

Internal Migration Analysis 2013

Introduction

As there is no single system to record population movements within the UK, internal migration estimates must be calculated using proxy sources. Moves between local authorities are produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) using a combination of three administrative datasets: the Patient Register (PR), the National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) and Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) data. This combination is used because each helps overcome coverage or quality limitations in the others. However, there are still known issues which may result in differences between the estimates and the actual number of internal moves.

Key Figures

- It is estimated that 12,785 people migrated into the Royal Borough of Greenwich in 2013, whilst 18,511 people out-migrated to other UK Local Authorities
- This shows a net migration loss of 5,726 people (-44%) across the Royal Borough for 2013
- Of the in-migrant population, almost one-third (31%) moved into Royal Greenwich from the neighbouring London Boroughs of Lewisham (2,231 people) and Bexley (1,727 people)
- Regarding the out-migrating population, 3,343 previous residents of the Royal Borough moved into the London Boroughs of Bexley (18.1%), 1,805 people moved to Lewisham (9.8%) and 1,070 people moved to Bromley (5.8%)
- Almost half (49.8%) of 2013 in-migrants were aged 20 to 34 (6,363 people)
- 10,417 in-migrants were of working-age (aged 16 to 64) – accounting for 81.5% of the total population that moved into the Royal Borough in 2013
- Conversely, 14,346 working-aged people out-migrated, accounting for 77.5% of the total population that moved out of the Royal Borough
- Since 2009, it is estimated that 59,334 people have migrated into the Royal Borough from Local Authorities within the UK, whilst 89,737 people have out-migrated – accounting for a net migration loss of 30,404 people (-51.2%)
- Over the five-year period (2009 to 2013) the majority of internal migration flows into the Royal Borough originated in Lewisham (10,698 people) accounting for 18%. This was followed by 8,503 people from Bexley (14.3%) and 5,820 people from Southwark (9.8%)
- The largest age cohort moving into the Royal Borough throughout this period was 11,335 people aged 25 to 29 (19.1%). In terms of the wider working-age population, 48,248 people moved into the Royal Borough, accounting for 81.3% of the total in-migrant population
- In comparison, the majority of out-migration from the Royal Borough was seen in 16,274 residents moving to Bexley (18.1%), 8,790 people to Lewisham (9.8%) and 4,693 people to Bromley (5.2%)
- The largest age cohort moving out of the Royal Borough between 2009-13 were those aged 25 to 29 and 30 to 34 (15% each), accounting for a combined population of 26,992

Table 1: Royal Greenwich Annual Migration Summary 2009-2013

Royal Greenwich	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
In-Migration	10,731	11,309	11,843	12,665	12,785
Out-Migration	17,517	17,611	17,262	18,837	18,511
Net Migration	-6,786	-6,302	-5,418	-6,172	-5,726
Net Migration Rate	-63.2%	-55.7%	-45.8%	-48.7%	-44.8%

Source: ONS Internal Migration for Local Authorities by Origin and Destination, Sex and Single Year of Age (Years Ending June 2009 to June 2013)

Table 2: Top 20 Origin Local Authorities of Royal Borough In-Migrants 2009-2013

Rank	Local Authority	Count	Rate
1	Lewisham	10,698	18.0%
2	Bexley	8,503	14.3%
3	Southwark	5,820	9.8%
4	Tower Hamlets	2,904	4.9%
5	Bromley	2,875	4.8%
6	Lambeth	2,739	4.6%
7	Newham	2,664	4.5%
8	Wandsworth	1,236	2.1%
9	Hackney	1,205	2.0%
10	Croydon	1,148	1.9%
11	Waltham Forest	1,139	1.9%
12	Islington	1,031	1.7%
13	Westminster	970	1.6%
14	Haringey	970	1.6%
15	Scotland	951	1.6%
16	Camden	880	1.5%
17	Brent	854	1.4%
18	Redbridge	738	1.2%
19	Barnet	726	1.2%
20	Ealing	698	1.2%

Source: ONS Internal Migration for Local Authorities by Origin and Destination, Sex and Single Year of Age (Years Ending June 2009 to June 2013)

Table 3: Top 20 Destination Local Authorities of Royal Borough Out-Migrants 2009-2013

Rank	Local Authority	Count	Rate
1	Bexley	16,274	18.1%
2	Lewisham	8,790	9.8%
3	Bromley	4,693	5.2%
4	Southwark	2,644	2.9%
5	Dartford	2,339	2.6%
6	Medway	1,936	2.2%
7	Lambeth	1,615	1.8%
8	Tower Hamlets	1,525	1.7%
9	Newham	1,387	1.5%
10	Sevenoaks	1,284	1.4%
11	Wandsworth	1,245	1.4%
12	Croydon	1,091	1.2%
13	Gravesham	1,077	1.2%
14	Canterbury	1,076	1.2%
15	Scotland	1,057	1.2%
16	Hackney	797	0.9%
17	Swale	733	0.8%
18	Waltham Forest	732	0.8%
19	Westminster	723	0.8%
20	Islington	714	0.8%

Source: ONS Internal Migration for Local Authorities by Origin and Destination, Sex and Single Year of Age (Years Ending June 2012 and June 2013)