

The NMC Register Northern Ireland Mid-year update

1 April–30 September 2021



The number of nurses and midwives on our register in Northern Ireland grew from 26,151 at the beginning of April to 26,229 at the end of September.

In comparison, the number of professionals in Northern Ireland grew by 469 (1.8%) during the same period the previous year, April to September 2020.

78
(0.3%)



The number of nurses on our register in Northern Ireland grew from 24,596 in April to 24,690 in September.

From April to September 2020, the number of nurses grew by 449 (1.9%).

94
(0.4%)



The number of midwives on our register in Northern Ireland decreased from 1,247 in April to 1,221 in September.

From April to September 2020, the number of midwives increased by four (0.3%).

26
(-2.1%)



The number of dual registrants (people registered as both a nurse and midwife) in Northern Ireland increased from 308 in April to 318 in September.

From April to September 2020, the number of dual registrants increased by 16 (5.4%).

10
(3.2%)



This is a high level summary of our data. We have a more detailed version of this data available on our [website](#).

Figure 1

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

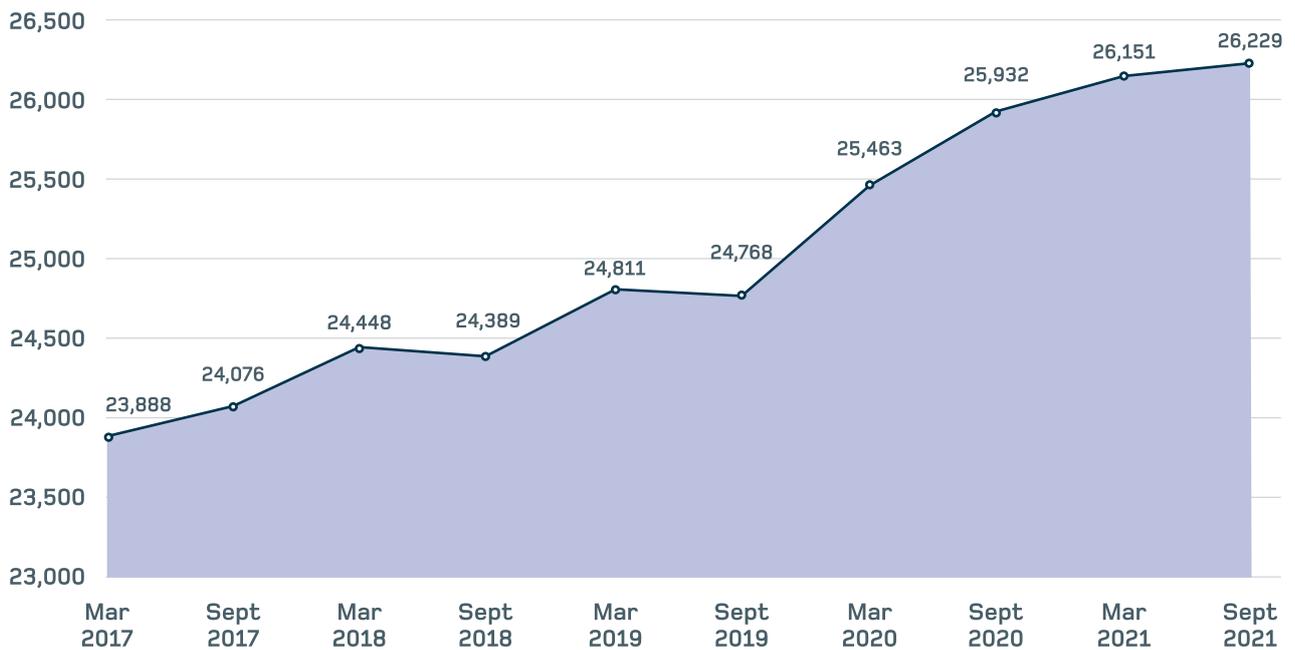
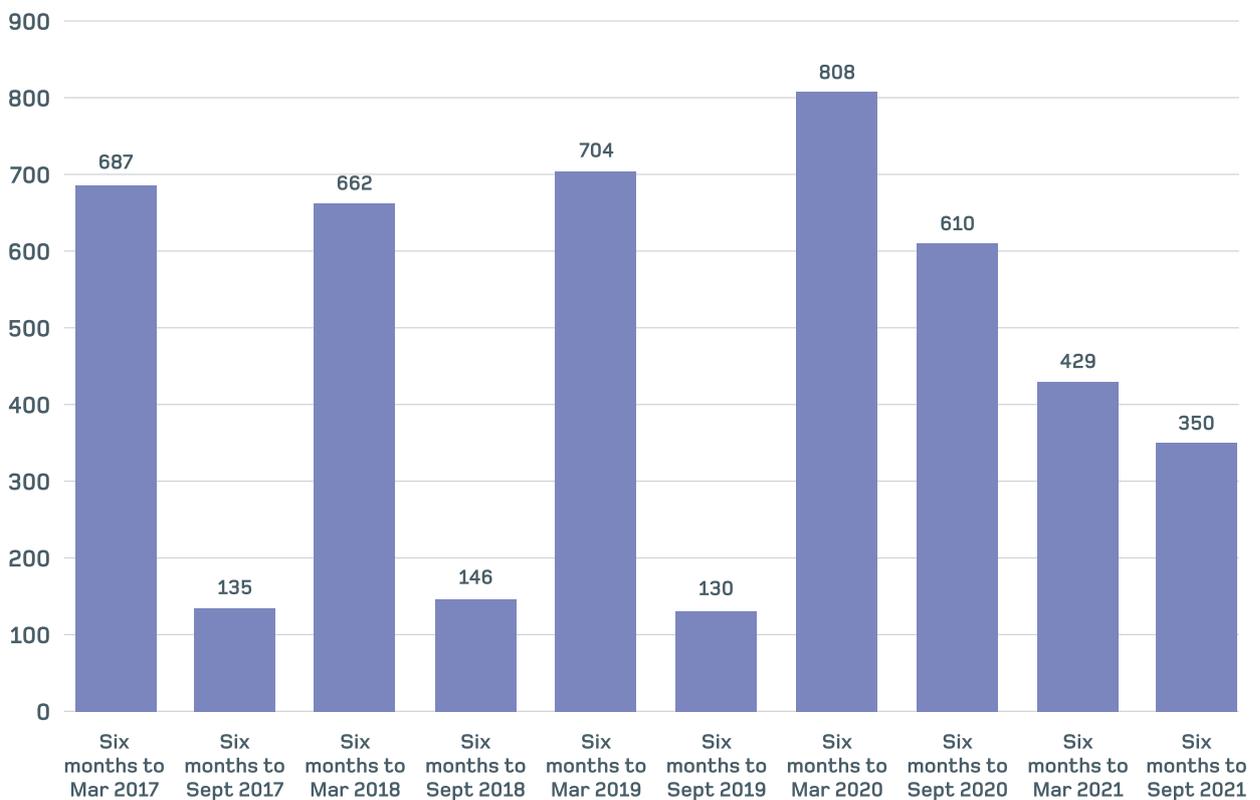


Figure 2

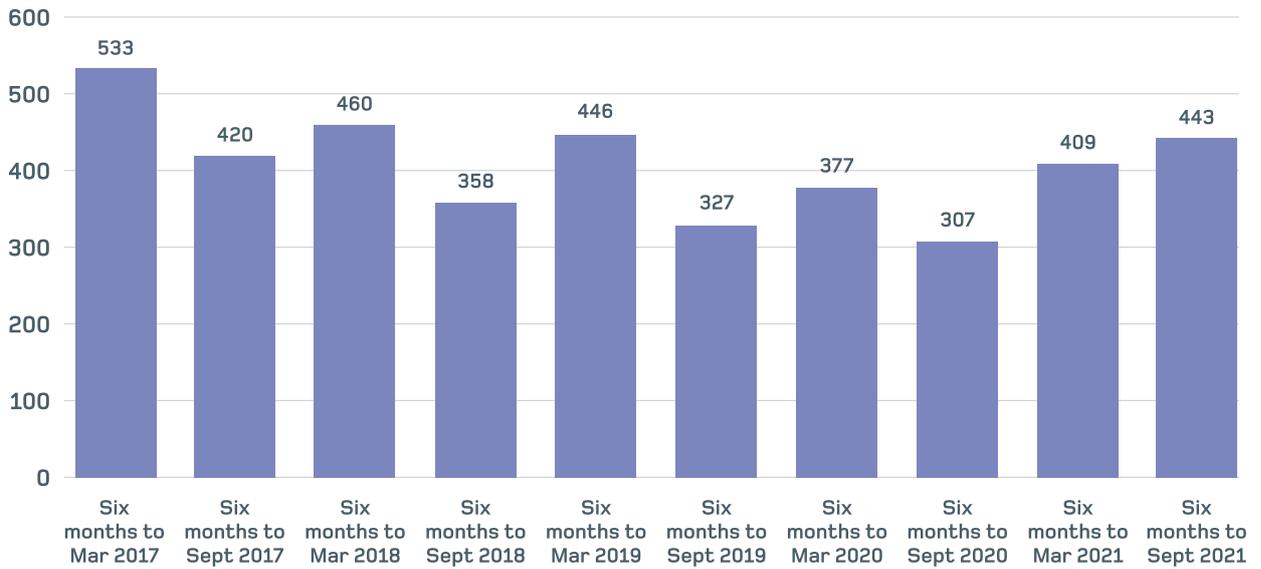
Number of people joining the permanent register for the first time with an address in Northern Ireland.



*Of the 350 joiners in Northern Ireland in the six months to September 2021, 34 had been on the Covid-19 temporary register. In the 12 months to March 2021, 61 people left the Covid-19 temporary register to join the permanent register.

Figure 3

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



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 Northern Ireland

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 2021 – 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.

Table 1

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

	31 September 2021
Nurse	309
Midwife	17
Nurse and midwife	4
Total	330

Between April and September, 34 people in Northern Ireland 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 Northern Ireland, or people returning to the register.

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