

Scotland

1 April–30 September 2020



The number of **nurses, midwives and nursing associates*** in Scotland grew from 69,853 at the beginning of April to **70,998** at the end of September.

In comparison, the number of professionals in Scotland decreased by 717 (1.0%) during the same period the previous year, April to September 2019.

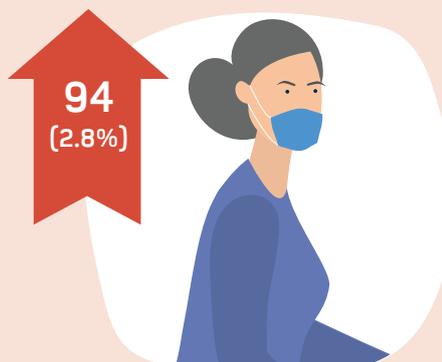
1,145
(1.6%)



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The number of **nurses** on our register in Scotland grew from 66,084 in April to **67,134** in September.

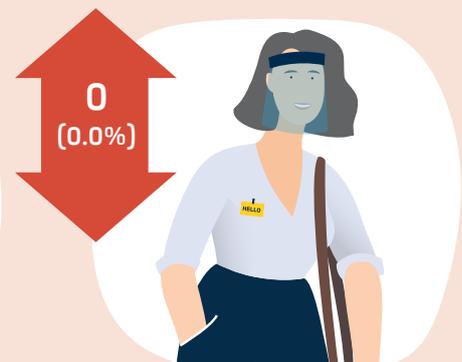
From April to September 2019, the number of nurses increased by 718 (1.1%)



94
(2.8%)

The number of **midwives** on our register in Scotland increased from 3,360 in April to **3,454** in September.

From April to September 2019, the number of midwives increased by 2 (0.1%).



0
(0.0%)

The number of **dual registrants** (people registered as both a nurse and midwife) in Scotland stayed the same at **409** between April and September.

From April to September 2019, the number of dual registrants decreased by 4 (0.9%).

* Nursing associates are eligible to practise in England only. A small proportion have registered addresses outside England.

Figure 1

Number of people on the permanent register with an address in Scotland.

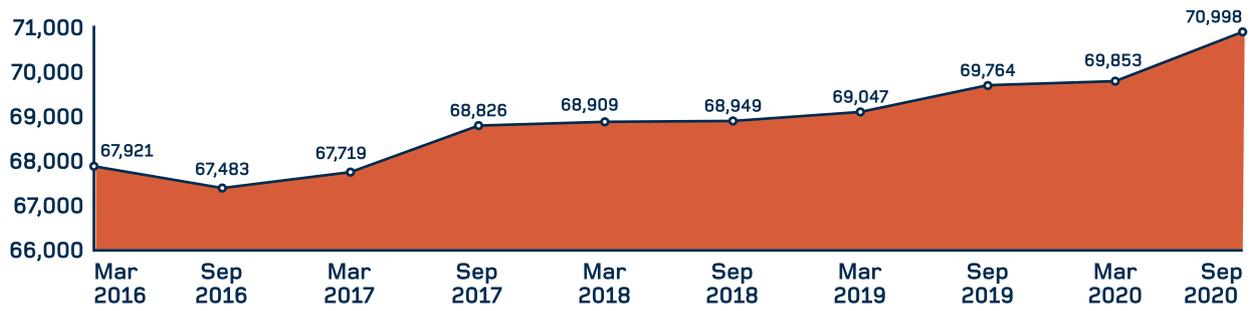
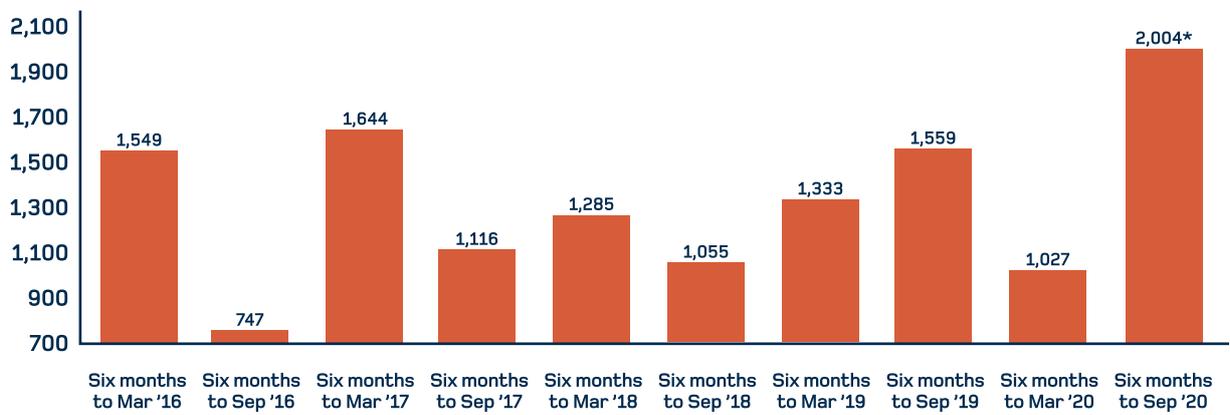


Figure 2

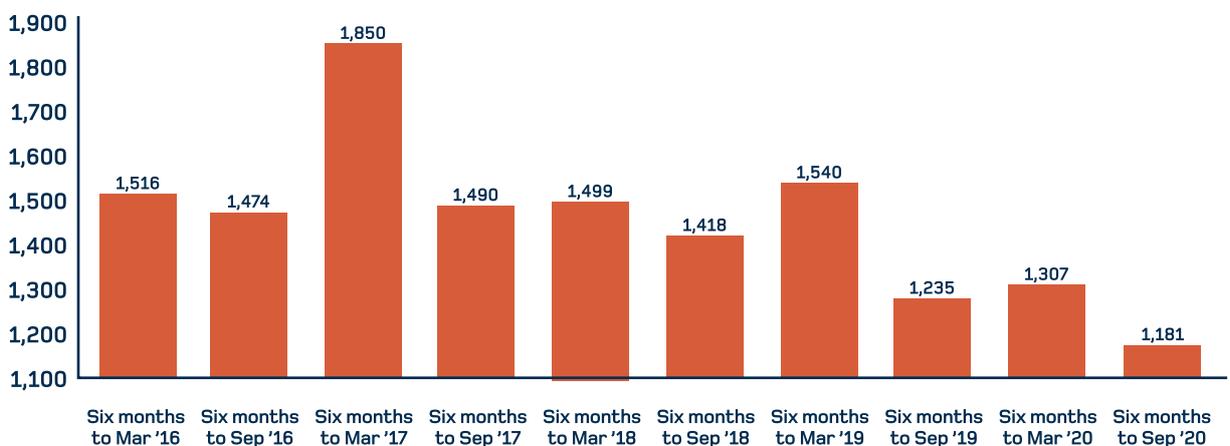
Number of people joining the permanent register for the first time with an address in Scotland.



* Of the 2,004 joiners in Scotland in the six months to September 2020, 44 had been on the Covid-19 temporary register.

Figure 3

Number of people leaving the permanent register with an address in Scotland.



The data in this report is based on the registered addresses of the professionals on our register.

Joiners' data doesn't include those re-joining the register having previously left. Also, the overall number on the register is from one point in time, whereas the joiners' and leavers' data are the sum of activity over six months. Therefore, these figures won't add up exactly.

Covid-19 temporary register in Scotland

In March 2020 we established a Covid-19 temporary register to support the UK's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

We invited nurses and midwives who had left our permanent register within the last five years to join. We also invited overseas applicants who had completed all parts of their NMC registration process except their OSCE (objective structured clinical examination).

The data below is taken at 30 September 2020 – the same as the data from our permanent register above in this report. For clarity, data from the Covid-19 temporary register is not included in figures 1–3 above.

Figure 4

Total people on the Covid-19 temporary register with an address in Scotland.

Role	30 September 2020
Nurse	1,381
Midwife	74
Nurse and midwife	12
Total	1,467

Between April and September, 44 people in Scotland left the Covid-19 temporary register to join the permanent register.

These numbers don't include people who are already registered with us moving to England, or people returning to the register.

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