England’s Immigrants 1330-1550 – Database investigation

1. Click on the ‘Advanced Search ‘ tab.
2. Click on the Browse tab on the England’s Immigrants web page. You should now see all 64 781 records of immigrants in the period 1330-1550.
3. If you look down the left hand side of the page there are lots of further details about the immigrants in this period. Choose one of the areas you searched and then use the table below to record what the database tells you about that area.

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| **Origin: Nationality** | How many different nationalities are there? | Which was the largest and smallest group? | Are there any nationalities you don’t recognise? Give at least one example |
| Answers |  |  |  |
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| **Occupation**  | How many different occupations werethere? | Which was the largest and smallest group? | Are there any you haven’t heard of before? Give an example. |
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Alternative approach based on localities

1. Click on the ‘Advanced Search ‘ tab
2. Scroll down and find the box called in the ‘Place of residence’
3. Select a few places in England – but remember some places might not have existed in the medieval period. We suggest a mix of larger and smaller places, e.g.
* London
* Coventry
* Norwich
* Richmond, Yorkshire
* Beverley
1. The database will find a range of people in those areas. Record how many results you get for each of the areas you searched:

*If you look down the left hand side of the page there are lots of further details about the groups of people. Choose one of the areas you searched and then use the table below to record what the database tells you about that area.*

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