

Migration since the Brexit vote

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The current brief has been created in response to the visual article produced by ONSⁱ *Migration since the Brexit vote – what's changed in six charts*. The key points within the article are:

- There has been a fall in net migration in the UK, and most of it is because of EU citizens.
- Fewer people are coming to live in the UK (-12.3%) and more EU citizens are leaving (29% increase).
- Fewer EU citizens are coming to the UK to look for work - the number coming to look for work has more than halved in the year to June 2017.
- More EU citizens are applying to become British citizens (up 80%).

The full article is available online.ⁱⁱ

Summary of local key points

Work has been undertaken to gauge local change in migration. The key points are:

- Perth & Kinross has a higher proportion of EU migration than Tay Cities Deal areaⁱⁱⁱ. What follows, any impact related to EU migration will be more significant locally in Perth & Kinross.
- Migration from EU countries contributes a higher proportion to the overall migration in the summer months when compared with the rest of the year. This correlates with the agricultural high season and its labour requirement.
- There has been a fall in immigration to Perth & Kinross area, and most of it seems to be because of EU citizens.
- There was an upturn in applications for UK citizenship locally in 2016, but the level is still below the period of 2009-2013.

Local non-UK born population stocks

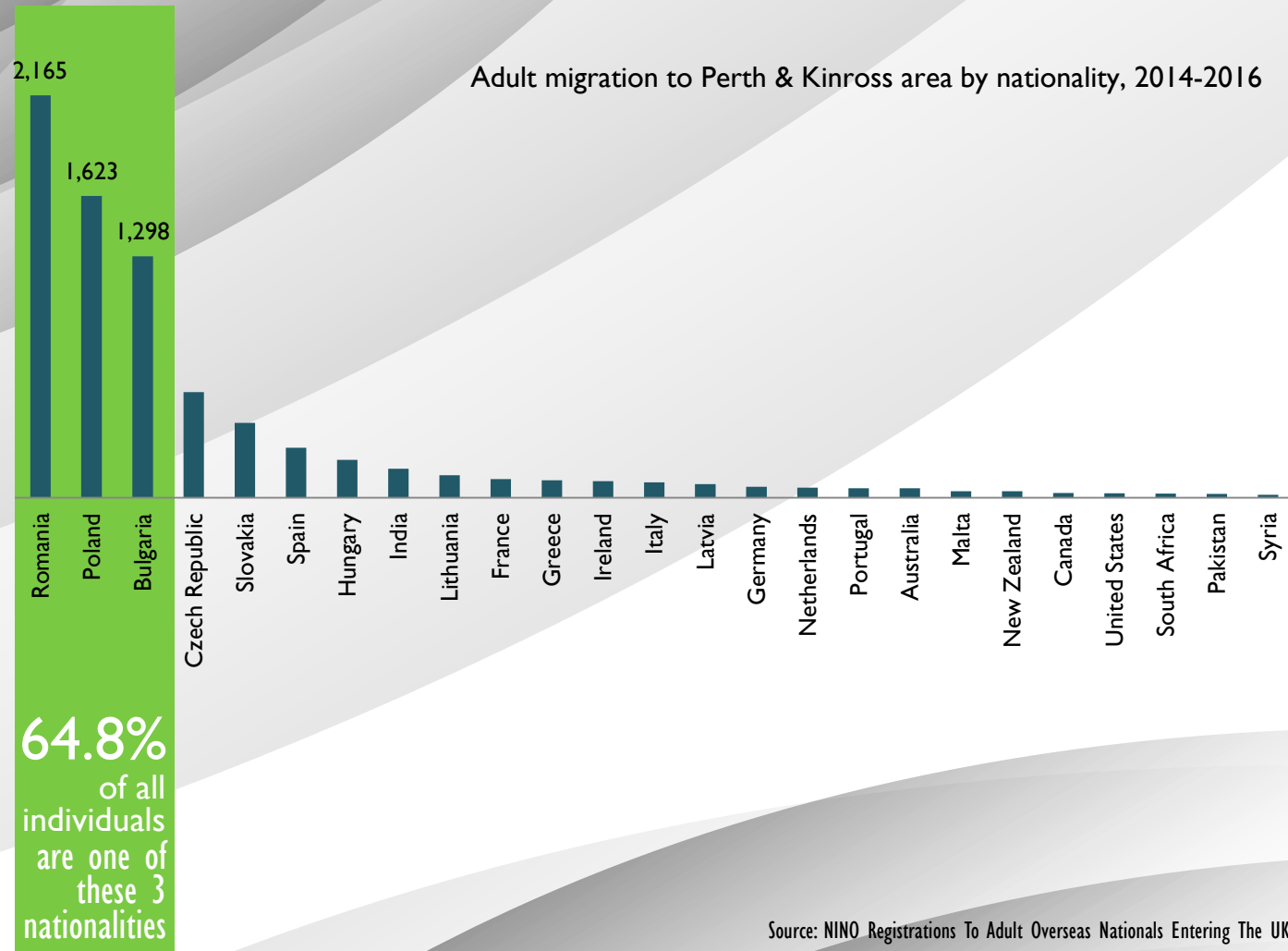
According to the National Records of Scotland, there was an estimated 60,000 non-UK born individuals living in Tay Cities Deal areaⁱⁱⁱ in the year ending June 2017. Just over half of those people (32,000 individuals, or 53%) were estimated to have been born in an EU country.

An estimated 11,000 non-UK born individuals were living in Perth & Kinross in the same year. A higher proportion than TCD (7,000 individuals, or 64%) were estimated to have been born in an EU country.

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Inflows of labour migration

Adult labour migration to Perth & Kinross area^{iv} is hugely dominated by EU citizens. 64.8% of all new immigrant workers in the area are one of just 3 nationalities – Romanian, Polish or Bulgarian. 9 out of top 10 countries of origin are EU countries.



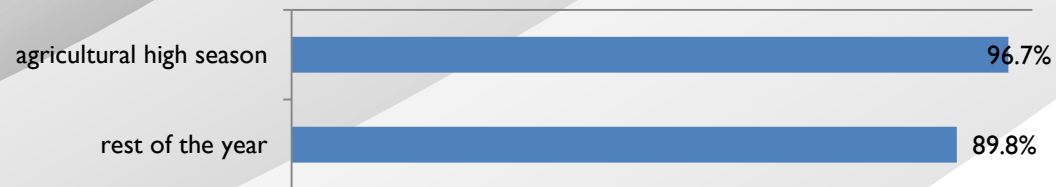
Source: NINO Registrations To Adult Overseas Nationals Entering The UK

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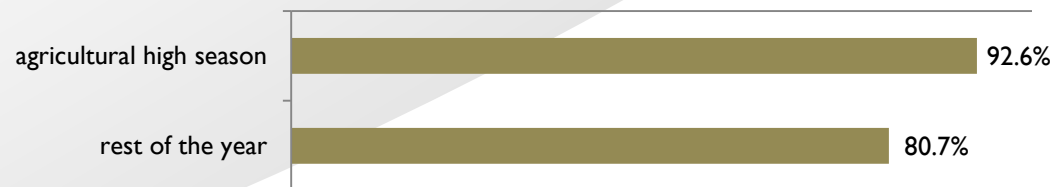
Labour migration from EU countries contributes a higher proportion to the overall migration in agricultural high season.

A similar trend is observed in the wider Tay Cities Deal area, although the proportion itself is lower. More people from out with the EU seem to migrate to TCD area as a whole, than to Perth & Kinross.

Proportion of inward migration from the EU - last 3 years (PK area)

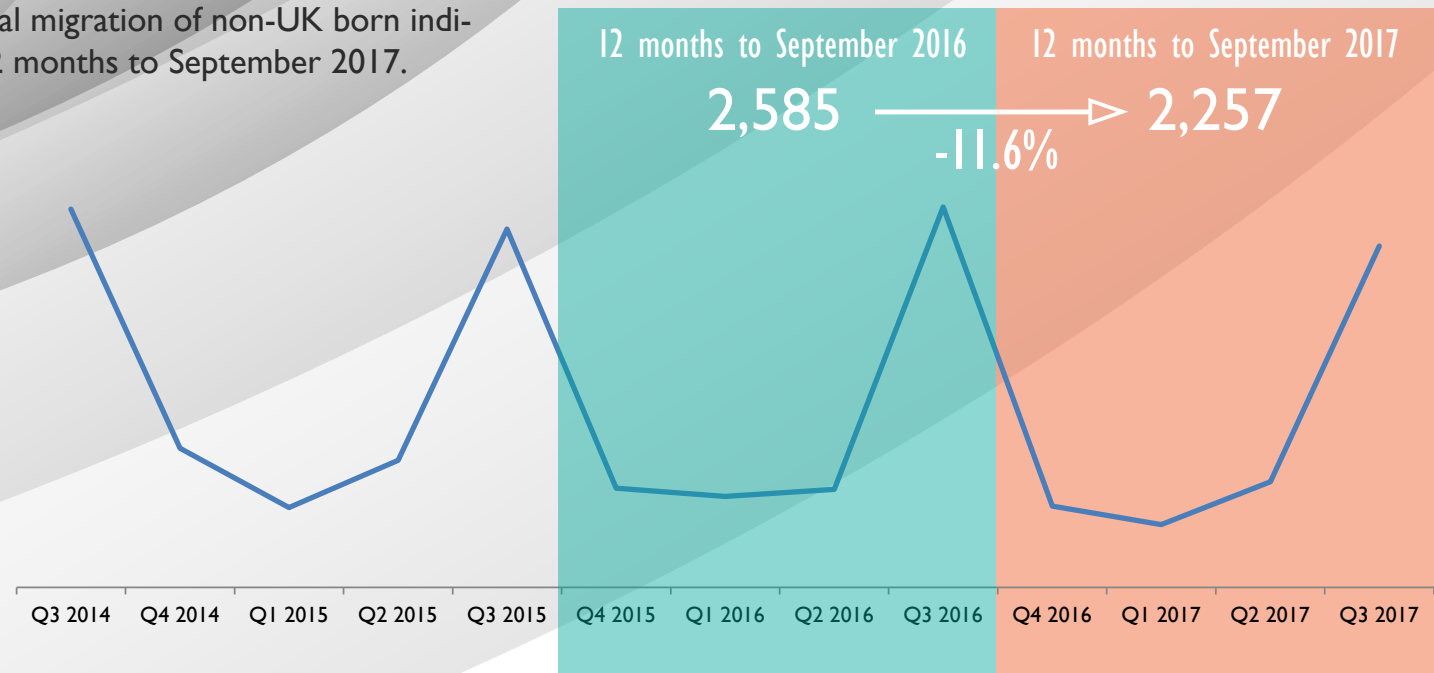


Proportion of inward migration from the EU - last 3 years (TCD area)



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There was a decline of 11.6% in total migration of non-UK born individuals to Perth & Kinross in the 12 months to September 2017.



Migration from EU countries was down by a larger proportion of 12.7%.

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Outflows of migration

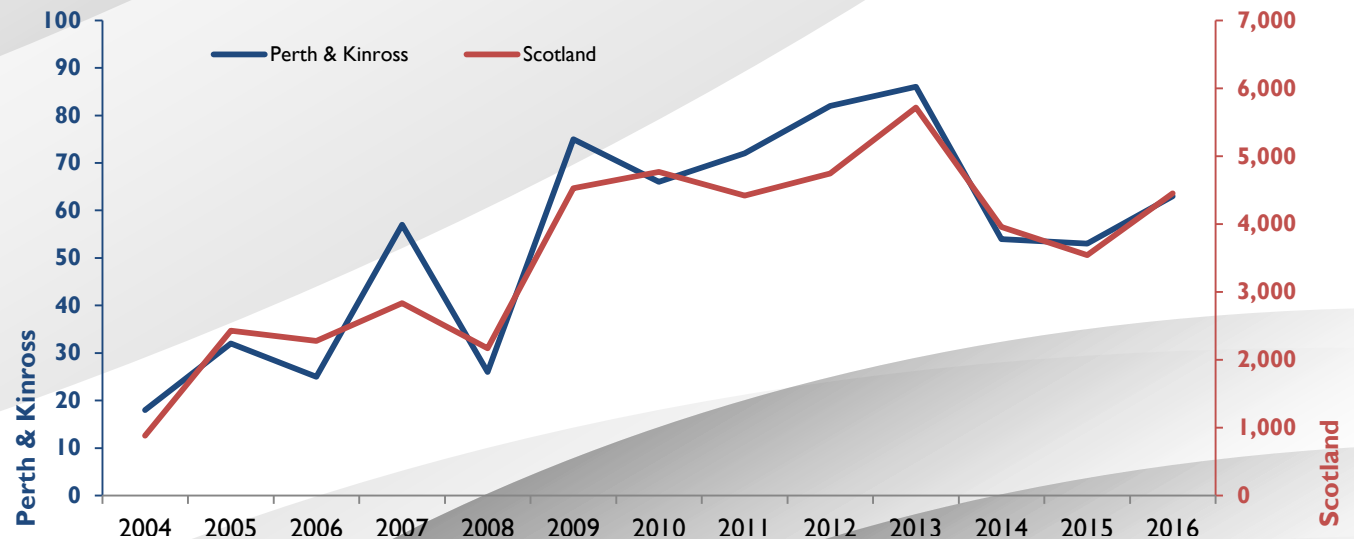
Unfortunately, we are not able to trace outflows, or emigration/return migration from Perth & Kinross or Tay Cities Deal area to EU or any other countries.

UK Citizenship applications

The latest data we have at local authority level is 2016, the year of the referendum.^v

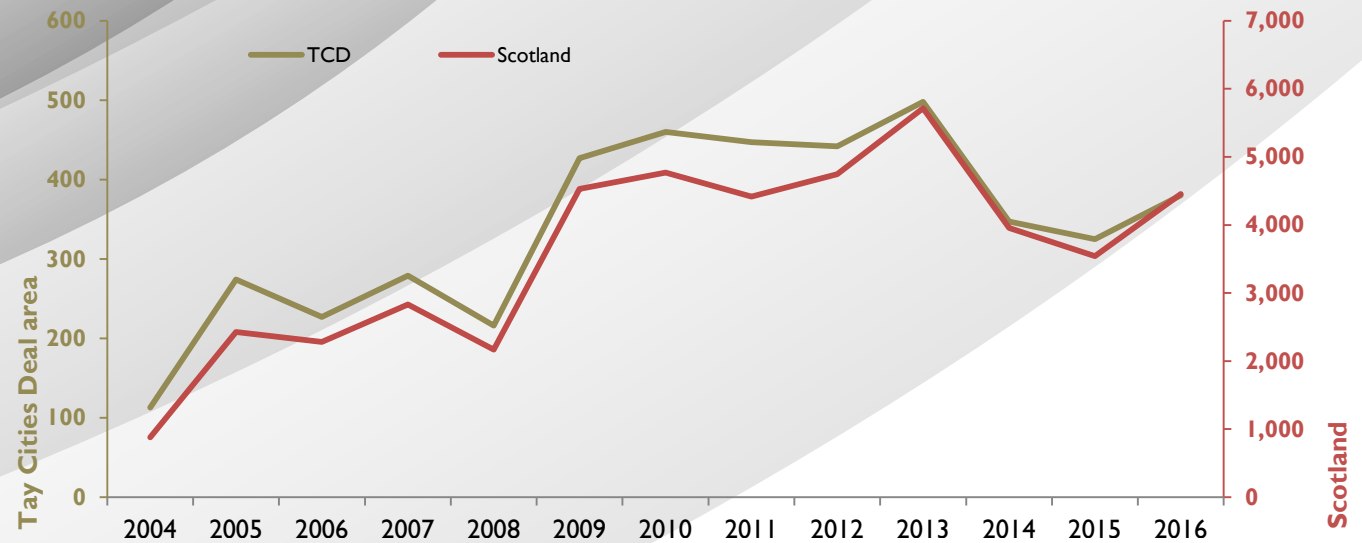
So far, we can see an upturn in 2016 both in Perth & Kinross and in Scotland, although the years 2009-2013 were on a higher level in both geographies. We do not know how much of this upturn so far is applicable to EU citizens applying for UK citizenship.

In the graph on the right, Perth & Kinross is plotted against the left-hand side vertical axis and Scotland, the right-hand one.



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Tay Cities Deal area does not substantially deviate from the general trend observed above (upturn in 2016), the only difference being that it follows the Scottish trend more closely than Perth & Kinross does over the years.



ⁱ It needs to be noted that the bulk of the data used by ONS is not disaggregated below UK level.

ⁱⁱ <https://visual.ons.gov.uk/migration-since-the-brexite-vote-whats-changed-in-six-charts/>

ⁱⁱⁱ For technical reasons, this includes all of Fife council area.

^{iv} Immigration is mapped using the numbers of registrations to foreign individuals for an NI Number as proxy.

^v 2017 data will be available in May 2018.