

**Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**  
**Central Freedom of Information Team**

freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

**Our reference:** VTR 2773

**Date:** 18 August 2016

Dear Ms Smith,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 28 July 2016.

You asked:-*"Please provide the following data for each year from 2009/10 to 2015/16:-*

- 1. The total number of Adult issue National Insurance numbers each year*
- 2. Please include a breakdown the total number for each year by the following categories; 'Europe-EU excluding Accession countries', 'Europe-EU Accession countries', 'Europe- non EU', 'Africa, Asia & Middle East', 'The Americas, Australasia & Oceania' and 'others & unknown'"*

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

National Insurance number (NINo) statistics produced by DWP provide data on NINo allocations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK since January 2002 and is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-insurance-number-allocations-to-adult-overseas-nationals-entering-the-uk>

You can interrogate the data or build your own tables on NINo allocations broken down by nationality and year by using the Stat Xplore tool:

<https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>

Guidance on how to extract the information required can be found at:

<https://sw.stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/index.html>

DWP statistics on NINo allocations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK is currently produced quarterly the latest available release is for the quarter ending March 2016:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/national-insurance-number-allocations-to-adult-overseas-nationals-to-march-2016>

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk) or by writing to: DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF  
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