

Uni Connect monitoring data 2021-22

Uni Connect partnerships submitted monitoring reports to the OfS in October 2022 for delivery of the programme in the 2021-22 academic year. These allowed us to gain a clear picture of how the partnerships are delivering activity to:

- meet the programme aims
- inform evaluation of the programme
- inform future policy and funding development.

Partnerships submit a monitoring return which collects information on finances, governance and operations, alongside an activity and learner engagement tracking report, produced by their chosen tracking system, which provides aggregated data on activities delivered and learners engaged.

Monitoring data tables

The data in this document features in the Uni Connect 2021-22 Data Snapshot report¹ and is taken from the OfS monitoring returns and tracking reports, covering the academic year August 2021 to July 2022.

Table 1: Uni Connect learner engagement - total number of learners engaged in Uni Connect activities, as reported in the 2021- 2022 tracking reports.

Period	Number of Uni Connect learners engaged
Since launch	1,321,116
August 2021 – July 2022	495,636

Table 2: School and college engagement – total number of schools and colleges engaged in Uni Connect, as reported in the 2021-22 OfS monitoring returns.

School and college engagement	Number of schools and colleges
Schools and colleges engaged in Uni Connect activity	2,593
Schools and colleges received Uni Connect funding	879
Schools or colleges with a Uni Connect funded member of staff employed of based at the school or college	395

¹ See www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/uni-connect-data-snapshot-2021-22/.

Table 3: Groups engaged in Uni Connect activities – number of partnerships engaging with different groups through strategic outreach initiatives, as reported in the 2021-22 OfS monitoring returns.

Groups engaged	Number of partnerships working with the group
Areas of lower HE participation	29
Parents/Carers	27
Teachers/Advisers	27
Adult learners	24
Care leavers	24
Black, Asian and minority ethnic learners	19
Disabled learners	19
Carers	16
Children of military families	14
Other	12
Refugees	12
Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities	11
Learners estranged from their families	10

Table 4: Uni Connect activity delivered, as reported in the 2021-2022 tracking reports.

Activity type	Number of activities as percentage of programme
Information, advice and guidance	46%
Skills and attainment (including tutoring)	23%
Mentoring	16%
Subject masterclass/subject insight	8%
Campus visit	5%
Parent and carer engagement	1%
Staff development	1%
Total	100%

Table 5: Uni Connect collaborative partnerships – partners involved in Uni Connect, as reported in the 2021-22 OfS monitoring returns.

Type of organisation	Number of partners
Colleges	147
Universities	144
Local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships	107
Other organisations	51

Charities	23
Employers	7

Table 6: Working with other partners – organisations collaborating with Uni Connect partnerships, as reported in the 2021-22 OfS monitoring returns.

Type of stakeholder	Number of partnerships
Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC)	29
Local authorities	27
Local Enterprise Partnerships	26
Employers	25
Student Loans Company (SLC)	19
NHS Trusts	18
Other	18
National Citizen Service (NCS)	16
Opportunity area leads	11
National Career Service	10
Jobcentre Plus	5
National Tutoring Programme	3
Housing associations	2

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