

Unistats annual data release

Background

This data release contains Unistats metrics for UK higher education providers on the Unistats website. The Unistats website (www.unistats.ac.uk) provides official data to help those applying for higher education courses decide what and where to study. It allows users to shortlist and compare information for undergraduate courses across the UK. This release of data corresponds to courses starting in the 2019-20 academic year.

Data sources

This release includes data from students in higher education in the academic years 2014-15 to 2016-17. The underlying data sources used are:

- Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) student record
- HESA alternative provider student record
- Individualised Learner Record (ILR) collected by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)
- Lifelong Learning Wales Record (LLWR)
- National Student Survey (NSS) data
- Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey data
- Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO) salary data (for English providers only)

This data has been combined with data collected directly from providers via the Unistats record 2018/19 to produce the metrics published on the Unistats website. These metrics are released annually and are Official Statistics with the exception of LEO salary metrics which should be considered Experimental Statistics¹.

The Unistats dataset includes undergraduate courses in the UK that meet the definition for coverage. Details for the coverage of the data collection can be found on the HESA website².

Overview

At release, the Unistats dataset includes data for 38,114 distinct courses at 459 higher education providers offering across the UK. Young people considering higher education and other prospective students can search the Unistats website for undergraduate courses or subjects they are interested in and compare these to each other on entry information, continuation, degree results, course accreditations, student satisfaction, and employment outcomes.

Feedback

If you have any feedback on these statistics, please email William Hanson at unistats@officeforstudents.org.uk

¹ See: <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/graduate-earnings-data-on-unistats/>

² See: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c18061>