

## Polish Migration to the United Kingdom 2007 to 2012

<p>The average income in Poland in 2007 was around \$12,500 a year.</p>	<p>There are many established Polish communities in the United Kingdom, many originate from the Second World War.</p>	<p>Tesco Supermarkets advertised in Poland for 140 lorry drivers due to shortages.</p>	<p>The average income in 2007 the UK was around \$30,000 a year.</p>
<p>Poland had the second highest <b>unemployment</b> rate in the European Union- 18.5%. 40% in some rural areas.</p>	<p>Migrating offers the opportunity for Polish graduates to pay off debts and save money that can be used to purchase home</p>	<p>In 2007, there were 607,000 job vacancies for skilled and semi-skilled labour in the UK</p>	<p>In 2007 the <b>unemployment</b> rate in the UK was only 5.1% .</p>



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<p>To reduce their living costs migrants have shared bedrooms within rented houses, mostly young males. Local residents have complained about noise and drunkenness.</p>	<p>63% of Polish migrants were aged 25-34, 40% had a university degree.</p>	<p>Polish workers were known for having a strong work ethic.</p>	<p>Migrants have tended to locate in urban areas, closer to employment opportunities and transport. But, this has caused friction with some of the local population.</p>
<p>The Office for National Statistics suggested that since 1997, 1.67 million jobs were created in the British economy, but 98% were filled by migrants</p>	<p>The influx of migrants has raised rents, a government report has suggested if such migrations continue it could raise house prices by 10% over the next 20 years.</p>	<p>In some areas strain has been put on elementary schools places, teachers have also had to cope with classes with students who speak English as a second language.</p>	<p>In 2007 ,42 Poles reported racially motivated attacks to the police. Polish community leaders are concerned about an increase in hate crimes.</p>
<p>Over 500 Polish doctors have migrated to the UK.</p>	<p>Migration is set to increase the UK's population to 65 million by 2016.</p>	<p>Local governments and businesses have had to employ translators and print literature to cater for new migrants.</p>	<p>The construction industry has particularly benefit from Polish migration, there has been a shortage of bricklayers, plumbers etc.</p>
<p>10% of Polish migrants have located in rural areas, supporting local services which would have declined otherwise.</p>	<p>Polish migrants have increased Church attendance, which was steadily declining.</p>	<p>Inner city doctors have been concerned by the influx of migrants; these have put additional pressure of services.</p>	<p>In 2007 it was estimated that Polish workers sent home £1 billion pounds, which could have been spent in the UK economy.</p>



