

## Local Area Migration Indicators<sup>1</sup>, UK 2018

Please note, the data is on a mid-year basis.

### In Summary

- There was a long-term international inflow of 7,835 people in 2017/18 to the Black Country. This is an increase of 2.8% (+210 people) from 2016/17, while England increased by 9.8%. There was a long-term international outflow of 3,135 people in 2017/18 from the Black Country area. This is a net increase of 1,029 people (+48.9%) from 2016/17, while England increased by 2.5%.
- The inflow into the Black Country was much higher than the outflow, by 4,700 people.
- There was an internal inflow of 51,555 people in 2017/18 to the Black Country area. This is an increase of 0.3% (+153 people) from 2016/17, while England increased by 0.8%. There was an internal outflow of 52,446 people in 2017/18 from the Black Country area. This is an increase of 0.5% (+245 people) from 2016/17, while England increased by 1.2%.

### Full Briefing

#### Long- Term International Migration

- **Long-term international migration is defined by a person who changes their country of usual residence for a period of at least a year, so that the country of destination effectively becomes the country of usual residence.**
- There was a long-term international inflow of 7,835 people in 2017/18 to the Black Country. This is an increase of 2.8% (+210 people) from 2016/17, while England increased by 9.8%. Wolverhampton had the highest inflow within the Black Country local authorities with 2,876 people, an increase of 2.2% (+63 people) from 2016/17. Sandwell had the second highest inflow at 2,787 people, however compared to 2016/17 this has decreased by 0.4% (-11 people).
- There was a long-term international outflow of 3,135 people in 2017/18 from the Black Country area. This is a net increase of 1,029 people (+48.9%) from 2016/17, while England increased by 2.5%. All the local authority areas within the Black Country had a higher outflow compared to 2016/17; this ranged from 355 more people leaving Wolverhampton to 169 more people leaving Dudley.
- The inflow into the Black Country was much higher than the outflow, by 4,700 people. The inflow into Sandwell was 1,900 higher than the outflow of people, while in Dudley the inflow was 363 people higher than the outflow of people.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note, ONS release two datasets for migration with the first annual release in June. The June release is based on internal migration movements between regions and local authorities. This second release in August is based on long-term international migration, internal migration inflows and outflows and short-term international migration inflow.

Figure 1: Long-Term International Migration inflow and outflow in the Black Country and England.

	Long-Term International Migration Mid 2016 - Mid 2017		Long-Term International Migration Mid 2017 - Mid 2018		Mid 2017 - Mid 2018 Inflow - Outflow	Annual Inflow Change Number	Annual Inflow Change %	Annual Outflow Change Number	Annual Outflow Change %
	Inflow	Outflow	Inflow	Outflow					
Dudley	764	337	869	506	363	105	13.7%	169	50.1%
Sandwell	2,798	584	2,787	887	1,900	-11	-0.4%	303	51.9%
Walsall	1,250	392	1,303	594	709	53	4.2%	202	51.5%
Wolverhampton	2,813	793	2,876	1,148	1,728	63	2.2%	355	44.8%
<b>Black Country</b>	<b>7,625</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>7,835</b>	<b>3,135</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>48.9%</b>
West Midlands Region	45,319	17,095	50,823	24,906	25,917	5,504	12.1%	7,811	45.7%
England	512,075	301,505	562,457	308,960	253,497	50,382	9.8%	7,455	2.5%

### Internal Migration (within UK)

- There was an internal inflow of 51,555 people in 2017/18 to the Black Country area. This is an increase of 0.3% (+153 people) from 2016/17, while England increased by 0.8%. Sandwell had the highest inflow within the Black Country local authorities with 15,409 people, however this is a decrease of 0.3% (-43 people) from 2016/17.
- %. There was an internal outflow of 52,446 people in 2017/18 from the Black Country area. This is an increase of 0.5% (+245 people) from 2016/17, while England increased by 1.2%. Wolverhampton was the only local authority in the Black Country to experience a decrease from 2016/17, by 1.2% (- 152 people).
- The inflow in the Black Country was lower than the outflow by 891 less people. Dudley and Walsall both had a higher inflow than outflow (+475 people and 450 people respectively).

Figure 2: Internal Migration inflow and outflow in the Black Country and England.

	Internal Migration		Internal Migration		Mid 2017 - Mid 2018 Inflow - Outflow	Annual Inflow Change Number	Annual Inflow Change %	Annual Outflow Change Number	Annual Outflow Change %
	Inflow	Outflow	Inflow	Outflow					
Dudley	12,042	11,258	11,764	11,289	475	-278	-2.3%	31	0.3%
Sandwell	15,452	16,579	15,409	16,897	-1,488	-43	-0.3%	318	1.9%
Walsall	12,554	12,132	12,630	12,180	450	76	0.6%	48	0.4%
Wolverhampton	11,354	12,232	11,752	12,080	-328	398	3.5%	-152	-1.2%
<b>Black Country</b>	<b>51,402</b>	<b>52,201</b>	<b>51,555</b>	<b>52,446</b>	<b>-891</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
West Midlands	135,324	129,636	135,723	133,000	2,723	399	0.3%	3,364	2.6%
England	99,676	118,100	100,459	119,485	-19,026	783	0.8%	1,385	1.2%

### Short- International Migration Inflow Estimates

- A short-term migrant is a person who moves to a country other than that of his or her usual residence for a period of at least three months but less than a year (12 months), except in cases where the movement to that country is for purposes of recreation, holiday, visits to friends or relatives, business, medical treatment or religious pilgrimage.
- There was a short-term international inflow of 1,480 people in 2016/17 to the Black Country area. This is a decrease of 35.6% (-818 people) from 2015/16, while England decreased by 26.0%.
- Across all the local authorities within the Black Country, Wolverhampton had the highest decrease in the inflow of short-term international migration compared to 2015/16 (308 less people), while Dudley had the smallest decrease (65 less people).



Figure 3: Short-Term International Migration Inflow Estimates for the Black Country and England.

	Short-Term International Migration Inflow Estimates Mid-2015 to Mid-2016	Short-Term International Migration Inflow Estimates Mid-2016 to Mid-2017	Annual Change Number	Annual Change %
Dudley	181	116	-65	-35.8%
Sandwell	807	518	-289	-35.8%
Walsall	410	253	-157	-38.3%
Wolverhampton	900	592	-308	-34.2%
<b>Black Country</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>-818</b>	<b>-35.6%</b>
West Midlands	18,660	13,683	-4,977	-26.7%
England	200,751	148,489	-52,263	-26.0%

Source: ONS, Local area migration indicators, UK. Released 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019

[https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-area-migration-indicators-uk-2018?utm\\_source=0f173a9c-1bac-47a7-bcf3-97956873c6c7&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-area-migration-indicators-uk-2018?utm_source=0f173a9c-1bac-47a7-bcf3-97956873c6c7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)