

NHS staff numbers in England increase for second year running to reach just over 1.43 million. Source: NHS Information Centre.

**The NHS workforce in England has increased for the second year running to reach just over 1.43 million, a census by The NHS Information Centre.**

Staff numbers reached 1,432,000 in 2009 - an increase of 63,300 (4.6 per cent) on the previous year. The latest figure is a 333,650 (30.4 per cent) increase on 1999 and represents a 2.7 per cent average annual increase over the last decade.

- **725,580 professionally qualified clinical staff** – up 23,750 (3.4 per cent) on 2008 and 183,810 (33.9 per cent) on 1999, with an average annual increase of 3.0 per cent over the last decade.

Within this group the NHS employed:

- 375,500 qualified nurses (excluding bank nurses) <sup>4</sup> - including practice nurses – up 7,080 (1.9 per cent) on 2008 and 73,490 (24.3 per cent) on 1999, with an annual average increase of 2.2 per cent over the last decade.
- 149,600 qualified scientific, therapeutic and technical staff <sup>5</sup> – up 7,040 (4.9 per cent) on 2008 and 47,200 (46.1 per cent) on 1999, with an annual average increase of 3.9 per cent over the last decade.
- 51,500 hospital doctors in training <sup>6</sup> – up 2,320 (4.7 per cent) on 2008 and 19,980 (63.4 per cent) on 1999, with an annual average increase of 5.0 per cent over the last decade.
- 40,270 GP contracts <sup>7</sup> - up by 2,550 (6.8 per cent) on 2008 and 9,310 (30.1 per cent) on 1999, with a 2.7 per cent annual increase over the last decade.
- 36,950 consultants - up 2,040 (5.8 per cent) on 2008 and 13,630 (58.4 per cent) on 1999, with an annual average increase of 4.7 per cent over the last decade.
- 24,310 midwives (excluding bank staff) <sup>4</sup> – up 650 (2.8 per cent) on 2008 and 3,410 (16.3 per cent) on 1999, with an annual average increase of 1.5 per cent over the last decade.

#### The NHS employed:

44,660 managers and senior managers – up 4,750 (11.9 per cent) since 2008 and 20,370 (83.9 per cent) since 1999, with an annual average increase of 6.3 per cent over the last decade.

The census also shows the NHS employed:

- **377,620 staff in support to clinical staff** – up 22,610 (6.4 per cent) on 2008 and 81,000 (27.3 per cent) on 1999, with an annual average increase of 2.4 per cent over the last decade.
- **236,100 NHS infrastructure support staff** – up 17,040 (7.8 per cent) on 2008 and 64,900 (37.9 per cent) on 1999, with an annual average increase of 3.3 per cent over the last decade.