Policy Area 1: Producing Additional Temporary Mobility Indicators, United Kingdom

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# Current official statistics on international mobility produced by ONS

## Long-term international migration estimates (LTIM)
- **Official estimates** of migrants arriving in or leaving the UK for 12 months or more.
- Immigration, emigration and net migration by EU, non-EU and British nationality and reason for migration.

## Travel and Tourism estimates
- **Official estimates** of the number of visits overseas by UK residents and their spending abroad, and the number of visits to the UK by foreign residents and their spending in the UK.
- Number of completed visits (not visitors) that lasted for a period of less than 12 months.
Using UK Census Data to produce estimates on temporary international mobility

- **ONS Publications**
  - The changing picture of short-term international migration, England and Wales: Census 2021 – published March 2023

- **TMIs it can measure**
  - Number of foreign citizens temporarily present in the UK who are
    - Engaged in other types of employment
    - Engaged in training or education

- **Limitations**
  - Only produce every ten years
  - Can be used for stocks but not for flows
  - Limited analysis of additional temporary mobility indicators can be conducted
Survey-based data: International Passenger Survey (IPS)

ONS Publications

• Short-Term International Migration for England and Wales: year ending June 2019 – published May 2021

TMIs it can measure

• Annual number of foreign citizens entering the UK temporarily for
  • Cross-border work
  • Seasonal work
  • Other types of employment
  • Training or education
  • Health-related treatments
• Annual number of resident foreign citizens and UK citizens departing the UK for temporary stays abroad

Limitations

• Based on number of visits rather than number of visitors
• Subject to sampling and non-sampling errors
• Data could not be published until 23 months after the mid-year to which it refers
• Will no longer collect arrival data
## Admin-based data: Home Office Borders and Immigration (HOBI)

### TMIs it can measure
- Annual number of foreign nationals entering the UK temporarily for
  - Cross-border work
  - Seasonal work
  - Other types of employment
  - Training or education
  - Asylum seekers/refugees
  - Annual number of resident foreign nationals departing the UK for temporary stays abroad

### Limitations
- Can be used for flows but not stocks
- Cannot measure British nationals
- Cannot identify those who have entered the UK on one type of visa but engaged in activities usually permitted under another type of visa
- Cannot do local level analysis
Other data sources for measuring temporary international mobility

- **Registration and Population Interaction Database (RAPID)**
  - Provides information on employment length
  - Predominantly for stocks but can derive the implied flows

- **Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)**
  - Provides information on length of study for international students

- **Transformed Labour Market Survey (TLFS)**
  - Information on seasonal workers
  - Only provides information on those in the country for at least 6 months
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