

# The NMC Register Scotland Mid-year update

1 April–30 September 2021



The number of nurses, midwives and nursing associates\* on our register in Scotland grew from 70,789 at the beginning of April to 71,822 at the end of September.

In comparison, the number of professionals in Scotland grew by 1,145 (1.6%) during the same period the previous year, April to September 2020.

1,033  
(1.5%)



The number of nurses on our register in Scotland grew from 66,960 in April to 67,912 in September.

From April to September 2020, the number of nurses grew by 1,050 (1.6%).

952  
(1.4%)



The number of midwives on our register in Scotland grew from 3,430 in April to 3,520 in September.

From April to September 2020, the number of midwives increased by 94 (2.8%).

90  
(2.6%)



The number of dual registrants (people registered as both a nurse and midwife) in Scotland decreased from 398 in April to 387 in September.

From April to September 2020, the number of dual registrants stayed the same at 409.

11  
(-2.8%)



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 Scotland.**

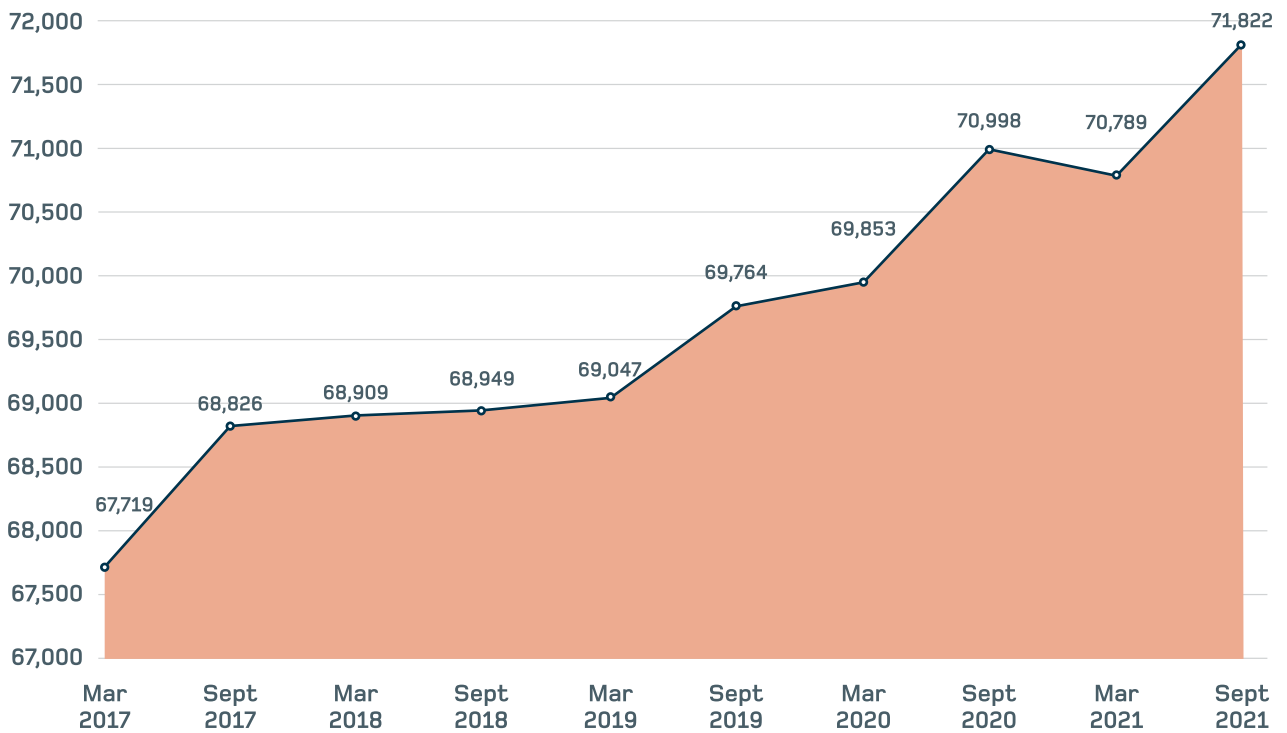
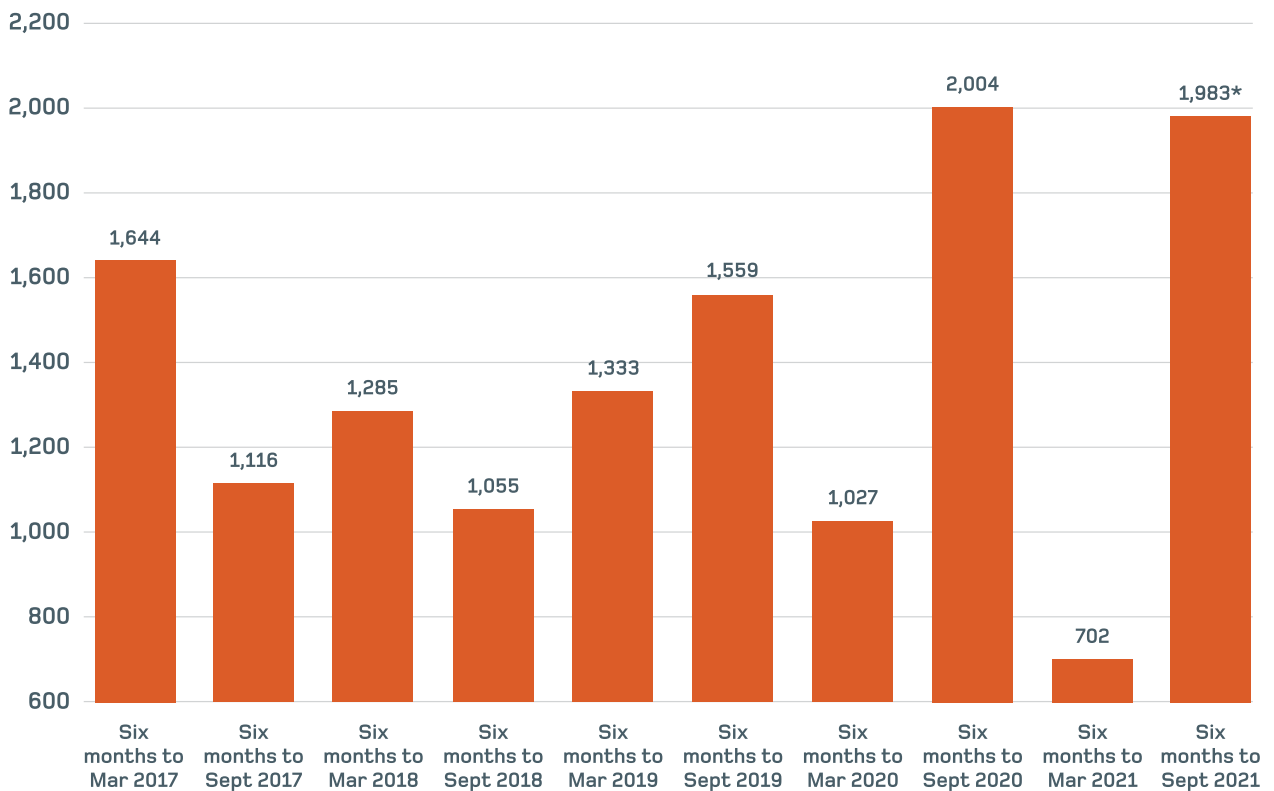


Figure 2

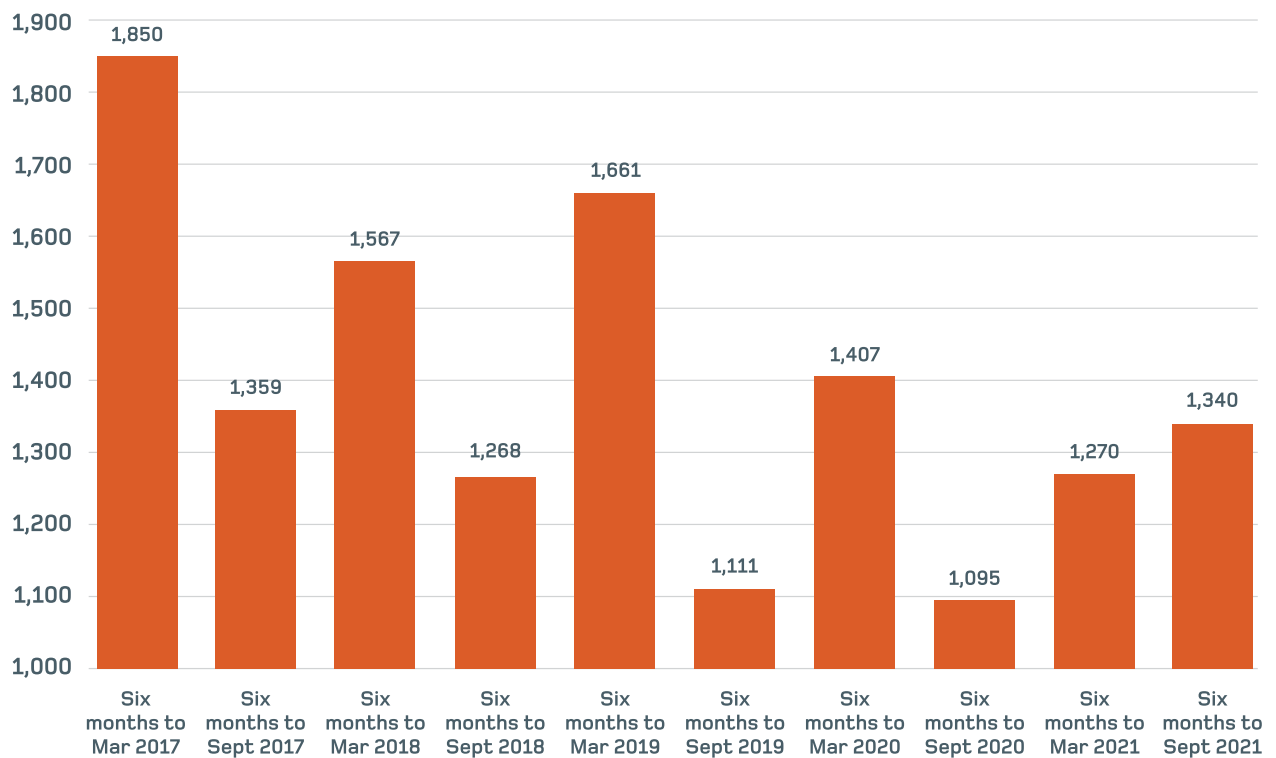
**Number of people joining the permanent register for the first time with an address in Scotland.**



\*Of the 1,983 joiners in Scotland in the six months to September 2021, 69 had been on the Covid-19 temporary register. In the 12 months to March 2021, 89 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 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 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 Scotland.**

	31 September 2021
Nurse	1,666
Midwife	106
Nurse and midwife	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,790</b>

Between April and September, 69 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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