



Briefing: Confirmed places for nursing and midwifery undergraduate courses on A-level results day 2022

Briefing Paper: Confirmed places for nursing and midwifery courses – 18 August 2022

On A-level results day, UCAS has published data on accepted applicants to undergraduate higher education courses. Students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland received their A-level results on the 18th of August while Scottish SQA results were published on the 9th of August. The full data set including a breakdown for nursing and midwifery courses by applicant age, domicile, gender and country of provider is [available](#). This paper highlights some key trends as the data stands today, as changes are expected in the coming weeks as Clearing progresses.

Headlines for the whole higher education sector

UCAS has published a [press release](#) on the headlines for the higher education sector on A-level results day 2022.

425,830 students have been accepted, the second highest on record. This is a 16,870 (4%) increase from 2019 but a 9,600 (2%) decrease from 2021.

Across the UK the entry rate for 18 year olds is 32.2% a 4% increase from 2019 but a 1.9% decrease from 2021.

Although the ratio of entry rates for 18 year olds in POLAR Quintile 5 and POLAR Quintile 1 is 2.29 a change of -0.05 since 2021, the number of accepted applicants from the most disadvantaged backgrounds decreased by 720 (2%).

The number of non-EU accepted applicants is 43,830 a 6,250 (17%) increase since 2021 and at its highest ever. This includes significant increases from China (35%), India (27%) and Nigeria (43%).

Headlines for nursing courses

Compared with A-level results day 2021, the overall number of accepted applicants on an undergraduate nursing course in the UK has decreased by 1,560 (7%) to 21,130. This is still a 15% increase from 2019 and should be considered with the specific circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic in mind. Further specific details on applicant status are yet to be released.

Providers in England have had 16,120 places accepted which is a 1,320 (8%) decrease from 2021 but 2,640 (20%) higher than 2019.

Providers in Scotland have had 3,440 places accepted which is a decrease of 20 (1%) from 2021 but 330 (11%) higher than 2019.

Providers in Wales have had 900 places accepted which is a decrease of 180 (17%) from 2021 and a 150 decrease (14%) from 2019.

Providers in Northern Ireland have had 680 places accepted which is a decrease of 30 (4%) from 2021 and a 40 (5%) decrease from 2019.

Decreases in accepted students were seen in every age cohort other than 17 and under and 35 and over, with the most significant decrease in the 21-24 group (16%).

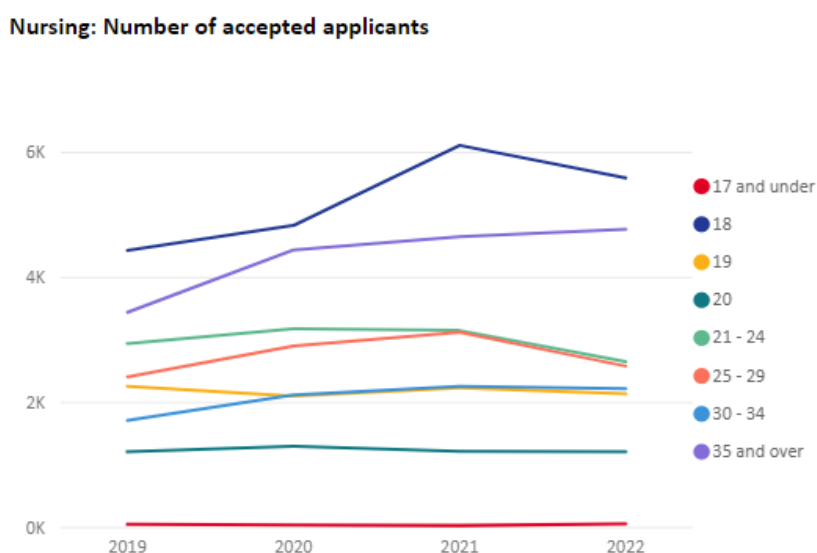


Figure 1: Nursing accepted applicants: A Level Results day 2022, [UCAS statistical analysis](#)

The number of places accepted by males is 2,290 an increase of 80 (4%) from 2021 and representing an over 1% increase in the proportion of males to total acceptances to 11%.

Non-EU applicants increased even more significantly than in the wider sector. Total accepted places increased by 180 (72% increase) with both India and Nigeria more than doubling their number of students, but non-EU still makes up a modest 2% of total acceptances.

Headlines for midwifery courses

Compared with A-level results day 2021, the number of accepted applicants on an undergraduate Midwifery course has decreased by 180 (5%) to 3,260. This still represents a 12% increase of 2019. Further details on applicant status are yet to be released.

Providers in England have had 2,790 places accepted which is a 240 (8%) decrease from 2021 but 240 (9%) higher than 2019.

Providers in Scotland have had 260 places accepted which is an increase of 60 (30%) from 2021 and 30 (13%) higher than 2019.

Providers in Wales have had 130 places accepted which is no change from 2021 but an increase of 40 (44%) from 2019.

Providers in Northern Ireland have had 80 places accepted which is no change from 2021 but an increase of 30 (60%) from 2019.

Decreases in accepted students were seen in every age cohort other than age 20 and 35 and over, with the most significant decrease in the 21-24 group (12%).

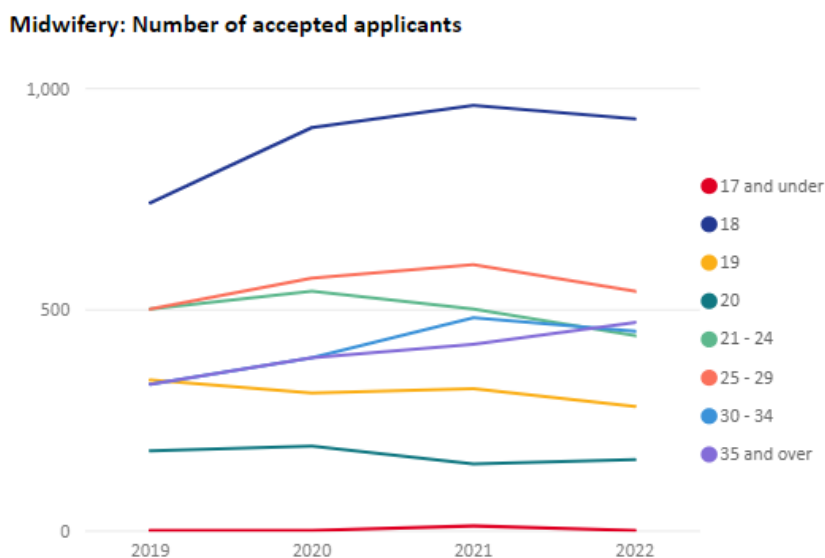


Figure 1: Midwifery accepted applicants: A Level Results day 2022, [UCAS statistical analysis](#)

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