

Publication of Unistats data on Discover Uni for 2021

Further to our publication 'Unistats 2021: timetable and arrangements for the submission and publication of data' in May 2021, this document sets out the details of the Unistats data which will be published on Discover Uni.

We can confirm the following timetable for the publication of the Unistats 21061 dataset:

- **End of September 2021**
The date by which HESA plans to publish the 2021 Unistats dataset.
- **October 2021**
The Discover Uni website will be updated with the 2021 dataset.
- **End of November 2021**
The deadline for up-to-date widgets to be set up on provider websites.

As in 2020, we will publish the Unistats dataset on the Discover Uni website.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The UK funders and regulators committed to analyse the data to assess any impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on the results and make judgements about its statistical reliability and its suitability for student information purposes.

The OfS, on behalf of the UK funding and regulatory bodies, completed an assessment from which the UK funding and regulatory bodies are assured that the quality of the data is suitable for publication and of value to potential students.

However, it was recognised that aggregation of both NSS data over two years (as in previous years) and of Graduate Outcomes (GO) data over two years (as would be expected) presents the risk of students seeing data from 2021 for some courses and comparing it with data for 2020 and/or 2021 for other courses. The decision was therefore made to only publish the latest data, and for a single year only. Contextual information about the exceptional circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic will be presented alongside the data on Discover Uni to support users' interpretation of the data.

Data to be published

The data to be published is:

- **NSS data from the 2021 survey only at course level and/or subject level.** The NSS 2021 data will be accompanied with interpretative notes on the Discover Uni site.

- **Graduate Outcomes survey current year's (2018 graduates) data only at course and/or subject level.** Publication of 2018 GO data will be accompanied with interpretative notes on the Discover Uni site.
- **The publication threshold for data items based on NSS and GO survey results** will continue to be a headcount of ten responses and a 50 per cent response rate to the survey.
- **Graduate occupations 15 months after graduation** is being updated to use the ONS Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 2020.
- **The Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO) data** is being updated for those providers for which we publish it, to include data for the 2018-19 tax year. As in 2020, the LEO data will include graduate earnings data for three years after graduation and five years after graduation (for the same cohort). LEO data will be published for courses in England, Wales and Scotland. All GO and LEO earnings data will be aggregated to the same level.
- **The NHS placement questions are not being published as part of the NSS data and will therefore not be included on Discover Uni.** Only students identified as funded through the NHS are asked these questions and this has resulted in a limited amount of data. Instead of publishing this, providers will be able to receive their own responses to these questions through the NSS Results Portal.
- **The Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF)** is being removed from the Discover Uni website provider information pages in line with the [OfS letter to providers of 10 June](#).
- **The Unistats widget** will present the updated data and will continue to provide a direct link to data about the course from providers' course pages.