

# Briefing: UCAS deadline applicant statistics for June 2025

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UCAS has published a statistical release providing core numbers for the 30 June 2025 application deadline.

### Headlines for nursing

The number of applicants to UK undergraduate nursing courses has increased by 0.9% compared to 2024 from 41,520 to 41,890.

#### Applicants by country of provider

- The number of applicants to nursing courses for providers in **Scotland** increased by 0.1% compared to 2024.
- The number of applicants to nursing courses for providers in **England** decreased by 0.3% compared to 2024 and decreased by 26% compared to 2021.
- The number of applicants to nursing courses for providers in **Wales** increased by 13% compared to 2024.
- The number of applicants to nursing courses for providers in **Northern Ireland** increased by 2% compared to 2024.

Country of provider	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
England	31780	37990	45740	43170	36400	33560	33450
Northern Ireland	2610	2500	3130	2910	2410	2320	2370
Scotland	7290	7840	9010	7930	6450	6040	6050
Wales	3800	3880	4780	4200	3330	3870	4370

### Applicants by age

There has been an increase in the number of applicants for almost every age group compared to 2024. The biggest increase was for the 18-year-old age group (9%). There was a decrease for two of the age groups, 30-34 (11%) and 35 and over (9%).

### Applicants by Gender

The number of male applicants has decreased by 3% compared to 2024. However, the number of female applicants has increased by 1% over the same period.

Notably, since 2024, UCAS has introduced two additional gender categories. The data shows that 100 applicants identified with a gender other than male or female—unchanged from the 2024 figures. Similarly, 90 applicants selected “I prefer not to say,” representing a 12.5% increase from 80 applicants in 2024.

### Applicants by Domicile

The number of **UK domiciled applicants** decreased by 1% compared to 2024 and the number of **international domiciled applicants** has increased by 19% from 2024.

## Headlines for midwifery

The number of applicants to UK undergraduate midwifery courses has slightly decreased by 0.2% compared to 2024 from 8,760 to 8,740.

### Applicants by country of provider

- The number of applicants to midwifery courses for providers in Scotland decreased by 11% compared to 2024.
- The number of applicants to midwifery courses for providers in England increased slightly by 0.4% compared to 2024.
- The number of applicants to midwifery courses for providers in Wales increased by 2% compared to 2024.
- The number of applicants to midwifery courses for providers in Northern Ireland decreased by 6% compared to 2024.

Country of provider	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
England	7980	8600	10940	10170	8090	7290	7320
Northern Ireland	600	580	810	800	730	680	640
Scotland	1320	1380	1760	1480	1050	870	770
Wales	1160	1160	1640	1380	1060	940	960

### **Applicants by age**

The midwifery applicant rates were mixed amongst the age groups. Five age groups had an increase in applicants compared to 2024. These were 17 and under (23%), 18-year-olds (4%), 19-year-olds (6%), 20-year-olds (2%) and 21-24 (6%). There has been a decrease in the number of applicants for the age groups of 25-29 (9%), 30-34 (16%) and 35 and over (5%) compared to 2024.

### **Applicants by gender**

In line with the trends in the number of overall midwifery applicants, the number of female applicants decreased compared to 2024. The number of male applicants to midwifery courses decreased by 10% with 40 applicants compared 50 applicants in 2024. This had previously been stable at 60 applicants across the 2021-2023 cycles and reflects a 33% decrease. 10 applicants identified with a gender other than male or female —unchanged from the 2024 figures. 10 applicants selected “prefer not to say”, also unchanged from 2024.

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