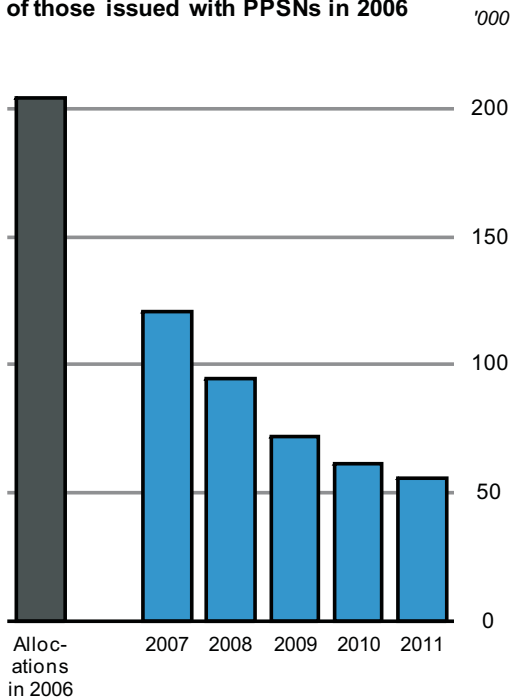




**Employment Activity in 2007-2011 of those issued with PPSNs in 2006**



## Foreign Nationals: PPSN Allocations, Employment and Social Welfare Activity, 2010-2011

Year PPSN allocated	Allocations to foreign nationals aged 15 and over	% with no employment activity 2006-2011	% with employment activity by year						
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
2006	203,943	25%	59%	59%	46%	35%	30%	27%	
2007	188,768	30%		57%	52%	35%	29%	26%	
2008	127,710	42%			48%	38%	27%	24%	
2009	63,245	55%				33%	32%	26%	
2010	59,404	55%					36%	36%	
2011	58,300	63%						37%	

### Just over one quarter of foreign nationals assigned PPSNs in 2006 had employment activity in Ireland in 2011

Of the 204,000 foreign nationals aged 15 and over who were assigned PPSNs (personal public service numbers) in 2006, only 27% had employment activity at any time during 2011. *See table 2b.*

This emerges from an annual analysis of records of the Revenue Commissioners, the Department of Social Protection, and the CSO, based on foreign nationals who were allocated PPSNs during the period 2002-2011.

*Note: Unless otherwise indicated, the term "activity" in this release means any PAYE employment or any engagement with the social welfare system.*

The analysis also shows that:

- ◆ In 2011, 37% of foreign nationals with new PPSNs had employment activity during the year. *See table 2b.*
- ◆ Of the 1,148,800 foreign nationals aged 15 and over who received PPSNs in the period 2002–2011, 310,400 recorded some employment in Ireland during 2011. *See table 4a.*
- ◆ The proportion of male and female allocations now stands at 51% males and 49% female in 2011. *See table 6b.*
- ◆ PPSN allocations to foreign nationals have dropped to 67,500 in 2011, which is 30% of their 2006 peak of 226,800. *See table 8.*

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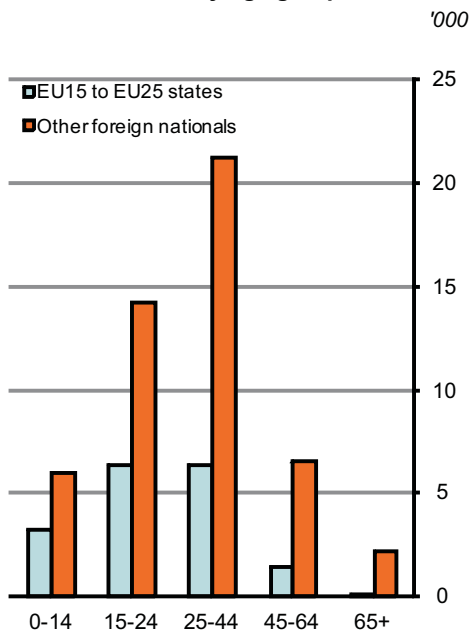
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PPSN allocations by age group, 2011



### Activity rates in 2011 below 45%

Employment and social welfare activity rates for foreign nationals in 2011 ranged from 33% to 44% depending on year of PPSN allocation. The activity rate in the year of allocation has remained below 45% since 2008 when it stood at 55%. See table 1b.

EU15 nationals (excluding Ireland and the UK) allocations for 2006 have seen a sharp fall in the activity rate from 63% in the year of allocation to 20% in 2011. This compares with an increase from 27% in 2006 to 45% in 2011 in the activity rate of nationals from the EU25 to EU27 states.

### Employment rate in year of arrival shows slight increase for all nationality groups

The employment rate in the year of arrival of all foreign nationals increased marginally from 36% in 2010 to 37% in 2011. This increase was seen in all the broad nationality groups with the largest percentage increase recorded for the EU25 to EU27 states which increased to 26% in 2011 from 21% one year earlier. See table 2b.

Overall, falling numbers of PPSN allocations since 2006 resulted in only 21,800 new foreign nationals gaining employment in 2011. This number is an increase on both 2009 and 2010 results when the figures were 20,800 and 21,200 respectively, but still remains well below the 120,700 new allocations in 2006 who recorded employment activity. See table 2a.

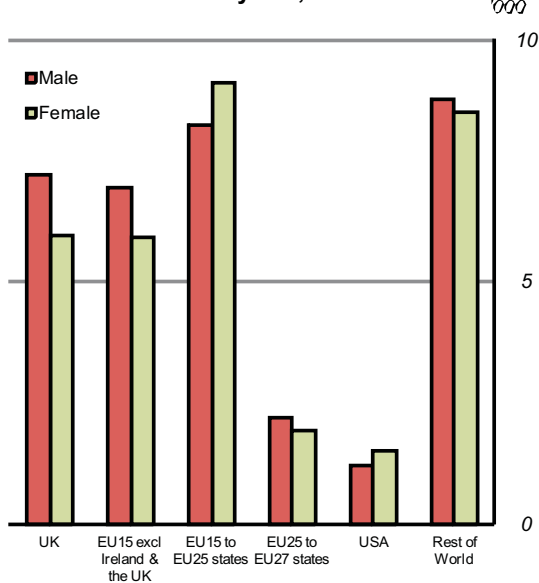
### Moderate increase in Social Welfare activity

In 2011 under one-third of 2006 PPSN allocations (28%) recorded social welfare activity, while the comparable figure for new allocations in 2011 was 9%. Across the nationality groups the largest percentage of 2006 allocations to have social welfare activity in 2011 was the EU15 to EU25 states (32%), while the group with the largest percentage of new allocations in 2011 to have a social welfare claim in 2011 was the United Kingdom (13%). See table 3b.

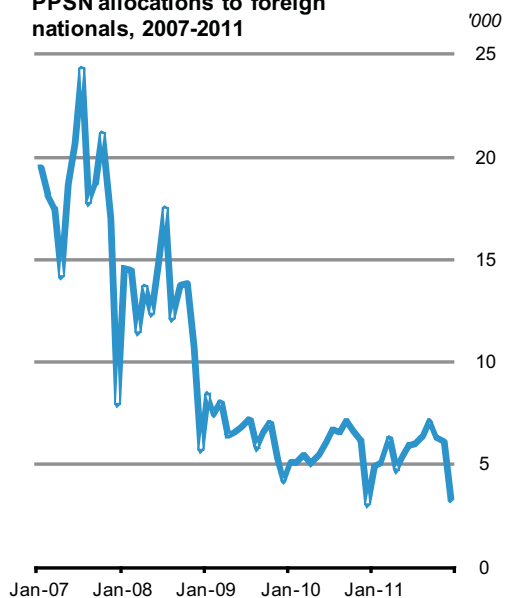
The decline in employment activity for foreign nationals between 2006 and 2011 has not resulted in a corresponding increase in social welfare activity. For those allocated a PPSN in 2006, employment activity dropped from 71,900 in 2009 to 55,700 in 2011, while their social welfare activity rose from 55,800 to 56,200 over the same period.

The EU15 to EU25 states showed the greatest change in social welfare activity since 2006. Those arriving in 2006 had a social welfare activity rate of 8% in that year, but the rate has risen to 32% in 2011. It should be noted that there are several possible reasons for this increase; the birth of a child leading to a child benefit claim, jobseekers claims, and the fact that some benefits depend on habitual residence requirements or on having sufficient social insurance contributions.

PPSN allocations by sex, 2011



### PPSN allocations to foreign nationals, 2007-2011



### Employment concentration in economic sectors

A total of 310,400 foreign nationals who were assigned PPSNs during the period 2002-2011 recorded some employment in Ireland during 2011. The majority of foreign nationals were employed in five broad economic activities: *Accommodation and food service activities* (58,700), *Wholesale and retail trade* (52,100), *Administrative and support service activities* (41,400), *Manufacturing* (35,300), and *Human health and social work activities* (27,100). These five sectors accounted for 69% of all foreign national employment activity in 2011. See table 4a.

In *Information and communication*, the highest level of employment (39%) was for the EU15 (excl. Ireland and the UK) nationality group. While 5% of all foreign national employment was in this sector, it accounted for 15% of the EU15 cohort in employment. Over one quarter of EU25 to EU27 employment (29%) was in *Accommodation and food service activities*, while the Rest of the world group accounting for 56% of foreign national employment in *Human health and social work activities*. See tables 4b and 4c.

### Drop in PPSN allocations driven by fewer arrivals from the EU15 to EU25 states

Overall, PPSN allocations to foreign nationals across all age groups were less than 67,500 in 2011, having fallen by over 87,400 in comparison to 2008 when there were 154,800 allocations. The largest drop was found in the EU15 to EU25 states, which fell to 17,400 in 2011 from 65,700 three years earlier. See table 5a.

Allocations to people of working age (15-64 years) fell from 125,300 in 2008 to 56,000 in 2011, which represents a drop of 69,300 (55%). The proportion of allocations to children under 15 years decreased from 18% to 14% of all allocations between 2008 and 2011, while those aged 65 and over increased from 2% to 3% of all allocations in the same period.

Male and female allocations to foreign nationals were 34,600 and 32,900 respectively in 2011. The proportion of new allocations to females was 49% in 2011 which showed little change compared with 2008 when it stood at 48%. See tables 6a and 6b.

Between 2005 and 2008 Poland accounted for the highest number of allocations by country, but in 2009 the large drop to 13,800 allocations to Poland meant that the UK had the highest number of allocations (14,100). Since 2009 the UK has continued to account for the highest number of allocations by country and recorded 13,200 allocations in 2011. Allocations to Brazil, which had dropped by more than half in 2009 to 2,700 increased to 4,900 in 2011. See table 7.

*Note: All the tables in this release with data back to 2002, as well as more detailed employment data, are available on the CSO Statbank at <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/148>*

**Table 1a - Employment and Social Welfare activity of foreign nationals, by broad nationality group and group and year of entry**

Broad nationality group	Year PPSN allocated	Allocations to foreign nationals aged 15 & over	Number with no activity <sup>1</sup> 2006–2011	Activity <sup>1</sup> by year					
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
				Numbers					
United Kingdom	2006	17,722	6,352	8,714	8,879	7,667	7,105	6,764	6,517
	2007	17,785	6,527	171	8,797	8,990	7,650	6,973	6,662
	2008	15,626	6,314	56	143	7,574	7,389	5,984	5,453
	2009	11,026	5,298	39	56	148	4,706	4,298	3,638
	2010	11,332	6,613	28	34	44	102	3,909	3,786
	2011	11,014	7,209	18	18	25	42	94	3,822
EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	2006	24,522	6,039	15,529	13,358	8,592	6,543	5,500	4,853
	2007	26,261	6,343	56	17,069	14,500	8,735	6,600	5,509
	2008	24,360	8,063	8	54	14,286	10,733	6,665	5,384
	2009	12,397	5,040	3	11	34	6,132	4,999	3,612
	2010	11,911	4,371	3	2	6	19	6,447	5,895
	2011	11,905	4,965	5	4	7	8	28	6,938
EU15 to EU25 states	2006	127,789	20,636	87,754	87,774	73,502	63,496	58,705	56,327
	2007	98,390	20,074	472	67,259	59,568	45,354	41,087	39,312
	2008	50,304	15,525	33	220	30,043	22,952	18,911	17,898
	2009	18,454	7,761	0	4	47	7,798	8,101	7,226
	2010	16,873	6,384	0	2	12	52	8,468	8,374
	2011	14,168	6,656	0	1	1	3	45	7,514
EU25 to EU27 states	2006	3,407	782	909	1,781	1,916	1,666	1,525	1,548
	2007	14,820	5,934	14	5,627	6,755	5,373	4,746	4,783
	2008	6,824	3,314	0	9	2,446	2,320	2,011	2,020
	2009	2,497	1,415	0	0	1	650	776	795
	2010	2,890	1,762	0	0	0	5	731	1,017
	2011	3,658	2,578	0	0	0	0	5	1,081
USA	2006	2,796	1,235	1,132	1,020	843	719	644	611
	2007	2,833	1,270	19	1,189	1,064	823	689	633
	2008	2,620	1,329	6	16	966	881	698	581
	2009	2,058	1,238	4	7	13	607	595	481
	2010	2,058	1,351	6	5	6	15	536	588
	2011	2,199	1,601	3	3	5	6	8	598
Rest of the world	2006	27,707	4,596	17,038	18,787	15,912	14,215	13,158	12,526
	2007	28,679	5,631	130	17,810	18,898	14,722	13,014	12,140
	2008	27,976	8,061	30	108	15,334	14,998	11,576	10,637
	2009	16,813	6,414	17	24	121	7,228	7,766	6,685
	2010	14,340	6,721	4	7	11	48	5,515	6,247
	2011	15,356	9,576	3	3	5	6	38	5,782
<b>Total foreign nationals</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>203,943</b>	<b>39,640</b>	<b>131,076</b>	<b>131,599</b>	<b>108,432</b>	<b>93,744</b>	<b>86,296</b>	<b>82,382</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>188,768</b>	<b>45,779</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>117,751</b>	<b>109,775</b>	<b>82,657</b>	<b>73,109</b>	<b>69,039</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>127,710</b>	<b>42,606</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>70,649</b>	<b>59,273</b>	<b>45,845</b>	<b>41,973</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>63,245</b>	<b>27,166</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>27,121</b>	<b>26,535</b>	<b>22,437</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>27,202</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>25,606</b>	<b>25,907</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>32,585</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>25,735</b>

<sup>1</sup> Activity means any PAYE employment or any engagement with the social welfare system.

**Table 1b - Employment and Social Welfare activity of foreign nationals, by broad nationality group and year of entry**

Broad nationality group	Year PPSN allocated	Allocations to foreign nationals aged 15 & over	% with no activity <sup>1</sup> 2006–2011	% with activity <sup>1</sup> by year					
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%
United Kingdom	2006	17,722	36	49	50	43	40	38	37
	2007	17,785	37	1	49	51	43	39	37
	2008	15,626	40	0	1	48	47	38	35
	2009	11,026	48	0	1	1	43	39	33
	2010	11,332	58	0	0	0	0	34	33
	2011	11,014	65	0	0	0	0	1	35
EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	2006	24,522	25	63	54	35	27	22	20
	2007	26,261	24	0	65	55	33	25	21
	2008	24,360	33	0	0	59	44	27	22
	2009	12,397	41	0	0	0	49	40	29
	2010	11,911	37	0	0	0	0	54	49
	2011	11,905	42	0	0	0	0	0	58
EU15 to EU25 states	2006	127,789	16	69	69	58	50	46	44
	2007	98,390	20	0	68	61	46	42	40
	2008	50,304	31	0	0	60	46	38	36
	2009	18,454	42	0	0	0	42	44	39
	2010	16,873	38	0	0	0	0	50	50
	2011	14,168	47	0	0	0	0	0	53
EU25 to EU27 states	2006	3,407	23	27	52	56	49	45	45
	2007	14,820	40	0	38	46	36	32	32
	2008	6,824	49	0	0	36	34	29	30
	2009	2,497	57	0	0	0	26	31	32
	2010	2,890	61	0	0	0	0	25	35
	2011	3,658	70	0	0	0	0	0	30
USA	2006	2,796	44	40	36	30	26	23	22
	2007	2,833	45	1	42	38	29	24	22
	2008	2,620	51	0	1	37	34	27	22
	2009	2,058	60	0	0	1	29	29	23
	2010	2,058	66	0	0	0	1	26	29
	2011	2,199	73	0	0	0	0	0	27
Rest of the world	2006	27,707	17	61	68	57	51	47	45
	2007	28,679	20	0	62	66	51	45	42
	2008	27,976	29	0	0	55	54	41	38
	2009	16,813	38	0	0	1	43	46	40
	2010	14,340	47	0	0	0	0	38	44
	2011	15,356	62	0	0	0	0	0	38
<b>Total foreign nationals</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>203,943</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>188,768</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>127,710</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>63,245</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>

<sup>1</sup> Activity means any PAYE employment or any engagement with the social welfare system.

**Table 2a - Employment activity of foreign nationals, by broad nationality group and year of entry**

Numbers

Broad nationality group	Year PPSN allocated	Allocations to foreign nationals aged 15 & over	Number with no employment activity 2006–2011	Employment activity by year					
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
United Kingdom	2006	17,722	8,971	6,481	6,792	5,282	4,305	3,717	3,388
	2007	17,785	9,307	63	6,579	6,553	4,832	3,968	3,595
	2008	15,626	9,365	8	49	4,973	4,623	3,415	2,935
	2009	11,026	7,505	4	5	48	2,624	2,597	2,049
	2010	11,332	8,124	0	0	1	18	2,524	2,630
	2011	11,014	8,410	0	1	1	1	17	2,619
EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	2006	24,522	6,696	14,927	12,857	7,937	5,614	4,479	3,767
	2007	26,261	7,012	39	16,493	13,959	7,904	5,668	4,484
	2008	24,360	8,444	2	30	13,635	10,078	5,958	4,597
	2009	12,397	5,618	0	0	17	5,588	4,619	3,222
	2010	11,911	4,798	0	0	0	8	6,042	5,590
	2011	11,905	5,422	0	0	2	2	9	6,483
EU15 to EU25 states	2006	127,789	23,810	84,326	83,530	66,402	49,595	42,025	38,427
	2007	98,390	23,443	247	64,241	55,404	37,697	31,360	28,382
	2008	50,304	17,705	9	131	28,309	20,296	15,536	13,887
	2009	18,454	8,929	0	0	28	6,946	7,009	5,836
	2010	16,873	7,385	0	1	3	20	7,671	7,390
	2011	14,168	7,398	0	1	1	1	12	6,770
EU25 to EU27 states	2006	3,407	1,028	754	1,593	1,699	1,343	1,155	1,171
	2007	14,820	6,631	5	5,274	6,208	4,512	3,724	3,670
	2008	6,824	3,681	0	7	2,255	2,001	1,623	1,590
	2009	2,497	1,634	0	0	0	539	589	583
	2010	2,890	1,964	0	0	0	2	599	822
	2011	3,658	2,698	0	0	0	0	4	959
USA	2006	2,796	1,463	989	838	631	458	382	330
	2007	2,833	1,502	10	1,034	852	578	431	358
	2008	2,620	1,566	0	7	819	682	489	351
	2009	2,058	1,393	1	1	4	491	470	346
	2010	2,058	1,496	0	0	0	4	430	450
	2011	2,199	1,696	0	0	0	0	1	503
Rest of the world	2006	27,707	8,538	13,183	15,345	12,610	10,586	9,298	8,570
	2007	28,679	9,593	57	14,284	15,451	11,203	9,351	8,380
	2008	27,976	12,260	3	19	11,767	11,303	8,072	7,161
	2009	16,813	9,644	2	2	22	4,577	5,138	4,135
	2010	14,340	8,661	0	2	2	9	3,930	4,637
	2011	15,356	10,911	0	1	2	2	4	4,446
<b>Total foreign nationals</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>203,943</b>	<b>50,506</b>	<b>120,660</b>	<b>120,995</b>	<b>94,561</b>	<b>71,901</b>	<b>61,056</b>	<b>55,653</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>188,768</b>	<b>57,488</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>107,905</b>	<b>98,427</b>	<b>66,726</b>	<b>54,502</b>	<b>48,869</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>127,710</b>	<b>53,421</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>61,758</b>	<b>48,983</b>	<b>35,093</b>	<b>30,521</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>63,245</b>	<b>34,723</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>20,765</b>	<b>20,422</b>	<b>16,171</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>32,428</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>21,193</b>	<b>21,519</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>36,535</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>21,780</b>

**Table 2b - Employment activity of foreign nationals, by broad nationality group and year of entry**

Broad nationality group	Year PPSN allocated	Allocations to foreign nationals aged 15 & over	% with no employment activity 2006–2011	% with employment activity by year					
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%
United Kingdom	2006	17,722	51	37	38	30	24	21	19
	2007	17,785	52	0	37	37	27	22	20
	2008	15,626	60	0	0	32	30	22	19
	2009	11,026	68	0	0	0	24	24	19
	2010	11,332	72	0	0	0	0	22	23
	2011	11,014	76	0	0	0	0	0	24
EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	2006	24,522	27	61	52	32	23	18	15
	2007	26,261	27	0	63	53	30	22	17
	2008	24,360	35	0	0	56	41	24	19
	2009	12,397	45	0	0	0	45	37	26
	2010	11,911	40	0	0	0	0	51	47
	2011	11,905	46	0	0	0	0	0	54
EU15 to EU25 states	2006	127,789	19	66	65	52	39	33	30
	2007	98,390	24	0	65	56	38	32	29
	2008	50,304	35	0	0	56	40	31	28
	2009	18,454	48	0	0	0	38	38	32
	2010	16,873	44	0	0	0	0	45	44
	2011	14,168	52	0	0	0	0	0	48
EU25 to EU27 states	2006	3,407	30	22	47	50	39	34	34
	2007	14,820	45	0	36	42	30	25	25
	2008	6,824	54	0	0	33	29	24	23
	2009	2,497	65	0	0	0	22	24	23
	2010	2,890	68	0	0	0	0	21	28
	2011	3,658	74	0	0	0	0	0	26
USA	2006	2,796	52	35	30	23	16	14	12
	2007	2,833	53	0	36	30	20	15	13
	2008	2,620	60	0	0	31	26	19	13
	2009	2,058	68	0	0	0	24	23	17
	2010	2,058	73	0	0	0	0	21	22
	2011	2,199	77	0	0	0	0	0	23
Rest of the world	2006	27,707	31	48	55	46	38	34	31
	2007	28,679	33	0	50	54	39	33	29
	2008	27,976	44	0	0	42	40	29	26
	2009	16,813	57	0	0	0	27	31	25
	2010	14,340	60	0	0	0	0	27	32
	2011	15,356	71	0	0	0	0	0	29
<b>Total foreign nationals</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>203,943</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>188,768</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>127,710</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>63,245</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>

**Table 3a - Social Welfare activity of foreign nationals, by broad nationality group and year of entry**

Numbers

Broad nationality group	Year PPSN allocated	Allocations to foreign nationals aged 15 & over	Number with no S/W activity 2006–2011	Social Welfare activity by year					
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
United Kingdom	2006	17,722	10,966	3,105	3,678	4,190	4,614	4,554	4,598
	2007	17,785	11,227	114	3,203	4,151	4,603	4,498	4,552
	2008	15,626	10,339	54	103	3,282	3,928	3,502	3,479
	2009	11,026	7,844	39	55	104	2,426	2,231	2,081
	2010	11,332	9,107	28	34	43	84	1,709	1,672
	2011	11,014	9,532	18	17	24	41	77	1,481
EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	2006	24,522	19,905	1,225	1,648	2,094	2,452	2,264	2,207
	2007	26,261	21,837	20	1,195	1,927	2,383	2,233	2,201
	2008	24,360	21,071	7	25	1,235	1,744	1,713	1,729
	2009	12,397	10,951	3	11	17	777	776	847
	2010	11,911	10,887	3	2	6	11	639	739
	2011	11,905	11,248	5	4	5	6	19	655
EU15 to EU25 states	2006	127,789	72,032	9,677	20,301	32,678	40,985	40,972	41,141
	2007	98,390	63,091	226	7,750	17,364	24,282	25,895	26,791
	2008	50,304	35,856	25	90	4,163	7,772	9,429	10,646
	2009	18,454	14,296	0	4	19	1,455	2,764	3,502
	2010	16,873	13,809	0	1	9	32	1,574	2,779
	2011	14,168	12,775	0	0	0	2	33	1,395
EU25 to EU27 states	2006	3,407	2,409	180	335	459	644	671	724
	2007	14,820	12,114	9	558	1,135	1,626	1,817	2,056
	2008	6,824	5,893	0	2	249	484	615	753
	2009	2,497	2,159	0	0	1	126	227	295
	2010	2,890	2,622	0	0	0	3	140	249
	2011	3,658	3,513	0	0	0	0	1	146
USA	2006	2,796	2,281	177	271	327	381	371	368
	2007	2,833	2,345	9	195	317	361	360	367
	2008	2,620	2,217	6	9	182	277	286	291
	2009	2,058	1,825	4	7	10	140	164	180
	2010	2,058	1,871	6	5	6	11	119	173
	2011	2,199	2,084	3	3	5	6	7	115
Rest of the world	2006	27,707	17,862	4,412	5,251	5,991	6,761	6,907	7,138
	2007	28,679	20,385	75	3,951	4,941	5,603	5,873	6,215
	2008	27,976	21,101	28	90	4,012	4,773	4,829	5,072
	2009	16,813	12,714	16	23	100	2,784	2,993	3,122
	2010	14,340	12,055	4	5	9	39	1,684	1,887
	2011	15,356	13,922	3	2	3	4	34	1,434
<b>Total foreign nationals</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>203,943</b>	<b>125,455</b>	<b>18,776</b>	<b>31,484</b>	<b>45,739</b>	<b>55,837</b>	<b>55,739</b>	<b>56,176</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>188,768</b>	<b>130,999</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>16,852</b>	<b>29,835</b>	<b>38,858</b>	<b>40,676</b>	<b>42,182</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>127,710</b>	<b>97,477</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>13,123</b>	<b>18,978</b>	<b>20,374</b>	<b>21,970</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>63,245</b>	<b>49,789</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>7,708</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>10,027</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>50,351</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>7,499</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>53,074</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>5,226</b>



**Table 3b - Social Welfare activity of foreign nationals, by broad nationality group and year of entry**

Broad nationality group	Year PPSN allocated	Allocations to foreign nationals aged 15 & over	% with no S/W activity 2006–2011	% with Social Welfare activity by year					
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%
United Kingdom	2006	17,722	62	18	21	24	26	26	26
	2007	17,785	63	1	18	23	26	25	26
	2008	15,626	66	0	1	21	25	22	22
	2009	11,026	71	0	0	0	22	20	19
	2010	11,332	80	0	0	0	0	15	15
	2011	11,014	87	0	0	0	0	0	13
EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	2006	24,522	81	5	7	9	10	9	9
	2007	26,261	83	0	5	7	9	9	8
	2008	24,360	86	0	0	5	7	7	7
	2009	12,397	88	0	0	0	6	6	7
	2010	11,911	91	0	0	0	0	5	6
	2011	11,905	94	0	0	0	0	0	6
EU15 to EU25 states	2006	127,789	56	8	16	26	32	32	32
	2007	98,390	64	0	8	18	25	26	27
	2008	50,304	71	0	0	8	15	19	21
	2009	18,454	77	0	0	0	8	15	19
	2010	16,873	82	0	0	0	0	9	16
	2011	14,168	90	0	0	0	0	0	10
EU25 to EU27 states	2006	3,407	71	5	10	13	19	20	21
	2007	14,820	82	0	4	8	11	12	14
	2008	6,824	86	0	0	4	7	9	11
	2009	2,497	86	0	0	0	5	9	12
	2010	2,890	91	0	0	0	0	5	9
	2011	3,658	96	0	0	0	0	0	4
USA	2006	2,796	82	6	10	12	14	13	13
	2007	2,833	83	0	7	11	13	13	13
	2008	2,620	85	0	0	7	11	11	11
	2009	2,058	89	0	0	0	7	8	9
	2010	2,058	91	0	0	0	0	6	8
	2011	2,199	95	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of the world	2006	27,707	64	16	19	22	24	25	26
	2007	28,679	71	0	14	17	20	20	22
	2008	27,976	75	0	0	14	17	17	18
	2009	16,813	76	0	0	1	17	18	19
	2010	14,340	84	0	0	0	0	12	13
	2011	15,356	91	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Total foreign nationals</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>203,943</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>188,768</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>127,710</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>63,245</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

**Table 4a - Foreign Nationals: Employment sector by broad nationality group, 2011<sup>1</sup>**

*Numbers*

NACE Rev2 Section	Broad nationality group						Rest of the world	Total foreign nationals
	United Kingdom	EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	EU15 to EU25 states	EU25 to EU27 states	USA			
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	217	224	4,564	289	11	503	5,808	
B Mining and quarrying	39	8	331	10	1	41	430	
C Manufacturing	2,218	2,978	25,675	535	233	3,650	35,289	
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	102	39	60	7	5	53	266	
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	86	42	1,856	125	2	128	2,239	
F Construction	1,013	436	6,130	1,022	24	932	9,557	
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	4,950	3,537	32,228	1,239	344	9,789	52,087	
H Transportation and storage	1,469	3,703	7,936	312	46	937	14,403	
I Accommodation and food service activities	2,451	4,166	32,131	3,071	335	16,570	58,724	
J Information and communication	2,143	5,631	2,766	228	384	3,182	14,334	
K Financial and insurance activities excluding activities of holding companies	1,995	2,799	2,374	73	275	1,256	8,772	
L Real estate activities	236	137	1,170	143	17	481	2,184	
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,251	1,985	3,871	349	312	2,800	11,568	
N Administrative and support service activities	2,392	6,788	21,845	1,784	267	8,319	41,395	
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1,046	224	426	77	65	1,387	3,225	
P Education	1,803	1,700	1,438	173	396	1,994	7,504	
Q Human health and social work activities	3,584	1,444	6,051	568	373	15,072	27,092	
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	837	369	1,665	168	61	943	4,043	
S Other service activities	523	220	3,511	476	58	1,233	6,021	
T Activities of households as employers	17	27	131	9	2	145	331	
Unknown	494	254	3,276	56	80	995	5,155	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,866</b>	<b>36,711</b>	<b>159,435</b>	<b>10,714</b>	<b>3,291</b>	<b>70,410</b>	<b>310,427</b>	

<sup>1</sup> This table relates to all those assigned PPSNs during the period 2002 to 2011 inclusive (1,148,800), and employed during 2011. See CSO StatBank for full time series.

**Table 4b - Foreign Nationals: Employment sector by broad nationality group, 2011 (column percentages)<sup>1</sup>**

NACE Rev2 Section	Broad nationality group						Total foreign nationals
	United Kingdom	EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	EU15 to EU25 states	EU25 to EU27 states	USA	Rest of the world	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.7	0.6	2.9	2.7	0.3	0.7	1.9
B Mining and quarrying	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
C Manufacturing	7.4	8.1	16.1	5.0	7.1	5.2	11.4
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.3	0.1	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.7
F Construction	3.4	1.2	3.8	9.5	0.7	1.3	3.1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	16.6	9.6	20.2	11.6	10.5	13.9	16.8
H Transportation and storage	4.9	10.1	5.0	2.9	1.4	1.3	4.6
I Accommodation and food service activities	8.2	11.3	20.2	28.7	10.2	23.5	18.9
J Information and communication	7.2	15.3	1.7	2.1	11.7	4.5	4.6
K Financial and insurance activities excluding activities of holding companies	6.7	7.6	1.5	0.7	8.4	1.8	2.8
L Real estate activities	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.7
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	7.5	5.4	2.4	3.3	9.5	4.0	3.7
N Administrative and support service activities	8.0	18.5	13.7	16.7	8.1	11.8	13.3
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	2.0	2.0	1.0
P Education	6.0	4.6	0.9	1.6	12.0	2.8	2.4
Q Human health and social work activities	12.0	3.9	3.8	5.3	11.3	21.4	8.7
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	2.8	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.9	1.3	1.3
S Other service activities	1.8	0.6	2.2	4.4	1.8	1.8	1.9
T Activities of households as employers	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Unknown	1.7	0.7	2.1	0.5	2.4	1.4	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> This table relates to those assigned PPSNs during the period 2002 to 2011 inclusive, and employed during 2011.

**Table 4c - Foreign Nationals: Employment sector by broad nationality group, 2011 (row percentages)<sup>1</sup>**

NACE Rev2 Section	Broad nationality group						Total foreign nationals
	United Kingdom	EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	EU15 to EU25 states	EU25 to EU27 states	USA	Rest of the world	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3.7	3.9	78.6	5.0	0.2	8.7	100
B Mining and quarrying	9.1	1.9	77.0	2.3	0.2	9.5	100
C Manufacturing	6.3	8.4	72.8	1.5	0.7	10.3	100
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	38.3	14.7	22.6	2.6	1.9	19.9	100
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	3.8	1.9	82.9	5.6	0.1	5.7	100
F Construction	10.6	4.6	64.1	10.7	0.3	9.8	100
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	9.5	6.8	61.9	2.4	0.7	18.8	100
H Transportation and storage	10.2	25.7	55.1	2.2	0.3	6.5	100
I Accommodation and food service activities	4.2	7.1	54.7	5.2	0.6	28.2	100
J Information and communication	15.0	39.3	19.3	1.6	2.7	22.2	100
K Financial and insurance activities excluding activities of holding companies	22.7	31.9	27.1	0.8	3.1	14.3	100
L Real estate activities	10.8	6.3	53.6	6.5	0.8	22.0	100
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	19.5	17.2	33.5	3.0	2.7	24.2	100
N Administrative and support service activities	5.8	16.4	52.8	4.3	0.6	20.1	100
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	32.4	6.9	13.2	2.4	2.0	43.0	100
P Education	24.0	22.7	19.2	2.3	5.3	26.6	100
Q Human health and social work activities	13.2	5.3	22.3	2.1	1.4	55.6	100
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	20.7	9.1	41.2	4.2	1.5	23.3	100
S Other service activities	8.7	3.7	58.3	7.9	1.0	20.5	100
T Activities of households as employers	5.1	8.2	39.6	2.7	0.6	43.8	100
Unknown	9.6	4.9	63.5	1.1	1.6	19.3	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> This table relates to those assigned PPSNs during the period 2002 to 2011 inclusive, and employed during 2011.

**Table 5a - PPSN allocations by age group and broad nationality group, 2008-2011**

Numbers

Year PPSN allocated	Age at allocation	UK	EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	EU15 to EU25 states	EU25 to EU27 states	USA	Rest of world	Total foreign nationals
2008	0-14	4,201	1,418	15,433	693	881	4,442	27,068
	15-24	3,451	11,384	26,141	2,697	719	10,405	54,797
	25-44	6,743	11,563	20,403	3,592	1,101	15,683	59,085
	45-64	4,018	1,251	3,660	513	541	1,473	11,456
	65+	1,414	162	100	22	259	415	2,372
	<b>Total</b>		<b>19,827</b>	<b>25,778</b>	<b>65,737</b>	<b>7,517</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>32,418</b>
2009	0-14	3,029	988	8,012	402	508	3,279	16,218
	15-24	2,200	5,195	9,398	1,052	520	6,324	24,689
	25-44	4,424	6,158	7,326	1,216	746	9,117	28,987
	45-64	3,056	879	1,645	207	499	973	7,259
	65+	1,346	165	85	22	293	399	2,310
	<b>Total</b>		<b>14,055</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>26,466</b>	<b>2,899</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>20,092</b>
2010	0-14	2,153	768	3,300	406	475	1,900	9,002
	15-24	1,800	4,900	7,662	1,136	404	5,715	21,617
	25-44	4,318	6,015	7,490	1,531	679	7,597	27,630
	45-64	3,843	795	1,626	202	609	766	7,841
	65+	1,371	201	95	21	366	262	2,316
	<b>Total</b>		<b>13,485</b>	<b>12,679</b>	<b>20,173</b>	<b>3,296</b>	<b>2,533</b>	<b>16,240</b>
2011	0-14	2,147	933	3,189	461	516	1,881	9,127
	15-24	1,819	4,657	6,313	1,316	377	6,066	20,548
	25-44	3,903	6,180	6,310	2,023	815	8,272	27,503
	45-64	3,881	860	1,418	296	667	817	7,939
	65+	1,411	208	127	23	340	201	2,310
	<b>Total</b>		<b>13,161</b>	<b>12,838</b>	<b>17,357</b>	<b>4,119</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>17,237</b>

Note: Total allocations do not include a small number of missing data.

**Table 5b - PPSN allocations by age group and broad nationality group, 2008-2011**

%

Year PPSN allocated	Age at allocation	UK	EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	EU15 to EU25 states	EU25 to EU27 states	USA	Rest of world	Total foreign nationals
2008	0-14	21.2	5.5	23.5	9.2	25.2	13.7	17.5
	15-24	17.4	44.2	39.8	35.9	20.5	32.1	35.4
	25-44	34.0	44.9	31.0	47.8	31.4	48.4	38.2
	45-64	20.3	4.9	5.6	6.8	15.5	4.5	7.4
	65+	7.1	0.6	0.2	0.3	7.4	1.3	1.5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2009	0-14	21.6	7.4	30.3	13.9	19.8	16.3	20.4
	15-24	15.7	38.8	35.5	36.3	20.3	31.5	31.1
	25-44	31.5	46.0	27.7	41.9	29.1	45.4	36.5
	45-64	21.7	6.6	6.2	7.1	19.4	4.8	9.1
	65+	9.6	1.2	0.3	0.8	11.4	2.0	2.9
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2010	0-14	16.0	6.1	16.4	12.3	18.8	11.7	13.2
	15-24	13.3	38.6	38.0	34.5	15.9	35.2	31.6
	25-44	32.0	47.4	37.1	46.5	26.8	46.8	40.4
	45-64	28.5	6.3	8.1	6.1	24.0	4.7	11.5
	65+	10.2	1.6	0.5	0.6	14.4	1.6	3.4
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2011	0-14	16.3	7.3	18.4	11.2	19.0	10.9	13.5
	15-24	13.8	36.3	36.4	31.9	13.9	35.2	30.5
	25-44	29.7	48.1	36.4	49.1	30.0	48.0	40.8
	45-64	29.5	6.7	8.2	7.2	24.6	4.7	11.8
	65+	10.7	1.6	0.7	0.6	12.5	1.2	3.4
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Note: Total allocations do not include a small number of missing data.

**Table 6a - PPSN allocations by sex and broad nationality group, 2008-2011**

*Numbers*

Year PPSN allocated	Sex	UK	EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	EU15 to EU25 states	EU25 to EU27 states	USA	Rest of world	Total foreign nationals
2008	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,839</b>	<b>25,779</b>	<b>65,737</b>	<b>7,517</b>	<b>3,502</b>	<b>32,430</b>	<b>154,804</b>
	Male	10,999	14,012	33,385	4,235	1,634	17,038	81,303
	Female	8,840	11,767	32,352	3,282	1,868	15,392	73,501
2009	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>26,466</b>	<b>2,899</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>20,149</b>	<b>79,525</b>
	Male	7,797	7,154	12,230	1,533	1,113	10,296	40,123
	Female	6,263	6,231	14,236	1,366	1,453	9,853	39,402
2010	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,493</b>	<b>12,680</b>	<b>20,173</b>	<b>3,296</b>	<b>2,533</b>	<b>16,276</b>	<b>68,451</b>
	Male	7,584	6,780	9,630	1,813	1,209	8,155	35,171
	Female	5,909	5,900	10,543	1,483	1,324	8,121	33,280
2011	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,164</b>	<b>12,839</b>	<b>17,358</b>	<b>4,119</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>17,257</b>	<b>67,452</b>
	Male	7,207	6,929	8,251	2,204	1,211	8,764	34,566
	Female	5,957	5,910	9,107	1,915	1,504	8,493	32,886

**Table 6b - PPSN allocations by sex and broad nationality group, 2008-2011**

*%*

Year PPSN allocated	Sex	UK	EU15 excl Ireland & the UK	EU15 to EU25 states	EU25 to EU27 states	USA	Rest of world	Total foreign nationals
2008	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	Male	55.4	54.4	50.8	56.3	46.7	52.5	52.5
	Female	44.6	45.6	49.2	43.7	53.3	47.5	47.5
2009	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	Male	55.5	53.4	46.2	52.9	43.4	51.1	50.5
	Female	44.5	46.6	53.8	47.1	56.6	48.9	49.5
2010	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	Male	56.2	53.5	47.7	55.0	47.7	50.1	51.4
	Female	43.8	46.5	52.3	45.0	52.3	49.9	48.6
2011	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	Male	54.7	54.0	47.5	53.5	44.6	50.8	51.2
	Female	45.3	46.0	52.5	46.5	55.4	49.2	48.8

**Table 7 - PPSN allocations 2005-2011 by nationality<sup>1</sup>**

								<i>Numbers</i>
<b>Nationality</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	
UK	20,660	22,299	22,097	19,839	14,060	13,493	13,164	
Poland	64,625	93,611	79,671	42,474	13,761	8,736	8,076	
Brazil	2,198	3,425	4,779	5,602	2,731	4,246	4,935	
Romania	812	3,325	14,483	6,745	2,623	3,001	3,838	
Lithuania	18,702	16,024	10,709	6,418	3,757	4,348	3,556	
USA	3,806	4,062	3,838	3,502	2,566	2,533	2,715	
France	4,959	6,878	7,677	7,066	3,106	2,879	2,672	
Spain	4,660	4,430	4,690	4,613	2,590	2,391	2,602	
Latvia	9,315	7,951	4,665	3,718	3,907	3,128	2,191	
Germany	3,841	4,607	4,545	3,831	2,098	2,098	2,158	
Italy	3,697	4,238	4,714	4,436	2,235	2,039	2,093	
Hungary	3,084	4,322	5,060	4,567	1,794	1,584	1,556	
India	3,398	5,551	4,776	4,328	2,244	1,431	1,475	
Slovakia	9,363	10,849	8,471	4,988	1,789	1,286	1,014	
China	1,751	1,408	1,514	1,683	1,269	978	932	
Pakistan	1,021	1,416	1,434	909	867	482	806	
Netherlands	975	1,110	1,055	903	647	647	713	
Portugal	790	935	1,517	2,132	1,123	787	705	
Czech Republic	4,497	4,460	3,832	2,761	902	711	620	
Canada	961	1,153	1,066	1,215	844	702	613	
Sweden	1,103	1,106	931	753	482	629	581	
Australia	2,124	2,101	1,971	1,858	1,017	694	558	
Republic of Korea	460	489	948	1,146	431	558	505	
Nigeria	2,143	1,598	1,604	1,550	895	515	480	
Philippines	1,500	1,872	1,619	1,436	697	394	434	
Venezuela	51	53	71	66	52	169	346	
All other countries	14,897	17,535	17,516	16,265	11,038	7,992	8,114	
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,393</b>	<b>226,808</b>	<b>215,253</b>	<b>154,804</b>	<b>79,525</b>	<b>68,451</b>	<b>67,452</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Sorted in descending order of allocations in 2011.

**Table 8 - PPSN allocations to foreign nationals classified by month of assignment**

								<i>Numbers</i>
	<b>Year PPSN allocated</b>							
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	
January	11,739	15,583	19,481	14,568	8,438	5,111	4,891	
February	13,783	17,662	18,165	14,515	7,453	5,147	5,046	
March	13,675	18,279	17,509	11,434	8,032	5,438	6,315	
April	14,531	15,157	14,122	13,680	6,385	5,063	4,704	
May	14,815	18,292	18,618	12,300	6,506	5,417	5,398	
June	17,617	21,859	20,612	14,742	6,746	6,057	5,915	
July	19,905	23,545	24,257	17,506	7,229	6,677	6,032	
August	15,844	19,597	17,749	12,110	5,766	6,561	6,381	
September	17,702	21,539	18,609	13,744	6,490	7,123	7,080	
October	19,073	23,697	21,162	13,829	6,996	6,598	6,274	
November	17,495	20,720	17,007	10,714	5,306	6,194	6,115	
December	9,214	10,878	7,962	5,662	4,178	3,065	3,301	
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,393</b>	<b>226,808</b>	<b>215,253</b>	<b>154,804</b>	<b>79,525</b>	<b>68,451</b>	<b>67,452</b>	

## Background Notes

**Data sources** This analysis is based on three data sources:

- The Central Records System of the Department of Social Protection
- The P35 files (employer end-of-year returns) of the Revenue Commissioners
- The Central Business Register of the Central Statistics Office.

The variables used were the date the PPSN was assigned, the nationality at that time, the age at that time, sex, and the NACE category of economic activity.

For some persons, activity is recorded before the year the PPSN was issued. These numbers, which are relatively small, have been blanked in the headline table for clarity but are included in the detailed tables.

Some pensioners are included in the P35 data, but their numbers are small. Also, self-employed persons are excluded from the data from 2005 if they had no P35 self-employed income and if they had no other work as an employee.

**Nationality groups** The category EU15 excl Ireland & the UK consists of Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland and Sweden.

The category EU15 to EU25 states consists of the states that joined the EU on 1 May 2004: the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.

The category EU25 to EU27 states consist of Romania and Bulgaria, who joined the EU on 1 January 2007.

**Definitions** **Employment Activity:** Employment activity for the purposes of this release includes any person appearing on the Revenue P35 files, or in the employment file within the Central Records System of the Department of Social Protection. The level of activity can vary from having worked one day in the year to working full-time throughout the year. Therefore the figures could include seasonal workers that arrive for the summer months and return to their country of origin at the end of the summer.

**Social Welfare Activity:** Social Welfare activity for the purposes of this release includes any person appearing in the claims files within the Central Records System of the Department of Social Protection. This includes one off claims, such as dental and optical benefits, and ongoing claims, such as jobseeker's benefit or assistance, pensions and illness payments.

**NACE Rev 2:** Employment is classified using NACE Rev 2. Where persons had two or more employments during a year, they were allocated to the NACE category with the largest number of weeks of employment.

**Arrivals:** In this release, arrivals to Ireland in a particular year represent the number of PPS numbers allocated to foreign nationals in that year.

**Background to the study** The results presented in this release are based on a data-matching exercise undertaken by the CSO, for statistical purposes, of administrative data from of the Department of Social Protection and the Revenue Commissioners. This study was undertaken in line with the Statistics Act, 1993, and the CSO Data Protocol governing data matching exercises undertaken by the CSO (available at <http://www.cso.ie/en/aboutus/csodataprotocol/>).