



Briefing: UCAS End of Cycle data 2022

1. Briefing Paper: End of Cycle data release December 2022

UCAS has published a series of [data](#) resources and reports as part of 2022 End of Cycle release. The latest [press release](#) and sector level data shows:

- Record numbers of disadvantaged students being accepted into higher education courses
- Highest numbers of 18-year-olds gaining a place in a course to date
- More young people are looking at apprenticeships than ever before
- Continued demand among international students with record numbers from China, India, and Nigeria
- There has been a drop in overall offer rates from high tariff universities compared with last year

Headlines for nursing courses

The full data set, including a breakdown for nursing and midwifery courses by applicant domicile, age, and country of provider is available [here](#).

Key statistics for 2022 UCAS cycle:

- This year, 56,155 students applied for nursing higher education courses in the UK. The nursing higher education sector has seen reduced numbers of applicants following the surge seen during the pandemic, with a UK-wide decrease of 6%. **However, numbers of applicants are still 26% above pre-pandemic levels.**
- From these applications, 29,440 students were accepted into undergraduate nursing courses across the UK, a 10% decrease from 2021.
- 28,615 accepted applicants were UK domiciled and 245 were EU (excluding UK) domiciled. There has been a significant rise in those domiciled outside the UK and EU, with 580 placed applicants compared with 370 in 2021, **an increase of 57%**. Almost all (230) accepted applicants from the EU (excluding UK) are from Ireland, and most non UK or EU placed applicants are from Hong Kong, India, Nigeria, Kenya, and the USA.
- 26,255 accepted applicants were female and 3,185 were male.
- There were 16,470 acceptances into undergraduate nursing courses at lower tariff providers, 9,985 acceptances at medium tariff providers and 2,990 at higher tariff providers.

- There were 23,240 acceptances onto undergraduate nursing courses at English providers (10% decrease compared to 2021 cycle), 940 at Northern Irish providers (3% increase compared to 2021 cycle), 3,950 at Scottish providers (8% decrease compared to 2021 cycle) and 1,315 at Welsh providers (22% decrease compared to 2021 cycle).
- All age groups saw a decline in accepted nursing applicants from 2021 to 2022. The biggest reduction was seen in the 25-29 age group, which dropped by 22% (4,470 in 2021, 3,485 in 2022). The numbers of 18-year-olds accepted into undergraduate nursing courses decreased by 6% (8,200 in 2021, 7,680 in 2022). The smallest drop was seen in the 20-year-old age group, which decreased by 4.5% (1,785 in 2021, 1,705 in 2022).

Headlines for midwifery courses

- This year, 12,420 students applied for midwifery higher education courses in the UK. Like nursing, the midwifery higher education sector experienced higher than ever numbers of applicants during the pandemic. While this number has now dropped by 8% since 2021, **numbers of applicants are still 25% above pre-pandemic levels.**
- 3,940 students were accepted into undergraduate midwifery courses across the UK, a 6.5% decrease from the 2021 intake.
- 3,910 accepted applicants were UK domiciled, a 6% decrease from 2021. The number of EU domiciled accepted applicants halved since 2021 (20 in 2021, 10 in 2022), and all are from Ireland. 15 accepted applicants were domiciled outside the UK and EU, compared with 20 in 2021. Those domiciled outside the UK and EU are mostly from the USA.
- 3,925 accepted applicants were female and 10 were male.
- There were 2,125 acceptances onto undergraduate midwifery courses at lower tariff providers, 1,310 acceptances at medium tariff providers and 505 at higher tariff providers.
- There were 3,395 acceptances onto undergraduate midwifery courses at English providers (9% decrease compared to 2021 cycle), 90 at Northern Irish providers (no change from 2021 cycle), 275 at Scottish providers (20% increase compared to 2021 cycle) and 180 at Welsh providers (3% decrease compared to 2021 cycle).
- The number of accepted applicants in the 18 year age group rose from 1,125 in 2021 to 1,160 in 2022, an increase of 3%. The number of 19 year olds slightly decreased from 375 to 340, while 20 year olds remained unchanged at 195. The 21-24 age group decreased by 20% from 640 to 510, and the 25-29 and 30-34 year age groups also decreased. The 35+ age group remained unchanged at 540 accepted applicants.

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