

Building The Post-Brexit Immigration System

An analysis of shortages, scenarios and choices

EU POPULATION

The EU population represents close to **6%** of the UK population, but **7%** or **2.2 million** – of the labour force.

EU NATIONALS

Relative to their share of the total UK workforce (**7%**), EU nationals are overrepresented in a number of sectors:

MANUFACTURING
11% or **319,300** workers

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS
9% or **520,100** workers

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION
9% or **243,300** workers

CONSTRUCTION
8% or **192,400** workers

AGRICULTURE
8% or **27,800** workers

PASSPORT

UK REGIONS

Different regions rely more heavily on EU nationals in specific industries:

Over **40,000** manufacturing workers from the EU also work in the East Midlands and East of England, respectively.

A **fifth** of manufacturing workers in Northern Ireland are EU nationals,

Nearly a **fifth** of the East of England's agricultural workers are EU nationals

LONDON WORKERS

Close to **17%** of workers in London are EU nationals, and London is reliant on EU nationals across a number of industries:

33% of London's construction workers are EU nationals

Over 20% of its hospitality/wholesale and retail trade and manufacturing workers are from the EU.

191,400 In absolute numbers, the financial and business service sector is the **largest employer** of EU workers.

Among high-skilled occupations, EU nationals comprise:

14%

of natural and social science professionals in the UK – a category which includes biochemists and chemical scientists

10%

of managers of hotels and restaurants, legal professionals, and finance managers/directors in the UK