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Migration into Britain London's place in the wider picture

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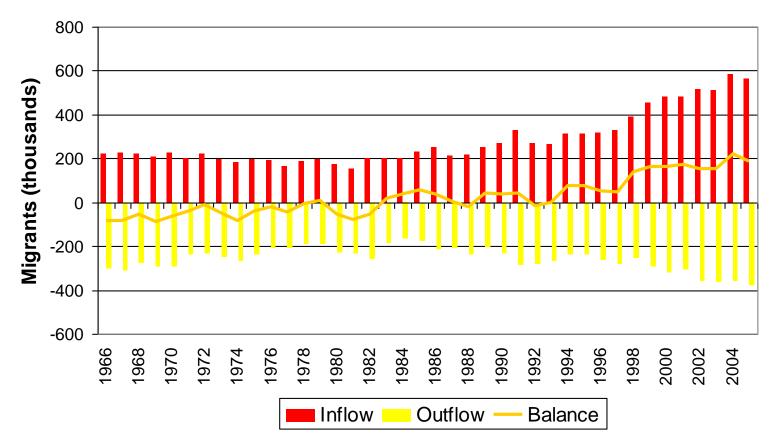
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Total migration to and from the UK, 1966-2005



Source: International Passenger Survey and Total International Migration, Office of National Statistics



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Foreign labour inflows by route of entry, 2005

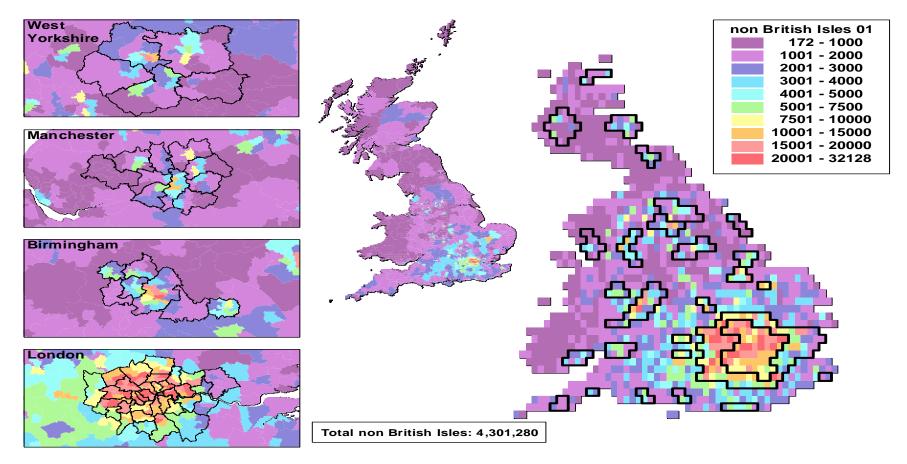
	Number	Per cent
Worker Registration Scheme	194,953	48.6%
Work permits	86,191	21.5%
EU15 and EFTA	35,200	8.8%
Working Holiday Makers Scheme	20,135	5.0%
Highly Skilled Migrant Programme	17,631	4.4%
Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme	15,455	3.9%
Domestic servants	10,100	2.5%
UK ancestry	8,260	2.1%
Sectors Based Scheme	7,401	1.8%
Au pairs	2,360	0.6%
Science and Engineering Graduates Scheme	2,699	0.7%
Ministers of religion	530	0.1%
Total	400,915	100.0%

Source: Salt and Millar 2006



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London is home to 41% of immigrants

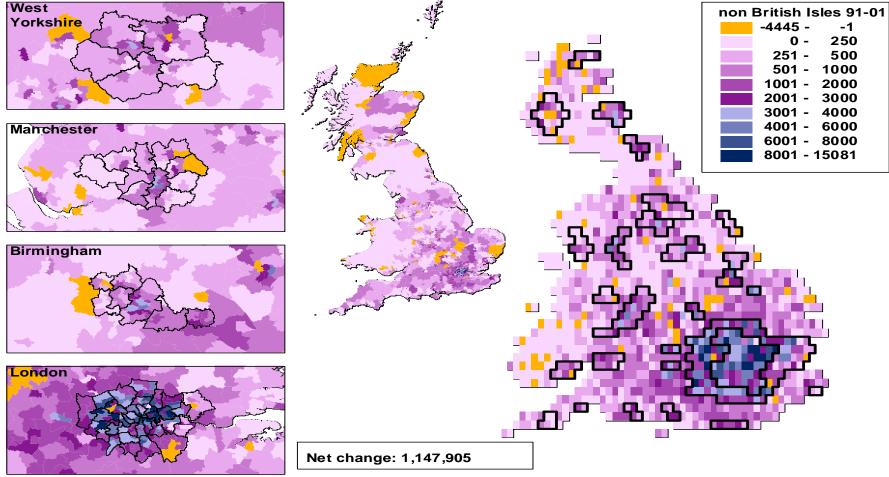


Born outside British Isles, 2001



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London's immigrant population up 44%



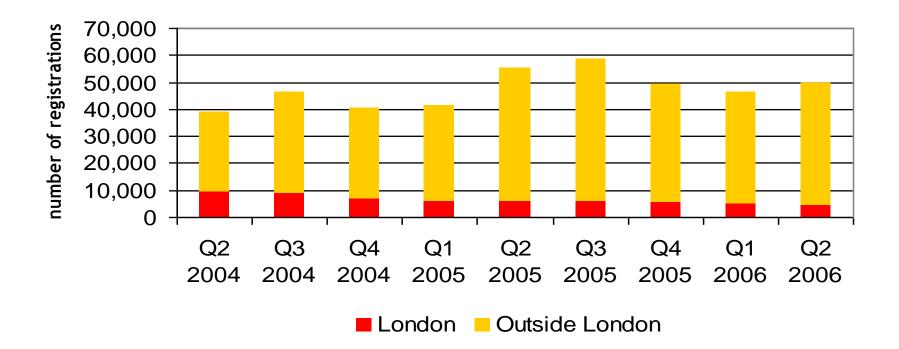
Change in non-British-Isles, 1991-2001



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But London is not always the magnet

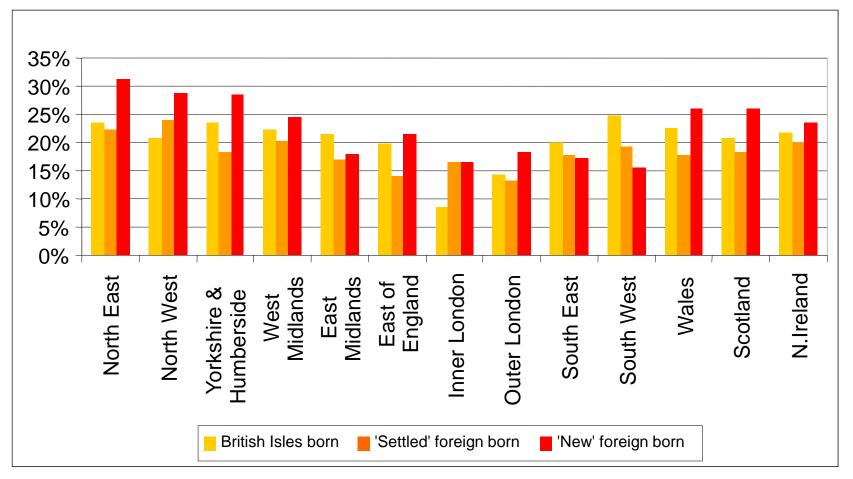
Worker Registration Scheme (WRS) applications, May 2004-June 2006





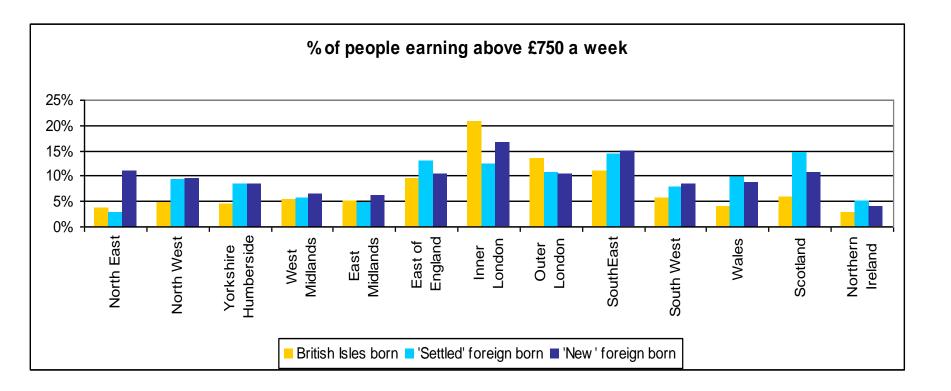
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Proportion earning < ¹/₂ UK median earnings, 2000-4





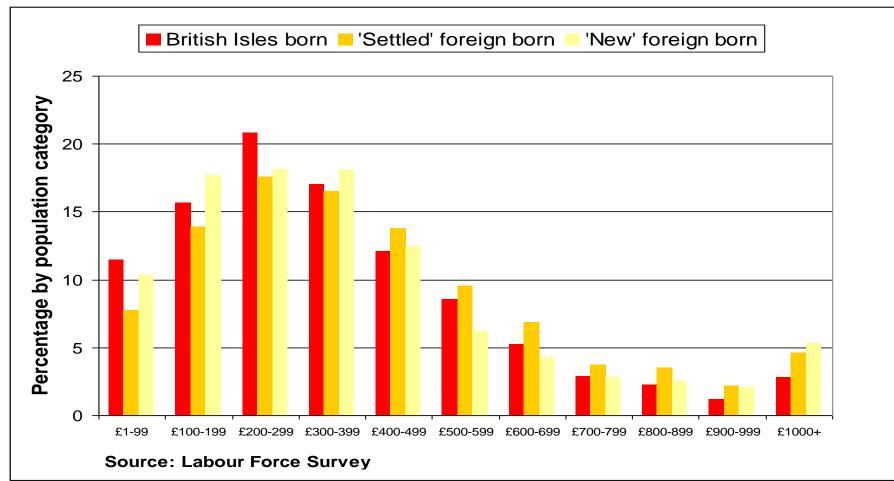
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Gross weekly earnings from main job, 2003-04





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The Chelsea phenomenon

- London doing well in attracting highly-skilled, highlymobile'gold-collar' workers.
- Key to success of some sectors and services
- Generally fuelling employment growth
- Making important contributions to the public purse
- Clustering in certain areas, e.g. 45% of Kensington & Chelsea residents were foreign-born; 18% of London's Americans live in K & C
- Causing some resentment amongst locals
- May well move on with changing economic fortunes



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The East Ham phenomenon

- London doing well in finding the migrant workers to do dirty, difficult and dangerous jobs (one recent study found that 90% of 341 low-paid workers surveyed were migrants; many are actually skilled almost half of above sample had acquired tertiary level qualifications before moving to the UK).
- Key to success of some sectors and services
- Generally fuelling employment growth (directly and indirectly)
- Making important contributions to the public purse
- Clustering in certain areas, e.g. 38% of Newham residents were foreign-born; 15% of London's Pakistanis live in Newham
- Causing some resentment amongst locals
- May well move on with changing economic fortunes



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Challenges ahead

- Counting migrants and funding the services they use
- Responding to high mobility: e.g. schools, integration, community cohesion
- Responding to super diversity: 1 x 15 vs. 15 x 1?
- Olympic hurdles: meeting labour needs while dealing with irregular migrants
- Segregation, ghettos and 'white flight'?
- Dealing with new tensions
- Convincing the rest of the country that diversity works