Nursing & Midwifery Council

The NMC Register Wales
# Mid–year update
1 April–30 September 2021

The number of nurses, midwives and nursing associates* on our register in Wales grew from 37,446 at the beginning of April to 38,053 at the end of September.

607
(1.6%)

In comparison, the number of professionals in Wales grew by 528 (1.4%) during the same period the previous year, April to September 2020.
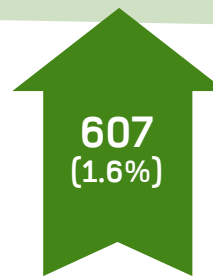
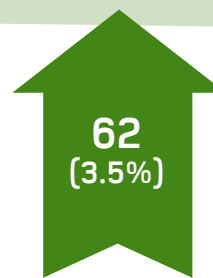**The number of nurses on our register in Wales grew from 35,274 in April to 35,834 in September.**

560
(1.6%)

From April to September 2020, the number of nurses grew by 458 (1.3%).
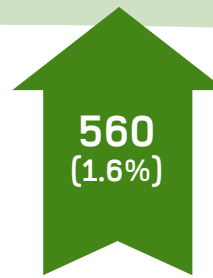
The number of midwives on our register in Wales increased from 1,747 in April to 1,809 in September.

62
(3.5%)

From April to September 2020, the number of midwives increased by 76 (4.6%).

The number of dual registrants (people registered as both a nurse and midwife) in Wales decreased from 419 in April to 404 in September.

15
(−3.6%)

From April to September 2020, the number of dual registrants decreased by 8 (−1.8%).
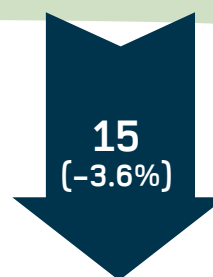
This is a high level summary of our data. We have a more detailed version of this data available on our **website**.

*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 Wales.

Date	Value
Mar 2017	34,458
Sept 2017	35,851
Mar 2018	35,725
Sept 2018	35,993
Mar 2019	36,001
Sept 2019	36,499
Mar 2020	36,763
Sept 2020	37,291
Mar 2021	37,446
Sept 2021	38,053
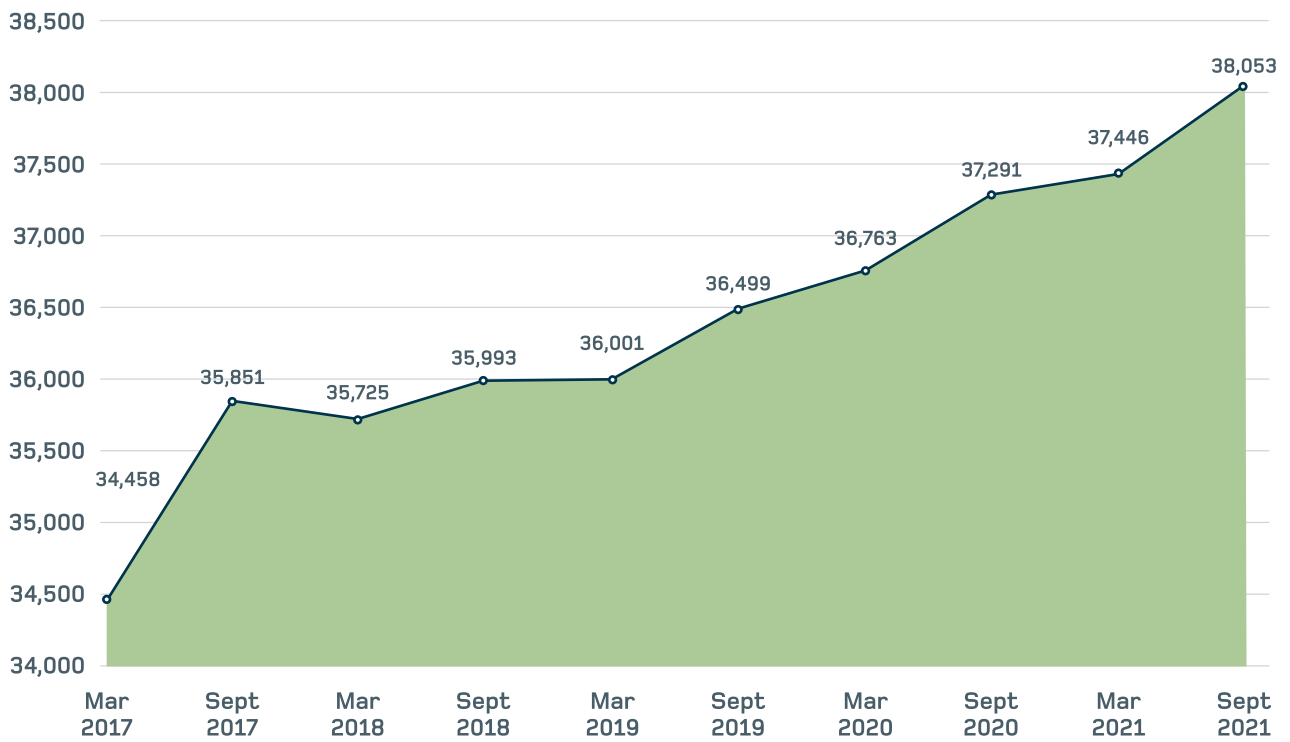
Figure 2

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

Period	Value
Six months to Mar 2017	519
Six months to Sept 2017	775
Six months to Mar 2018	361
Six months to Sept 2018	728
Six months to Mar 2019	551
Six months to Sept 2019	793
Six months to Mar 2020	570
Six months to Sept 2020	917
Six months to Mar 2021	541
Six months to Sept 2021	995*
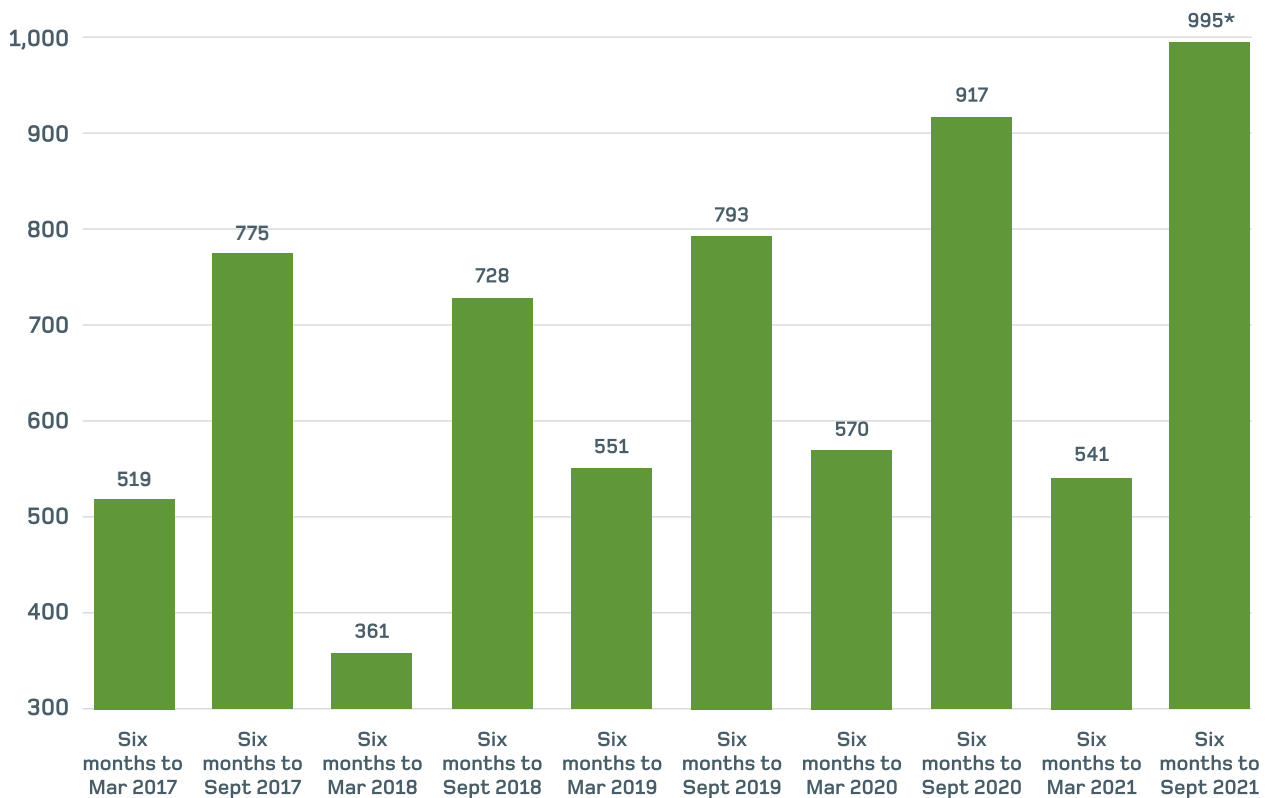
*Of the 995 joiners in Wales in the six months to September 2021, 25 had been on the Covid-19 temporary register. In the 12 months to March 2021, 106 people left the Covid-19 temporary register to join the permanent register.

Figure 3

Number of people leaving the permanent register with an address in Wales.
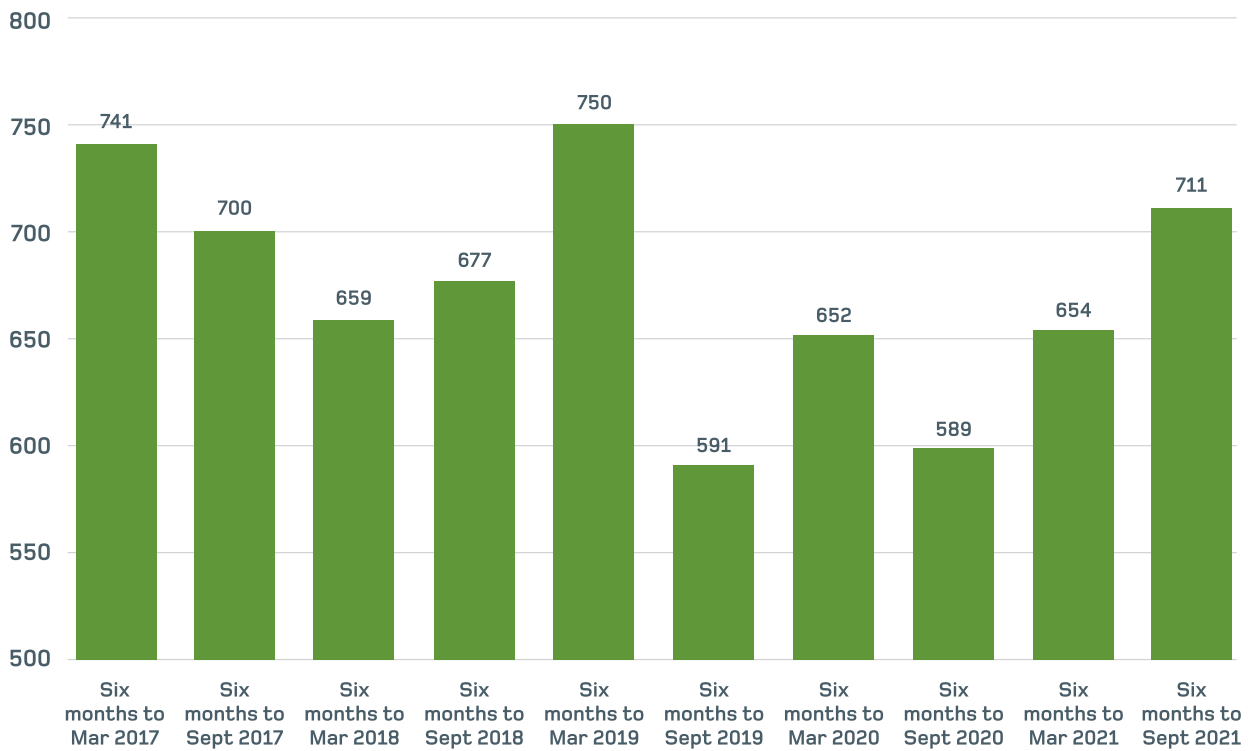
Period	Value
Six months to Mar 2017	741
Six months to Sept 2017	700
Six months to Mar 2018	659
Six months to Sept 2018	677
Six months to Mar 2019	750
Six months to Sept 2019	591
Six months to Mar 2020	652
Six months to Sept 2020	589
Six months to Mar 2021	654
Six months to Sept 2021	711

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 Wales

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 Wales

	31 September 2021
Nurse	686
Midwife	43
Nurse and midwife	9
Total	**738**

Between April and September, 25 people in Wales 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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