

## Appendix 4: Comparison tables

1. This appendix describes the content of the comparison tables on the 'Comparison\_1' (Tables A to D), 'Comparison\_2' (Tables E to G), 'Comparison\_3' (Tables H and I) and 'Other\_comparisons' (Table Z) worksheets of the Higher Education Students Early Statistics 2024-25 (HESES24) survey workbook and lists the criteria that determine cell highlighting in these tables.
2. A cell will be highlighted when it contains a value that has exceeded a pre-determined threshold set by the Office for Students (OfS). If the cause of cell highlighting cannot be identified, providers should email us for guidance at [heses@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:heses@officeforstudents.org.uk).
3. The highlighting built into the comparison tables is intended to help providers check data prior to submission by identifying values that are unusual or unexpected. As well as querying any values identified by the comparison tables, we may also query other significant changes or inconsistencies.
4. The highlighting in the comparison tables is summarised on the 'Information' worksheet. Where a submitted workbook has a value highlighted in a comparison table, providers must explain why the associated data is credible. Such explanations are part of the submission process and should be emailed to [dataverification@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:dataverification@officeforstudents.org.uk) by noon on the date of the submission deadline to inform the subsequent data verification process. The submission deadlines are as follows:
  - for further education and sixth form colleges and academies: **noon 13 November 2024**
  - for all other providers: **noon 11 December 2024**.
5. As we release updates to the workbook during the submission period, additional highlighting may appear. Please ensure that you review your HESES24 return after each update. See Appendix 1 for information regarding updates to the workbook.
6. Once the submission deadline has passed, the results from the comparison tables and any explanations given by the provider will be used by OfS staff to assess whether the data is reasonable. Providers may be asked to provide additional information, or to correct data, in response to this assessment during the data verification period. Our 'Completing the HESES24 workbook' document provides more information on the data verification process.
7. The HESES24 workbook also includes a series of validation checks and credibility checks which help to ensure that incorrect data is not submitted. Validation checks are described in Appendix 2 and credibility checks are described in Appendix 3.

### Data sources

8. The comparison tables summarise data from the following sources:

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- a. **2022-23 individualised data (ILR or Student record):** This data is available in the HESES22 comparison workbook 'HES22\_XXXXXXXX.xlsx', where XXXXXXXX is the UK Provider Reference Number (UKPRN) for your provider. This was released as part of the reconciliation exercise, or if your provider has amended their data since, the amendment submission tool.
  - b. **HESES23:** This data is taken from the HESES23 workbook submitted at the start of the 2023-24 academic year.
  - c. **2023-24 individualised data (ILR or Student record):** This is 2023-24 data processed by the 2023-24 data checking tool, where available.
  - d. **HESES24:** This data is taken from the relevant tables of the HESES24 workbook.
9. In the workbook, previous years' data will be shown using the headings 'Individualised data' (or 'Ind. Data') with the appropriate year prefix or 'HESES' with the appropriate year suffix. If data is not available from any of the data sources, then the relevant column will be greyed out and no comparisons will be made.

## Cell highlighting

10. Each comparison table description in this appendix includes a table which provides information on cell highlighting. For each comparison, this table describes: the data compared; the criteria for highlighting; and the columns that are highlighted when the criteria are met.
11. The colour of the cell in the third column reflects the colour of the highlighting in the comparison table. Yellow highlighting indicates a substantial change between HESES23 and HESES24, and orange highlighting indicates a substantial change between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24 (if 2023-24 individualised data is available). Where there are substantial changes for both comparisons, the cell will be highlighted orange.

## Table A: Total countable years of engagement split by fundability status in 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25

12. This table summarises the total countable years of engagement from Columns 1 and 2 on Tables 1, 2 and 3 and splits the years of engagement in Table A by fundability status (Fundable; Non fundable; Overseas).
13. Data is summarised for 2022-23 individualised data, HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.
14. The table shows the proportion (as a percentage) of the total which is contributed by each fundability status (Fundable; Non fundable; Overseas), and the change in proportion (i.e., the percentage point difference) between the following:
- a. HESES23 and 2023-24 individualised data.
  - b. HESES23 and HESES24.
  - c. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

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Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change in proportion of more than <b>4 percentage points</b> and values differ by more than <b>10</b>	Change in proportion between HESES23 and HESES24
	HESES23 = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	HESES23 and HESES24
2023-24 individualised data vs. HESES24	Change in proportion of more than <b>4 percentage points</b> and values differ by more than <b>10</b>	Change in proportion between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24
	2023-24 individualised data = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

15. Percentage changes are shown between the following:

- a. 2022-23 individualised data and 2023-24 individualised data.
- b. HESES23 and HESES24.
- c. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>50</b>	Percentage change between HESES23 and HESES24
	Change of more than <b>50 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>10</b>	Percentage change between HESES23 and HESES24
HESES24 vs. 2023-24 individualised data	Change of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>50</b>	Percentage change between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24
	Change of more than <b>50 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>10</b>	Percentage change between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

**Table B: Fundable countable years of engagement split by mode in 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25**

16. This table splits the fundable countable years of engagement by mode (Full-time; Sandwich year out; Part-time).

17. Data is summarised for: 2022-23 individualised data, HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

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18. Percentage changes are shown between:

- a. 2022-23 individualised data and 2023-24 individualised data.
- b. HESES23 and HESES24.
- c. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>100</b>	Percentage change between HESES23 and HESES24
	Change of more than <b>50 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>20</b>	Percentage change between HESES23 and HESES24
	HESES23 = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	HESES23 and HESES24
2023-24 individualised data vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>100</b>	Percentage change between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24
	Change of more than <b>50 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>20</b>	Percentage change between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24
	2023-24 individualised data = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

**Table C: Fundable countable years of engagement split by level in 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25**

19. This table splits fundable FTEs by level: UG (Level 4 and 5); UG (Other); PGT (UG fee); PGT (Masters' loan); PGT (Other).

20. Data is summarised for: 2022-23 individualised data, HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

21. Percentage changes are shown between the following:

- a. 2022-23 individualised data and 2023-24 individualised data.
- b. HESES23 and HESES24.
- c. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

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Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>100</b>	Percentage change between HESES23 and HESES24
	Change of more than <b>50 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>20</b>	Percentage change between HESES23 and HESES24
2023-24 individualised data vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>100</b>	Percentage change between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24
	Change of more than <b>50 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>20</b>	Percentage change between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

**Table D: Fundable countable years of engagement split by price group in 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25**

22. This table splits the fundable countable years of engagement by price group: A; B; C1.1; C1.2; C2; D.

23. Data is summarised for: 2022-23 individualised data, HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

24. The table shows the proportion (as a percentage) of the total years of engagement which is contributed by each price group, and the change in proportion (i.e., the percentage point difference) between the following:

- a. HESES23 and HESES24.
- b. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change in proportion of more than <b>10 percentage points</b> and values differ by more than <b>10</b>	Change in proportion between HESES23 and HESES24
	Change in proportion of more than <b>3 percentage points</b> and values differ by more than <b>250</b>	Change in proportion between HESES23 and HESES24
	HESES23 = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	HESES23 and HESES24
2023-24 individualised data vs. HESES24	Change in proportion of more than <b>10 percentage points</b> and values differ by more than <b>10</b>	Change in proportion between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

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Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
	Change in proportion of more than <b>3 percentage points</b> and values differ by more than <b>250</b>	Change in proportion between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24
	2023-24 individualised data = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

**Table E: Proportion of fundable countable years of engagement recorded as long**

25. The data in this table is sourced from HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

26. The table summarises the following information from Tables 1 and 3, split by price group (A; B; C1.1; C1.2; C2; D), mode (Full-time; Part-time) and level (All UG, i.e., the sum of UG (Level 4 and 5) and UG (Other); All PGT, i.e., the sum of PGT (UG fee), PGT (Masters' loan) and PGT (Other)):

- a. Total fundable countable years of engagement, from Column 1 and Column 2 of Table 1 or Column 1 and Column 2 of Table 3.
- b. Fundable countable years of engagement for long years of engagement, from Column 1 and Column 2 of Table 1 or Column 1 and Column 2 of Table 3.

27. The table shows the proportion (as a percentage) of the total fundable countable years of engagement which is contributed by long years of engagement, and the change in proportion (i.e., the percentage point difference) between the following:

- a. HESES23 and HESES24.
- b. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change in proportion of more than <b>25 percentage points</b> and long fundable countable years of engagement differ by more than <b>50</b>	Percentage point difference between HESES23 and HESES24
	HESES23 long fundable countable years of engagement = <b>0</b> and HESES24 long fundable countable years of engagement > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	HESES23 long fundable countable years of engagement and HESES24 long fundable countable years of engagement
2023-24 individualised data vs. HESES24	Change in proportion of more than <b>25 percentage points</b> and long fundable countable years differ by more than <b>50</b>	Percentage point difference between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

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Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
	2023-24 individualised data long fundable countable years of engagement = <b>0</b> and HESES24 long fundable countable years of engagement > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	2023-24 individualised data long fundable countable years of engagement and HESES24 long fundable countable years of engagement

### Table F: Home fee undergraduate years of engagement abroad

28. The data in this table is sourced from 2022-23 individualised data, HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

29. The table summarises the following information from Table 4, split by type of year abroad (Turing years abroad; Outgoing year abroad outside the Turing programmes), fundability status (Fundable; Non-fundable) and mode (Full-time; Sandwich year out):

a. Countable years of engagement, from Columns 1 and 2.

30. Percentage changes are shown between the following:

a. 2022-23 individualised data and 2023-24 individualised data.

b. HESES23 and HESES24.

c. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>20 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>25</b>	Percentage change between HESES23 and HESES24
	HESES23 = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>25</b> , or vice versa	HESES23 and HESES24
2023-24 individualised data vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>20 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>25</b>	Percentage change between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24
	2023-24 individualised data = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>25</b> , or vice versa	2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

### Table G: Proportion of new entrants

31. The data in this table is sourced from 2022-23 individualised data, HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

32. The table summarises the following information from Table 5, split by mode (Full-time and sandwich year out; Part-time), level (All UG, i.e., the sum of UG (Level 4 and 5) and UG (Other);

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All PGT, i.e., the sum of PGT (UG fee), PGT (Masters' loan) and PGT (Other)) and residential status (Home fee, i.e., OfS-fundable and non-fundable; Overseas):

- a. Countable years of engagement, from Section A, Columns 1 and 2.
- b. New entrants, from Section B.

33. The table shows the proportion (as a percentage) of the years of engagement which is contributed by new entrants.

34. Percentage differences between counts of years of engagement and between counts of new entrants are shown for the following:

- a. HESES23 and HESES24.
- b. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

35. The table also shows changes in the proportion of new entrants (i.e., the percentage point difference) between these pairs of data sources.

Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change in proportion of more than <b>10 percentage points</b> and new entrants differ by more than <b>50</b>	Percentage point difference between HESES23 and HESES24 proportions
	Change in new entrants of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and new entrants differ by more than <b>50</b>	Percentage difference between HESES23 and HESES24 new entrants
	HESES23 new entrants = <b>0</b> and HESES24 new entrants > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	HESES23 and HESES24
2023-24 individualised data vs. HESES24	Change in proportion of more than <b>10 percentage points</b> and new entrants differ by more than <b>50</b>	Percentage point difference between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24 proportions
	Change in new entrants of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and new entrants differ by more than <b>50</b>	Percentage difference between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24 new entrants
	2023-24 individualised data new entrants = <b>0</b> and HESES24 new entrants > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	2023-24 individualised data and HESES24



## Table H: Countable years of engagement for home fee starters on pre-registration nursing, midwifery and allied health profession courses

36. The data in this table is sourced from 2022-23 individualised data, HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.
37. The table summarises the countable years of engagement that are starters from Tables 6a and 6c for each profession and level (All UG, i.e., the sum of UG (Level 4 and 5) and UG (Other); All PGT, i.e., the sum of PGT (UG fee) and PGT (Masters' loan) only (as there are no PGT (Other) professions)).
38. For each profession and level, the table shows the sum of the fundable and non-fundable countable years of engagement for:
- Full-time starters in 2022-23.
  - Part-time starters in 2022-23.
  - Full-time starters in 2023-24.
  - Part-time starters in 2023-24.
  - Full-time starters in 2024-25.
  - Part-time starters in 2024-25.
39. Percentage differences are shown between the following:
- HESES23 starters in 2023-24 and HESES24 starters in 2024-25.
  - 2023-24 individualised data starters in 2023-24 and HESES24 starters in 2024-25.

Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 starters in 2023-24 vs. HESES24 starters in 2024-25	Change of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>20</b>	Percentage difference between HESES23 starters in 2023-24 and HESES24 starters in 2024-25
	HESES23 = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	HESES23 starters in 2023-24 and HESES24 starters in 2024-25
2023-24 individualised data starters in 2023-24 vs. HESES24 starters in 2024-25	Change of more than <b>10 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>20</b>	Percentage difference between 2023-24 individualised data starters in 2023-24 and HESES24 starters in 2024-25
	2023-24 individualised data = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	2023-24 individualised data starters in 2023-24 and HESES24 starters in 2024-25

### Table I: Total countable years of engagement on pre-registration nursing, midwifery and allied health profession courses

40. The data in this table is sourced from 2022-23 individualised data, HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

41. The table summarises the countable years of engagement from Tables 6a and 6c for each profession and level (All UG, i.e., the sum of UG (Level 4 and 5) and UG (Other); All PGT, i.e., the sum of PGT (UG fee) and PGT (Masters' loan) only (as there are no PGT (Other) professions)).

42. For each profession and level, the table shows the sum of the fundable and non-fundable countable years of engagement for:

- a. Full-time total countable years of engagement.
- b. Part-time total countable years of engagement.

43. Percentage differences are shown between the following:

- a. Total countable years of engagement in 2022-23 individualised data and HESES24.
- b. Total countable years of engagement in HESES23 and HESES24
- c. Total countable years of engagement in 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

Data compared	Criteria	Columns highlighted
HESES23 vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>20 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>30</b>	Percentage difference between HESES23 and HESES24
	HESES23 = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	HESES23 and HESES24
2023-24 individualised data vs. HESES24	Change of more than <b>20 per cent</b> and values differ by more than <b>30</b>	Percentage difference between 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24
	2023-24 individualised data = <b>0</b> and HESES24 > <b>10</b> , or vice versa	2023-24 individualised data and HESES24

### Table Z: Countable fundable years of engagement by mode, level and price group

44. The data in this table is sourced from HESES23, 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

45. The table summarises counts of fundable years of engagement from Columns 1 and 2 of Tables 1, 2 and 3 by price group (A; B; C1.1; C1.2; C2; D), mode of study (Full-time; Sandwich year out; Part-time) and level of study (All UG, i.e., the sum of UG (Level 4 and 5) and UG (Other); All PGT, i.e., the sum of PGT (UG fee), PGT (Masters' loan) and PGT (Other)).

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46. Percentage differences are shown between the countable fundable years of engagement in the following:

- a. HESES23 and HESES24.
- b. 2023-24 individualised data and HESES24.

47. This table does not include any automatic highlighting.