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Theme

Population and Migration

Key population and vital statistics for 1999

Key statistics for population, births, deaths and migration in 1999 for local administrative areas for the whole of the United Kingdom are published today* by National Statistics.

They relate to 1999 and are the latest to be analysed down to the level of local government and health areas in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland in a single volume. Overall they show:

- The resident population of England and Wales was 52.7 million, Scotland 5.1 million and Northern Ireland 1.7 million. Of Government Office Regions in England, the South East continued to be the most populous region, with just under 8.1 million people.
- The South East had the highest estimated net inflow of population (64.1 thousand) followed by the London (46.4 thousand). The North West Government Office Regions was estimated to have experienced the largest net loss due to migration (-13.0 thousand), followed by the North East (-6.0 thousand) and the West Midlands (-5.1 thousand).
- Allowing for the age structure of the population, at national level, Northern Ireland had the highest fertility rate (an average of 1.85 births per woman), while Scotland had the lowest (1.51 births per woman). Within England and Wales, the West Midlands Government Office Regions had the highest rate (1.79 births per woman), and the North East the lowest (1.62).
- The North East had the highest proportion of births outside marriage (48.9 per cent) and Northern Ireland the lowest (30.3 per cent).

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