

YouGov / Royal College of Nursing Survey Results

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which, if any, of the following professions would you say makes the **biggest** contribution to society?

Nurses	16	15	19	21	17	16	16	16	10	16	20	16	16	17	13	19	13	16	16	23
Doctors	12	12	14	13	14	10	14	10	16	11	11	14	13	11	15	13	11	11	14	5
Teachers	12	8	13	20	16	7	10	13	10	13	10	11	14	9	15	14	10	10	5	13
Scientists	6	7	7	5	7	6	7	5	5	6	6	7	7	5	5	6	6	7	7	4
Engineers	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	2	6	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	4	4	7	4
Care home workers	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	1	2	4	4	3	3	1	3	5	3	3	4
Delivery drivers	2	4	1	1	1	4	3	2	0	2	3	3	2	3	0	2	3	3	3	3
The police	2	3	2	1	1	3	2	3	5	2	1	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	4
Business leaders	2	4	0	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	3	2	3	2	2
Armed forces	2	3	2	1	1	4	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	0	2	2	3	2	9
Professors	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	3
Civil servants	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	2
Government ministers	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Fire fighters	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Museum curators	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Librarians	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Judges	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Lawyers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Journalists	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Chief executives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Local councillors	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bankers	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Landlords	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Athletes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estate agents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
None of the above	6	7	5	5	5	7	6	5	3	5	9	6	5	6	4	5	6	8	6	6
Don't know	26	22	22	22	24	23	24	27	32	26	25	23	22	31	30	23	30	24	29	15

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Which, if any, of the following professions would you say makes the biggest contribution to society?

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Doctors	12	12	10	14	5
Teachers	12	12	10	5	13
Scientists	6	6	7	7	4
Engineers	4	3	4	7	4
Care home workers	3	3	5	3	4
Delivery drivers	2	2	5	3	3
The police	2	2	6	3	4
Business leaders	2	2	4	2	2
Armed forces	2	2	3	2	9
Professors	1	1	2	0	3
Civil servants	1	1	3	1	2
Government ministers	1	1	1	1	0
Fire fighters	1	1	0	0	0
Museum curators	0	0	0	0	0
Librarians	0	0	0	0	0
Judges	0	0	0	0	2
Lawyers	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy	0	0	0	0	4
Journalists	0	0	0	0	0
Chief executives	0	0	1	1	0
Local councillors	0	0	0	0	0
Bankers	0	0	0	0	0
Landlords	0	1	0	0	0
Athletes	0	0	0	0	0
Estate agents	0	0	0	0	0
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Don't know	26	26	23	29	15

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Generally speaking, do you think nursing staff do or do not provide the majority of patient care in health and care settings in the UK?

They do provide the majority of patient care	71	74	72	75	73	74	69	72	58	68	73	79	71	71	65	72	69	71	72	79
They do not provide the majority of patient care	14	17	15	15	15	16	14	14	13	12	19	13	16	12	13	13	15	17	10	8
Don't know	15	9	13	10	12	10	18	13	29	20	8	8	14	17	21	14	16	12	18	13

For each of the following, please state whether you think nurses in Britain do or do not do them:

Co-ordinate the running of COVID-19 vaccination programmes

	23-25 Apr '21	30 Apr - 2 May '22																			
Nurses in Britain do this	58	58	59	63	63	64	59	51	65	51	57	57	63	61	54	52	62	53	58	61	63
Nurses in Britain do not do this	17	15	19	13	20	14	17	19	11	18	14	16	15	16	14	16	14	19	16	10	8
Don't know	24	27	22	24	17	22	24	30	24	31	29	27	22	24	32	32	25	28	26	29	28

Help run and administer care in GP surgeries

Nurses in Britain do this	69	72	74	80	75	69	60	77	64	68	69	74	72	66	65	74	67	68	64	65
Nurses in Britain do not do this	12	15	10	14	11	15	17	7	11	12	12	12	12	13	10	10	15	14	13	7
Don't know	19	13	16	6	14	16	22	15	24	20	19	13	16	22	25	15	18	18	23	29

Thinking about the number of nurses employed by the NHS, which of the following best reflects your view?

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There are more than enough nurses to provide safe care to patients	3	4	3	6	2	3	5	4	3	7	4	3	2	3	5	7	2	3	4	5	2
There are just enough nurses to provide safe care to patients	16	14	19	11	10	11	17	17	12	19	14	12	16	15	13	14	16	14	15	8	9
There are too few nurses to provide safe care to patients	70	70	68	75	83	78	70	65	74	51	67	76	76	73	66	64	72	67	72	70	82
Don't know	11	12	9	8	5	8	9	14	11	24	15	9	6	9	16	15	11	15	10	17	7

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There is currently a shortage of tens of thousands of nurses in the UK. Which one, if any, of the following are you most concerned about regarding you or your family's care?

I / they may not get the care that is required when needed	28	28	31	27	28	30	28	26	29	20	28	31	28	30	25	23	28	28	27	35	22
There may not be enough nurses to help with treatment	20	19	17	24	23	22	18	23	16	20	19	20	21	20	19	21	18	21	18	21	24
The care might not be of a safe standard	11	13	14	15	15	13	15	9	16	8	12	15	13	13	12	9	15	11	14	7	19
I / they may be treated by staff without the right or enough skills and experience	10	11	13	11	10	12	13	10	12	6	11	11	15	12	10	12	10	10	15	9	7
Nursing staff might not have the time to give me the sufficient treatment information	11	10	9	9	12	10	10	10	10	11	9	9	10	10	9	10	10	9	10	8	16
They might be discharged too early or too late	5	4	4	5	6	5	4	4	5	5	4	3	5	4	4	6	5	4	4	3	2
None of these	6	3	3	2	1	2	3	4	2	7	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	4	6
Don't know	9	12	8	8	4	7	10	14	10	23	15	8	6	8	17	17	12	14	10	13	3

Which, if any, of the following qualities or skills do you think are most important for nursing staff to have?

Please tick up to three.

Compassion	51	58	55	44	55	54	47	55	37	48	54	60	53	48	47	54	52	50	46	52
Skilled care	42	46	41	54	46	45	40	45	26	38	49	51	44	40	31	45	41	43	49	46
Communication skills	29	34	28	28	29	34	27	31	21	28	33	31	30	28	29	29	28	31	30	27
Specialist training	27	27	27	31	29	28	27	27	22	22	33	31	26	27	30	23	28	31	22	27
Attention to detail	23	23	24	26	26	22	22	23	15	22	24	27	23	23	23	25	19	23	19	32
Emotional strength	23	24	23	34	26	22	21	24	25	23	20	23	25	20	17	27	21	24	18	14
Trustworthiness	15	15	13	13	13	17	16	15	13	17	14	14	16	15	10	16	14	15	23	13
Critical thinking	13	11	14	12	13	12	14	12	15	13	11	12	13	12	16	13	12	11	13	20
Advocating for patients	10	8	15	10	12	9	8	13	14	13	9	7	11	9	9	12	8	10	16	10
Motivation	7	8	7	6	7	8	9	5	6	6	6	11	8	6	7	8	6	7	4	8
Advocating for healthcare standards	6	5	7	5	5	6	5	7	10	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	8	5	7
Time management	4	3	5	3	5	4	5	4	10	5	3	2	5	3	6	4	3	5	3	3
Leadership	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	4	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	0	3
Other	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2
None of the above	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Don't know	9	5	6	4	5	6	11	7	17	12	6	2	6	12	14	6	11	7	12	3

When, if at all, would you say you personally have experienced nursing at its best?

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I / they may be treated by staff without the right or enough skills and experience	10	11	12	9	9	7
Nursing staff might not have the time to give me the sufficient treatment information	11	10	10	9	8	16
They might be discharged too early or too late	5	4	5	2	3	2
None of these	6	3	3	2	4	6
Don't know	9	12	12	13	13	3

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Compassion	51	51	52	46	52
Skilled care	42	42	42	49	46
Communication skills	29	29	22	30	27
Specialist training	27	27	24	22	27
Attention to detail	23	23	14	19	32
Emotional strength	23	24	14	18	14
Trustworthiness	15	15	14	23	13
Critical thinking	13	12	12	13	20
Advocating for patients	10	10	7	16	10
Motivation	7	7	8	4	8
Advocating for healthcare standards	6	6	5	5	7
Time management	4	5	1	3	3
Leadership	2	2	5	0	3
Other	1	1	0	2	2
None of the above	0	0	1	0	0
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