JQ03 – Stock of doctors by country of first qualification

Doctors' data is compiled by the Department of Health as part of the Non-Monetary Health Care Statistics, administered jointly by Eurostat, OECD and WHO in fulfilment of the European regulation (EU) 2022/2294. These statistics are compiled and published on an annual basis and refer to the stock of doctors according to country from where they obtained their first medical qualification, as at end of the referenced year.

Source:

Data is compiled from the annual registrations of doctors administered by Medical Council of Ireland (https://www.medicalcouncil.ie/). This registration process is a legal obligation to be fulfilled by each doctor annually in order to obtain a license for medical practice.

Definitions:

Doctors refer to medical doctors who have graduated in medicine from medical faculties or similar institutions and are registered with the Irish Medical Council.

Year (or also referred to as data reference year) is taken as at end of year (i.e. 31st December).

Type of training refers to the main type of training the doctors received, based on where they obtained their first medical qualification. The categories are defined and grouped as follows:

i. **Domestically trained** – refers to doctors who have received their first medical training and qualification locally in the Republic of Ireland.
ii. **Foreign trained** – refers to doctors who have received their first medical training and qualification outside of the Republic of Ireland.
iii. **Unknown place of training** – refers to doctors who have their place of first medical training and qualification unknown.

Country of training (applied only for foreign trained doctors) refers to the country where first medical qualification was obtained- from. The country codes follow the ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 code classification.

Unit refers to the unit of measure applied, which in this case refers to a numerical headcount of doctors.

Value refers to the amount of doctors falling within respective categories for the respective data reference year.

Flag indicates any particular caution or issues with the data worth of note for further data use. The following flags may be applied, along with their definition:

- **Flag M** indicates that the value is missing as it was not collected for that particular instance. This may be due to legal requirements, unavailability of data or data quality issues, among many reasons.
- **Flag B** indicates that the values from that data reference point onwards are not directly comparable with previous data points due to methodological issues which are explained in the coverage section below.
- **Flag E** indicates that the particular data point is based on an estimate and should be compares with other non-estimate data points with caution. Estimation methods applies are explained in the coverage section below.

- **Flag S** indicates that the particular data point has been supressed for confidentiality and/or quality purposes, such as; very small counts or very high variation. This should not be treated as a true zero. Whenever a value is a true zero, this has been indicated and not supressed.

Coverage:

Data refers to all doctors (including those working abroad) who have registered and maintained their name as fully registered doctors in the Register of Medical Practitioners administered by the Irish Medical Council, regardless of the area in which they are engaged or whether or not they were practising medicine.

Estimation:

Not applicable.

Breaks in series:

Not applicable.

Suppression:

Any Country with a value smaller than 25 was suppressed for confidentiality purposes.

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Period of time	As at end of year from 2011-2021.