

The big picture

At the end of September 2018 there were 693,618 nurses and midwives registered to work in the UK – 3,880 more than at the end of September 2017.



Between September 2017 and September 2018:



The number of nurses and midwives **from the UK** increased by **3,457**



The number of nurses and midwives **from outside the EU*** increased by **2,808**



The number of nurses and midwives from **the EU*** decreased by **2,385**

- **5,577** fewer people **left our register** this year compared to the year before. This includes **4,650** fewer people from the UK leaving the register.
- The number of people from outside the EU* **joining our register** for the first time increased by **1,721** (69.5 percent).
- The number of people from the EU* **joining our register** for the first time dropped by **219** this year. This follows a drop of **9,071** the year before.
- The number of **midwives on our register** continues to increase year on year. The number of midwives (including dual registrants) increased by **504** this year.
- The number of people registered in the **field of mental health nursing** increased by **324** this year. This follows four years of a gradual decrease in size.
- The proportion of people on our register who are aged **21–30** is slightly increasing year on year. The **56 and over group** is increasing too, so the **age profile** of the register is becoming more polarised.

* Where we refer to the EU, this includes the European Economic Area.