

## Migration Estimates

### Background

National Records of Scotland publish migration data on an annual basis. Migration is the movement of people from one place to another. Internal migration is when people migrate within the same country or region and international migration is when people migrate from one country to another.

Migration is the most difficult component of population change to estimate as, unlike births and deaths, there is no comprehensive system for the registration of moves to or from the rest of the world, nor for moves within the UK. Official estimates of migration are therefore based on survey data and the best proxy data available.

National Records of Scotland use three key sources of migration data to produce migration estimates:

- The National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) is used to calculate moves between NHS Board areas within the UK. It is also used to distribute estimates of international migration to NHS Board areas in Scotland.
- Community Health Index (CHI) is used to estimate migration at Council area and below.
- International Passenger Survey (IPS) provides information on moves into and out of Scotland with an origin or destination of outside UK.

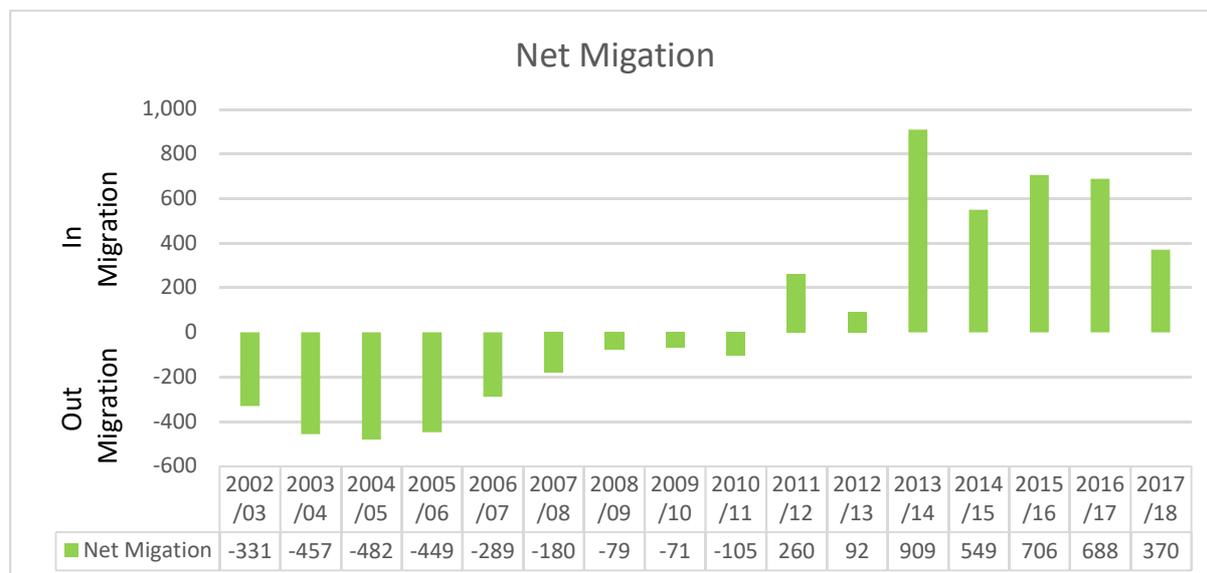
Total migration includes all migration to or from an area. For Scotland this would include moves to and from the rest of the UK and moves to and from overseas whilst for a Council or NHS Board areas it would also include moves to and from other such areas in Scotland.

### Scotland Migration

Historically, Scotland has been a country of net out-migration, with more people leaving to live elsewhere than moving to live in Scotland. However, since the 1960s, net out-migration has greatly reduced, and from 1990 onwards Scotland has mostly experienced net migration gains. Scotland has now entered a period of net in-migration. Between 2003/04 and 2010/11, there were net gains of at least 18,600 per year. In 2006/07 the net migration gain was 33,000, the highest since these estimates started in 1951. However, in 2011/12 net migration had fallen to 12,700 and in 2012/13 net migration fell again to 10,000. In 2013/14 net migration rose by 7,600 to 17,600. Net migration in 2014/15 was 28,000 and in 2015/16 this figure had risen to 31,700. Net migration in 2016/17 decreased to 23,900 and this was also the case in 2017/18 where it fell to 20,900.

## East Dunbartonshire Migration

The graph below shows the migration for East Dunbartonshire from 2002/03 to 2017/18. It shows there has been a negative net migration for East Dunbartonshire from 2002/03 to 2010/11. The first positive total net migration since 1994/95 was seen in 2011/12 as illustrated in the graph below. During 2017/18, there was an estimated total in-migration into East Dunbartonshire of 3,980 people and a total out-migration out of 3,610 people resulting in a positive total net migration of 370 people.



## Further Information

Further information can be found by visiting the National Records of Scotland website ([www.nrscotland.gov.uk](http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk)).