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## **Statistics show that fewer people are coming to work in the UK**

National statistics issued by the Home Office show that the overall people coming to work in the UK has fallen. In 2004, 232,645 people came to work in the UK either with a work permit or under the points based system. This fell to 160,765 people in 2009 showing a 30% decrease.

From 2004 to 2009 the gross total of people coming to work in the UK including dependents was 1.252 million, 24% of which were from Indian sub-continent.

### **Work Permits**

The National statistics show that the overall number of work permit holders coming to work in the UK from 2004 to 2009 has fallen by 83%.

In 2004, 82,655 people were issued with a work permit to work in the UK. This had sharply dropped by 83% in 2009 to 14,190 people.

The figures show that although there is an overall decrease over the six years, in 2006, 96,605 people were issued with work permits, a 17% increase since 2004.

The gross total of work permit holders from 2004 to 2009 is 456,030. 30% of the gross total are from the Americas continent with a total 142,240 work permit holders.

The country with the least amount of people given limited leave to enter whose main purpose is to work is the continent of Oceania. A total of 27,780 people were issued with a work permit from 2004 to 2009 which is 6% of the gross total.

Although there is a sharp decrease in work permit holders the number of people coming to work in the UK under the new points based system in 2008 was 3,300 this rose to 79,060 in 2009.

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