Eurostat – Health care staff

Graduates

Definitions

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<th>Number of students who have graduated in medicine from medical faculties or similar institutions, i.e., who have completed basic medical education in a given year.</th>
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| Exclusion         | - Graduates in pharmacy, dentistry / stomatology, public health and epidemiology  
|                   | - Individuals who have completed post-graduate studies or training in medicine                                                  |
| Note: In the European Union, a Directive has defined basic medical training as comprising a total of at least five years of study or 5,500 hours of theoretical and practical training provided by, or under the supervision of, a university (article 24, Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, updated with Directive 2013/55/EC). |
| Dentists graduates| Number of students who have obtained a recognised qualification in dentistry in a given year. |
| Pharmacists graduates| Number of students who have obtained a recognised qualification in pharmacy in a given year. |
| Midwives graduates | Number of students who have obtained a recognised qualification in midwifery in a given year. |
| Nursing graduates | Number of students who have obtained a recognised qualification in nursing in a given year. |
| Inclusion         | - Graduates from an education programme required to become:  
|                   | • a professional nurse, including general care and specialist nurse (see definition for professional nurses)  
|                   | • an associate professional nurse (see definition for associate professional nurses) |
| Exclusion         | - Graduates from other fields of studies which do not provide a recognised foundation for the practice of nursing  
<p>|                   | - Graduates from a midwifery programme |
| Note: If ISCED 2011 code 723 is used for the calculation of this indicator, then graduates from a midwifery programme should be subtracted. |</p>
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| **Exclusion**                   | - Graduates from a midwifery programme  
- Graduates from an associate professional nurse programme |

**Note:** In the European Union, a Directive has defined the training of nurses responsible for general care as comprising at least three years of study or 4600 hours of theoretical and clinical training, the duration of the theoretical training representing at least one-third and the duration of the clinical training at least one half of the minimum duration of the training. Member States may grant partial exemptions to persons who have received part of their training on courses which are of at least an equivalent level (article 31, Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, updated with Directive 2013/55/EC).

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In the context of comparing health care services across Member States, Eurostat gives preference to the concept 'practising', as it best describes the availability of health care resources. The detailed definitions are available in [CIRABC](#).

**Country specific notes**

Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, Serbia, Turkey, United Kingdom
Belgium

Medical graduates

Source of data: Communauté française et Vlaamse Gemeenschap.

Coverage:
- The number of students graduating every year from medical faculties include those graduating in stomatology.

Dentists graduates

Source of data: Communauté française et Vlaamse Gemeenschap.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data: Communauté française et Vlaamse Gemeenschap.

Midwives graduates

Source of data: Communauté française et Vlaamse Gemeenschap.

Nursing graduates

Source of data: Communauté française et Vlaamse Gemeenschap.

Coverage:
- Data refer to graduates for the whole country in health care sciences at superior schools, students with Belgian nationality and foreign students.
- Graduates with Masters and PhD degrees in nursing are also included.

Professional nursing graduates

Data not available.

Associate professional nursing graduates

Data not available.

Bulgaria

Medical graduates

Source of data: National Statistical Institute,

Report on tertiary education for educational-qualification degrees 'Master', 'Bachelor' and 'Professional bachelor' as of 15 November - exhaustive annual survey

https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=164

Reference period: from 16.11 of the previous year (t-1) to 15.11 of the index year (t). E.g. data for year 2010 contains number of graduates from 16.11.2009 to 15.11.2010.

Note: The specialties for medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists, midwives and nursing are taught in public higher schools. Ministry of Education and Science is determining annually plan scheme (limits for new entrants) for each specialty in public higher schools, which varies at different years according
to national needs. Thus, the number of enrolments and respectively graduates are varying during the different years. The reported data represents the real number of graduations.

**Dentists graduates**

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Break in time series: - 2007: According to the national legislation in 2007, the length of training of midwives was increased by a year.

**Nursing graduates**

Source of data: National Statistical Institute, Report on tertiary education for educational-
qualification degrees 'Master', 'Bachelor' and 'Professional bachelor' as of 15 November - exhaustive annual survey [https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=164](https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=164).

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**Break in time series:** 2007: According to the national legislation in 2007 the length of training of nurses was increased by a year.

**Professional nursing graduates**

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**Break in time series:** 2007: According to the national legislation in 2007 the length of training of nurses was increased by a year.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

This category doesn’t exist.

**Czechia**

**Medical graduates**

**Source of data:** Ministry of education, youth and sports.

**Coverage:** Foreigners who graduated in the Czech Republic are included since 2001.

**Dentists graduates**

**Source of data:** Ministry of education, youth and sports.

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**Note:** The increase in 2009 is due to an overlap of graduates graduating in old study programme and new study programme.

**Pharmacists graduates**

**Source of data:** Ministry of education, youth and sports.

**Coverage:** Foreigners who graduated in the Czech Republic are included since 2001.

**Midwives graduates**
Source of data: Ministry of education, youth and sports.

Coverage:
- No midwives graduated in 1998 because of changes in educational programmes.
- Till 2006, data relate to the number of graduates from paramedical schools in the qualified midwife field of study (bachelor graduates from universities in the midwifery field of study are included in Nursing graduates).
- Data relate to number of graduates from paramedical schools in the qualified midwife field of study (graduating till 2006) and bachelor graduates from universities in the midwifery field of study (graduating since 2004).

Nursing graduates

Source of data: Ministry of education, youth and sports.

Coverage:
- Until 1999: Graduates in auxiliary nurse, dietician, general nurse, paediatric nurse, intensive care nurse, psychiatric nurse and midwife educational programmes from upper secondary paramedical schools and tertiary paramedical schools are included. Graduates from universities are not included.
- Since 2000: Graduates in general nurse educational programmes from upper secondary paramedical schools and tertiary paramedical schools, graduates in the nursing bachelor programme of study (excluding midwifery field of study) and graduates in the nursing bachelor field of study (included in other programmes of study) from universities are included.
- Foreign graduates are included.
- In 2000, there were only 1602 Nursing graduates, due to a preceding change in mandatory (basic/elementary) education from 8 to 9 years. As a result, there was only small number of graduates from basic school in 1996 followed by small number of graduates from the secondary/high schools (paramedical schools) in 2000.
- New legislation concerning non-medical health professions came into force in 2004 (Act no. 96/2004 Coll.) and influenced the data on graduates with a 2-4 year time delay. Medical assistants (first graduated in 2007 and classified under the code 3256 - Medical assistants in the new International Standard Classification of Occupations - ISCO-08), who are not included in the data on Nursing graduates, have partly replaced Nursing graduates. There were 592 medical assistant graduates reported in 2007, 3149 in 2008 and 2974 in 2009.

Professional nursing graduates
Data not available.

Associate professional nursing graduates
Data not available.

Denmark

Medical graduates

Source of data: The Danish Health Authority, Register of Authorised Health Personnel.

Coverage: The number of new doctors receiving an authorisation.

Dentists graduates

Source of data: The Danish Health Authority, Register of Authorised Health Personnel.
Pharmacists graduates

Source of data: The Danish Health Authority, Labour Register for Health Personnel. Coverage: Data are overestimated as they cover all new authorisations registered which include foreigners not educated in Denmark.

Midwives graduates

Source of data: The Danish Health Authority, Authorisation Register.

Nursing graduates

Source of data: The Danish Health Authority, Register of Authorised Health Personnel. Coverage: The number of new nurses receiving an authorisation.

Professional nursing graduates

Source of data: The Danish Health Authority, Register of Authorised Health Personnel.

Associate professional nursing graduates

Source of data: The Danish Health Authority, Labour Register for Health Personnel. Coverage:
- Data are overestimated as they cover all new authorisations registered which include foreigners not educated in Denmark.
- The education for associate professional nurses was created in 1990, and the first students were educated in 1992. The big increases are just a consequence of accumulated educated students for this new programme.

Germany

Medical graduates

- Data refer to passed university examinations. Bachelors’ degree and masters’ degree in human medicine are excluded.
- Graduates in pharmacy and dentistry are excluded.

Dentists graduates

- Data contain the number of newly dental licenses in given year.

Pharmacists graduates
Source of data: **Federal Union of German Associations of Pharmacists**, Pharmacy and staff statistics; special calculation by the Federal Union of German Associations of Pharmacists on the basis of information by the Authorised Approval Agencies of the Laender; [http://www.abda.de](http://www.abda.de).

**Coverage:**
- Data contain the number of officially authorised pharmacists in given year.

**Midwives graduates**


Coverage:
- Professional midwives with a 3-year education who passed their examinations are included.
- Data for the regional state of Hesse are estimated.
- Data are available from 1996 onwards.

**Nursing graduates**


Coverage:
- Passed examinations in nursing care.
- Professional nurses with a 3-year education and associate professional nurses with a 1-year education who passed their examinations are included (nurses, paediatric nurses and nurses for the elderly).
- Professional nurses who have completed training as a nursing supervisor at a professional school are also included.
- Midwives are excluded.
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Break in time series: As of reporting year 2012 a new classification of occupation (KldB-2010) has been introduced. Therefore, the data are comparable only in a restricted manner to previous years.

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**Associate professional nursing graduates**

Coverage:
- Passed examinations in nursing care.
- Associate professional nurses with a 1-year education (auxiliary nurses and auxiliary nurses for the elderly) who passed their examinations are included.
- Professional nurses with a 3-year education, midwives and emergency medical assistants are excluded.
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Estonia

Medical graduates

Source of data:
- Since 2005: Ministry of Education and Research, Estonian Education Information System (EHIS).

Reference period: Given year.

Note: Data series for “Medical graduates” 2012-2015 was updated in 2018 after data correction (Ph.D-s were mistakenly included).

Dentists graduates

Source of data:
- State Statistical Office, annual reporting.
- Ministry of Education and Research.

Reference period: Given year.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data:
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Midwives graduates

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- Ministry of Education and Research.

Reference period: Given year.

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Associate professional nursing graduates

The category "associate nurses" does not exist in Estonia.

Ireland

Medical graduates

Source of data: Higher Education Authority.
Reference period: Calendar year.
Coverage: Universities, Institutes of Technology and Designated Institutions.

Dentists graduates

Source of data: Higher Education Authority.
Reference period: Calendar year.
Coverage: Universities, Institutes of Technology and Designated Institutions.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data: Higher Education Authority.
Reference period: Calendar year.
Coverage: Universities, Institutes of Technology and Designated Institutions.
Break in time series: Postgraduates in Pharmaceutical Technologies have been included since 2006.

Midwives graduates

Source of data:
- Up to 1998: An Bord Altranais (Nursing Board).
- From 1999 onwards: Higher Education Authority.
Reference period: Calendar year.
Break in time series: The figures up to 1998 relate to the number of newly registered midwifery qualifications in a given year. The figures from 1999 relate to the number of graduates in a given year. A 2-year training programme was introduced in 1982.

Coverage: Universities, Institutes of Technology and Designated Institutions. Midwifery prescribing qualifications are excluded.

Nursing graduates

Source of data:
- Up to 1998: An Bord Altranais (Nursing Board).
Reference period: Calendar year.
Coverage: Universities, Institutes of Technology and Designated Institutions.

Professional nursing graduates

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Reference period: Calendar year.
Coverage: Universities, Institutes of Technology and Designated Institutions.

Associate professional nursing graduates

Associate professional nurses do not feature in the Irish Health Service (Source: HSE, Nursing Services Directorate).

Greece

Medical graduates

Source of data: Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.).
Coverage: All the data refer to graduates from Greek universities. Data for 1986-1992 are not available as figures cannot be retrieved from publications. Data for 2000 and 2002-2004 are not available, as the number of graduates from some medical schools is missing.

Dentists graduates

Source of data: Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.).
Coverage: All the data refer to graduates from Greek universities. Data for 1986-1992 not available as figures cannot be retrieved from publications.

Pharmacists graduates

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Midwives graduates

Source of data: Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.).
**Coverage:** All the data refer to graduates from Greek universities. (The 1980-1982, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990 figures cannot be retrieved from publications).

**Note:** The remarkably low number of graduates from 1983 and 1984 is due to the fact that there was a serious change in the education system. The Technological Educational Institutions have replaced the higher technical and vocational educational institutions (KATEE).

**Nursing graduates**

Source of data: Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.).

**Professional nursing graduates**

Source of data: Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.).

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

Source of data: Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.).

**Spain**

**Medical graduates**

Source of data:
- Since 2011: Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports from University Education Statistic.

**Dentists graduates**

Source of data:
- Since 2011: Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports from University Education Statistic.

**Pharmacists graduates**

Source of data:
- Since 2011: Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports from University Education Statistic.

**Midwives graduates**
Source of data: Ministerio de Sanidad, Consumo y Bienestar Social (Ministry of Health, Consumer Affairs and Social Welfare) from the Register of Specialists in Training.

Reference period: Data on December 31.

Coverage: The midwifery educational programme is a specialization for nurses.

**Nursing graduates**

Source of data:

Coverage:
- In 2011, there are the last students who completed studies for (old) three-year Diploma in Nursing [9,731 graduates] and the first ones who completed studies for (new) four-year Degree in Nursing (new degrees according to Bologna Plan) [1,923 graduates].
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**Associate professional nursing graduates**

Source of data:
- Since 2011: Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports from University Education Statistic.
France

Medical graduates

Source of data: Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche, Sous-direction des systèmes d'information et des études statistiques.
For further information: http://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/pid24777/les-publications-du-m.e.s.r.html.
Coverage: Data are given for metropolitan France and overseas departments and territories.

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Midwives graduates

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Nursing graduates

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- Nurses include state-licensed nurses (“infirmiers diplômés d’État”, IDE) and psychiatric nurses (ISP). In 1992, a law ended the separate courses for psychiatric nurses who have to do a 3-month internship to obtain the common single degree (“diplôme unique”, IDE). In 1994, a decree granted a nursing degree (DEI) without any conditions to all psychiatric nurses (ISP) requesting it.

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Associate professional nursing graduates
Data not available.

Croatia

Medical graduates

Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia.
Reference period: From the year 2008. Data are provided by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports. Data refers not on calendar, but on academic years. For example, registered data for the year 2008, refers to the 2007/2008 academic year (01.10.2007 – 30.09.2008).

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Italy

Medical graduates

Source of data: Ministry of Education; “Survey on Graduates and Exams” carried out yearly by the Ministry by collecting data from Italian Universities (http://statistica.miur.it/scripts/IU/vIU0.asp).

Dentists graduates

Source of data: Ministry of Education; “Survey on Graduates and Exams” carried out yearly by the Ministry by collecting data from Italian Universities (http://statistica.miur.it/scripts/IU/vIU0.asp).
Note on 2014 data: the number of graduates in dentistry has decreased from 841 in 2013 to 345 in 2014 because in the academic year 2009-2010 the duration of the degree course was increased from five to six years. Therefore, in 2014 there are less graduates than in previous years.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data:
- Until 1999: Federazione ordini Farmacisti Italiani.
- From 2000: Ministry of Education; “Survey on Graduates and Exams” carried out yearly by the Ministry by collecting data from Italian Universities (http://statistica.miur.it/scripts/IU/vIU0.asp).

Midwives graduates

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Break in time series:
- From 2000: Midwives graduated. Data from 2000 onwards refer to the new education system of midwives (to become a midwife it is necessary to get a 3-year university degree).
- 1999: Midwives with university diploma. Data refer to the previous education system of midwives (to become a midwife it was necessary to get a diploma at university level).
- 1996-1998: Midwives with diploma. Data refer to the previous education system of midwives (to become a midwife it was necessary to get a two-year diploma).

Nursing graduates

Source of data: Ministry of Education; “Survey on Graduates and Exams” carried out yearly by the Ministry by collecting data from Italian Universities (http://statistica.miur.it/scripts/IU/vIU0.asp).

Reference period: Annual.

Break in time series:
- From 2002: Nurses graduated. Data from 2002 onwards refer to the new education system of nurses (to become a nurse it is necessary to get at least a 3-year university degree).
- 1997-2001: Nurses with university diploma. Data refer to the old education system of nurses (to become a nurse it was necessary to get a diploma at university level).

Professional nursing graduates

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Reference period: Annual.

Coverage: From 2002, Nurses graduated. Data from 2002 onwards refer to the new education system of nurses (to become a nurse it is necessary to get at least a 3-year university degree).

Associate professional nursing graduates

Data not applicable.

Cyprus

Medical graduates

No Universities offering graduate studies on medicine existed in Cyprus up to the academic year 2016-2017.

Dentists graduates

No Universities offering graduate studies on dentistry existed in Cyprus up to the academic year 2016-2017.

Pharmacists graduates
Up to the academic year 2015-2016, no graduates on pharmacy existed in Cyprus. Only postgraduates existed but their numbers were not reported according to the guidelines. From the academic year 2016-2017, the first graduates on pharmacy exist in Cyprus.

**Midwives graduates**

No Universities offering basic studies on midwifery existed in Cyprus up to the academic year 2015-2016.

**Nursing graduates**

*Source of data:* Annual survey conducted from the *Statistical Service of Cyprus, “Education Statistics”*.  
*Reference period:* Year (n+1) refers to the school period: year (n)/year (n+1).  
*Coverage:*  
- Included are the graduates of the nursing school (at least 3 years are demanded for diploma acquisition) of the Public Sector (tertiary non-university level)  
- Included are the Nursing graduates of university level institutions both from the Public and Private Sectors (only from 2007 onwards the university level nursing schools have been established)  
- Graduates of postgraduate level are excluded, since they already own the nursing diploma and they acquire additional specialization through a master’s degree, i.e. specialization in midwifery, etc.  
- The total number of Nursing graduates is available only from 2007 onwards; for previous years 2-year programmes existed (public sector: up to 1985, private sector: up to 2006) but no data on the number of graduates is available.

**Professional nursing graduates**

*Source of data:* Annual survey conducted from the *Statistical Service of Cyprus, “Education Statistics”*.  
*Reference period:* Year (n+1) refers to the school period: year (n)/year (n+1).  
*Coverage:*  
- Included are the graduates of the nursing school (at least 3 years are demanded for diploma acquisition) of the Public Sector (tertiary non-university level)  
- Included are the Nursing graduates of university level institutions both from the Public and Private Sectors (only from 2007 onwards the university level nursing schools have been established)  
- Graduates of postgraduate level are excluded, since they already own the nursing diploma and they acquire additional specialization through a master’s degree, i.e. specialization in midwifery, etc.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

From 2007 onwards: No such graduates, since all graduates refer to professional nursing programs. Up to 2006: Such graduates existed but no data is available.

**Latvia**
Medical graduates

Source of data: Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) since 2008.
Coverage: The annual surveys collected and compiled by the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) are as follows:
- on higher education institutions and colleges.
Break in time series: 2008: Change in data source.
Note:
- The increase in the number of medical graduates in 2018 is mainly due to the number of foreign students (86%).
- Source of data prior to 2008 not clear.

Dentists graduates

Source of data: Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) since 2008.
Coverage: The annual surveys collected and compiled by the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) are as follows:
- on higher education institutions and colleges.
Break in time series: 2008: Change in data source.
Note: Source of data prior to 2008 not clear.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data: Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) since 2008.
Coverage: The annual surveys collected and compiled by the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) are as follows:
- on higher education institutions and colleges.
Break in time series: 2008: Change in data source.
Note: Source of data prior to 2008 not clear.

Midwives graduates

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Coverage: The annual surveys collected and compiled by the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) are as follows:
- on higher education institutions and colleges.
Break in time series: 2008: Change in data source.
Note: Source of data prior to 2008 not clear.

Nursing graduates

Source of data: Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) since 2008.
Coverage: The annual surveys collected and compiled by the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) are as follows:
- On higher education institutions and colleges.
- Graduates from college, bachelor and master programmes are included into the provided data (hence probability of double counting).
- Distinction between professional and associate nurses not possible in Latvia.
- Without graduates from “doctor’s assistants” programmes.
Break in time series:
- 2008: Change in data source
- 2010-2014: The significant increase in Nursing graduates is due to the fact that nurses have taken the opportunity to raise professional qualifications by completing Bachelor’s degree in Nursing programme. This programme was financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) and was free for the students. ESF programme was started in September 2009 and ended in 2014. The aim of this project was to provide nurses with the educational programme following the basic education. After graduation from this programme, nurses acquired specialization. The programme did not stipulate a definite number of new entrants; therefore the large variation in the number of graduates in years 2010-2013.

Note: Source of data prior to 2008 not clear.

Professional nursing graduates
Data not available (Distinction between professional and associate nurses not possible in Latvia.)

Associate professional nursing graduates
Data not available (Distinction between professional and associate nurses not possible in Latvia.)

Lithuania

Medical graduates
Coverage: The number of graduates fluctuates starting from 1992 due to political and economical changes in the country, changes in the status of medical institutes (to universities) and medical schools (to colleges) and changes in studying programmes. Therefore, every year different number of groups of students of medical specialties is starting the education (and after some years graduating).

Dentists graduates
Coverage: The number of graduates fluctuates starting from 1992 due to political and economical changes in the country, changes in the status of medical institutes (to universities) and medical schools (to colleges) and changes in studying programmes. Therefore, every year different number of groups of students of medical specialties is starting the education (and after some years graduating).

Pharmacists graduates
Coverage: The number of graduates fluctuates starting from 1992 due to political and economical changes in the country, changes in the status of medical institutes (to universities) and medical schools (to colleges) and changes in studying programmes. Therefore, every year different number of groups of students of medical specialties is starting the education (and after some years graduating).

Midwives graduates
Coverage: The number of graduates includes graduates with university and college education.
The number of graduates fluctuates starting from 1992 due to political and economical changes in the country, changes in the status of medical institutes (to universities) and medical schools (to colleges) and changes in studying programmes. Therefore, every year different number of groups of students of medical specialties is starting the education (and after some years graduating).
- In 1999 the duration of education was extended from 3 to 3.5 years.
- In some years the number of **Midwives graduates** is 0. Not every year midwife education is offered to new students, due to estimated low number of needed midwives. Therefore, after a couple of years, there are 0 graduates.

**Nursing graduates**

Coverage: The number of graduates includes graduates with university and college education, not include rehabilitation graduates.

**Professional nursing graduates**

Coverage: The number of graduates includes graduates with university and college education, not include rehabilitation graduates.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**
There is no such category in Lithuania.

**Luxembourg**

**Medical graduates**
The University of Luxembourg does not offer full training in medicine.

**Dentists graduates**
The University of Luxembourg does not offer full training for dentists.

**Pharmacists graduates**
The University of Luxembourg does not offer full training for pharmacists.

**Midwives graduates**

Source of data: Lycée technique of health professions.

**Nursing graduates**

Source of data: Lycée technique of health professions.
Coverage: General care nurses, nurses anaesthetists, paediatric nurses and psychiatric nurses graduates are included.

**Professional nursing graduates**
Data not available.
Associate professional nursing graduates
Data not available.

Hungary

Source of data:
- From 2015 to 2016, Health Registration and Training Center (ENKK in Hungarian) www.enkk.hu.
  Full title of the database: Basic register.
  Reference period: 31st December.
Coverage: From 1990 onwards, the data are derived from the “Report on the number of physicians, dentists, pharmacists and specialised clinical psychologists with granted diploma” collection.

Dentists graduates

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Coverage: From 1990 onwards, the data are derived from the “Report on the number of physicians, dentists, pharmacists and specialised clinical psychologists with granted diploma” collection.
Note: Increase in year 2012 (40% increase from 279 graduates in year 2011) is due to increased number of educational places offered at Hungarian universities.

Midwives graduates

Source of data:
Nursing graduates

Source of data:
- Up to 2012: Hungarian Central Statistical Office (KSH in Hungarian) www.ksh.hu on the basis of the data collection of the Ministry of Human Resources.

Reference period: 31st December.

Coverage: Since 1990, data are provided for graduates in secondary vocational schools and professional nursing education, in addition to college and bachelor level graduates in health care. Data on the professions of optometrists, dental technicians, pharmacy assistants, orthopaedic mechanics, medicinal gymnastics, medicinal massage, sports massage therapists and infant and child attendants are not included.

Professional nursing graduates

Source of data:
- Up to 2012: Hungarian Central Statistical Office (KSH in Hungarian) www.ksh.hu on the basis of the data collection of the Ministry of Human Resources.

Reference period: 31st December.

Coverage:
- Up to 2012: Data are provided for college and bachelor level graduates in health care.
- From 2013: Besides the college and bachelor level graduates in health care the data contains graduates from other training of nurses responsible for general care as comprising at least three years of study or 4600 hours of theoretical and clinical training.
- Data on the professions of optometrists, dental technicians, pharmacy assistants, orthopaedic mechanics, medicinal gymnastics, medicinal massage therapists, sports massage therapists and infant and child attendants are not included.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

**Source of data:**
- Up to 2012: Hungarian Central Statistical Office (KSH in Hungarian) [www.ksh.hu](http://www.ksh.hu) on the basis of the data collection of the Ministry of Human Resources.
- From 2015 to 2016, Health Registration and Training Center (ENKK in Hungarian) [www.enkk.hu](http://www.enkk.hu). Full title of the database: Basic register.
- From 2017, National Healthcare Service Center (ÁEEK in Hungarian) [www.enkk.hu](http://www.enkk.hu). Basic register.

**Reference period:** 31st December.

**Coverage:**
- Up to 2012: Data are provided for graduates in secondary vocational school.
- Up to 2013: Nurses, by the year of registration in the Basic Register excluding graduates from professional nurse programme.
- Data on the professions of optometrists, dental technicians, pharmacy assistants, orthopaedic mechanics, medicinal gymnastics, medicinal massage therapists, sports massage therapists and infant and child attendants are not included.

**Malta**

**Medical graduates**

**Source of data:** [University of Malta](http://www.unimalta.mt).

**Dentists graduates**

**Source of data:** [University of Malta](http://www.unimalta.mt).

**Pharmacists graduates**

**Source of data:** [University of Malta/Pharmacy Council](http://www.unimalta.mt).

**Midwives graduates**

**Source of data:** [University of Malta](http://www.unimalta.mt).

**Nursing graduates**

**Source of data:** [University of Malta](http://www.unimalta.mt).

70% increase in number of Nursing graduates in 2011 is a result of an increase in the intake of students for the nursing programme in the 2007 academic year. 2011 data was edited to include Mental Health Nursing graduates.
An increase in 2012, **Nursing graduates** is a result of 2 cohorts graduating within the same year, since the nursing course was reduced from a 4 year course to a 3 year course.

**Professional nursing graduates**

Source of data: University of Malta.
2011 data was edited to include Mental Health **Nursing graduates**.
An increase in 2012, **Nursing graduates** is a result of 2 cohorts graduating within the same year, since the nursing course was reduced from a 4 year course to a 3 year course.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**
This category does not exist in Malta.

**Netherlands**

**Medical graduates**

Source of data: [Statistics of Netherlands](https://www.cbs.nl), Statistics of university education.
Coverage: The number of **Medical graduates** in universities is based on the “integrated higher education project”. In this project, Statistics Netherlands is working together with the Information Management Group (IBG), Higher Professional Education Council (HBO-Raad), Association of Dutch Universities (VSNU) and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW).
Break in series: From 2016 onwards, the number of graduates refer to students who have finished the master of medicine and may register as generalist medical practitioners (not as general practitioner).

**Dentists graduates**

Source of data: [Statistics Netherlands](https://www.cbs.nl), Statistics of university education.

**Pharmacists graduates**

Source of data: [Statistics Netherlands](https://www.cbs.nl), Statistics of university education.

**Midwives graduates**

Source of data: [Netherlands Institute for Research of Primary Health Care (NIVEL)](https://www.nivel.nl).

**Nursing graduates**

Source of data: [Statistics Netherlands](https://www.cbs.nl), Statistics of education.
Coverage: The number includes **Nursing graduates** in higher education (in Dutch: universiteit en HBO) and **Nursing graduates** in senior vocational secondary education (in Dutch: MBO). The number of **Nursing graduates** in higher education (in this case vocational colleges) is based on the “integrated higher education project”. In this project, Statistics Netherlands is working together with the Information Management Group (IBG), Higher Professional Education Council (HBO-Raad), Association of Dutch Universities (VSNU) and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW).
The number of **Nursing graduates** in senior vocational secondary education is based on data from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW).

**Professional nursing graduates**
Source of data: Statistics Netherlands, Statistics of education.

Coverage: The number includes Nursing graduates in higher education (in Dutch: universiteit en HBO) and Nursing graduates in senior vocational secondary education (in Dutch: MBO). The number of Nursing graduates in higher education (in this case vocational colleges) is based on the “integrated higher education project”. In this project, Statistics Netherlands is working together with the Information Management Group (IBG), Higher Professional Education Council (HBO-Raad), Association of Dutch Universities (VSNU) and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW). The number of Nursing graduates in senior vocational secondary education is based on data from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW).

- Professional nursing graduates refer to higher education (level "5").

Deviation from the definition: Data from 2014 include midwifery graduates, as the NIVEL figures are not available yet.

Associate professional nursing graduates

Source of data: Statistics Netherlands, Statistics of education.

Coverage: The number includes Nursing graduates in higher education (in Dutch: universiteit en HBO) and Nursing graduates in senior vocational secondary education (in Dutch: MBO). The number of Nursing graduates in higher education (in this case vocational colleges) is based on the “integrated higher education project”. In this project, Statistics Netherlands is working together with the Information Management Group (IBG), Higher Professional Education Council (HBO-Raad), Association of Dutch Universities (VSNU) and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW). The number of Nursing graduates in senior vocational secondary education is based on data from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW).

- Associate professional nursing graduates refer to Nursing graduates in senior vocational secondary education (level "4").

Austria

Medical graduates

Source of data: Statistics Austria, Higher education statistics.

Reference period: Medical graduates are reported for the year of study (e.g. 20xx/yy). So far, the number of graduates was reported in 20xx. With the current delivery, the data have been postponed to 20yy (t+1) according to Eurostat regulations.

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Coverage:
- Included are domestic and foreign graduates who have completed basic medical education.
- Included are Medical graduates from public and private universities.
- Only a “primary graduation” is included, which is defined as the first degree in a particular discipline. “Subsequent graduations” in the same discipline are excluded (Master studies, Doctorates).
- Excluded are dentist graduates.

Break in time series:
- Dentist graduates are excluded since 1999.

Note: - Data inconsistencies over time may result from the establishment of new (private) training institutions (graduates for the first time in 2008 and 2017 respectively).
- Due to the introduction of access restrictions and admission procedures at medical universities in Austria in 2006, the number of graduates has decreased.
Dentists graduates

Source of data: Statistics Austria, Higher education statistics.  
Reference period: Dentists graduates are reported for the year of study (e.g. 20xx/yy). So far, the number of graduates was reported in 20xx. With the current delivery, the data have been postponed to 20yy (t+1) according to Eurostat regulations.  
Coverage:  
- Included are domestic and foreign graduates who have obtained a recognised qualification in dentistry.  
Break in time series: Up to 1998, dentists were included in "Medical graduates". Before October 1998, there was no separate university degree for dentists; it was just an additional training for Medical graduates. Since October 1998, a new regulation for the professional training of dentists came into force which constituted a specific university degree for dentists.  
Note: Data inconsistencies over time may result from the establishment of new (private) training institutions (i.e 2014).

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data: Statistics Austria, Higher education statistics.  
Reference period: Pharmacists graduates are reported for the year of study (e.g. 20xx/yy). So far, the number of graduates was reported in 20xx. With the current delivery, the data have been postponed to 20yy (t+1) according to Eurostat regulations.  
Coverage: Included are domestic and foreign pharmacist graduates who have obtained a recognised qualification in pharmacy.

Midwives graduates

Source of data: Statistics Austria, Higher education statistics.  
Reference period: Midwives graduates are reported for the year of study (e.g. 20xx/yy). So far, the number of graduates was reported in 20xx. With the current delivery, the data have been postponed to 20yy (t+1) according to Eurostat regulations.  
Coverage: Included are domestic and foreign graduates who have obtained a recognised qualification in midwifery.  
Note: The change of the graduation of midwives from a college to a university degree can lead to inhomogeneous developments in the time series (figures up to 2008 include only college degrees, from 2009 to 2011 both college and university degrees are included and the figures since 2012 are only for university degrees).

Nursing graduates

Source of data: Statistics Austria, Higher education statistics.  
Coverage:  
- Included are domestic and foreign graduates who have obtained a recognised qualification in nursing.  
- Excluded is specific training in nursing.  
- Excluded is further education.  
Note: Training as an associate professional nurse was introduced in Austria in September 2016 and lasts two years. The first degrees are expected to be reported for 2018.

Professional nursing graduates
Source of data: Statistics Austria, Higher education statistics.
Reference period: While non-academic nursing graduates are reported for the examination year (e.g. 20xx), academic qualifications are reported for the year of study (e.g. 20xx/yy). So far, the number of all graduates was reported in 20xx. With the current delivery, the data on academic qualifications have been postponed to 20yy (t+1) according to Eurostat regulations. Since the education in nursing currently is in a transition phase from non-academic to academic training the reference periods for the two training settings (academic, non-academic) are different. For this reason, full reporting of the graduates is only possible for 2016 as the most current year. For the year 2017, only academic degrees (n=252) are currently recorded.

Coverage:
- Included are domestic and foreign graduates who have obtained a recognised qualification in professional nursing.
- Excluded is specific training.
- Excluded is further education.

Note: The change of the graduation of nurses from a college to a university degree can lead to inhomogeneous developments in the time series (figures up to 2010 include only college degrees; since 2011, both college and university degrees are included).

Associate professional nursing graduates

Source of data: Statistics Austria, Higher education statistics.
Reference period: year of examination.

Coverage:
- Included are domestic and foreign graduates who have obtained a recognised qualification in associate professional nursing.
- Excluded is specific training.
- Excluded is further education.

Note: Training as an associate professional nurse was introduced in Austria in September 2016. No training qualifications have yet been recorded.

Poland

Medical graduates

Source of data:
- Until 1990: publication of the Ministry of National Education, “Higher education, basic data”.
- From 1990: Central Statistical Office, reports S-10.

Break in time series: 1990 due to change of data source.

Dentists graduates

Source of data:
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Pharmacists graduates

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**Midwives graduates**

Source of data:
- Until 1990: publication of Ministry of National Education, “Higher education, basic data”.
- From 1990: Central Statistical Office, reports S-10.

Break in time series: 1990 due to change of data source.

Coverage: Number of graduates with first university level and master’s degree from midwifery programme, including foreigners who graduated in Poland.

Note:
- The education of midwives has been in a process of transformation, which means that traditional nursing schools were closed down and a new license and masters degree-based system was established. This allowed the number of personnel with higher education to increase in these two occupational groups.
- Since 2003, Medical Universities have provided two types of studies for midwives: a 3-year licensing degree and complementary studies for those who do not have the licence. After graduation, there is the possibility of a 2-year master’s degree.
- Since the academic year 2004/2005, many nurses and midwives educated in the old system (before Poland’s accession to the EU) have completed their education at the Bachelor’s level through bridging studies, in order to have their qualifications recognised in other EU countries. There were at least 40,000 (approximately) nurses and midwives who graduated from these bridging studies in the period 2007-2013, explaining the large numbers of nursing and midwifery graduates. The number of people still willing to follow these studies decreased strongly in academic year 2015/16 and the number of universities conducting bridging studies also dropped (15 only, against 57 universities in 2014/15). This explains the decrease in the number of nursing and midwifery graduates in 2016.

Deviation from the definition: There is a concern about double counting of graduates in cases where a person first completes a bachelor’s degree and then a master’s degree. Each year universities give information about the number of graduates without identifying the people who continue their education in the second degree. As a result, these graduates are registered again two years later upon completion of their second degree.

**Nursing graduates**

Source of data:
- Until 1990: publication of Ministry of National Education, “Higher education, basic data”.
- From 1990: Central Statistical Office, reports S-10.

Break in time series: 1990 due to change of data source.

Coverage: Includes the number of graduates with first university level and master’s degree from nursing programme, including foreigners graduated in Poland.

Note:
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Professional nursing graduates

Source of data:
- Until 1990: publication of Ministry of National Education, “Higher education, basic data”.
- From 1990: Central Statistical Office, reports S-10.

Break in time series: 1990 due to change of data source.

Coverage: Number of graduates with first university level or a master’s degree from a nursing programme, including foreigners graduated in Poland.

Note:
- The education of nurses has been in a process of transformation, which means that traditional nursing schools were closed down and a new licence and master degree-based system was established. This allowed the number of personnel with higher education to increase in these two occupational groups.
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Associate professional nursing graduates

The category "Associate professional nurses" does not exist in Poland.

Portugal
Medical graduates

Source of data:
- Between 2006 and 2010: Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.
- Up to 2005: Ministry of Education.

Coverage:
- Data represent the total number of graduates.

Dentists graduates

Source of data:
- Between 2006 and 2010: Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.
- Up to 2005: Ministry of Education.

Coverage:
- Data represent the total number of graduates.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data:
- Between 2006 and 2010: Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.
- Up to 2005: Ministry of Education.

Coverage:
- Data represent the total number of graduates.

Midwives graduates

Data not available.

Nursing graduates

Source of data:
- Between 2006 and 2010: Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.
- Up to 2005: Ministry of Education.

Coverage: Data represent the total number of graduates.

Break in time series: Break in 2002 due to change in Nursing Education in the end of the 1990's.

Professional nursing graduates

Source of data:
- Between 2006 and 2010: Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.
- Up to 2005: Ministry of Education.

Coverage: Data represent the total number of graduates.
Break in time series: Break in 2002 due to change in Nursing Education in the end of the 1990's.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

The category “Associate professional nurses” does not exist in Portugal.

**Romania**

**Medical graduates**

*Source of data:* Ministry of Education for the period 1990-1997 data on graduates and National Institute of Statistics since 1998 till now, Activity of Education Units (Statistical data on tertiary education) – annual survey performed by NIS.

*Reference period:* academic year.

*Break in the series:* 1996 (Since 1996 including private sector).

**Dentists graduates**

*Source of data:* Ministry of Education for the period 1990-1997 data on graduates and National Institute of Statistics since 1998 till now, Activity of Education Units (Statistical data on tertiary education) – annual survey performed by NIS.

*Reference period:* academic year.

*Break in the series:* 1996 (Since 1996 including private sector).

**Pharmacists graduates**

*Source of data:* Ministry of Education for the period 1990-1997 data on graduates and National Institute of Statistics since 1998 till now, Activity of Education Units (Statistical data on tertiary education) – annual survey performed by NIS.

*Reference period:* academic year.

*Break in the series:* 1996 (Since 1996 including private sector).

**Midwives graduates**

*Source of data:* National Institute of Statistics, Activity of Education Units (Statistical data on tertiary education) – annual survey performed by NIS.

*Reference period:* academic year.

*Coverage:* The data cover public and private sector.

*Since 2015, data on midwives are not available. The number of graduates midwives is included in Professional nursing graduates.*

Romania collects data on education as per the new ISCED Fields of Education and Training classification (ISCED-F 2013) adopted following the UNESCO’s ISCED 2011 revision. Hence, as of 2015, statistical data are collected for the field of study 0913 ‘Nursing and midwifery’. The data are not collected distinctively for “Nursing”, and “Midwifery”, respectively and, as such, data on graduates from a midwifery programme cannot be subtracted.

**Nursing graduates**

*Source of data:* National Institute of Statistics,
Activity of Education Units (Statistical data on tertiary education) – annual survey performed by NIS. 
Reference period: academic year.
**Break in the series:** 1996 (Since 1996 including private sector) and 2015.
Since 2015, data on **Nursing graduates** included, also, the number of **Midwives graduates**.

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**Associate professional nursing graduates**

**Source of data:** National Institute of Statistics, Activity of Education Units (Statistical data on tertiary education) – annual survey performed by NIS.
Reference period: academic year.
**Break in the series:** 1996 (Since 1996 including private sector).
**Explanation:**
The data series for "**Associate professional nursing graduates**" is oscillating. The explanations are the following:
- in 1991 and 1992 the graduates refer only to high school education (only medical high school graduates became nurses),
- in 1993 and 1992 only the students in the last two years of medical care education were present in the medical high schools because these institutions were projected to be abolished (dissolved) but in parallel, post-secondary schools were established with respective graduates. Thus, for these two years, 1993 and 1994 there are secondary and post-secondary graduates with nurse certificate.
- from 1995 there are only post-secondary graduates.
- since 1996 including private sector.

**Slovenia**

**Medical graduates**

**Source of data:** National Institute of Public Health, Slovenia, Health Statistics Yearbook.
Reference period: 31st December.

**Dentists graduates**
Pharmacists graduates

Reference period: 31st December.

Midwives graduates

Reference period: 31st December.

Nursing graduates

Reference period: 31st December.

Professional nursing graduates

Reference period: 31st December.
Note: During the 1990s’, nursing schools were gradually responding to increased needs for nursing professionals which resulted in higher numbers of graduates.

Associate professional nursing graduates

Reference period: 31st December.

Slovakia

Medical graduates


Dentists graduates


Pharmacists graduates


Midwives graduates

Break in time series: In 1994, the number of midwives who graduated dropped from 184 to 0 because of changes within the Slovak health education and training system.

Nursing graduates


Coverage:
- For the year 2005, the data for “Nursing graduates” were collected using the number of Nursing graduates with a bachelor's degree and the number of Nursing graduates in higher specialised study, such as a diploma in nursing (i.e. post general certificate of education (GCE) study with qualification). Data were collected according to the OECD definition and according to the Slovak Act No.742/2004 on qualification for health care professions.
- Lower and higher level nursing professionals are included: nurses, medical rescuers, medical assistants. Excluded are nursing aids / hospital attendants. They do not have any recognized qualification in nursing.

Break in time series:
- There is a break in series because of changes within Slovak health education and training system. No nurse could graduate at paramedical schools (i.e. at secondary health care schools) in 2005. Students of paramedical schools could graduate as medical assistants in 2005. 1,103 medical assistants graduated in 2005.

Professional nursing graduates
Data not available.

Associate professional nursing graduates
Data not available.

Finland

Medical graduates

Source of data: VALVIRA. National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health. Register on Qualified Health Care Personnel, number of persons who have received their qualification in the calendar year.

Reference period: Calendar year.


Reference period: Calendar year.

Dentists graduates

Source of data: VALVIRA. National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health. Register on Qualified Health Care Personnel, number of persons who have received their qualification in the calendar year.

Reference period: Calendar year.
Break in time series: Breaks are caused by significant changes in education curriculum and the number of universities providing education in dentistry.

Reference period: Calendar year.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data: VALVIRA. National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health. Register on Qualified Health Care Personnel, number of persons who have received their qualification in the calendar year.
Reference period: Calendar year.

Reference period: Calendar year.

Midwives graduates

Source of data: VALVIRA. National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health. Register on Qualified Health Care Personnel, number of persons who have received their qualification in the calendar year.
Reference period: Calendar year.
Break in time series: The two-year curriculum was discontinued in 1971. Specialist nurse-based midwife education was run 1968-1986, and the last midwives graduated in 1994. The new midwife education on secondary level was started in 1985. The length of education was 3.5 years or 4.5 years, and it was lengthened with obligatory training in 1993. Since 1995, midwife education has followed the EU regulation. Additionally, all graduates with the new secondary level health care professional education have been authorised to nurse since 1 August 1996. The first graduates completed their studies in 2000.

Reference period: Calendar year.

Nursing graduates

Source of data: VALVIRA; National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health. Registrar on Qualified Health Care Personnel, number of persons who have received their qualification in the calendar year.
Reference period: Calendar year.

Source of data (from 2014): Statistics Finland's Classification Services maintain and publish national classification recommendations. Classification of Education is based on international standards

Reference period: Calendar year.

**Professional nursing graduates**
Data not available.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**
Data not available.

**Sweden**

**Medical graduates**

Source of data: National Board of Health and Welfare. LOVA-register (change of register-name from former NPS-register).
Reference period: 1st November.

**Dentists graduates**

Source of data:
- Until 1999: NBHW, Yearbook of Health and Medical Care.
Reference period: 1st November.

Coverage:
- Data refer to dentists licensed in a given year. Therefore, data include both domestically trained dentists and those trained abroad who apply for a Swedish license.
- 100% coverage.

**Pharmacists graduates**

Source of data:
- Until 1999: NBHW, Yearbook of Health and Medical Care.
Reference period: 1st November.

Coverage:
- Data refer to pharmacists licensed in a given year. Therefore, data include both domestically trained pharmacists and those trained abroad who apply for a Swedish license.
- 100% coverage.

**Midwives graduates**

Source of data:
- Until 1999: NBHW, Yearbook of Health and Medical Care.
Reference period: 1st November.

Coverage:
- Data refer to midwives licensed in a given year. Therefore, data include both domestically trained midwives and those trained abroad who apply for a Swedish license. 
- 100% coverage.

**Nursing graduates**
Data not available.

**Professional nursing graduates**

Source of data: National Board of Health and Welfare. LOVA-register (change of register-name from former NPS-register).
Reference period: 1st November.
Coverage: 100% coverage.
Note: In 1993, the training for nurses increased from two to three years. This meant that almost no students graduated in 1995. In 1985, the training for prescriptionists was expanded to more universities.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**
Data not available.

**Iceland**

**Medical graduates**

Source of data:
- As of 1996: Statistics Iceland, Register of graduations.
Reference period: As of 1996, the calendar year.
Coverage:
- Students who graduated in medicine (who have completed basic medical education) from the medical faculty of the University of Iceland (the only one in Iceland) in a given year.
- Data exclude: graduates in pharmacy, dentistry/stomatology, public health and epidemiology, and individuals who have completed post-graduate studies or training in medicine.

**Dentists graduates**

Source of data:
- As of 1996: Statistics Iceland, Register of graduations.
Reference period: As of 1996, the calendar year.
Coverage: Students who have graduated in dentistry from the faculty of dentistry in Iceland (UI) in a given year.

**Pharmacists graduates**

Source of data:
- As of 1996: Statistics Iceland, Register of graduations.
Reference period: As of 1996, the calendar year.
Coverage: Students who have obtained Cand. pharm/Master degree in pharmacy in Iceland (UI) in a given year.
Midwives graduates

Source of data:
- As of 1996: Statistics Iceland, Register of graduations.

Reference period: As of 1996, the calendar year.

Coverage: Students who have obtained a recognised qualification in midwifery in Iceland (UI) in a given year.

Nursing graduates

Source of data: Statistics Iceland, Register of graduations.

Reference period: The calendar year.

Coverage: Students who have obtained a recognised qualification in nursing with education at the university level (professional nurses) and recognised qualification as associate nurse/practical nurse with education at the upper-secondary level (non-university).

Professional nursing graduates

Source of data:
- As of 1996: Statistics Iceland, Register of graduations.

Reference period: As of 1996, the calendar year.

Coverage:
- Includes: nursing graduates (BS 120 credits-units) and nursing graduates - specially organised BS in nursing (45 credits-units). These refer to those who had already graduated as nurses when the education was at a lower level.
- Excludes: Graduates from midwifery programme and practical/associate nurse graduates whose education is at an upper-secondary level.

Break in time series: 1996.

Associate professional nursing graduates

Source of data: Statistics Iceland, Register of graduations.

Reference period: The calendar year.

Coverage:
- Includes associate professional nursing graduates who have six semesters of education (towards becoming an associate professional nurse) in secondary school (non-university) and 16 weeks of practical training in health institutions.
- As of 2006, graduates from a new so-called “associate nurse bridge” programme are also included.

This programme is for health assistants with at least five years working experience as caring assistants and 4 semesters of education towards becoming an associate professional nurse in secondary school (non-university). In 2008, 107 (2007:8; 2006:3) graduated from this programme, and 115 from the general programme for associate professional nursing. In 2009, nine graduated from the “associate nurse bridge” programme and 94 from the general programme.
- Graduates from the professional nurse programme are excluded.

Liechtenstein
Medical graduates
There is one university where you can get a medical PhD (post-doc programme).

Dentists graduates
There is no medical university in Liechtenstein.

Pharmacists graduates
Source of data: Private University of Liechtenstein
Coverage: There is one small University in Liechtenstein which has an interdisciplinary pharmaceutical-medical education (doctorate). As the curriculum is mixed, all figures are reported with the graduates in pharmacy.

Midwives graduates
There is no midwife graduated in Liechtenstein.

Nursing graduates
There is no nurse graduated in Liechtenstein.

Professional nursing graduates
There is no nurse graduated in Liechtenstein.

Associate professional nursing graduates
There is no nurse graduated in Liechtenstein.

Norway

Medical graduates
Source of data: Statistics Norway.
- Statistics Norway collects student data from the administrative systems of the various tertiary institutions. The administrative systems in tertiary institutions create data files in the format specified by Statistics Norway. Information on completed doctoral degrees is collected from NIFU (http://www.nifustep.no/English/Pages/default.aspx).
- Tertiary graduation statistics include all individuals who have completed a degree of 2 years or longer from an educational institution classified by the Standard Industrial Classification as a tertiary institution. Registration of completed educational activities occurs during the period 1 October in year x, 30 September in year x+1.
- See http://www.ssb.no/english/subjects/04/02/40/eksuvh_en/ and then 'About the statistics'.
Coverage: Complete coverage as statistics are based on enumeration of graduates in tertiary education. Sampling errors and non-response errors do not exist.
Break in time series: Individually based data on completed education have been published annually since they were first collected in 1973/74 (academic year). Most variables are comparable, but some have changed. The revised Norwegian Standard Classification of Education (http://www.ssb.no/english/subjects/04/90/nos_c751_en/) recoded education courses to enable comparison of newer and older data (also including a recoding to ISCED-97). While education courses are reasonably comparable over time, other variables are not (e.g. coding of institution types).

Dentists graduates
Source of data: Statistics Norway.
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The decrease in Cand.pharm degrees in 2010 is mainly explained by a pronounced increase in 2008 and 2009, as many students graduated according to the previous degree structure, before six year tertiary graduate degrees (Cand.pharm) became five year master degrees and before the full implementation of the bachelor-master structure.

Midwives graduates

Source of data: Statistics Norway.
- Statistics Norway collects student data from the administrative systems of the various tertiary institutions. The administrative systems in tertiary institutions create data files in the format specified by Statistics Norway. Information on completed doctoral degrees is collected from NIFU (http://www.nifustep.no/English/Pages/default.aspx).
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**Nursing graduates**

**Source of data:** Statistics Norway.
- Statistics Norway collects student data from the administrative systems of the various tertiary institutions. The administrative systems in tertiary institutions create data files in the format specified by Statistics Norway. Information on completed doctoral degrees is collected from NIFU ([http://www.nifustep.no/English/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.nifustep.no/English/Pages/default.aspx)).
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**Professional nursing graduates**

**Source of data:** Statistics Norway.
- Statistics Norway collects student data from the administrative systems of the various tertiary institutions. The administrative systems in tertiary institutions create data files in the format specified by Statistics Norway. Information on completed doctoral degrees is collected from NIFU ([http://www.nifustep.no/English/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.nifustep.no/English/Pages/default.aspx)).
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**Associate professional nursing graduates**

There are no associate professional nurses in Norway.

**Switzerland**

**Medical graduates**

Source of data: FSO Federal Statistical Office, Neuchâtel; hospital statistics, statistics of high-level schools, human medicine degree; yearly census.

**Dentists graduates**

Source of data: FSO Federal Statistical Office, Neuchâtel; hospital statistics, statistics of high-level schools, human medicine degree; yearly census.

**Pharmacists graduates**

Source of data: FSO Federal Statistical Office, Neuchâtel; hospital statistics, statistics of high-level schools, pharmacist degree; yearly census.

**Midwives graduates**

Source of data: Swiss Red Cross, Bern, Directorate, Health and Integration, Professional Education.

**Nursing graduates**

Source of data:
- Up to 2006: Swiss Red Cross, Bern.

Coverage: Since 2007, data cover professional and associate professional nursing graduates. Before 2007, the data did not include all “associate nurses” graduates.

Break in time series:
- 2007: change in data source and coverage (inclusion of all associate nurses).
- 2009: inclusion of the graduates of Universities of applied sciences.

**Professional nursing graduates**


**Associate professional nursing graduates**

Source of data: FSO Federal Statistical Office, Neuchâtel; graduation statistics; yearly census.

**Montenegro**

**Medical graduates**

Data not available.
Dentists graduates
Data not available.

Pharmacists graduates
Data not available.

Midwives graduates
Data not available.

Nursing graduates
Data not available.

Professional nursing graduates
Data not available.

Associate professional nursing graduates
Data not available.

North Macedonia

Medical graduates

Dentists graduates

Pharmacists graduates

Midwives graduates

Note: Starting from 2008, midwifery education becomes university-level education (instead of secondary school level).
For 2011, the number of Midwives graduates is from academic school year 2010/2011 and 2012 from academic school year 2011/2012.

Nursing graduates
Note: significant increases in time series between 2005-2006 and 2007-2008 are due to commencing
of new generations of graduated (university level) nurses from newly opened nursing programs and an introduction of a legal obligation requiring all employed nurses to complete their university education, thus increasing the number of students enrolling and graduating.

**Professional nursing graduates**

**Source of data:** State Statistical Office (SSO), Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Macedonia

**Reference period:** 31st December

Note: significant increases in time series between 2005-2006 and 2007-2008 are due to commencing of new generations of graduated (university level) nurses from newly opened nursing programs and an introduction of a legal obligation requiring all employed nurses to complete their university education, thus increasing the number of students enrolling and graduating.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

The category “Associated professional nurse” does not exist.

**Albania**

**Medical graduates**

**Source of data:** Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and Sports

**Dentists graduates**

**Source of data:** Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and Sports

**Pharmacists graduates**

**Source of data:** Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and Sports

**Midwives graduates**

Data not available.

**Nursing graduates**

**Source of data:** Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and Sports

**Deviation from the definition:** Number of total nursing graduates and midwifing graduates.

**Professional nursing graduates**

Data not available.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

Data not available.

**Serbia**

**Medical graduates**

**Source of data:** Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.
Coverage: Data for Kosovo-Metohija province are not included in the coverage of data for the Republic of Serbia.

**Dentists graduates**

Source of data: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.
Coverage: Data for Kosovo-Metohija province are not included in the coverage of data for the Republic of Serbia.

**Pharmacists graduates**

Source of data: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.
Coverage: Data for Kosovo-Metohija province are not included in the coverage of data for the Republic of Serbia.

**Midwives graduates**

Source of data: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.
Coverage: Data for Kosovo-Metohija province are not included in the coverage of data for the Republic of Serbia.

**Nursing graduates**

Source of data: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.
Coverage: Data for Kosovo-Metohija province are not included in the coverage of data for the Republic of Serbia.

**Professional nursing graduates**

Source of data: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.
Coverage: Data include nurses with ISCED level 4 and level 5 education. Data for Kosovo-Metohija province are not included in the coverage of data for the Republic of Serbia.

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

Source of data: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.
Coverage: Data include nurses with ISCED level 3. Data for Kosovo-Metohija province are not included in the coverage of data for the Republic of Serbia.

**Turkey**

**Medical graduates**

Source of data:
- Up to 2013: General Directorate for Health Services, Ministry of Health and ESPC Higher Education Statistics.
Reference period: End of the academic year.
Coverage: Data refer to medical school graduates having graduated after a 6-year basic medical education at university.
- The rise in the number of Medical graduates in 2015-16 is due to a new faculty of medicine and to the increase in quotas in universities.

**Dentists graduates**
Source of data:
- Up to 2013: General Directorate for Health Services, Ministry of Health and ESPC Higher Education Statistics.
Reference period: End of the academic year.
Coverage: Data refer to dentistry school graduates having graduated from a 5-year basic dentistry education at university.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data:
- Up to 2013: General Directorate for Health Services, Ministry of Health and ESPC Higher Education Statistics.
Reference period: End of the academic year.
Coverage: Data refer to pharmacy school graduates having graduated from a 5-year pharmacy education at university.

Midwifery graduates

Source of data:
- Up to 2013: General Directorate for Health Services, Ministry of Health and ESPC Higher Education Statistics.
Coverage:
- Data refer to total number of midwifery graduates of vocational high schools of health and universities.
- Midwifery departments in vocational health high schools accepted an increasing number of midwifery students until the mid-1990s in response to domestic needs. In the late 1990s, vocational health high schools started not to enroll any students in midwifery section. However, in the early 2000s, a growing need for midwives came to the agenda again, and these vocational schools begun accepting more midwifery students again, explaining the rise in the number of graduates since 2004. In 2005, the vocational health schools again started not to enroll any new students so there have been no midwifery section graduates since 2008 in these vocational schools.

Nursing graduates

Source of data:
- Up to 2013: General Directorate for Health Services, Ministry of Health and ESPC Higher Education Statistics.
Coverage:
- Data refer to total number of nursing graduates of vocational high schools of health and universities.
- Nursing departments in vocational health high schools accepted an increasing number of nursing students until the mid-1990s in response to domestic needs. In the late 1990s, vocational health high schools started not to enroll any students in nursing section. However, in the early 2000s, a growing need for nurses came to the agenda again, and these vocational schools begun accepting more
nursing students again, explaining the rise in the number of graduates since 2004. In 2005, the vocational health schools again started not to enroll any new students. However, in 2007, the vocational health schools accepted huge numbers of nursing students and gave huge number of graduates from 2010. 
- From 2014 onwards, Vocational High Schools of Health have not accepted new admission for nursing. After this time, all nurses must graduate from universities. (2016 is the last year with nursing graduates from vocational high schools, explaining the high number of graduates in this year. In 2017, the number of nursing graduates should dramatically decrease, with graduates from universities only.)

**Break in time series:** From 2017 onwards, the number of nursing graduates include only graduates from universities.

**Professional nursing graduates**

Source of data:
- Up to 2013: *General Directorate for Health Services, Ministry of Health* and *ESPC Higher Education Statistics*.
- From 2013 onwards: *General Directorate for Health Services, Ministry of Health* and *Council of Higher Education*, Higher Education Statistics.

Coverage:
- Data refer to total number of nursing graduates of vocational high schools of health and universities.
- Nursing departments in vocational health high schools accepted an increasing number of nursing students until the mid-1990s in response to domestic needs. In the late 1990s, vocational health high schools started not to enroll any students in nursing section. However, in the early 2000s, a growing need for nurses came to the agenda again, and these vocational schools begun accepting more nursing students again, explaining the rise in the number of graduates since 2004. In 2005, the vocational health schools again started not to enroll any new students. However, in 2007, the vocational health schools accepted huge numbers of nursing students and gave huge number of graduates from 2010.
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**Associate professional nursing graduates**

There are no associate professional nurses in Turkey.

**United Kingdom**

**Medical graduates**

Source of data:
- 2002 onwards: *Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)*, https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis Data will continue to come from HESA from now on.
Reference period: Period covers 1st August to 31st July. From 2002 onwards, the reference period covers the financial year.

Coverage: UK.

- Medical qualifiers have been defined as qualifiers from the following principal subjects:
  Medicine - (A1) Pre-clinical medicine and (A3) Clinical medicine.

Methodology: Data are restricted to only include those who qualified.

Dentists graduates

Source of data: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis

Reference period: From 2009 onwards, the reference period covers the financial year.

Coverage: UK.

- Dentist qualifiers have been defined as qualifiers from the following principal subjects:
  (A2) Pre-clinical dentistry
  (A4) Clinical dentistry

Methodology: Data are restricted to only include those who qualified.

Pharmacists graduates

Source of data: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

Reference period: From 2009 onwards, the reference period covers the financial year.

Coverage: UK.

- Pharmacy qualifiers have been defined as qualifiers from the following 4-digit JACS codes:
  (B200) Pharmacology, toxicology & pharmacy
  (B230) Pharmacy

Methodology: Data are restricted to only include those who qualified.

Midwives graduates

Source of data: Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Reference period: Data are for financial years, e.g. year 2009 data cover the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

Estimation method: Data provided at UK level by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (the NMC). Data provided is the number of newly registered Midwives, which is the number of midwives made available for registration by HEI and who went on to register and is the best possible approximation of midwifery graduates available held by the NMC.

Nursing graduates

Source of data: Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Reference period: Data from 2008 are for financial years, e.g. year 2009 data cover the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

Estimation method: Data provided at UK level by the NMC. Data covers the number of newly registered Nurses, which is the number of nurses made available for registration by HEI and who went on to register and is the best possible approximation of nursing graduates available held by the NMC.

Professional nursing graduates
Data not available. (Registration of Associate Professional nurses by the NMC was only approved by the NMC Council on 25th January 2017 so figures for professional nursing graduates as distinguished from graduates associate professional nursing graduates are not held by the NMC at present but will be available in the future.)

**Associate professional nursing graduates**

Data not available. (Registration of Associate Professional nurses by the NMC was only approved by the NMC Council on 25th January 2017 so figures for associate professional nursing graduates are not held by the NMC at present but will be available in the future).