



NINo registrations

Welcome to this **ourcommunities** bitesize bulletin on National Insurance Number (NINo) Registrations in Dorset.

A NINo is generally required by any overseas national looking to work or claim benefits/tax credits in the UK. NINo registrations to non-UK nationals allow us to estimate the numbers of international migrant workers coming to live and work in the Dorset area. This edition will include the latest data for the financial year 2014/15 released in August 2015.

NUMBERS UP

- Total number of registrations
- Number of Bulgarian and Romanian registrations

NUMBERS DOWN

- Number of Portuguese registrations
- Number of Polish registrations in Weymouth & Portland

Big Numbers

1,300 total registrations in DCC area

43% increase in last year

21%

highest number of migrants were from Poland

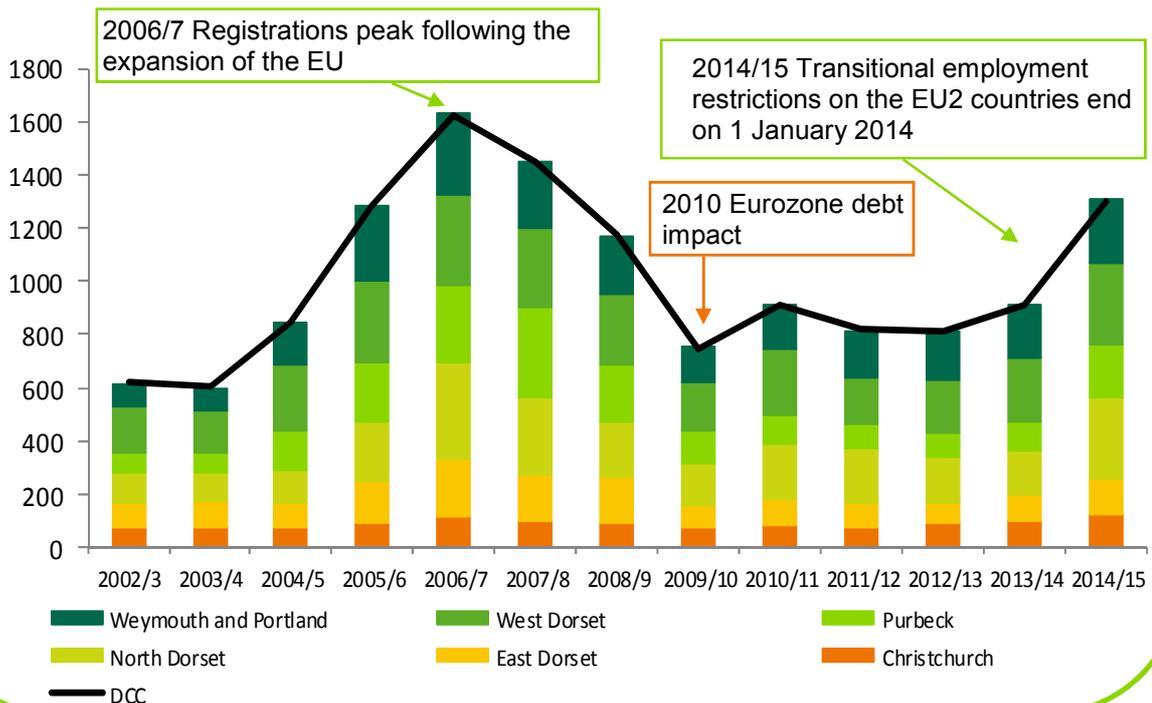
18-34 most common age range

762,920 total registrations nationally

85%

both North Dorset and Purbeck saw the largest increases

Box 1: Changes over time

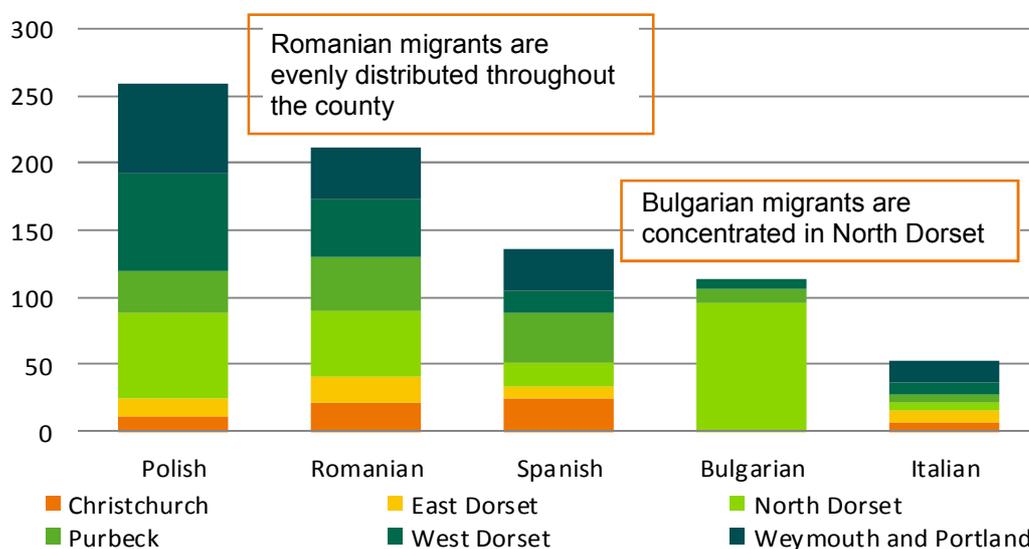




Box 2: What has caused the recent increase in registrations?

There has been a lot of public interest in Bulgarian and Romanian (EU2) migration to the UK following the end of transitional employment restrictions. Bulgaria and Romania joined the European Union on 1 January 2007. Since then, migrants from Bulgaria and Romania coming to the UK were subject to transitional employment restrictions, which placed limits on the kind of employment they could undertake. These restrictions ended on 1 January 2014.

Box 3: Where are they?



Box 4: Why does it matter?

As a council we need to identify and understand the communities of Dorset. The number of migrants registering for a National Insurance number has increased by almost 400 in the past year, and the origin of migrants is changing as transitional employment restrictions on European Union member countries change.

A key priority for Dorset County Council is to encourage economic growth. Unemployment is low in DCC Dorset with a claimant rate of only 0.7%¹. Migrant workers can have a positive impact on the local economy; fuelling growth and filling hard-to-fill vacancies.

Evidence shows that many migrants are deciding to settle in Dorset and start families; 10.5% of live births in DCC Dorset in 2014 were to non-UK born mothers². Information about migrant workers will help us in planning, providing services and effectively targeting resources.

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¹Claimant count figures, Office for National Statistics, (NOMIS)

²Country of birth 2014, Office for National Statistics

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