New migrant labour in Yorkshire and the Humber: insights into the composition of immigrant labour using NINo

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Aims

To illustrate the extent of new migrant labour in Yorkshire and Humber [United Kingdom] and the origins of this new workforce.

Methodology

The article analyses National Insurance Number [NINo] registration statistics.

Key issues

Despite the increasing importance of international migration there is no single system to measure the movement of people. NINo data provides some indication of recent trends in labour migration. The use of NINo data is discussed, and statistics provided [2002-2006] showing distribution across UK regions, numbers in Yorkshire and Humber, region of origin, top 20 countries, and distribution across local authorities in the region.

Conclusions

Administrative datasets provide an invaluable source of alternative statistics to help understand evolving patterns and trends in local populations to inform planning and provision of services. The regional economy relies on inputs made by migrants workers.

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