

The table below shows the number of approved work permit applications, broken down by the 20 most frequent occupations, from January 2004 to December 2005.

Occupation	2004	2005	Total
Nurse	29,185	22,406	51,591
Other Mgr Related Occupation	14,697	14,795	29,492
Musician	12,769	12,783	25,552
Other Health/Medical Occupation	13,585	9,758	23,343
Other IT Related Occupation	9,512	10,615	20,127
Software Engineer	6,764	6,771	13,535
Chef	6,365	4,977	11,342
Other Financial Occupation	5,007	5,226	10,233
Teacher(School/College)	5,101	4,334	9,435
Other Engineer Occupation	4,223	5,037	9,260
Researcher	4,205	4,299	8,504
Doctor	4,392	3,842	8,234
Singer	3,083	2,769	5,852
Kitchen Assistant (SBS)	4,290	508	4,798
Analyst Programmer	2,486	2,122	4,608
System Analyst	2,284	2,238	4,522
Technician (Music)	2,062	2,138	4,200
Other Hotel Cat Occupation	1,858	1,576	3,434
Dancer (Other)	1,672	1,680	3,352
Manager (Ent Related)	1,534	1,596	3,130
Total Top 20	135,074	119,470	254,544
Others	45,666	41,186	86,852
Total	180,740	160,656	341,396

Please note that the number of approved work permit applications does not equal numbers of people entering the UK to work but includes, for example, extension applications and work permits issued for a change of employment.

In addition, the attached information shows applications made under the Sectors Based Scheme (SBS). For more information about the Sectors Based Scheme, which is a route of entry to the UK for low-skilled workers, please refer to website: www.workingintheuk.gov.uk