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Health Professionals & Hospitals: statistics and facts

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25,770

MEDICINE
APPLICANTS

20%

HIGH BURNOUT RISK

13,465

CONCERNS 2025

82,415

GP REGISTER 2025

ABOUT THIS DOSSIER

Health Professionals & Hospitals: statistics and facts

Every Business Stats report on Health Professionals & Hospitals in one place: 9 reports, from United Kingdom (6 reports) and Doctors (2 reports).

The reports put numbers on it, for example 25,770 (Medicine applicants), 20% (High burnout risk), 13,465 (Concerns 2025) and 82,415 (GP register 2025).

Freshly updated: Medical and specialty training in the United Kingdom statistics & facts and Burnout and job satisfaction among UK doctors statistics & facts. Every report names its primary source, and its charts and tables can be downloaded and reused for free. The list grows on its own when a new report is published; it last changed on Oct 18, 2026.

KEY FIGURES AT A GLANCE

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25,770	Medicine applicants	Medical and specialty training in the United Kingdom statistics & facts
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410,566	On GMC register	Physicians in the United Kingdom statistics & facts
£41,226	FY1, England	Pay of doctors in the United Kingdom statistics & facts



50.04%

Women, 2024

Characteristics of doctors in the United Kingdom statistics & facts

42%

Qualified abroad

International medical graduates in the United Kingdom statistics & facts

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United Kingdom

6 reports

1.1

Medical and specialty training in the United Kingdom statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

25,770

MEDICINE APPLICANTS

8,045

ENTRANTS ENGLAND 2024

11,752

FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS

~40,000

SPECIALTY APPLICANTS

21.83

PSYCHIATRY RATIO

98%

PRIORITY FILL 2026

Nearly 40,000 doctors compete for about 10,000 specialty training posts. See competition ratios, foundation and medical school data and the 2026 priority

PRIMARY SOURCES: UCAS · UCAS · Department of Health and Social Care · UK Foundation Programme Office

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/uk-specialty-training-statistics

1.2

General practitioners in the United Kingdom statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

82,415

GP REGISTER 2025

29,223

FQ GPS ENGLAND (FTE)

15,057

GP PARTNERS (FTE)

2,160

PATIENTS PER GP

£164,200

PARTNER INCOME

43%

STRUGGLING WEEKLY

The UK has 82,415 doctors on the GP register, yet England has barely more GPs than in 2015. See GP numbers, partners, earnings, workload and training data.



PRIMARY SOURCES: General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council · NHS England Digital

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/uk-gp-statistics

1.3

Physicians in the United Kingdom statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

410,566

ON GMC REGISTER

328,149

LICENSED DOCTORS

192,732

NHS ENGLAND FTE

3.4

PER 1,000 PEOPLE

42%

QUALIFIED ABROAD

50.04%

WOMEN

The UK has 410,566 registered and 328,149 licensed doctors, yet only 3.4 per 1,000 people. Key data on workforce, IMGs, GPs, pay, burnout and regulation.

PRIMARY SOURCES: General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/uk-doctors-statistics

1.4

Pay of doctors in the United Kingdom statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

£41,226

FY1, ENGLAND

£47,610

FY2, ENGLAND

£150,569

TOP CONSULTANT

3.5%

DDRB 2026/27

£164,200

GP PARTNER INCOME

15

STRIKE ROUNDS

FY1 doctors in England earn £41,226 and consultants up to £150,569 in 2026/27. Compare pay scales by grade and nation, DDRB awards, GP income and strikes.

PRIMARY SOURCES: NHS Employers · NHS Employers · BMA · Review Body on Doctors and Dentists Remuneration

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/uk-doctors-pay



1.5

Characteristics of doctors in the United Kingdom statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

50.04%

WOMEN, 2024

58%

WOMEN IN TRAINING

40%

WOMEN, SPECIALISTS

47.6%

ETHNIC MINORITY

32.2%

ASIAN DOCTORS

34.2%

AGED 30 TO 39

Women became the majority of UK doctors in 2024 and ethnic minority doctors outnumber white doctors.

See gender, age and ethnicity data by specialty and

PRIMARY SOURCES: General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/uk-doctors-demographics

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International medical graduates in the United Kingdom statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

42%

QUALIFIED ABROAD

138,405

LICENSED IMGs AND EEA

18,630

IMG FIRST LICENCES 2024

36.3%

NON-BRITISH NHS DOCTORS

12,820

INDIAN NHS DOCTORS

4,880

LEFT IN 2024

42% of UK licensed doctors qualified abroad and two-thirds of new doctors are now international graduates.

See countries, nationalities, joiners and

PRIMARY SOURCES: General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/international-doctors-uk



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Doctors

2 reports

2.1

Burnout and job satisfaction among UK doctors statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

20%

HIGH BURNOUT RISK

55%

SATISFIED WITH WORK

24%

STRESS-RELATED LEAVE

36%

UNABLE TO COPE WEEKLY

39%

SAW CARE COMPROMISED

22%

LIKELY TO LEAVE UK

20% of UK doctors are at high risk of burnout and only 55% are satisfied with their work. See GMC survey data on workload, trainees, GPs, safety and

PRIMARY SOURCES: General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/uk-doctors-burnout-statistics

2.2

Doctors leaving UK practice statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

16,124

LEAVERS 2024

5,793

UK GRADUATES LEFT

4,880

INTERNATIONAL LEFT

3.6%

LEAVER RATE

23%

TO AUSTRALIA

22%

LIKELY TO LEAVE

16,124 doctors gave up their UK licence in 2024, up from 9,667 in 2019. See who leaves, why, where they go, and how many plan to follow, with GMC data.

PRIMARY SOURCES: General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council



Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/doctors-leaving-uk



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More statistics

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GMC fitness to practise statistics & facts

Updated Oct 14, 2026

13,465

CONCERNS 2025

80%

FROM THE PUBLIC

997

INVESTIGATIONS

184

TRIBUNAL REFERRALS

48

ERASURES

284

INTERIM ORDERS

The GMC received a record 13,465 concerns in 2025, but only 184 cases reached a tribunal. See triage, investigations, sanctions, interim orders and

PRIMARY SOURCES: General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council · General Medical Council

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/gmc-fitness-to-practise-statistics



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