

EUROPEAN & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date: 18 January 2006
Time: 09.00 – 12.00
Venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay
Title: Accession Workers Registration Scheme

Purpose

1. To report to the Committee on the Workers Registration Scheme in Wales.

Recommendation

2. Members are invited to note the contents of this paper.

Background

3. On 1st May 2004, ten countries joined the European Union (EU). Those countries are Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia. From that date, nationals of Malta and Cyprus have had full free movement rights and rights to work, throughout the EU. Prior to enlargement, existing EU member states had the right to regulate access to their labour markets by nationals of the other eight countries – the A8. The UK government put in place transitional measures to regulate A8 nationals access to the labour market (via the Workers Registration Scheme (WRS) and to restrict access to benefits.

Key Findings

4. In total there were 6,621 applicants to the WRS between 1 May 2004 and 30 September 2005 whose address was in Wales.

More than 63% of the registered workers are Polish (4211)

The registered workers are predominantly young males under 35 years of age

The registered workers are mostly employed as process operatives in factories 38% (2541) and in the hospitality/catering sector 21% (1407).

The largest concentrations of registered workers can be found in the Swansea and Llandudno post code areas

Financial Implications

5. There are no financial implications associated with this paper.

Rhodri Morgan AM
First Minister

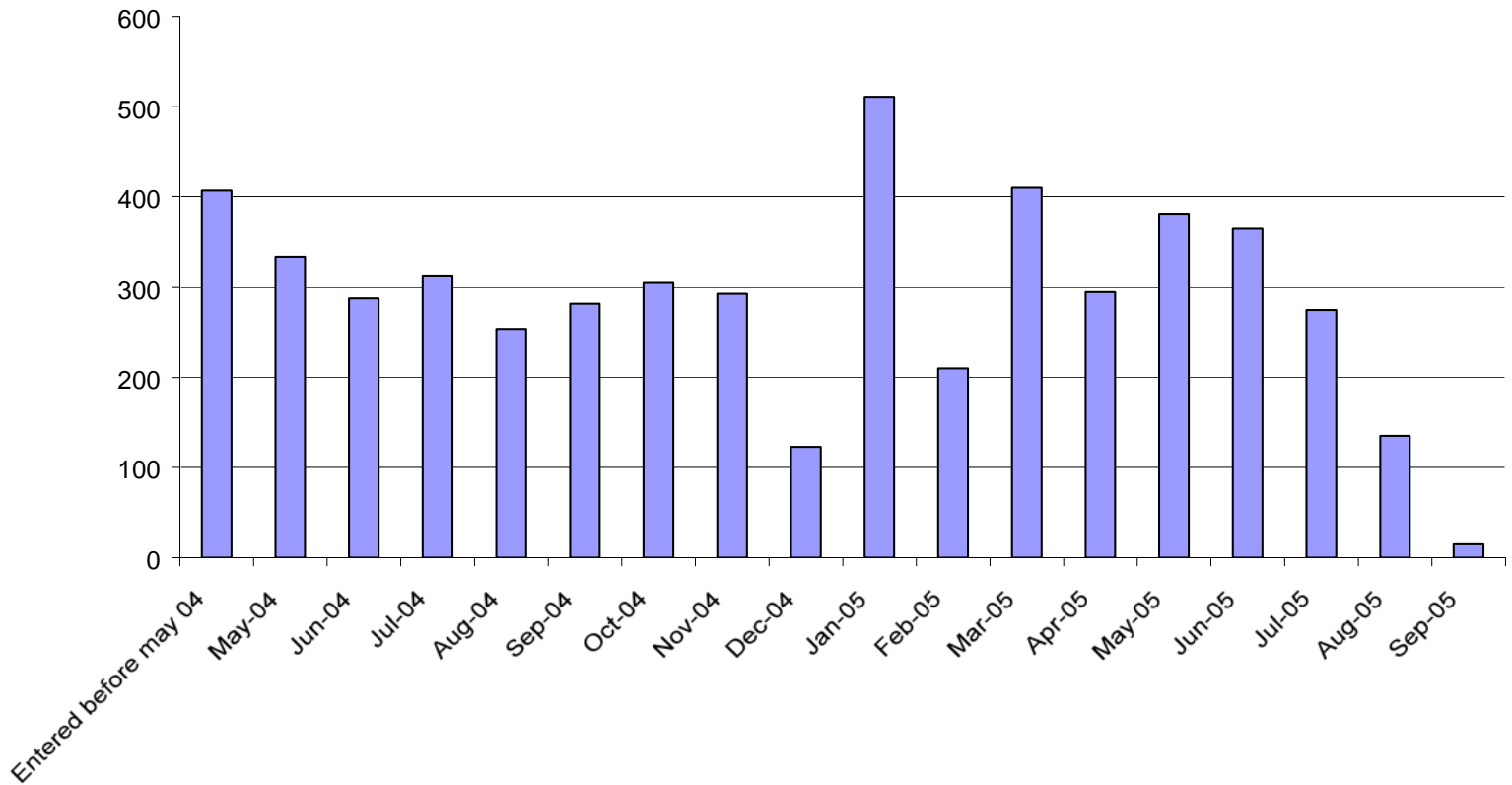
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Note on the WRS data:

- a) This data covers the period March 2004 – September 2005
- b) Data provided is on applicants to the scheme rather than applications. Applicants must register more than once if they are employed by more than one employer.
- c) They must re-register if they change employer.
- d) Each application to the WRS represents one job, not one application.
- e) To avoid counting applicants more than once, each applicant is represented only once in the report (information relating to the first job for which they registered).
- f) The Home Office administers the scheme. The latest Home Office Accession Monitoring Report can be found at www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk
- g) It gives gross cumulative figures for the number of workers applying to the WRS.
- h) It is a snapshot. Figures are not current. An individual who has registered to work and who leaves employment is not required to de-register.
- i) Information for the CH postcode area was not available when compiling the data.

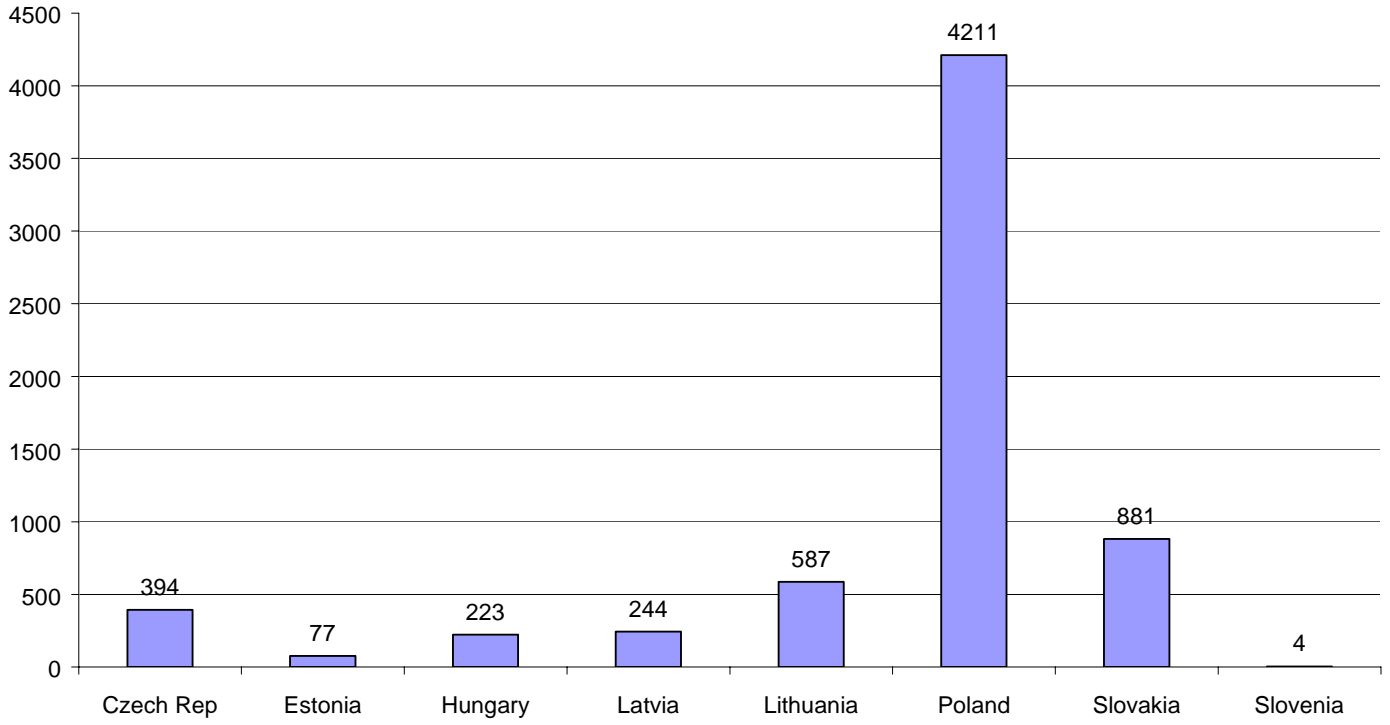
1. Approved 1st Applications based on Applicants whose addresses are in Wales.

Month of Application to WRS



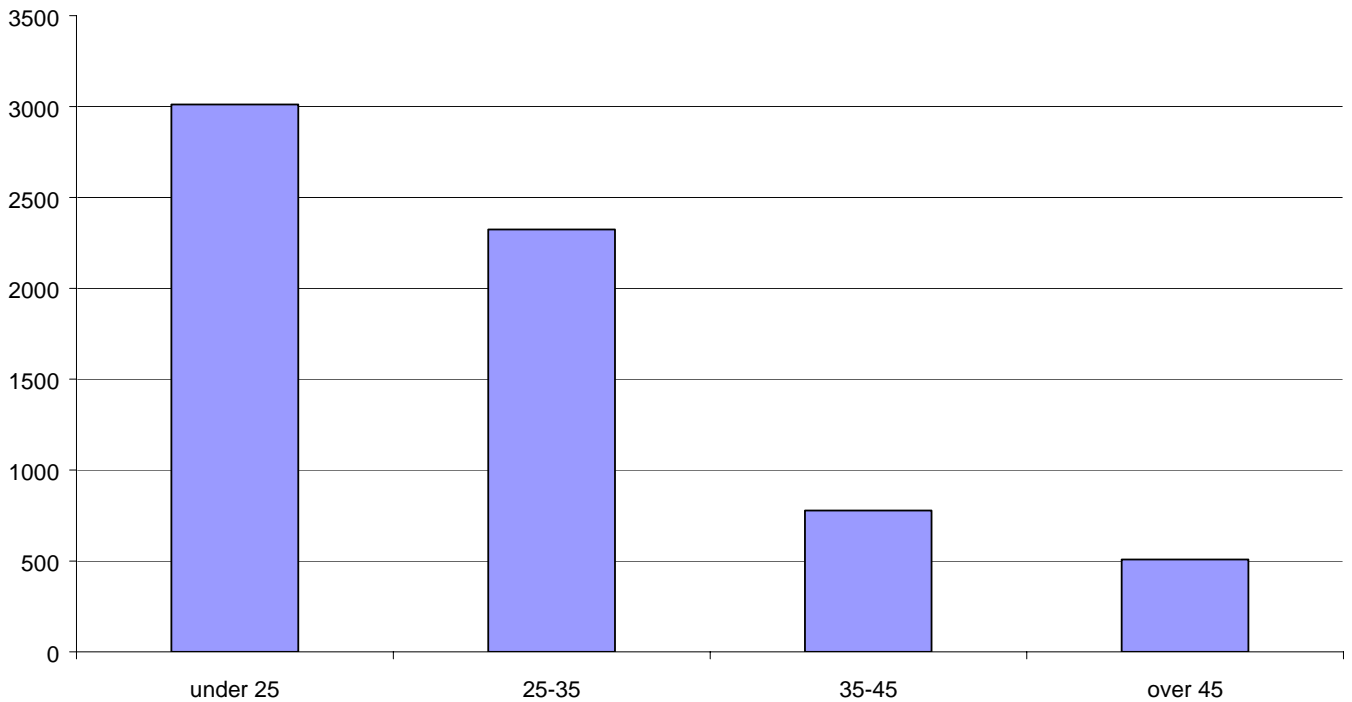
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Nationality of applicants



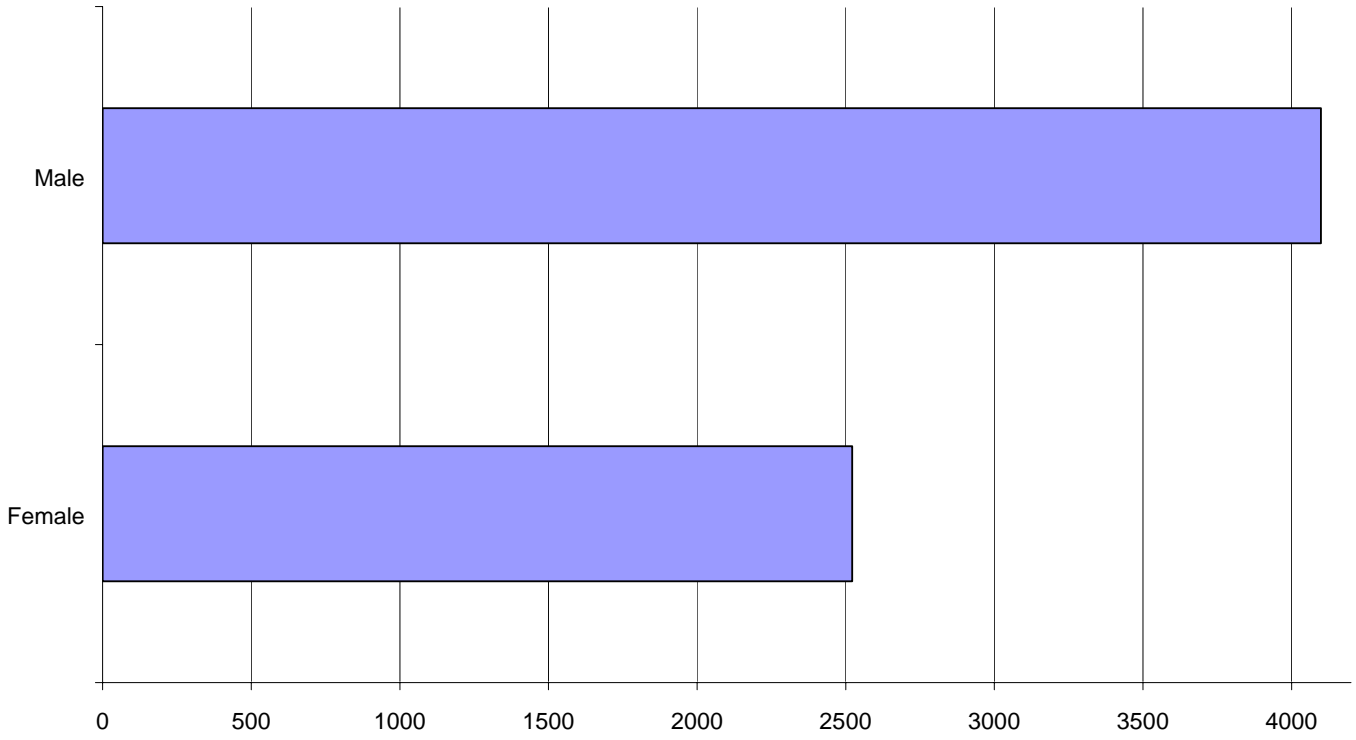
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Applicants by age



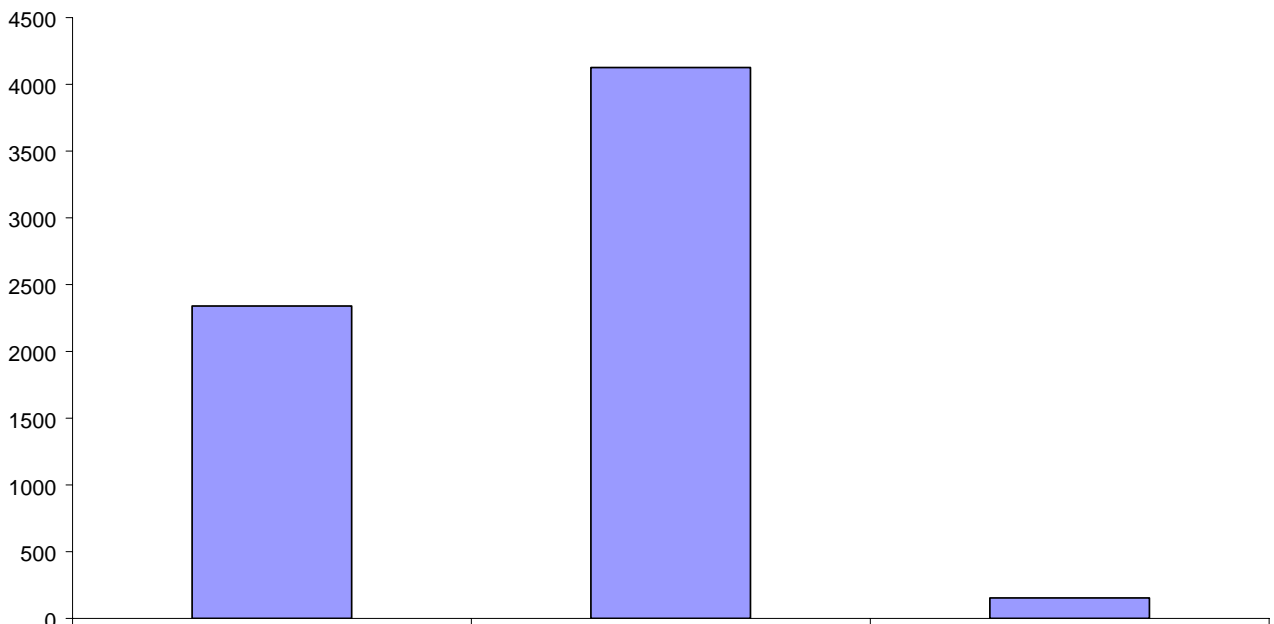
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Applicants by gender



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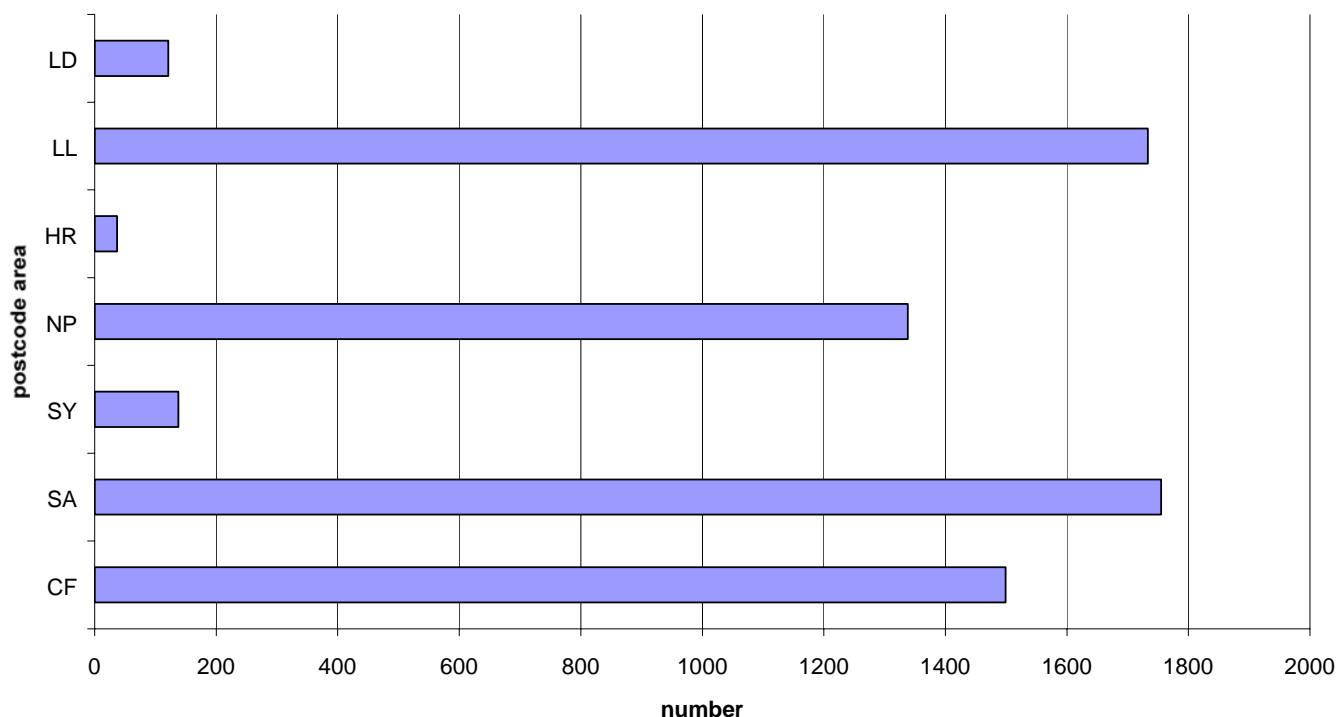
Application by employment type



6. Industrial Sectors in which registered workers are employed

Industry Sector	Total
ADMIN, BUS & MAN SERVICES	2549
AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES	238
COMPUTER SERVICES	5
CONSTRUCTION & LAND SERV	182
EDUCATION & CULTURAL ACT.	29
ENT & LEISURE SERVICES	176
EXTRACTION INDUSTRIES	22
FINANCIAL SERVICES	4
GOVERNMENT	3
HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES	323
HOSPITALITY	58
HOSPITALITY & CATERING	1407
MANUFACTURING	1112
MEAT PROCESSING	76
OTHER FOOD PROCESSING	153
REAL EST & PROP SERVICES	13
RETAIL & RELATED SERVICES	142
SECUR & PROTECT SERVICES	10
SPORTING ACTIVITIES	2
TRANSPORT	103
UTILITIES-GAS,ELECT,WATER	14
Grand Total	6621

7. Applications by Applicant's postcode



EU Workers Registration Scheme - Worker Locations by Postcode Sector

