



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 2016/17 released in August 2017.



- Registrations in Dorset are down by **9%** (a decrease of 129 applications)
- Registrations in the South West are down by **5%** (a decrease of 1,986 applications)
- Registrations in England are down by **5%** (a decrease of 38,357 applications)

Big Numbers

1,265 total registrations in DCC

18-34 Most common age range

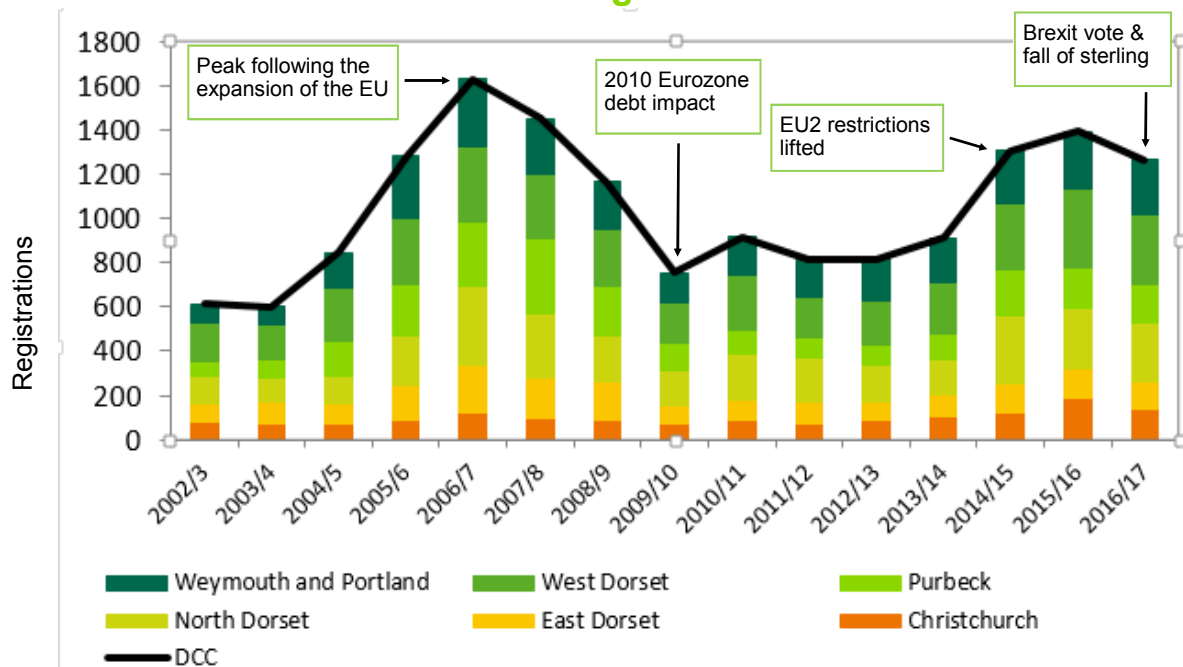
9% decrease in last year

23% Highest number of migrants were from Romania

782,614 Total registrations nationally

-27% Christchurch saw the largest fall

Box 1: Changes over time



Sources:

2016/2017 NINo registrations from DWP

¹ Claimant count figures, Office for National Statistics, (NOMIS), August 2017

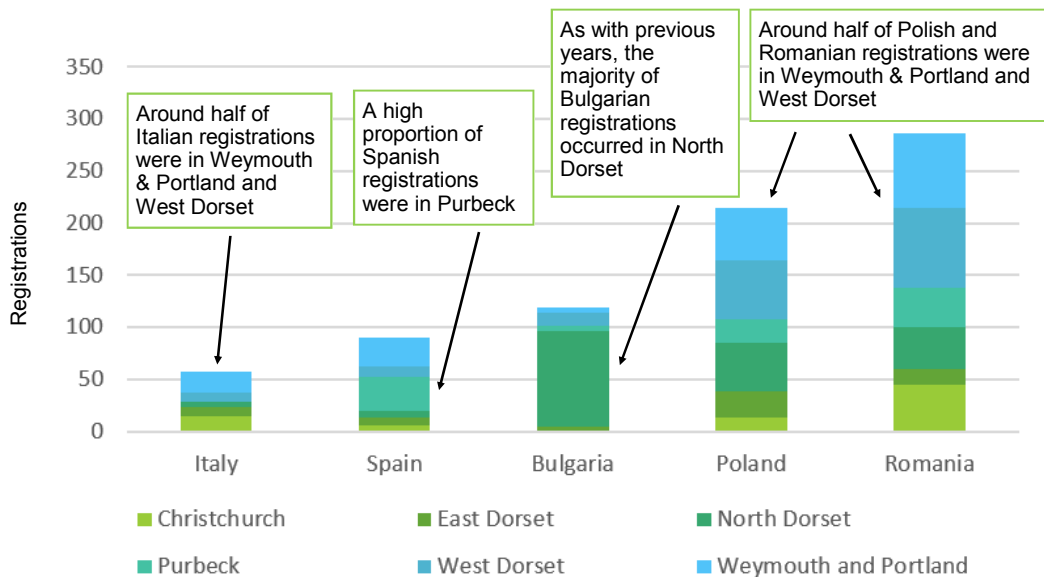


Box 2: The top ten nationalities registering in DCC Dorset are:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Romania	Poland	Bulgaria	Spain	Italy	Portugal	France	Germany	Hungary	USA
286	215	119	90	58	54	41	39	34	31

Box 3: Where are they registering?

Distribution of NINo applications throughout Dorset, by top 5 nationalities



Why does it matter?

As a council, we need to identify and understand the communities that we represent - it informs planning, providing services and effectively targeting resources. Evidence has shown that many migrant workers are deciding to settle in Dorset and start families which will inform school places and how we provide our resources.

The fall in registrations may have been influenced by the Brexit vote and the subsequent fall in the value of sterling which would make the UK a less attractive place to work for those migrants sending money home in Euros. Time will tell if this is a temporary fall or start of a new trend. Migrant workers have a positive impact on our economy so if registrations continue to fall in future years some sectors such as construction and hospitality may struggle to recruit enough staff.

What are we doing about it?

Encouraging economic growth is a key priority for Dorset County Council. Nationally, unemployment is at its lowest rate since 1975. Dorset has a claimant rate of only 0.8%¹ so the pool of people available for work is very small. Migrant workers help to fill labour market gaps and without them economic growth in the county could be constrained.

Understanding the diversity of our communities enables us to target resources effectively. For example, our libraries stock children's materials in dual languages to encourage the love of reading and language development in children for whom English might not be their first language.