

HESA

HIGHER EDUCATION STATISTICS AGENCY

Every year HESA collects data from every UK university and higher education provider. We hold information about:



Students

- Their personal characteristics,
- where they're from,
- where they live during term-time,
- what subjects they study,
- the qualifications they're aiming for,
- their drop-out rates,
- degree classifications,
- time-series data back to 2000.



Each year **5,000** English first degree students start at Scottish universities, and **2,000** Scottish students go to study in England.



Graduates

- Activities 6 months after graduation,
- employment rates,
- levels of professional employment,
- the industries they enter,
- where they work,
- how much they earn,
- types of further study.



7.2% of graduates who studied **Crafts** reported starting up their own business after graduation, compared to **0.9%** of **Business studies** graduates.



Staff

- Personal characteristics,
- employment circumstances,
- academic departments,
- seniority,
- salaries.



56% of first degree students are women, but only **25%** of professors are women.



Universities

- Sources of income,
- categories of expenditure,
- estates & environmental information,
- business interactions,
- community engagement.



UK universities cover a ground area of **75 km²** (about the size of Guernsey).

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Experts in UK higher education data and analysis

WHAT IS HESA?

HESA is a charity that exists to support UK higher education. We are owned by the HE sector and funded by HE providers and commercial activity.

In 2018 we became the designated data body for England under the Higher Education and Research Act, but continue to serve the higher education sector in Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. Find out more on our [website](#).

HESA is based in the centre of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and employs approximately 150 staff. Our Board of trustees is drawn from higher education, the statistics profession and business.

HOW TO GET DATA FROM HESA

Data and official statistics on the HESA website www.hesa.ac.uk are free to view, download, copy and re-use under the Creative Commons 4.0 license. If you can't find what you need, our experts can extract information for you from our databases.

For media inquiries see our [press office](#) pages. If you need a larger data extract for research use our [custom data service](#).

If we don't have what you need, our experts will know who to ask (e.g. UCAS for applications, the Student Loans Company for student finance).

SECOND LARGEST UK SOCIAL SURVEY



Graduate Outcomes is the new national survey capturing information about the activities and perspectives of graduates 15 months after they finish their studies.

The first cohort of graduates from Autumn 2017 will be surveyed in December 2018. The first survey results will be published in early 2020.

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