018/19**

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	1 yr change	% change
England	182,500	223,500	230,900	152,200	172,300	241,200	304,600	297,900	194,600	233,200	180,800	-52,400	-22.5%
South East	37,300	55,200	42,300	39,500	41,700	53,200	54,500	57,100	32,200	38,600	31,900	-6,700	-17.4%
<b>Kent</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>
Ashford	600	700	900	1,100	1,000	1,000	500	1,400	1,100	1,400	600	-800	-57.1%
Canterbury	500	2,300	1,900	2,900	1,900	2,100	2,900	3,000	1,900	800	1,200	400	50.0%
Dartford	800	500	600	700	1,000	900	1,000	1,000	1,700	1,500	2,100	600	40.0%
Dover	200	1,000	700	100	600	900	300	1,200	1,500	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%
Folkestone & Hythe	900	1,200	1,100	500	200	600	800	1,400	600	1,500	800	-700	-46.7%
Gravesham	400	400	200	400	300	800	400	0	-600	-200	200	300	-150.0%
Maidstone	1,500	1,700	1,400	900	1,300	1,800	2,000	1,200	1,500	1,800	1,500	-300	-16.7%
Sevenoaks	200	400	500	700	400	500	300	600	300	700	300	-400	-57.1%
Swale	900	1,300	700	800	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,900	1,300	1,400	1,100	-300	-21.4%
Thanet	800	1,100	1,000	1,200	1,100	1,800	1,400	1,100	700	700	300	-400	-57.1%
Tonbridge & Malling	1,000	1,200	600	300	700	900	800	1,200	1,100	1,200	1,300	100	8.3%
Tunbridge Wells	1,100	800	700	-200	0	100	-100	600	500	-100	600	700	-700.0%

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Canterbury has continually received a high number of net migrants throughout the decade, reaching its highest level in mid-2015 to mid-2016 with a net increase of +3,000 migrants. The number of net migrants to Canterbury during mid-2018 to mid-2019 was to 1,200 people. This is an increase on the last year but still less than half that seen four years ago.

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 9 on page 15.

During mid-2018 to mid-2019, net migration accounted for 0.7% of the total Kent population for that year. Although this seems a small proportion this is more than double the 0.3% proportion of migration in the South East and in England as a whole.

The proportion varies between each district, with net migration accounting for the largest proportion in Dartford with 1.9% and the lowest proportion in Gravesham with 0.1%.

**Table 3: Net migrants as a proportion of the total population of each Kent district – mid-2018 to mid-2019**

	Total population mid-2018	Net migrants 2018/19	Migrants as % of total population
<b>England</b>	<b>56,287,000</b>	<b>180,800</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>South East</b>	<b>9,180,100</b>	<b>31,900</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>1,581,600</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Ashford	130,000	600	0.4%
Canterbury	165,400	1,200	0.7%
Dartford	112,600	2,100	1.9%
Dover	118,100	1,400	1.2%
Folkestone & Hythe	113,000	800	0.7%
Gravesham	106,900	200	0.1%
Maidstone	171,800	1,500	0.9%
Sevenoaks	120,800	300	0.3%
Swale	150,100	1,100	0.8%
Thanet	141,900	300	0.2%
Tonbridge & Malling	132,200	1,300	1.0%
Tunbridge Wells	118,700	600	0.5%

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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 100 in mid-2018 to mid-2019 there were 6,400 people moving in to and 6,200 people moving 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:

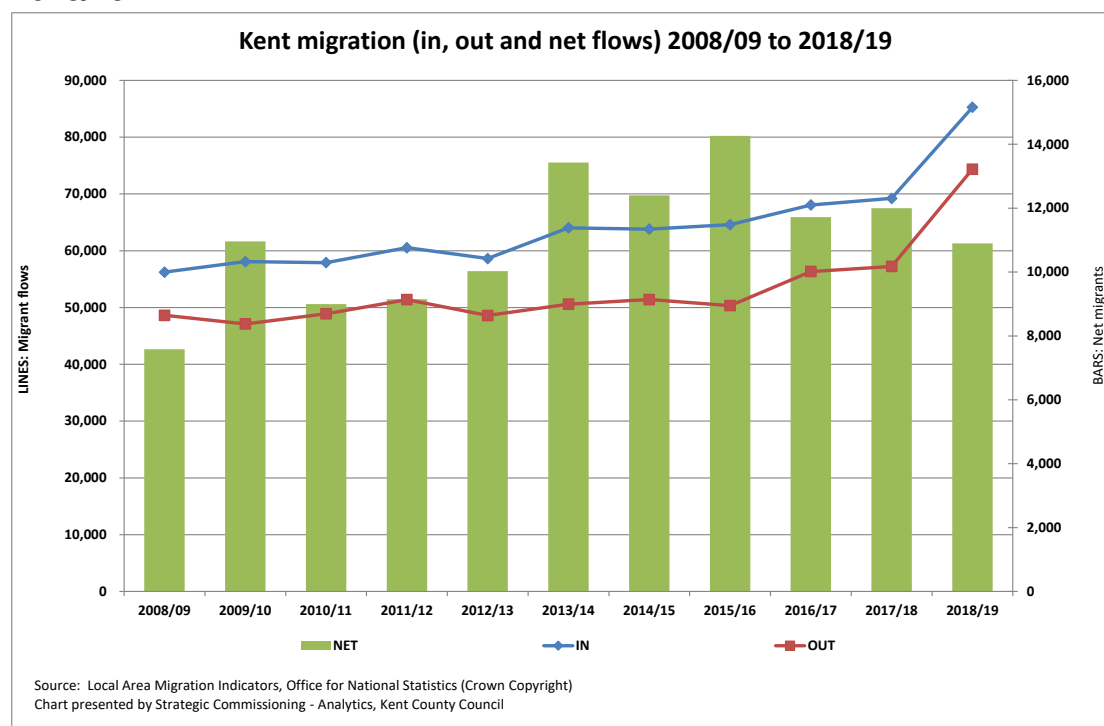
- asylum seekers
- visitor switchers - people who enter or leave the UK for less than 12 months but remain for more than a year
- migrant switchers – people who enter or leave the UK intending to stay 12 months or more but leave or return earlier
- post 2011 Census adjustments made to the revised time-series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

Kent saw an in-flow of 85,300 migrants to the county in the year mid-2018 to mid-2019 whilst out-migration from the county was 74,400 which resulted in a Net number of 10,900 migrants. Over the past ten years the average annual number of people moving into Kent is 65,000 whilst the average number of people who leave Kent each year is 53,600.

**Chart 2: In, out and net flow of migrants to Kent mid-2008/09 to mid-2018/19**



**Table 4: In, out and net flow of migrants to Kent districts mid-2008/09 to mid-2017/18**

Local Authority	2008/09			2009/10			2010/11			2011/12		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	5,800	5,200	600	6,000	5,200	800	6,200	5,300	900	6,500	5,400	1,100
Canterbury	13,600	12,700	900	13,900	11,300	2,600	14,100	11,800	2,200	14,700	11,900	2,800
Dartford	5,800	5,100	700	5,400	5,100	300	5,400	5,000	400	6,300	5,700	700
Dover	4,400	4,500	-100	4,800	4,200	600	4,600	4,200	300	5,000	5,000	0
Folkestone & Hythe	4,700	4,500	200	5,300	4,700	600	5,200	4,700	500	5,400	4,900	500
Gravesham	4,700	4,400	300	4,900	4,600	300	4,600	4,500	100	5,200	4,900	400
Maidstone	8,400	7,000	1,300	8,600	7,100	1,500	8,700	7,500	1,300	9,100	8,200	900
Sevenoaks	6,400	6,200	200	6,800	6,300	500	6,700	6,100	600	7,200	6,500	700
Swale	6,000	4,900	1,000	6,300	5,200	1,100	6,100	5,300	800	6,500	5,700	800
Thanet	5,900	5,100	700	6,200	5,100	1,100	6,000	5,000	900	6,700	5,500	1,200
Tonbridge & Malling	6,900	5,800	1,100	7,300	6,100	1,200	7,100	6,400	700	7,600	7,300	300
Tunbridge Wells	6,700	6,000	700	6,800	6,400	300	6,900	6,700	200	7,200	7,300	-200

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**Table 4 continued**

Local Authority	2012/13			2013/14			2014/15			2015/16		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	6,500	5,500	1,100	7,000	6,000	1,000	6,600	6,100	500	7,100	5,700	1,400
Canterbury	14,300	12,100	2,400	15,200	12,800	2,400	15,500	12,500	3,000	15,400	12,300	3,000
Dartford	6,400	5,500	1,000	6,800	5,900	900	7,000	6,100	900	7,200	6,200	1,000
Dover	5,200	4,600	500	5,400	4,500	900	5,000	4,700	400	5,300	4,100	1,200
Folkestone & Hythe	5,200	4,900	200	5,700	5,100	600	5,700	4,800	900	5,900	4,500	1,300
Gravesham	5,200	4,900	500	5,700	4,900	800	5,600	5,200	400	5,300	5,400	0
Maidstone	9,200	7,900	1,500	10,100	8,400	1,700	10,100	8,100	2,000	9,800	8,600	1,200
Sevenoaks	7,000	6,700	400	7,600	7,100	500	7,600	7,300	300	7,300	6,700	600
Swale	6,300	5,400	900	7,100	5,800	1,200	6,900	5,600	1,200	7,300	5,400	1,900
Thanet	6,400	5,300	1,100	7,000	5,300	1,800	6,700	5,300	1,400	6,400	5,400	1,100
Tonbridge & Malling	7,500	6,900	600	8,300	7,400	900	8,100	7,300	800	8,200	7,100	1,200
Tunbridge Wells	6,700	6,700	-100	7,300	7,200	100	7,100	7,100	0	7,500	6,900	600

Local Authority	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	7,200	6,100	1,100	7,300	6,000	1,400	7,200	6,600	600
Canterbury	16,200	14,300	1,900	15,900	15,100	800	16,700	15,500	1,200
Dartford	8,500	6,800	1,800	8,700	7,200	1,500	9,400	7,300	2,100
Dover	5,900	4,400	1,500	6,000	4,700	1,300	6,100	4,700	1,400
Folkestone & Hythe	5,400	4,900	600	6,100	4,600	1,400	5,800	5,000	800
Gravesham	5,500	6,100	-600	5,900	6,000	-200	6,400	6,200	100
Maidstone	10,400	8,900	1,500	11,000	9,300	1,800	11,000	9,500	1,500
Sevenoaks	7,600	7,300	300	7,800	7,100	700	8,000	7,600	300
Swale	7,200	5,900	1,300	7,500	6,100	1,500	7,800	6,600	1,100
Thanet	6,300	5,600	700	6,400	5,700	600	6,200	5,900	300
Tonbridge & Malling	8,400	7,200	1,100	8,600	7,400	1,200	8,900	7,600	1,300
Tunbridge Wells	7,700	7,200	500	7,500	7,600	-100	8,200	7,600	600

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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 people who change their country 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 in chart 6 on page 18 and Table 12 on page 19.

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 be different to the totals presented in Chart 1 and Tables 1 and 2.

### Net migrant totals by type of migrant

In mid-2018 to mid-2019 Kent saw a net increase of +11,400 migrants, with 8,100 net migrants originating from elsewhere within the UK, and 3,300 net migrants originating from outside of the UK.

**Table 5a: Net INTERNAL migrants to Kent districts – mid-2008/09 to mid-2018/19**

Local authority	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
<b>Kent</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,100</b>
Ashford	400	600	800	1,000	900	700	100	900	800	1,100	400
Canterbury	500	1,400	900	1,300	1,500	1,200	1,100	1,200	500	-400	-300
Dartford	600	100	200	500	800	600	700	700	1,600	1,400	2,000
Dover	-200	400	200	0	400	600	200	1,000	1,300	1,200	1,300
Folkestone & Hythe	200	400	400	300	200	500	700	1,100	400	1,200	700
Gravesham	-200	-200	-400	200	100	500	0	-500	-900	-400	0
Maidstone	800	800	1,000	700	1,000	1,100	1,200	300	900	1,300	1,200
Sevenoaks	200	400	500	600	300	200	100	300	0	500	200
Swale	700	600	700	500	500	700	600	1,300	800	900	900
Thanet	600	600	800	1,000	800	1,300	1,000	600	400	400	100
Tonbridge & Malling	900	1,000	800	400	600	700	600	900	1,000	1,100	1,300
Tunbridge Wells	300	0	300	100	-100	-200	-300	200	300	-200	500

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**Table 5b: Net INTERNATIONAL migrants to Kent districts – mid-2008/09 to mid-2018/19**

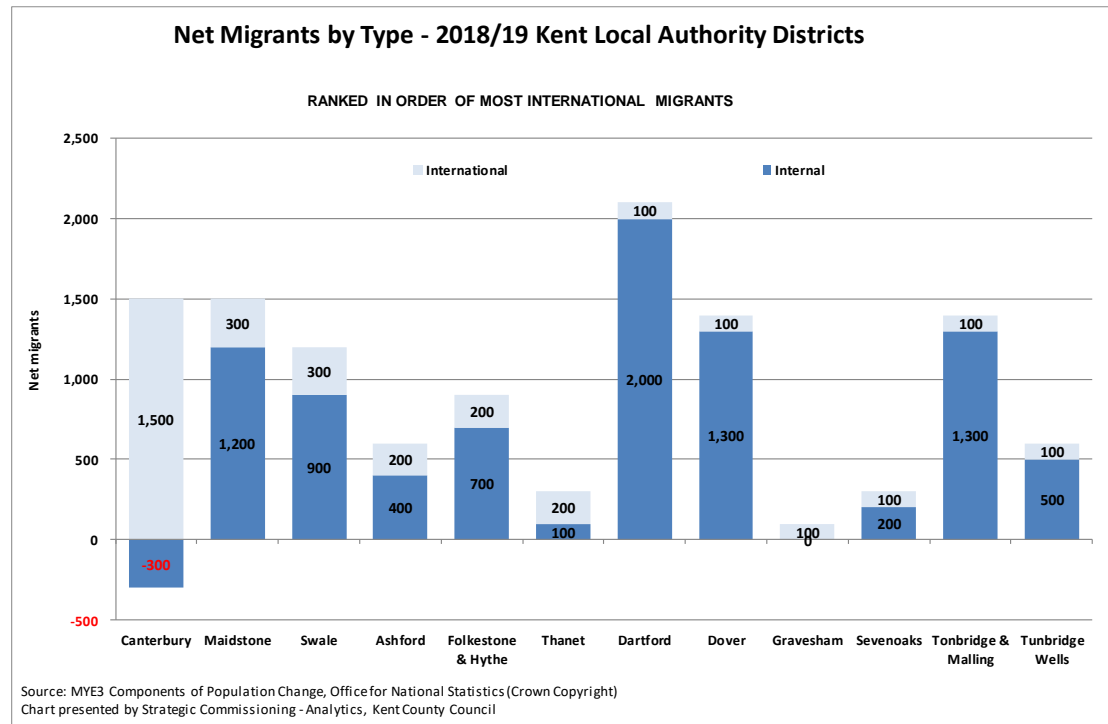
Local authority	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
<b>Kent</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>3,300</b>
Ashford	200	200	100	100	100	300	400	400	300	300	200
Canterbury	300	1,200	1,400	1,500	900	1,200	1,800	1,800	1,400	1,300	1,500
Dartford	100	200	200	200	200	300	300	300	200	100	100
Dover	100	200	100	0	100	200	200	200	100	100	100
Folkestone & Hythe	100	200	100	200	100	200	200	200	200	200	200
Gravesham	500	500	400	200	400	300	400	500	300	300	100
Maidstone	600	700	300	200	500	600	800	900	600	500	300
Sevenoaks	0	100	100	100	100	200	200	300	200	200	100
Swale	300	500	100	300	400	500	700	600	500	600	300
Thanet	200	500	100	200	300	500	400	400	300	300	200
Tonbridge & Malling	200	200	-100	-100	0	200	200	200	100	100	100
Tunbridge Wells	300	300	-100	-300	0	300	300	400	200	100	100

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Between mid-2018 and mid-2019 three of Kent's local authorities saw a higher proportion of international migrants than internal migrants. These were Canterbury, Gravesham and Thanet. Canterbury has the largest number of net international migrants (+1,500) of all Kent districts, accounting for 45% of the total of international migrants for Kent as a whole.

**Chart 3: Net internal and international migrants in Kent districts mid-2018 to mid-2019**



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 into 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.

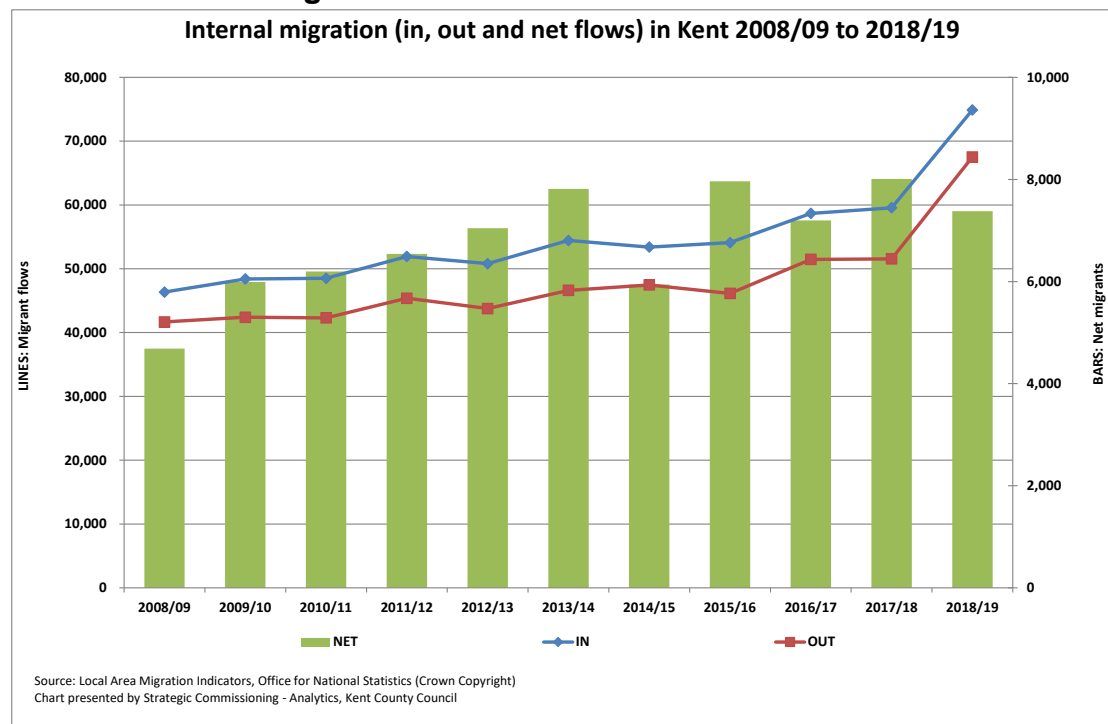
## In-flows and out-flows of migrants by type

### Internal migration

The flow of internal migrants is considerably higher than the flow of international migrants for each Kent district. Over the past ten years the average annual number of people moving into Kent from elsewhere in the UK is 55,500 whilst the average number of people who leave Kent each year is 48,500.

During mid-2018 to mid-2019 Kent saw 74,900 internal migrants moving into Kent and 67,500 people moving out.

**Chart 4: Internal migration flows for Kent – mid-2008/09 to mid-2018/19**



Of all 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.

Table 6 presents the in and out flows of internal migrants to each local authority districts within Kent over the past eleven years.

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

	2008/09			2009/10			2010/11		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	5,100	4,700	400	5,500	4,900	600	5,600	4,800	800
Canterbury	11,200	10,600	500	11,600	10,200	1,400	11,400	10,500	900
Dartford	5,300	4,700	600	4,900	4,800	100	5,000	4,700	200
Dover	3,800	4,000	-200	4,300	3,900	400	4,100	3,900	200
Folkestone & Hythe	4,200	4,000	200	4,800	4,400	400	4,700	4,300	400
Gravesham	3,900	4,100	-200	4,100	4,400	-200	3,900	4,300	-400
Maidstone	7,300	6,500	800	7,500	6,700	800	7,700	6,700	1,000
Sevenoaks	5,900	5,700	200	6,400	6,000	400	6,300	5,800	500
Swale	5,200	4,500	700	5,500	4,800	600	5,500	4,800	700
Thanet	5,100	4,500	600	5,300	4,800	600	5,200	4,500	800
Tonbridge & Malling	6,300	5,500	900	6,800	5,800	1,000	6,700	5,900	800
Tunbridge Wells	5,900	5,600	300	6,100	6,000	0	6,300	6,000	300
	2011/12			2012/13			2013/14		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	6,000	5,000	1,000	6,100	5,100	900	6,400	5,700	700
Canterbury	12,300	11,000	1,300	12,500	11,000	1,500	12,900	11,700	1,200
Dartford	5,900	5,400	500	6,000	5,200	800	6,300	5,700	600
Dover	4,500	4,500	0	4,800	4,400	400	4,900	4,200	600
Folkestone & Hythe	5,000	4,700	300	4,900	4,700	200	5,300	4,900	500
Gravesham	4,600	4,500	200	4,500	4,400	100	5,100	4,600	500
Maidstone	8,200	7,500	700	8,200	7,200	1,000	8,800	7,700	1,100
Sevenoaks	6,800	6,200	600	6,600	6,300	300	7,100	6,800	200
Swale	5,800	5,300	500	5,700	5,200	500	6,300	5,600	700
Thanet	5,900	5,000	1,000	5,700	4,900	800	6,200	5,000	1,300
Tonbridge & Malling	7,200	6,800	400	7,100	6,500	600	7,800	7,100	700
Tunbridge Wells	6,600	6,500	100	6,100	6,200	-100	6,500	6,700	-200
	2014/15			2015/16			2016/17		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	5,900	5,800	100	6,400	5,500	900	6,600	5,800	800
Canterbury	12,800	11,700	1,100	12,600	11,500	1,200	13,900	13,400	500
Dartford	6,500	5,800	700	6,600	6,000	700	8,000	6,500	1,600
Dover	4,600	4,400	200	4,900	3,900	1,000	5,400	4,100	1,300
Folkestone & Hythe	5,300	4,600	700	5,500	4,300	1,100	5,100	4,700	400
Gravesham	4,900	4,900	0	4,500	5,000	-500	4,800	5,700	-900
Maidstone	8,700	7,500	1,200	8,200	7,900	300	9,100	8,200	900
Sevenoaks	7,100	7,000	100	6,800	6,500	300	7,100	7,000	0
Swale	5,900	5,400	600	6,500	5,200	1,300	6,400	5,600	800
Thanet	6,000	5,000	1,000	5,700	5,100	600	5,700	5,200	400
Tonbridge & Malling	7,600	7,000	600	7,800	6,800	900	7,900	6,900	1,000
Tunbridge Wells	6,400	6,700	-300	6,800	6,500	200	7,000	6,700	300
	2017/18			2018/19					
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET			
Ashford	6,600	5,600	1,100	6,500	6,200	400			
Canterbury	13,500	14,000	-400	14,100	14,400	-300			
Dartford	8,200	6,900	1,400	9,000	7,000	2,000			
Dover	5,600	4,300	1,200	5,700	4,500	1,300			
Folkestone & Hythe	5,700	4,500	1,200	5,500	4,800	700			
Gravesham	5,200	5,600	-400	5,800	5,800	0			
Maidstone	9,700	8,400	1,300	9,800	8,700	1,200			
Sevenoaks	7,300	6,800	500	7,500	7,300	200			
Swale	6,600	5,700	900	7,000	6,100	900			
Thanet	5,700	5,300	400	5,600	5,500	100			
Tonbridge & Malling	8,100	7,100	1,100	8,500	7,200	1,300			
Tunbridge Wells	6,800	7,000	-200	7,500	7,000	500			

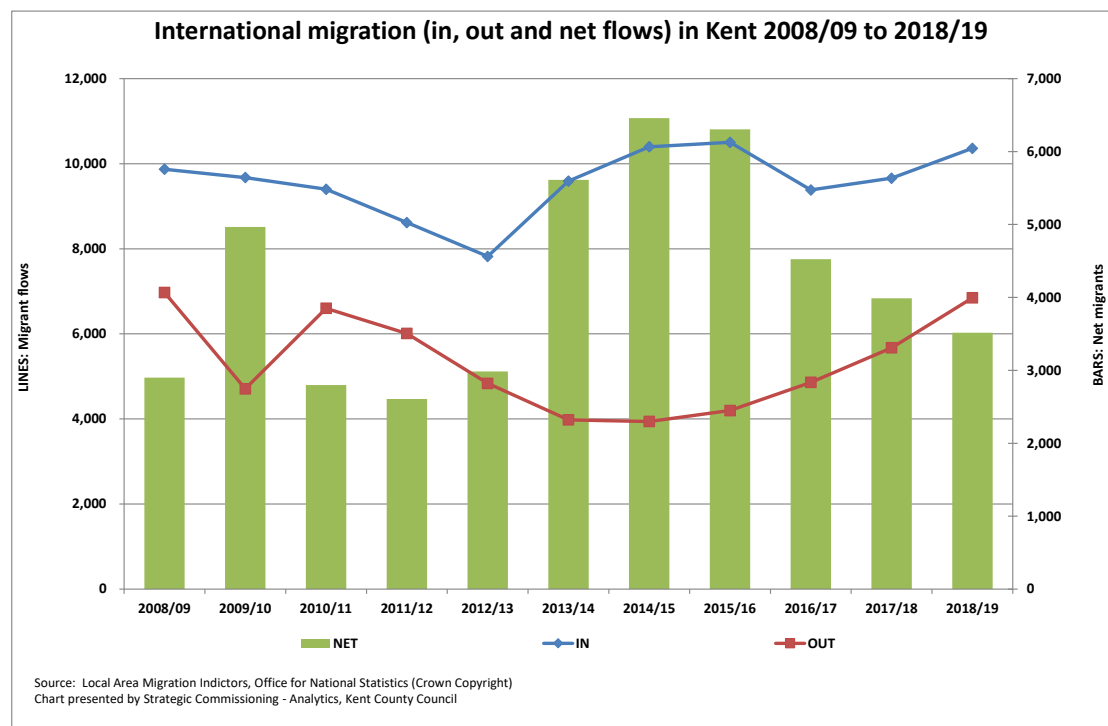
## International migration

Between mid-2018 and mid-2019, 10,400 international migrants, people from overseas moved into Kent whilst 6,800 emigrated from Kent out of the UK.

Over the past ten years the average annual number of people moving into Kent from outside of the UK is 9,500 whilst the average number of people who leave Kent to go overseas each year is 5,200.

Between mid-2015 to mid-2016 the number of international migrants arriving in Kent reached its highest point in the past decade. Kent saw the lowest number of international migrants arriving in mid-2012 to mid-2013.

**Chart 5: International migration flows for the KCC area – mid-2008/09 to mid-2018/19**



Canterbury sees the highest flows of international migrants as well as internal 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. Folkestone & Hythe has consistently seen the lowest flows of international migrants over the past ten years. However, there has been some variation amongst Kent districts.

Table 7 presents the in and out-flows of international migrants to each local authority district within Kent over the last eleven years.

**Table 7: In-flow, Out-flow and Net Effect of INTERNATIONAL migrants**

	2008/09			2009/10			2010/11		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	600	400	200	500	300	200	600	500	100
Canterbury	2,400	2,100	300	2,300	1,100	1,200	2,700	1,300	1,400
Dartford	500	400	100	500	200	200	500	300	200
Dover	600	500	100	600	300	200	500	400	100
Folkestone & Hythe	500	400	100	500	300	200	500	400	100
Gravesham	800	300	500	800	200	500	700	300	400
Maidstone	1,100	500	600	1,100	400	700	1,000	800	300
Sevenoaks	500	500	0	400	300	100	400	300	100
Swale	700	400	300	900	300	500	600	500	100
Thanet	800	600	200	900	400	500	700	600	100
Tonbridge & Malling	600	300	200	500	300	200	500	500	-100
Tunbridge Wells	800	500	300	700	400	300	600	700	-100
	2011/12			2012/13			2013/14		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	500	400	100	500	400	100	600	300	300
Canterbury	2,500	900	1,500	1,700	1,000	900	2,200	1,000	1,200
Dartford	400	200	200	400	300	200	500	200	300
Dover	500	500	0	500	300	100	500	300	200
Folkestone & Hythe	400	200	200	300	200	100	400	200	200
Gravesham	600	400	200	700	400	400	700	300	300
Maidstone	900	700	200	1,000	700	500	1,300	700	600
Sevenoaks	400	300	100	400	400	100	500	300	200
Swale	700	400	300	700	300	400	800	300	500
Thanet	700	500	200	700	400	300	800	300	500
Tonbridge & Malling	400	500	-100	400	400	0	500	200	200
Tunbridge Wells	600	800	-300	600	500	0	800	400	300
	2014/15			2015/16			2016/17		
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET
Ashford	600	300	400	700	200	400	600	300	300
Canterbury	2,700	900	1,800	2,700	900	1,800	2,300	900	1,400
Dartford	500	300	300	600	300	300	500	300	200
Dover	500	200	200	400	200	200	400	300	100
Folkestone & Hythe	400	200	200	400	200	200	400	200	200
Gravesham	700	300	400	800	300	500	700	400	300
Maidstone	1,500	700	800	1,600	700	900	1,300	800	600
Sevenoaks	500	300	200	600	200	300	500	300	200
Swale	1,000	300	700	800	200	600	800	300	500
Thanet	700	300	400	700	300	400	700	400	300
Tonbridge & Malling	500	300	200	500	200	200	400	300	100
Tunbridge Wells	800	400	300	800	400	400	700	500	200
	2017/18			2018/19					
	IN	OUT	NET	IN	OUT	NET			
Ashford	700	400	300	600	400	200			
Canterbury	2,300	1,100	1,300	2,600	1,100	1,500			
Dartford	500	400	100	500	300	100			
Dover	400	300	100	400	300	100			
Folkestone & Hythe	400	200	200	300	200	200			
Gravesham	700	400	300	600	500	100			
Maidstone	1,400	900	500	1,200	900	300			
Sevenoaks	500	300	200	500	400	100			
Swale	1,000	400	600	800	600	300			
Thanet	700	400	300	600	400	200			
Tonbridge & Malling	400	300	100	400	300	100			
Tunbridge Wells	700	600	100	600	600	100			

## Age and sex profile of migrants in Kent

Table 8 illustrates the estimated age and sex profile of NET migrants in Kent for the year mid-2018 to mid-2019. We can only present the NET figures by sex and age for Kent, as the flows will include moves within the local authority districts and may appear twice.

**Table 8: Age and sex profile of migrants in Kent – mid-2018 to mid-2019**

Age	NET Male migrants		NET Female migrants		NET Migration All Persons	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Ages	5,500		5,800		11,400	
0-15	2,400	44%	2,400	41%	4,800	42%
16-24	-700	-13%	-1,500	-26%	-2,200	-19%
25-44	2,400	44%	3,100	53%	5,600	49%
45-64	1,000	18%	1,200	21%	2,200	19%
65+	300	5%	600	10%	900	8%

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The majority of migrants to Kent in the year mid-2018 to mid-2019 were aged 25 to 44 years old. This age group will add to the working age population of Kent. There were more female than male migrants in this age group which is significant as the 25 to 44 age group is also the main child-bearing age group. This age group possibly already have young families therefore it is also likely that the second largest net increase of 4,800 0 to 15 age group, is linked to the net increase of 25 to 44 age group.

Kent sees a net outflow of the 16 to 24 age group to other parts of the UK. Although there are significant flows of the 16 to 24 age group both into and out of the county, 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, there are more Kent residents who 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-2018 to mid-2019 there was a net total of 900 migrants 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 net migrants for Kent’s local authority district’s supports this as the larger net gains of people aged 65+ are in Canterbury, Folkestone & Hythe. However, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells have also seen a rise in net migrants aged 65+.

Table 9 presents the flow of total migrants by age group for each Kent district during the year mid-2018 to mid-2019. Please note that the district flow data includes flows between Kent districts.

**Table 9: Age profile of all migrants to and from Kent districts – mid-2018 to mid-2019**

Ashford				Folkestone & Hythe				Swale			
Age	Persons			Age	Persons			Age	Persons		
	IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	7,200	6,600	600	All Ages	5,800	5,000	800	All Ages	7,800	6,600	1,100
0-15	1,200	900	300	0-15	900	700	200	0-15	1,500	1,100	400
16-24	1,300	1,600	-300	16-24	900	1,200	-200	16-24	1,300	1,400	-100
25-44	2,700	2,300	400	25-44	1,900	1,600	300	25-44	3,000	2,300	600
45-64	1,300	1,200	100	45-64	1,400	900	400	45-64	1,400	1,200	200
65+	700	600	100	65+	800	600	200	65+	600	600	-100

Canterbury				Gravesham				Thanet			
Age	Persons			Age	Persons			Age	Persons		
	IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	16,700	15,500	1,200	All Ages	6,400	6,200	100	All Ages	6,200	5,900	300
0-15	1,500	900	600	0-15	1,400	1,100	300	0-15	900	900	0
16-24	8,500	8,200	300	16-24	1,100	1,300	-200	16-24	1,000	1,400	-400
25-44	4,000	4,400	-300	25-44	2,600	2,400	200	25-44	2,100	2,100	0
45-64	1,800	1,400	400	45-64	900	900	0	45-64	1,400	1,000	400
65+	1,000	700	300	65+	300	500	-100	65+	800	600	200

Dartford				Maidstone				Tonbridge & Malling			
Age	Persons			Age	Persons			Age	Persons		
	IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	9,400	7,300	2,100	All Ages	11,000	9,500	1,500	All Ages	8,900	7,600	1,300
0-15	2,100	1,400	700	0-15	1,900	1,500	400	0-15	1,700	1,000	700
16-24	1,300	1,300	0	16-24	2,000	2,000	0	16-24	1,500	1,800	-300
25-44	4,400	3,000	1,500	25-44	4,400	3,700	700	25-44	3,500	2,600	900
45-64	1,100	1,200	-100	45-64	1,900	1,600	300	45-64	1,400	1,400	0
65+	500	400	0	65+	800	700	100	65+	700	700	0

Dover				Sevenoaks				Tunbridge Wells			
Age	Persons			Age	Persons			Age	Persons		
	IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET		IN	OUT	NET
All Ages	6,100	4,700	1,400	All Ages	8,000	7,600	300	All Ages	8,200	7,600	600
0-15	1,100	600	400	0-15	1,500	1,100	400	0-15	1,400	900	500
16-24	1,100	1,200	-100	16-24	1,400	1,700	-400	16-24	1,600	2,100	-500
25-44	2,000	1,500	500	25-44	3,100	2,800	300	25-44	3,200	2,700	500
45-64	1,300	800	500	45-64	1,200	1,200	0	45-64	1,200	1,200	0
65+	700	500	100	65+	700	700	0	65+	800	600	100

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## Origin and destination of Kent internal migrants

The majority of people who moved into Kent in the year ending June 2019 came from London. 28,900 people, equivalent to 46.5% of all in-migrants, came from the capital. In contrast, of all the people leaving Kent, 27.2% (14,000 people) moved to London. The result was a net gain of 14,900 people from London.

The rest of the South East is the second most popular origin of people moving into Kent. 15,800 people from this area moved to Kent which accounts for 25.4% of all in-migrants to Kent in the year ending June 2019. However, a total of 15,800 people left Kent for the rest of the South East. This figure accounts for 30.6% of all out-migrants from Kent and makes this region the most popular destination for people leaving Kent.

The majority of net increase of internal migrants to Kent came from London. With the exception of the South East, 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 10: Origin and destination of Kent migrants – mid-2018/19**

	Net Migrants (persons)		
	IN to Kent	OUT of Kent	NET
East	5,800	6,000	-200
East Midlands	2,100	3,200	-1,100
London	28,900	14,000	14,900
North East	600	1,000	-400
North West	1,400	2,000	-600
<b>South East</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>0</b>
South West	3,100	5,000	-1,900
West Midlands	1,600	2,300	-700
Yorkshire and The Humber	1,400	2,200	-800
Wales	700	1,300	-600
Scotland	600	1,000	-400
Northern Ireland	200	200	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>51,600</b>	<b>10,500</b>

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Table 11 shows the detailed matrix of the origin and destination of internal migrants to and from Kent local authorities in mid-2018 to mid-2019

Table 11 : Matrix showing origin and destination of internal migrants to and from Kent districts

		Destination																								
		Ashford	Canterbury	Dartford	Dover	Folkestone & Hythe	Gravesham	Maidstone	Sevenoaks	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	6,500	14,100	9,000	5,700	5,500	5,800	9,800	7,500	7,000	5,600	8,500	7,500	368,600	305,400	705,400	116,700	362,400	473,600	329,100	296,000	248,900	133,400	45,400	9,500	
	Ashford	6,200	0	500	0	300	900	0	400	0	200	100	100	200	400	200	700	100	200	1,000	400	200	200	100	100	0
	Canterbury	14,400	500	0	100	900	400	100	200	100	600	700	100	100	1,700	500	3,900	100	400	2,200	800	400	300	200	200	0
	Dartford	7,000	100	200	0	0	0	900	200	500	200	100	200	0	500	200	1,900	0	100	1,100	200	200	200	100	100	0
	Dover	4,500	200	600	0	0	600	0	100	0	100	300	0	0	300	200	400	100	100	500	300	100	200	100	100	0
	Folkestone & Hythe	4,800	600	400	0	800	0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	200	100	500	100	100	700	300	100	100	100	100	0
	Gravesham	5,800	100	100	600	0	0	0	200	200	200	0	200	100	400	300	900	100	100	1,400	300	200	200	100	100	0
	Maidstone	8,700	500	300	100	100	200	100	0	100	400	100	1,000	500	500	400	900	100	200	1,900	500	300	300	100	100	0
	Sevenoaks	7,300	100	100	400	0	0	200	300	0	0	0	900	500	400	200	1,400	100	100	1,400	500	200	100	100	100	0
	Swale	6,100	200	800	100	200	100	100	400	0	0	100	100	0	400	300	700	100	100	1,400	300	200	200	100	100	0
	Thanet	5,500	100	800	0	600	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	500	300	800	100	200	700	400	100	200	100	100	0
	Tonbridge & Malling	7,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,300	400	200	0	0	700	400	300	800	100	100	1,400	400	100	200	100	100	0
	Tunbridge Wells	7,000	200	100	0	0	0	0	600	300	0	0	600	0	300	300	1,000	100	200	2,100	600	200	200	100	100	0
	East	355,700	500	1,600	400	300	300	300	500	300	400	500	400	400	182,700	26,600	46,500	4,600	10,200	30,000	16,400	11,600	11,900	4,300	4,300	900
East Midlands	293,300	100	400	200	200	100	100	200	100	200	100	200	200	18,900	151,700	20,200	4,600	13,900	15,700	10,300	23,300	24,700	4,100	3,200	600	
London	799,400	1,400	3,900	5,700	900	1,100	2,400	2,200	3,600	1,700	1,800	2,200	2,000	86,300	21,800	450,100	6,000	20,100	99,800	30,400	23,900	15,600	6,900	7,900	1,700	
North East	113,500	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	100	3,400	3,600	8,200	61,700	8,500	4,100	2,700	2,800	13,200	900	3,400	500	
North West	352,400	100	200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	7,600	13,100	19,500	8,300	218,800	10,700	9,600	16,700	27,200	11,400	6,300	1,800	
South East	471,600	1,000	2,600	600	600	800	800	2,100	1,000	2,000	800	1,600	1,800	27,100	21,100	66,400	5,400	13,500	221,400	53,200	18,400	11,700	10,000	6,400	1,200	
South West	302,900	300	600	100	200	200	100	300	300	200	200	300	400	11,200	8,900	26,200	2,900	9,400	38,800	157,600	16,500	6,800	16,600	4,100	800	
West Midlands	297,900	100	300	100	100	100	100	200	100	100	100	100	100	9,900	25,300	21,400	3,100	18,900	15,300	19,400	158,200	10,500	10,800	2,800	700	
Yorkshire & The Humber	247,500	100	200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	9,000	24,000	17,100	13,800	28,600	9,700	7,100	10,200	118,200	3,100	4,500	700	
Wales	124,700	0	100	0	100	100	0	100	0	100	100	0	100	3,400	3,400	7,200	1,200	11,100	7,400	13,700	9,200	3,000	62,500	1,600	400	
Scotland	35,500	100	100	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	100	2,600	2,100	7,300	3,300	5,300	4,200	3,200	2,400	3,300	1,200	0	0	
Northern Ireland	8,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	400	1,400	600	2,100	800	600	600	600	400	0	0	

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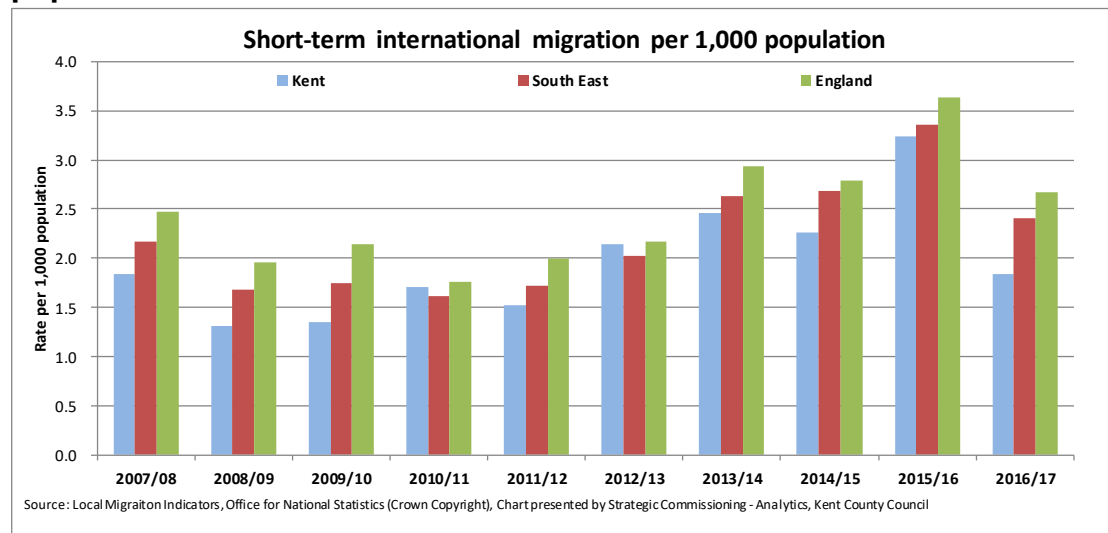
## Local Migration Indicators

### Short-term international migration estimates (experimental statistics)

Information on short-term international migration comes 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-2016 to mid-2017 with the final year being provisional figures.

Current estimates for mid-2016 to mid-2017 show a marked decline in short term migrants compared to the previous three years.

### Chart 6: Short-term international migrant rate per thousand resident population: mid-2007/08 to mid-2016/17



There were an estimated 2,900 short-term migrants in Kent during mid-2016 to mid-2017. This number is equivalent to a rate of 1.8 to every one-thousand resident population for that year. This rate is lower than that of the South East (2.4) and lower than the rate for England (2.7).

Between mid-2016 and mid-2017 the majority of short-term migrants in Kent were here for employment. This is in contrast to England and the South East where the majority of short-term migrants gave study as the main reason for migration.

Not surprisingly, the majority of short-term migrants who are here to study are located in Canterbury. Maidstone is the location for the majority of short-term migrants who are here to work.

**Table 12: Estimates of short-term international migrants to England, the South East, Kent, and Local authorities in Kent by reason for migration mid-2016/17**

	Mid-2016 Population Estimate	Short-term international migrants	rate per 1,000 population	% employment	% study
<b>England</b>	<b>55,619,400</b>	<b>148,500</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>53.5%</b>
<b>South East</b>	<b>9,080,800</b>	<b>21,900</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>53.5%</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>1,554,600</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>51.0%</b>	<b>49.0%</b>
Ashford	127,500	100	1.1	61.6%	38.4%
Canterbury	164,100	900	5.8	19.9%	80.1%
Dartford	107,500	200	1.6	66.0%	34.0%
Dover	115,800	100	1.0	55.8%	44.2%
Folkestone & Hythe	111,400	0	0.4	73.3%	26.7%
Gravesham	106,100	200	2.0	75.4%	24.6%
Maidstone	167,700	400	2.3	73.7%	26.3%
Sevenoaks	119,400	100	0.9	66.1%	33.9%
Swale	146,700	200	1.5	82.9%	17.1%
Thanet	141,300	200	1.7	48.5%	51.5%
Tonbridge and Malling	128,900	100	0.8	58.0%	42.0%
Tunbridge Wells	118,100	200	1.5	58.0%	42.0%
<b>Medway</b>	<b>277,600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>20.3%</b>

Source: Local Migration Indicators, Office for National Statistics (Crown Copyright) ONS

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## Flag 4 GP Registrations

Flag 4s are codes within the NHS Patient Register Data Service (PRDS) system which indicate that someone who has registered with a GP in England and Wales was previously living overseas. When a new patient registers with a GP a Flag 4 code is generated if:

*a) the patient was born outside the UK and enters England and Wales for the first time and registers with an NHS GP.*

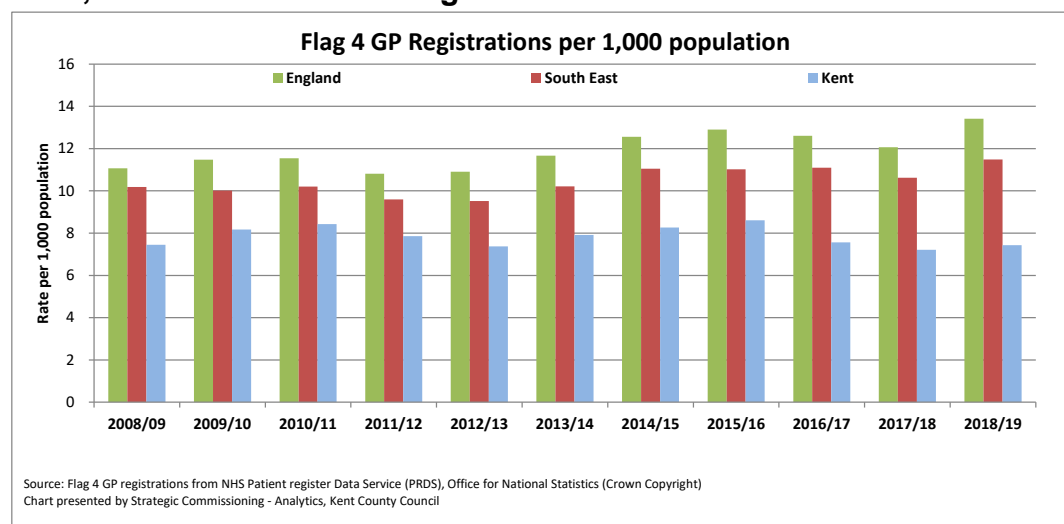
*b) the patient's registration will also generate a Flag 4 if their previous address is reported as outside the UK.*

The patient register dataset is a "snapshot" taken annually. Therefore, if 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-2018 to mid-2019 there were 11,800 Flag4 GP registrations in Kent. This is equivalent to a rate of 7.4 per thousand population.

**Chart 7: Flag 4 GP registrations per thousand resident population in Kent, the South East and England: mid-2008/09 to mid-2018/19**



During the year between mid-2018 to mid-2019 The rate of Flag 4 GP registrations was highest in Canterbury at 18.2 per thousand population. This is mainly due to the high number of students in the area. Gravesham saw the second highest rate of 9.4 registrations per thousand population whilst Tonbridge & Malling experienced the lowest rate at 3.3.

**Table 13: Flag 4 GP Registrations in England, the South East, Kent, and Local authorities in Kent: mid-2018/19**

	Mid-2017 Population Estimate	New Migrant GP Registrations	rate per 1,000 population
<b>England</b>	<b>56,287,000</b>	<b>755,300</b>	<b>13.4</b>
<b>South East</b>	<b>9,180,100</b>	<b>105,500</b>	<b>11.5</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>1,581,600</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Ashford	130,000	1,000	8.0
Canterbury	165,400	3,000	18.2
Dartford	112,600	900	8.1
Dover	118,100	500	4.3
Folkestone & Hythe	113,000	400	3.9
Gravesham	106,900	1,000	9.4
Maidstone	171,800	1,300	7.6
Sevenoaks	120,800	500	4.4
Swale	150,100	900	6.1
Thanet	141,900	800	5.6
Tonbridge & Malling	132,200	400	3.3
Tunbridge Wells	118,700	800	7.0
<b>Medway</b>	<b>278,600</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>6.8</b>

Source: Local Area Migration Indicators Suite: Office for national Statistics (ONS)  
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