

2018-19 ILR data checking tool: Student characteristics data summary technical algorithms and rebuild instructions

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Purpose

- This document provides technical detail regarding the student characteristics data summary within the 2018-19 Individualised Learner Record (ILR) data checking tool. The summary comprises two files:
 - a. The student characteristics data summary workbook 'SC18_DCT_100XXXXX.xlsx'.
 - b. The student characteristics data individualised file SC18 DCT 100XXXXX IND.csv.
- 2. The algorithms applied to the ILR data to create the figures in the student characteristics (SC) workbook are provided within this document. It also includes the instructions that allow providers to rebuild the student characteristics data summary tables from the individualised file provided. This document is aimed at readers with in-depth knowledge of the data. Readers are advised to have a copy of 'Specification of the Individualised Learner Record for 2018 to 2019' (available from the Education & Skills Funding Agency via https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ilr-specification-validation-rules-and-appendices-2018-to-2019) to hand when using this document.
- 3. The student characteristics data summary identifies fields taken from the ILR that are used in the construction of institutional performance measures. These are fields that classify a student's background or other characteristics for use in quality and institutional performance measures, including the benchmarking and presentation of metrics used in the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF).
- 4. This data summary is provided to help identify potential errors and reduce the numbers of unknown or unpopulated student characteristics in ILR data that will affect our uses of the data. Figures from 2017-18 ILR have been calculated on the same basis as the 2018-19 algorithms described in this document, and are included in the workbook file to illustrate year on year changes in absolute numbers and proportions.
- 5. This document also contains a description of the algorithms used to create the entry population (see paragraphs 38-42) on the Discover Uni website, our new resource for supporting prospective student decision making which replaces Unistats. Along with the other student characteristic information described below, you can use the Discover Uni population marker and the algorithms provided to preview a close approximation of the entry metric for any relevant courses submitted. These markers have been included in this output to reduce the number of different outputs created for each provider making it easier to find useful information.

Student characteristics (SC) data summary workbook

6. The Student Characteristics workbook can be accessed from the OfS portal. The Excel workbook SC18_DCT_XXXXXXXXXxxlsx (where XXXXXXXX is the UK Provider Reference Number (UKPRN) for the provider) contains the following worksheets:

Table 1 Excel workbook 'SC18 DCT XXXXXXXX.xlsx'

| Worksheet* | Title |
|----------------------|--|
| Coversheet | Title page |
| Age | Student headcount in each age category |
| Degree class | Student headcount in each degree class |
| Disability | Student headcount in each disability category |
| Domicile | Student headcount in each domicile category |
| Ethnicity | Student headcount in each ethnicity category and a |
| | breakdown by ethnicity type |
| Entry qualifications | Student headcount in each entry qualification category |
| Level of study | Student headcount at each level of study |
| Postcode | Student headcount with known and unknown postcode |
| | prior to enrolment |
| Subject | Student headcount in each subject category |
| Teaching Provider | Student headcount for each teaching provider |

^{*} This worksheet reference corresponds to the spreadsheet tabs.

Using the individualised file

- 7. Full details of how to access this file are given on the OfS website (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/supplying-data/working-with-individualised-files/).
- 8. When working through this document it is necessary to use the individualised file, SC18_DCT_XXXXXXX_IND.csv, where XXXXXXXX is the UKPRN for the provider. This will show the allocation of students to cells within the tables. Full details of how to access this file are given on the OfS website (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/supplying-data/working-with-individualised-files/). Fields prefixed with 'SC' or 'OFS' are derived, all others are taken directly from the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) or Learning Aim Reference Service (LARS).
- 9. The individualised files each contain one record for each instance of higher education level study in a subject area in the latest academic year. For example, a student who is studying for a first degree in biology in 2018-19 will have one record for that instance and will count as one full-person equivalent (FPE = 100; a headcount measure). A student who is studying a joint course first degree with equal proportions of mathematics and physics in 2018-19 will have two records for that instance; one for each subject area, with each assigned an FPE of 50 (their single headcount for the instance being apportioned across the subject areas according to the proportion of the course that relates to each subject they are studying).

ILR fields used in the student characteristics tables

10. Only certain fields, detailed in Table 2, were used to generate the student characteristic figures. Fields taken from the ILR return or derived as part of the comparison tables are shown in capitals using the names given in Tables 2 and 3 respectively.

Table 2 Fields used in the student characteristics tables

| Name | Description | Dataset |
|------------------------------|---|---------|
| UKPRN† | UK provider reference number | ILR |
| LEARNREFNUMBER† | Learner reference number | ILR |
| AIMSEQNUMBER† | Learning aim data set sequence | ILR |
| ULN† | Unique learner number | ILR |
| NUMHUS† | Student instance identifier | ILR |
| LEARNAIMREF | Learning aim reference | ILR |
| DATEOFBIRTH | Date of birth | ILR |
| DOMICILE | Country of domicile | ILR |
| ETHNICITY | Ethnicity | ILR |
| LEARNFAM_DLA | Learner is in receipt of disabled students' allowance | ILR |
| LEARNACTENDDATE | Learning actual end date | ILR |
| LEARNSTARTDATE | Learning start date | ILR |
| LEARNPLANENDDATE | Learning end date | ILR |
| LLDDHEALTHPROB | LLDD and health problem | ILR |
| MODESTUD | Mode of study | ILR |
| OUTCOME | Indicates whether the learner achieved the learning aim | ILR |
| OUTGRADE | The examination grade awarded to the learner for the learning aim | ILR |
| PCFLDCS, PCSLDCS PCTLDCS | Proportion taught in LDCS_CO1-CO3 subject | ILR |
| POSTCODEPRIOR | Postcode prior to enrolment | ILR |
| QUALENT3 | Qualification on entry | ILR |
| STULOAD | Student instance FTE | ILR |
| LDCS_CO1, LDCS_CO2, LDCS_CO3 | Learning directory classification system codes | LARS |
| QUAL_TIT ⁺ | Learning aim title | LARS |
| QUAL_TYP | Learning aim type | LARS |

[†] These fields are not used in the student characteristics calculations but are included in the individualised file to allow easy identification of students.

Derived fields used to create student characteristic tables

11. Here we give details of the derived fields in the individualised file. These fields are used to build the key dimensions of the student characteristics tables.

Table 3 Student characteristics derived fields

| Derived field name | Description | Paragraph |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| OFSQAIM [†] | Recognised HE qualification aim | 12 |
| SCCRSELGTH | Expected duration of study | 13 |
| SCMODE | Mode of study | 14 |
| SCLEVEL_DETAIL | Level of study | 15 |

| Derived field name | Description | Paragraph |
|--------------------|---|-----------|
| SCAPPRENTICE | Apprenticeship | 16 |
| SCLEVEL | Level of study, broad categories | 17 |
| SCPOP | Inclusion in population for student characteristics | 18 |
| SCYEAR_ST | Academic start year | 19 |
| SCAGE_DETAIL | Age | 20 |
| SCAGE | Age | 21 |
| SCDEGCLASSPOP | Inclusion in population for degree classification | 22 |
| SCDEGCLASS | Degree classification | 23 |
| SCDISABLE | Disability | 24 |
| SCDSA | Disabled students allowance | 25 |
| SCDISABLETYPE | Disability type | 26 |
| SCDOM | Domicile | 27 |
| SCETHNIC | Ethnicity | 28 |
| SCENTQUALGRP | Highest qualification on entry | 29 |
| SCPOSTCODE | Postcode prior to enrolment | 30 |
| SCLDCS | Learn direct codes | 31 |
| SCJACS | JACS subject codes | 32 |
| SCFPE | Full person equivalent | 33 |
| SCSBJ_CAH1 | CAH1 subject code | 34 |
| SCSBJ_CAH2 | CAH2 subject code | 35 |
| SCSBJ_CAH3 | CAH3 subject code | 36 |
| SCUKPRNTC | Teaching provider | 37 |

[†] The algorithms for deriving these fields are given in 'HEIFES17 comparison algorithms' (see the 'HEIFES17 comparison technical document'); the paragraph references refer to this document

OFSQAIM

12. This field classifies qualification aims into broad levels of higher education. For a full definition of this field please refer to '2018-19 ILR data checking tool: Classifying learning aims technical document' (available via: https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/data-checking-tools/2018-19-ilr-data-checking-tools/https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/data-checking-tools/2018-19-ilr-data-checking-tools/https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/data-checking-tools/2018-19-ilr-data-checking-tools/https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/data-checking-tools/2018-19-ilr-data-checking-tools/https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/data-checking-tools/2018-19-ilr-data-checking-tools/https://www.officeforstudents.org/2018-19-ilr-data-checking-tools/

SCCRSELGTH

13. This field contains the number of years that the qualification aim is expected to last. If a student's planned end date falls within the first 14 days of a second year of study, the number of years is taken as one. Otherwise, it is rounded up to the nearest whole number. SCCRSELGTH is the difference in years between LEARNSTARTDATE and LEARNPLANENDDATE. For example, a course with LEARNSTARTDATE = 1 October 2014 and LEARNPLANENDDATE = 5 January 2016 will have SCCRSELGTH = 2.

SCMODE

14. This field allocates students to mode of study.

| Value | Description | Definition | |
|-------|-------------|---|--|
| FT | Full-time | MODESTUD = 01, 02 or | |
| | | (MODESTUD = 99, BLANK and | |
| | | (SCCRSELGTH = 1 or | |
| | | (SCCRSELGTH ≤ 2 and OFSQAIM = HIGHER, FIRST, FOUDEG, DIPHE, HND) or | |
| | | (SCCRSELGTH ≤ 3 and OFSQAIM = HIGHER, FIRST) or | |
| | | (SCCRSELGTH ≤ 4 and OFSQAIM = ENHANCED))) | |
| PT | Part-time | Otherwise | |

SCLEVEL_DETAIL

15. This field classifies qualification aims into specific levels of study.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--|
| HNC | HNC | OFSQAIM = HNC |
| HND | HND | OFSQAIM = HND |
| FOU | Foundation degree | OFSQAIM = FOUDEG |
| UGDIP | Undergraduate diploma | OFSQAIM = DIPHE, DTLLS, DET |
| FDBC | Foundation degree bridging course | OFSQAIM = FDBC |
| OUG | Other undergraduate | OFSQAIM = CERTED, UGOTHER, UNICERT, CET, CTLLS, PTLLS, HIGHCERT, OTHL4_Q, OTHL4_CC, OTHL4_U, OTHL5_Q, OTHL5_CC, OTHL5_U, OTHL6_C, OTHL6_U, OTHHEQ, OTHHE_CC, OTHHE_U |
| DEG | First degree | OFSQAIM = FIRST |
| INTM | Integrated masters | OFSQAIM = ENHANCED |
| PGCE | PGCE | OFSQAIM = PGCE |
| OPGT | Other postgraduate taught | OFSQAIM = PGDIP, PGOTHER, PGCERT, OTHL7_Q, OTHL7_CC, OTHL7_U, OTHL8_Q, OTHL8_CC, OTHL8_U |
| PGTM | Postgraduate taught masters | OFSQAIM = MASTER |
| PHD | PhD and MPhil | OFSQAIM = HIGHER |
| OTHER | Further education | OFSQAIM = FE |

SCAPPRENTICE

16. This field indicates whether the learning aim is part of an apprenticeship at any level.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------|--|---|
| 1 | The learning aim is part of an apprenticeship at any level | PROGTYPE = 02, 03, 10, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 |
| 0 | The learning aim is not part of an apprenticeship at any level | Otherwise |

SCLEVEL

17. This field classifies qualification aims into broad levels of study.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------|---------------------|--|
| APPR | Apprenticeship | SCAPPRENTICE = 1 and SCLEVEL_DETAIL in OUG, FOU, HND, HNC, UGDIP, FDBC, DEG, INTM, PHD, PGTM, PGCE, OPGT |
| OUG | Other undergraduate | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = OUG, FOU, HND, HNC, UGDIP, FDBC and not above |
| DEG | First degree | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = DEG, INTM and not above |
| PG | Postgraduate | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = PHD, PGTM, PGCE, OPGT and not above |
| OTHER | Other | Otherwise |

SCPOP

18. This field indicates whether a student is in the student characteristics population.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | In the population | SCLEVEL ≠ OTHER |
| 0 | Not in the population | Otherwise |

SCYEAR_ST

19. The academic year the student entered on to the course taken from LEARNSTARTDATE. If the month of LEARNSTARTDATE is between January and July, then SCYEAR_ST is the year prior to the calendar year of entry.

SCAGE_DETAIL

20. This field indicates the age category of the student at 31 August in the year they commence their studies.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|---------|----------------------------|--|
| UNKNOWN | Unknown | DATEOFBIRTH = BLANK or |
| | | Year of DATEOFBIRTH = 9999 or |
| | | DATEOFBIRTH > 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 10 |
| U21 | Under 21 on entry | DATEOFBIRTH > 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 21 |
| 21_25 | Between 21 and 25 on entry | DATEOFBIRTH ≤ 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 21 and |
| | | DATEOFBIRTH > 31 August SCYEAR_ST – 26 |
| 26_30 | Between 26 and 30 on entry | DATEOFBIRTH ≤ 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 26 and |
| | | DATEOFBIRTH > 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 31 |
| 31_40 | Between 31 and 40 on entry | DATEOFBIRTH ≤ 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 31 and |
| | | DATEOFBIRTH > 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 41 |
| 41_50 | Between 41 and 50 on entry | DATEOFBIRTH ≤ 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 41 and |
| | | DATEOFBIRTH > 31 August SCYEAR_ST - 51 |
| 51+ | 51 and over on entry | Otherwise |

SCAGE

21. This field indicates the age category of the student at 31 August in the year they commence their studies. This field groups the over 21 age groups into two categories.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 21_30 | Between 21 and 30 on entry | SCAGE_DETAIL = 21_25, 26_30 |
| 31+ | 31 and over on entry | SCAGE_DETAIL = 31_40, 41_50, 51+ |
| SCAGE_DETAIL | Otherwise | SCAGE |

SCDEGCLASSPOP

22. This field indicates whether a student is a first degree qualifier.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | In the population | SCLEVEL = DEG and OUTCOME = 1 |
| 0 | Not in the population | Otherwise |

SCDEGCLASS

23. This field indicates the degree classification awarded to first degree students.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------------|---|--|
| FIRST | First class honours degree | SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1 and OUTGRADE = FI |
| 2_1 | Upper second class honours degree | SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1 and OUTGRADE = SU |
| DIST | Distinction | SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1 and OUTGRADE = DS, DS* |
| MER | Merit | SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1 and OUTGRADE = ME |
| PASS | Pass | SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1 and OUTGRADE = PA |
| OTH_HONOURS | Other classifications of honours degree | SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1 and OUTGRADE = SL, SE, TH, FO |
| UNCLASS | Unclassified awards after following an honours degree | SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1 and OUTGRADE ≠ BLANK and not above |
| UNKNOWN | Unknown classification | SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1 and OUTGRADE = BLANK and not above |

SCDISABLE

24. This field indicates whether the student has a reported disability.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|---------|--|---|
| Υ | The student has declared a disability | LLDDHEALTHPROB = 1 and SCDISABLETYPE ≠ NONE |
| N | The student has declared no disability | LLDDHEALTHPROB = 2 and SCDISABLETYPE = NONE |
| UNKNOWN | No information provided by the learner | Otherwise |

SCDSA

25. This field indicates whether the student is in receipt of Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Υ | The student is in receipt of DSA | LEARNFAM_DLA = 1 |
| N | The student is not in receipt of DSA | Otherwise |

SCDISABLETYPE

26. This field indicates the type of disability a student has.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------|--|---|
| NONE | The student is not disabled or has an unknown disability | PRIMARYLLDD = 98, 99, BLANK |
| MULTI | The student has other or multiple impairments | PRIMARYLLDD = 2, 97 |
| SOC | The student has a social or communication impairment | PRIMARYLLDD = 1, 8, 14, 15, 17 |
| COG | The student has cognitive or learning difficulties | PRIMARYLLDD = 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 94, 96 |
| МН | The student has a mental health condition | PRIMARYLLDD = 9 |
| PHY | The student has sensory, medical or physical impairments | PRIMARYLLDD = 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 93, 95 |

SCDOM

27. This field indicates whether the student is domiciled in the UK, other EU countries or elsewhere.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|---------|-----------------------|---|
| Е | England | DOMICILE = XF or |
| | | (DOMICILE = XJ, XK, GB and |
| | | (POSTCODEPRIOR is in England or |
| | | (POSTCODEPRIOR = BLANK or POSTCODEPRIOR begins ZZ))) |
| OUK | UK, except England | DOMICILE = XG, XH, XI, XJ, XK, GB and not above |
| OEU | Other EU | DOMICILE = AI, AN, AQ, AT, AW, AX, BE, BG, BL, BM, BQ, CH, CW, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, EU, FI, FK, FO, FR, GF, GI, GL, GP, GR, GS, HR, HU, IC, IE, IO, IS, IT, KY, LI, LT, LU, LV, MF, MQ, MS, MT, NC, NL, NO, PF, PL, PM, PN, PT, RE, RO, SE, SH, SI, SK, SX, TC, TF, VG, WF, XA, XD, XE, YT |
| UNKNOWN | Unknown domicile | DOMICILE = ZZ, BLANK |
| OTHER | Not EU | Otherwise |

SCETHNIC

28. This field indicates the student's ethnicity.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Α | Asian | ETHNICITY = 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 |
| В | Black | ETHNICITY = 44, 45, 46 |
| W | White | ETHNICITY = 31, 32, 33, 34 |
| М | Mixed | ETHNICITY = 35, 36, 37, 38 |
| 0 | Other | ETHNICITY =47, 98 |
| UNKNOWN | Unknown ethnicity | Otherwise |

SCENTQUALGRP

29. This field contains the broad grouping of the student's highest qualification on entry.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|---------|--|--|
| HEPG | HE: Postgraduate level | QUALENT3 = DUK, DZZ, D80, M41, M44, M71, M80, M90, MUK, MZZ, H71 |
| HEFD | HE: First degree level | QUALENT3 = M2X, H11, HUK, HZZ, JUK |
| HEOUG | HE: Other undergraduate level | QUALENT3 = H80, J10, J20, J30, J48, J80, C20, C30, C44, C80, C90 |
| BACC | Baccalaureate | QUALENT3 = P62, P63 |
| LEV3 | Other Level 3 qualifications | QUALENT3* = P (excluding P62, P63) |
| FOUND | Foundation course | QUALENT3 = J49 |
| ACCESS | Access course | QUALENT3 = X00, X01 |
| NONE | No formal qualifications | QUALENT3 = X02, X03, X05 |
| OTHERS | Other qualifications (unknown level, or below level 3) | QUALENT3* = Q, R, X04 |
| UNKNOWN | Unknown qualifications | Otherwise |

^{*} the first character of QUALENT3 is used

SCPOSTCODE

30. This field shows the postcode prior to enrolment.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|---------|------------------|--|
| UNKNOWN | Unknown postcode | POSTCODEPRIOR = BLANK or |
| | | (POSTCODEPRIOR = ZZ999ZZ and SCDOM = OUK, E) |
| KNOWN | Known postcode | Otherwise |

SCLDCS

31. This field shows the Learn Direct codes that have been assigned to the student's programme of study. This directly maps from LDCS_CO1, LDCS_CO2, and LDCS_CO3.

SCJACS

32. This field shows the full 4-digit JACS code that has been assigned to the student's programme of study. The Learn Direct codes used to identify subject areas of study for students returned to the ILR (LDCS_CO1, LDCS_CO2, and LDCS_CO3) have been mapped to full 4-digit JACS codes.

SCFPE

33. This field shows the nominal full person equivalence (FPE) associated with the SCJACS code. This is derived using PCFLDCS, PCSLDCS and PCTLDCS.

SCSBJ_CAH1

34. The broad subject categorisations are based on level 1 of the Common Aggregation Hierarchy (CAH1, version 1.3.1)¹. This field shows which of the CAH1 codes the LDCS and related SCJACS codes map to. Where we cannot map to a subject, we set SCSBJ_CAH1 = CAH23. It is only shown in the individualised file.

¹ See www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/hecos

SCSBJ_CAH2

35. The subject categorisations are based on level 2 of the Common Aggregation Hierarchy (CAH2, version 1.3.1)². This field shows which of the CAH2 codes the LDCS and related SCJACS codes map to. This field has an additional value of 'UNKNOWN'. This category includes students where an LDCS code is not recognised, missing, or returned without a taught proportion (via PCFLDCS, PCSLDCS and PCTLDCS as appropriate); or if a proportion is returned without the LDCS code; or the taught proportions for a student do not sum to 100.

SCSBJ_CAH3

36. The detailed subject groups are based on level 3 of the Common Aggregation Hierarchy (CAH3, version 1.3.1)³. This field shows which of the CAH3 codes the LDCS and related SCJACS codes map to. Where we cannot map to a subject, we set SCSBJ_CAH3 = CAH23-01-01. It is only shown in the individualised file.

SCUKPRNTC

37. This field shows the UKPRN of the provider where the student spends the majority of time being taught this academic year. It is calculated using the method described below. The SCUKPRNTC value will take into account where a provider has been involved in a merger since 2007-08.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| Value of | Student spent the majority of the year at the provider | PCOLAB > 50 and |
| PARTNERUKPRN | recorded in PARTNERUKPRN | PARTNERUKPRN ≠ 0, BLANK |
| Value of UKPRN | Otherwise | Otherwise |

² See www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/hecos

³ See www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/hecos

Discover Uni

Description of derived fields used in Discover Uni metrics

38. Discover Uni is the name of our new resource to support prospective student decision making which will replace Unistats. For consistency with previous years we have continued to label the variables 'UNISTATS_'. Here we give details of two derived fields in the individualised file*. These fields are used to build the key dimensions of the Discover Uni tables.

Table 3 Student characteristics derived fields

| Derived field name | Description | Paragraph |
|--------------------|--|-----------|
| UNISTATS_FYEAR | Student in first year of study | 41 |
| UNISTATS_ENTPOP | Student is included in Unistats entry population | 42 |

^{*} The individualised file, SC18_DCT_XXXXXXXX_IND.csv, downloadable from the OfS portal (see www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/supplying-data/working-with-individualised-files/).

- 39. Below you will find a description of the algorithm used to create the population for the entry population (UNISTATS_ENTPOP) metric used on the Discover Uni website. Along with the other student characteristic information described above, you can use these population markers and the algorithms provided to preview a close approximation of this metric for any relevant courses submitted. The entry population can be used with SCENTQUALGRP to create the mix of entry qualifications for a course. You can also use the SCSBJ_CAH1/2/3 fields to see which subject areas your courses could aggregate with on Discover Uni using the Common Aggregation Hierarchy subject groupings.
- 40. The population markers have been included in the individualised file named SC18_DCT_XXXXXXXX_IND.csv (where XXXXXXXX is your provider's UKPRN) which can be found in your results package to allow you to examine how our algorithms would apply to the data you have submitted. Full details of how to access this file are given on the OfS website (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/supplying-data/working-with-individualised-files/).

UNISTATS_FYEAR

41. This field indicates whether the student is in the first year of their learning aim.

| Vá | alue | Description | Definition |
|----|------|--|---|
| 1 | | Student is in the first year of their learning aim | LEARNSTARTDATE > 31 July 2018 and LEARNSTARTDATE < 1 August 2019 |
| 0 | | Otherwise | Otherwise |

UNISTATS_ENTPOP

42. This field indicates whether the student is included in the Unistats entry population.

| Value | Description | Definition |
|-------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Student is in the entry table | SCLEVEL # OTHER, PG and SCLEVEL_DETAIL # HNC and UNISTATS_FYEAR = 1 and STULOAD # BLANK |
| 0 | Otherwise | Otherwise |

Student characteristics data summary: rebuild instructions

43. Full details of how to access the student characteristics data summary tables and associated individualised files are given on the OfS website (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/supplying-data/working-with-individualised-files/). The following sections of this document detail how to rebuild the populations of students found in the tables of the student characteristics data summary work book. These tables are listed in Table 4 below.

Table 4 Student characteristics data summary tables created using 2018-19 ILR data

| Worksheet | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| Coversheet | Title page with summary data tables |
| Age | Student headcount in each age category |
| Degree class | Student headcount in each degree class |
| Disability | Student headcount with and without disability and a breakdown by disability type. |
| Domicile | Student headcount in each domicile category |
| Ethnicity | Student headcount in each ethnicity category |
| Entry qualifications | Student headcount in each entry qualification category |
| Level of study | Student headcount in each level of study category |
| Postcode | Student headcount with known and unknown postcode prior to enrolment |
| Subject | Student headcount in each age category |
| Teaching provider | Student headcount in each teaching provider |

- 44. To rebuild the headcount columns in the main student characteristics data summary tables, apply the following filters to the individualised file:
 - a. First, restrict the data to the target population by applying one of the following criteria:
 - i. For the level of study table filter to SCLEVEL_DETAIL ≠ OTHER and skip to paragraph 45c.
 - ii. For degree class table filter to SCDEGCLASSPOP = 1
 - iii. For all other tables filter to SCPOP = 1

b. To return the individual column populations apply the following additional filters to the individualised file as required. Note that for the degree class table only the first degree population is used:

Apprenticeship: SCLEVEL = APPR
 Other UG students: SCLEVEL = OUG
 First degree: SCLEVEL = DEG

All undergraduate: SCLEVEL = OUG, DEG

Postgraduate: SCLEVEL = PG

c. To constrain the population to full-time or part-time, apply the following filters as required:

Full-time: SCMODE = FTPart-time: SCMODE = PT

- d. The additional filters which should be applied to the individualised file to create the population for each specific row are shown in the tables listed after paragraph 46.
- e. Once all the required filters have been applied the headcount is returned by summing the values in the SCFPE column and dividing by 100.
- 45. To derive the number of **students falling into unknown categories** apply the appropriate filters as described in paragraph 45 then filter the category to unknown: e.g. SCAGE_DETAIL = 'UNKNOWN'. Sum the values in the SCFPE column and divide the total by 100 to return the headcount. The total number of students is calculated by clearing all filters then applying either:
 - a. For the level of study table: SCLEVEL_DETAIL \neq OTHER
 - b. For all other tables: SCPOP = 1

then summing the SCFPE column and dividing the result by 100. To calculate the percentage of unknowns divide the calculated number of unknowns by the total number of students.

46. **Changes in underrepresented groups** are calculated by subtracting the total number of students in the category and group (e.g. the Over 30 group of the Age category) in 2018-19 and subtracting from it the equivalent value from 2017-18. As above, the total number of students is found by filtering to the required population then summing the SCFPE column and dividing the result by 100.

Age_detail

| Row value | Filter |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Under 21 | SCAGE_DETAIL = U21 |
| 21 - 25 | SCAGE_DETAIL = 21_25 |
| 26 - 30 | SCAGE_DETAIL = 26_30 |
| 31 - 40 | SCAGE_DETAIL = 31_40 |
| 41 - 50 | SCAGE_DETAIL = 41_50 |
| 51+ | SCAGE_DETAIL = 51+ |
| Unknown | SCAGE_DETAIL = U |

Age

| Row value | Filter |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 21 - 30 | SCAGE = 21_30 |
| 31+ | SCAGE = 31+ |
| Otherwise | SCAGE = SCAGE_DETAIL |

Degree class

| Row value | Filter |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| First | SCDEGCLASS = FIRST |
| Upper second (2:1) | SCDEGCLASS = 2_1 |
| Distinction | SCDEGCLASS = DIST |
| Merit | SCDEGCLASS = MER |
| Pass | SCDEGCLASS = PASS |
| Other honours classification | SCDEGCLASS = OTH_HONOURS |
| Unclassified degree award | SCDEGCLASS = UNCLASS |
| Unknown | SCDEGCLASS = UNKNOWN |

Disability

Disability

| Row value | Filter |
|--|---------------------|
| Disability reported | SCDISABLE = Y |
| No disability reported | SCDISABLE = N |
| No information provided by the learner | SCDISABLE = UNKNOWN |

DSA

| Row value | Filter |
|---|-----------|
| Student in receipt of DSA allowance | SCDSA = Y |
| Student not in receipt of DSA allowance | SCDSA = N |

Disability type

| Row value | Filter |
|--|-----------------------|
| The student is not disabled | SCDISABLETYPE = NONE |
| The student has other or multiple impairments | SCDISABLETYPE = MULTI |
| The student has a social or communication impairment | SCDISABLETYPE = SOC |
| The student has cognitive or learning difficulties | SCDISABLETYPE = COG |
| The student has a mental health condition | SCDISABLETYPE = MH |
| The student has sensory, medical or physical impairments | SCDISABLETYPE = PHY |

Domicile

| Row value | Filter |
|-----------|-----------------|
| England | SCDOM = E |
| Other UK | SCDOM = OUK |
| Other EU | SCDOM = OEU |
| Non-EU | SCDOM = OTHER |
| Unknown | SCDOM = UNKNOWN |

Ethnicity

| Row value | Filter |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Asian | SCETHNIC = A |
| Black | SCETHNIC = B |
| White | SCETHNIC = W |
| Mixed | SCETHNIC = M |
| Other | SCETHNIC = O |
| Unknown | SCETHNIC = UNKNOWN |

Entry qualifications

| Row value | Filter |
|--|------------------------|
| HE: Postgraduate level | SCENTQUALGRP = HEPG |
| HE: First degree level | SCENTQUALGRP = HEFD |
| HE: Other undergraduate level | SCENTQUALGRP = HEOUG |
| Baccalaureate | SCENTQUALGRP = BACC |
| Foundation course | SCENTQUALGRP = LEV3 |
| Access course | SCENTQUALGRP = FOUND |
| Other Level 3 qualifications | SCENTQUALGRP = ACCESS |
| No formal qualifications | SCENTQUALGRP = NONE |
| Other qualifications (unknown level, or below level 3) | SCENTQUALGRP = OTHERS |
| Unknown | SCENTQUALGRP = UNKNOWN |

Level of study

| Row value | Filter |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Higher national certificate (HNC) | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = HNC |
| Higher national diploma (HND) | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = HND |
| Foundation degree | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = FOU |
| Undergraduate diploma | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = UGDIP |
| Foundation degree bridging course | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = FDBC |
| Other undergraduate | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = OUG |
| First degree | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = DEG |
| Integrated masters | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = INTM |
| PGCE | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = PGCE |
| Other postgraduate (taught) | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = OPGT |
| Postgraduate taught masters | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = PGTM |
| PhD and MPhil | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = PHD |
| Unknown | SCLEVEL_DETAIL = OTHER |

Postcode

| Row value | Filter |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Known | SCPOSTCODE = KNOWN |
| Unknown | SCPOSTCODE = UNKNOWN |

Subject

| Row value | Filter |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Medicine and dentistry | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH01-01 |
| Pharmacology, toxicology and pharmacy | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH02-02 |
| Nursing and midwifery | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH02-04 |
| Medical sciences | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH02-05 |
| Allied health | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH02-06 |
| Biosciences | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH03-01 |
| Sport and exercise sciences | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH03-02 |
| Psychology | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH04-01 |
| Veterinary sciences | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH05-01 |

| Agriculture, food and related studies | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH06-01 |
|--|----------------------|
| Physics and astronomy | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH07-01 |
| Chemistry | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH07-02 |
| General, applied and forensic sciences | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH07-04 |
| Mathematical sciences | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH09-01 |
| Engineering | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH10-01 |
| Technology | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH10-02 |
| Materials and technology | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH10-03 |
| Computing | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH11-01 |
| Architecture, building and planning | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH13-01 |
| Sociology, social policy and anthropology | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH15-01 |
| Economics | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH15-02 |
| Politics | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH15-03 |
| Health and social care | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH15-04 |
| Law | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH16-01 |
| Business and management | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH17-01 |
| English studies | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH19-01 |
| Celtic studies | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH19-02 |
| Languages and area studies | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH19-04 |
| History and archaeology | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH20-01 |
| Philosophy and religious studies | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH20-02 |
| Education and teaching | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH22-01 |
| Combined and general studies | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH23-01 |
| Media, journalism and communications | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH24-01 |
| Creative arts and design | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH25-01 |
| Performing arts | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH25-02 |
| Geography, earth and environmental studies | SCSBJ_CAH2 =CAH26-01 |
| Unknown subject ⁴ | SCSBJ_CAH2 =UNKNOWN |

⁴ . This category includes students where an LDCS code is missing or returned without a taught proportion (via PCFLDCS, PCSLDCS and PCTLDCS as appropriate), or a proportion is returned without the LDCS code, or the proportions for a student do not sum to 100.

Teaching provider

| Row value | Filter |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| PARTNERUKPRN | PCOLAB > 50 and |
| | PARTNERUKPRN ≠ 0, BLANK |
| UKPRN | Otherwise |

