



Briefing: UCAS deadline applicant statistics for June 2019

Briefing Paper: Nursing applicants at the 30 June deadline – 11 July 2019

UCAS has published data on undergraduate applications processed by UCAS ahead of the 30 June 2019 deadline.

Headlines for the whole higher education sector

Rise in overall application rate

Overall, there was a rise by over 1,000 in the total number of applicants, to 638,030, for this cycle compared to the same point in 2018.

Rise in young people applying

There has been a 1% rise in the number of young people from the UK applying, despite a 1.9% fall in the overall 18-year-old population of the UK.

In **England**, a record 39.5% of all 18-year-olds have submitted a UCAS application. This is a 1.4% increase from the same point last year. In **Northern Ireland**, 46.9% of 18-year-olds have applied (down 0.7 %); in **Scotland**, the 18-year-old application rate is down 0.1% to 32.7%; and in **Wales**, the application rate is 32.9% (0.2% increase).

Rise in EU and International students

There has been a 1% rise in the overall number of EU applicants. A record 81,340 students from outside the EU have applied to study in the UK which is an 8% increase from 2018.

Nursing figures

Application by country of provider

Compared to the 2018 cycle, the number of applicants for undergraduate nursing courses overall has increased by 6% from 48,170 to 50,880.

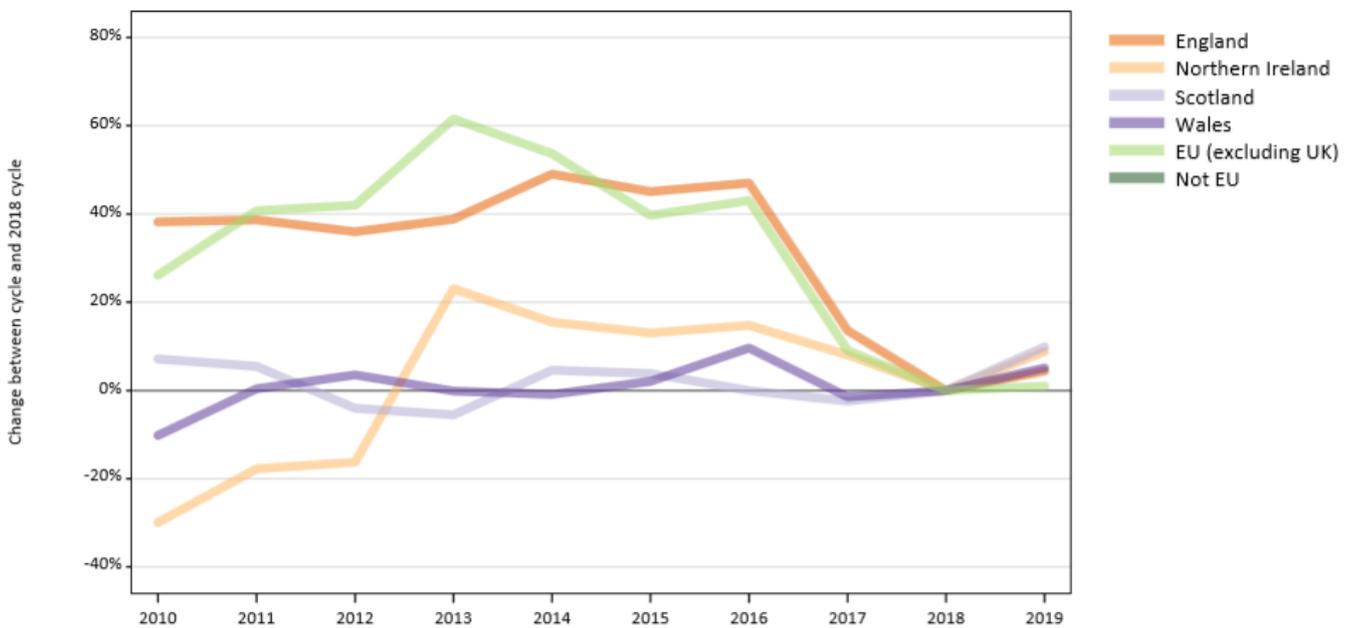
The number of applications for nursing courses received by providers in Scotland increased by 7% and by those based in England by 5%. The number of applications received by providers in Wales increased marginally to 5,450.

Applicants by domicile group

The number of applicants from the **UK** increased by 5%, the number of **EU** (excluding the UK) applicants only rose marginally whilst the number of **non-EU** applicants increased by 32% to 990. Applications from EU (excluding UK) applicants to providers in England have reduced but have increased for providers in Wales and in Scotland. In line with the outcome of the January 2019 deadline, providers in Scotland received more applications from EU domiciled applicants than providers in England.

The number of applications from individuals resident in **England** increased by 4% compared to the 2018 cycle. Applications increased from individuals from **Northern Ireland** by 9%, from **Scotland** by 10% and from **Wales** by 5%.

Figure 1: Nursing applicants by domicile group - difference between 2019 cycle and 2018 cycle

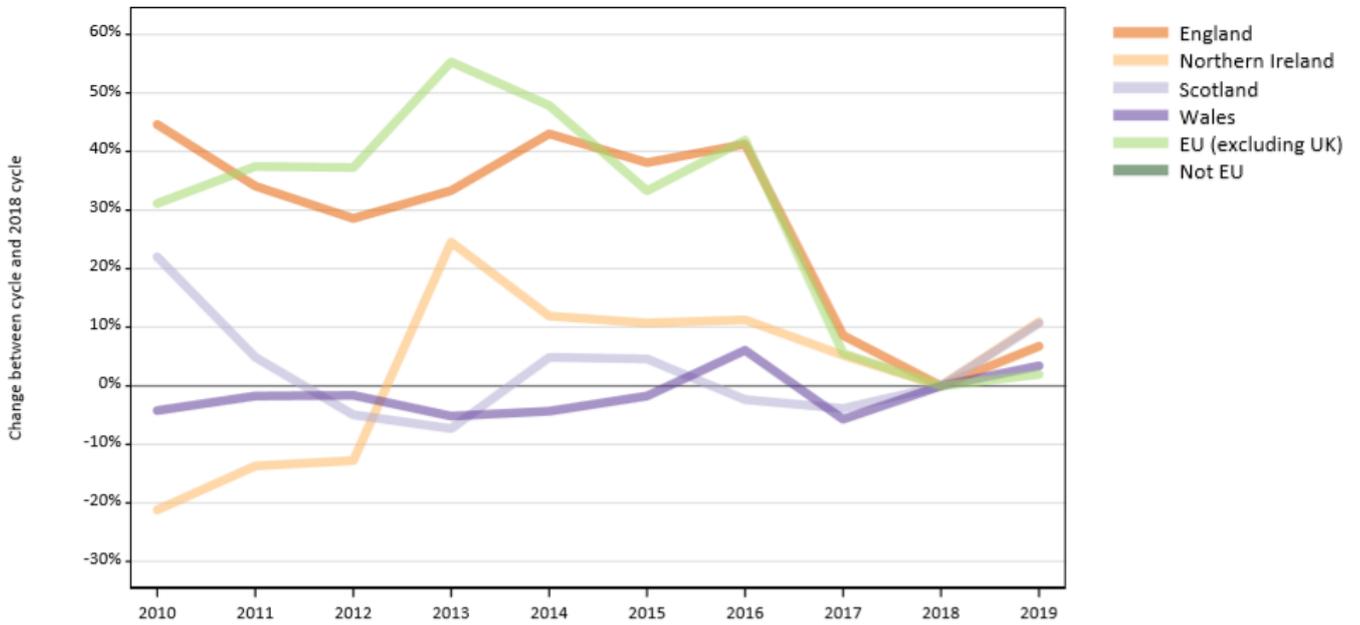


First-time and reapplicants

The number of **first-time applicants** to nursing courses was 7% higher than in 2018, whilst there was a 4% reduction in the number of **reapplicants**.

The number of **first-time applicants** from **Northern Ireland** and **Scotland** was 11% higher, the number from **England** 7% higher, and the number from **Wales** 3% higher. The number of first-time applicants from the **EU** (excluding the UK) was 2% up and the number of **non-EU** first-time applicants was 28% higher than in 2018.

Figure 2: Nursing first-time applicants by domicile group - difference between 2019 cycle and 2018 cycle



Applications from 18-year-olds

The number of applications from 18-year-olds from all four nations to nursing courses has increased despite the overall population of 18-year-olds having become smaller.

The number of 18-year-old applicants resident in **England** was 10% higher than in 2018. Similarly, applications from 18-year-olds resident in **Northern Ireland** increased by 8%, those resident in **Wales** by 4% and from those resident in **Scotland** by 16%.

Applications from 19-year-olds

The number of applications to nursing courses from 19-year-olds from all four nations has increased. The number of 19-year-old applicants domiciled in **England** was 7% higher, from **Northern Ireland** 18% higher, **Wales** 19% higher and from **Scotland** 15% higher.

There were more 19-year-old reapplicants than first time applicants from **Northern Ireland** and **Scotland**. However, there were more 19-year-old first time applicants than reapplicants in **England** and **Wales**.

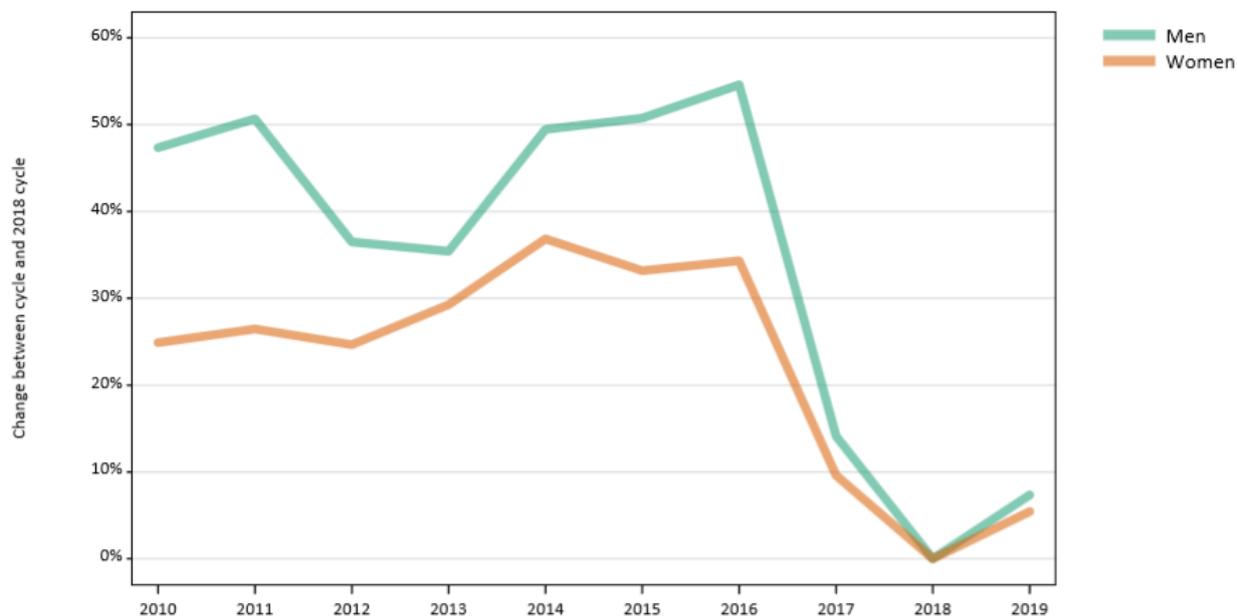
Applicants aged 20 and over

There was a marginal decrease in the overall number of applicants **aged 20-24**, however there was an increase in applications from those **aged 26-34** by 3% and those **aged above 35** by 7%.

Male and female applicants

The number of **male** applicants to nursing courses increased slightly more than the rate of female applicants with a 7% and 5% increase respectively.

Figure 3: Nursing applicants by sex - difference between 2019 cycle and 2018 cycle



Due to the low number of male applicants, one should be careful not to place too much emphasis on developments by age group for the four nations of the UK. The same applies to the breakdown of EU and non-EU applicants by age group and sex.

- The number of **18-year-old women** applicants rose by 10%, whilst there was a 21% increase for **men** compared to 2018.
- For the first time since 2015, there has been an increase in both female and male applicants in **England**.
- Although the changes are not significant, in **Northern Ireland** and **Wales** there was a decrease applications from males. Whilst in **England** and **Scotland** there was an increase in applications from males.

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