

Medr National Measures for Higher Education Performance - 2024/25

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This document contains institutional data used for monitoring progress on Medr's National Measures for HE performance.

A list of these measures can be found here:

[Annex B of HEFCW circular W18/30HE: National measures for higher education performance from 2018/19](#)

Information on data sources and how each measure is derived can be found in Medr's data requirements circular.

The latest information can be found in Annex I of this circular:

[Medr/2026/35: Higher Education Data Requirements 2026/27](#)

Future changes

The retention National Measure is still currently based on data from the UK Performance Indicators (PIs) which were published by HESA for the last time in 2022. We are currently working on a methodology to enable us to update the retention measure.

Notes

General notes that apply to all or most measures are outlined below. For specific information relating to each measure please refer to the notes below each measure.

Data for FEIs is not available for all targets.

The following **data disclosure control policy** has been applied. This means that for all data relating to individuals:

- All numbers are rounded up or down to the nearest multiple of 5. Any number lower than 2.5 is rounded to 0. Halves are rounded upwards (e.g. 2.5 is rounded to 5).
- Percentages are calculated on unrounded data. Percentages calculated on populations which contain fewer than 22.5 individuals are suppressed and represented as ".".
- Totals are calculated on unrounded data and therefore may not appear to be the sum of the individual rounded data.

The **Data Futures** programme was implemented for the **2022/23 HESA student record**. There were difficulties with the return caused by delays to the functionality of the HESA Data Platform, late software updates, late supply of data quality rules by Jisc and other issues. This may have resulted in data quality issues which impact on student data based National Measures. We received several manual amendments to this data which has been included and noted in the footnotes of each measure where relevant. More information on the impact of the Data Futures programme on the quality of the 2022/23 student data is provided by HESA at the following link:

[HESA student record 2022/23 data quality report](#)

In most cases, data sources used in the National Measures do not reflect any notable impacts of the **COVID-19 pandemic**. Exceptions to this are student mobility experiences, the National Student Survey (NSS) and Graduate Outcomes (GO).

More information about the impact of the pandemic on GO data, the HESA student record and the NSS is available at the following links:

[The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Graduate Outcomes 2019/20 | HESA](#)

[The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Graduate Outcomes 2020/21 | HESA](#)

[The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on 2020/21 Student data | HESA](#)

[The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on 2021/22 Student data | HESA](#)

[National Student Survey 2020: Analysis of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic - Office for Students](#)

[NSS data: overview - Office for Students \(in key findings\)](#)

In August 2017 the **University of Wales** and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David approved a deed of union. As part of this undertaking, University of Wales also committed to bring to an end its historic model of validated programmes. All UW students are expected to complete by 2027.

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Below are links to existing data and analysis in the areas of National Measures that have not been specifically defined.

5. Diversity of the student population

[Sta/Medr/07/2026: Equality characteristics of students and staff at higher education providers: 2024/25](#)

<https://www.medr.cymru/en/data-and-analysis/>

<https://www.medr.cymru/en/news-and-publications/>

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/students/releases>

17. REF impact outcomes

<https://www.medr.cymru/en/research-and-innovation/>

<https://2029.ref.ac.uk/>

22. REF outcomes

<https://www.medr.cymru/en/research-and-innovation/>

<https://2029.ref.ac.uk/>

23. Financial health

<https://www.medr.cymru/en/monitoring-and-compliance/>

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/finances/releases>

24. Estates

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/estates>

25. Senior staff pay and gender pay gap

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/staff/table-17>

26. Equality and diversity staff data

[Sta/Medr/07/2026: Equality characteristics of students and staff at higher education providers: 2024/25](#)

<https://www.medr.cymru/en/data-and-analysis/>

<https://www.medr.cymru/en/news-and-publications/>

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/staff/releases>

National Measures

1. Widening Access

The number and proportion of undergraduate Welsh domiciled students of all ages studying higher education courses at HEIs and FEIs in Wales who are domiciled in

a) the bottom two quintiles

b) the bottom quintile

of Lower Super Output Areas in the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014 (WIMD)

a) the bottom two quintiles

	Institution	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			
		Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	
Wales	University of South Wales	6,525	13,855	47.1%	6,280	13,080	48.0%	6,135	12,495	49.1%	6,125	12,260	49.9%	5,755	11,325	50.8%	5,275	10,225	51.6%	5,215	10,230	51.0%	4,525	9,145	49.5%	4,400	8,905	49.4%	
	Aberystwyth University	590	2,680	22.0%	545	2,445	22.4%	515	2,300	22.4%	485	2,230	21.8%	490	2,160	22.7%	510	2,115	24.0%	515	2,185	23.5%	515	2,165	23.7%	595	2,545	23.3%	
	Bangor University	890	3,155	28.3%	850	3,060	27.9%	835	2,930	28.4%	775	2,820	27.5%	840	2,920	28.7%	860	2,990	28.4%	735	2,645	27.8%	700	2,530	27.6%	660	2,395	27.5%	
	Cardiff University	2,435	8,025	30.3%	2,490	7,975	31.2%	2,395	7,945	30.2%	2,450	7,885	31.1%	2,355	7,720	30.5%	2,535	7,995	31.7%	2,490	7,885	31.6%	2,415	7,725	31.3%	2,390	7,655	31.2%	
	University of Wales Trinity Saint David	2,405	6,300	38.2%	2,505	6,135	40.8%	2,630	6,145	42.8%	2,710	6,460	42.0%	2,675	6,705	39.9%	2,425	6,505	37.3%	2,335	6,150	38.0%	2,220	5,560	40.0%	2,150	4,900	43.8%	
	Swansea University	2,450	7,025	34.9%	2,560	7,445	34.4%	2,550	7,365	34.6%	2,505	7,190	34.9%	2,690	7,360	36.6%	2,705	7,310	37.0%	2,865	7,080	37.7%	2,480	6,510	37.8%	2,470	6,490	38.0%	
	Cardiff Metropolitan University	1,805	4,645	38.9%	1,835	4,560	40.3%	2,015	4,620	41.8%	1,975	4,650	42.4%	2,085	4,765	43.8%	2,115	4,910	43.1%	2,105	4,925	42.8%	2,010	4,730	42.5%	2,080	5,000	41.5%	
	Wrexham University	1,400	3,865	36.2%	1,120	3,180	35.2%	1,190	3,410	34.9%	1,215	3,390	35.9%	1,330	3,540	37.9%	1,085	3,010	36.1%	1,190	3,215	37.0%	1,025	2,980	34.5%	1,145	3,315	34.6%	
	The Open University in Wales	2,620	6,620	39.6%	2,650	6,585	40.2%	3,540	8,210	43.1%	4,675	10,215	45.8%	6,270	13,520	46.4%	6,505	13,880	46.9%	6,625	13,950	47.5%	7,115	14,555	48.9%	7,550	14,925	50.6%	
	University of Wales	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		
UK	Welsh HEIs	21,125	56,170	37.8%	20,830	54,460	38.3%	21,810	55,625	39.2%	22,920	57,100	40.1%	24,480	60,015	40.8%	24,910	58,935	40.7%	23,875	58,260	41.0%	22,990	55,900	41.1%	23,425	56,135	41.7%	
	Grip Llandrillo Menai	405	1,165	34.7%	480	1,385	34.8%	470	1,395	33.9%	440	1,280	34.3%	370	1,035	36.0%	320	900	35.6%	320	850	37.1%	235	725	32.3%	230	725	32.0%	
	Grip Colegau NPfTC Group of Colleges	55	105	52.8%	55	130	41.1%	75	160	46.3%	70	165	42.8%	85	195	43.8%	80	180	44.9%	90	185	48.1%	80	180	43.8%	55	110	48.2%	
	Gower College Swansea	35	110	30.4%	40	130	32.3%	40	130	31.1%	45	110	39.1%	20	65	34.9%	15	50	29.2%	10	40	30.0%	10	30	25.8%	10	30	29.0%	
	Welsh FEIs	495	1,380	35.8%	575	1,645	35.1%	590	1,690	34.8%	560	1,555	35.8%	480	1,295	37.1%	415	1,125	36.8%	420	1,085	38.8%	320	935	34.3%	295	865	34.0%	
	Welsh HEIs and FEIs	21,620	57,550	37.8%	21,410	56,105	38.2%	22,395	57,310	39.1%	23,475	58,655	40.2%	24,970	61,305	40.7%	24,425	60,065	40.7%	24,295	59,345	40.9%	23,310	56,835	41.0%	23,720	57,000	41.6%	
	UK institutions excluding student alternative data	27,185	83,035	32.7%	27,110	81,670	32.2%	28,080	82,695	34.0%	29,130	83,790	34.8%	30,950	86,785	35.7%	30,810	86,475	35.6%										
	UK institutions	27,305	83,485	32.7%	27,255	82,160	32.2%	28,230	83,240	33.9%	29,280	84,270	34.7%	31,155	87,460	35.6%	31,050	87,185	35.6%	31,190	86,545	36.0%	30,270	83,800	36.1%	30,645	83,575	36.7%	

b) the bottom quintile

Institution	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage
University of South Wales	3,240	13,855	23.4%	3,175	13,080	24.3%	3,095	12,495	24.8%	3,140	12,260	25.6%	2,925	11,325	25.8%	2,885	10,225	26.2%	2,780	10,230	27.0%	2,410	9,145	26.3%	2,320	8,905	26.0%
Aberystwyth University	205	2,680	7.7%	210	2,445	8.6%	180	2,300	7.7%	155	2,230	7.0%	165	2,160	7.7%	165	2,115	7.8%	180	2,185	8.2%	185	2,165	8.5%	225	2,545	8.8%
Bangor University	335	3,155	10.6%	325	3,060	10.6%	325	2,930	11.1%	320	2,820	11.4%	350	2,920	12.1%	380	2,990	12.6%	300	2,645	12.5%	300	2,530	11.9%	280	2,395	11.7%
Cardiff University	1,200	8,025	15.0%	1,210	7,975	15.2%	1,185	7,945	14.9%	1,215	7,885	15.4%	1,165	7,720	15.1%	1,215	7,995	15.2%	1,235	7,885	15.7%	1,230	7,725	15.9%	1,230	7,655	16.1%
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	1,100	6,300	17.5%	1,175	6,135	19.1%	1,275	6,145	20.7%	1,320	6,460	20.5%	1,350	6,705	20.1%	1,255	6,505	19.3%	1,265	6,150	20.6%	1,235	5,960	22.2%	1,210	4,900	24.6%
Swansea University	1,140	7,025	16.2%	1,175	7,445	15.8%	1,195	7,365	16.2%	1,235	7,190	17.2%	1,300	7,360	17.6%	1,295	7,310	17.7%	1,285	7,080	18.1%	1,220	6,510	18.7%	1,250	6,490	19.2%
Cardiff Metropolitan University	975	4,645	21.0%	1,035	4,560	22.7%	1,165	4,620	24.2%	1,165	4,650	25.0%	1,185	4,765	24.8%	1,205	4,910	24.6%	1,205	4,925	24.4%	1,135	4,730	23.9%	1,140	5,000	22.8%
Wrexham University	560	3,865	14.5%	410	3,180	13.0%	455	3,410	13.3%	475	3,390	14.0%	530	3,540	15.0%	440	3,010	14.6%	490	3,215	15.3%	395	2,980	13.2%	425	3,315	12.8%
The Open University in Wales	1,265	6,620	19.1%	1,230	6,585	18.7%	1,730	8,210	21.1%	2,350	10,215	23.0%	3,305	13,520	24.4%	3,355	13,880	24.2%	3,415	13,950	24.5%	3,750	14,555	25.8%	4,005	14,925	26.8%
University of Wales	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Welsh HEIs	10,025	56,170	17.8%	9,945	54,460	18.3%	10,660	55,625	19.1%	11,360	57,100	19.9%	12,270	60,015	20.8%	11,990	58,935	20.3%	12,165	58,260	20.9%	11,860	55,900	21.2%	12,080	56,135	21.9%
Grip Llandrillo Menai	165	1,165	14.1%	210	1,385	15.1%	195	1,395	13.9%	175	1,280	13.7%	135	1,020	13.1%	125	900	14.1%	130	850	15.8%	85	725	11.9%	90	720	12.7%
Grip Colegau NPfTC Group of Colleges	30	105	28.3%	25	130	18.6%	40	160	23.5%	30	165	16.9%	45	195	22.2%	45	180	25.3%	50	185	27.8%	40	180	21.5%	20	110	18.8%
Gower College Swansea	15	110	13.4%	20	130	16.2%	20	130	15.2%	25	110	20.9%	10	65	19.0%	10	50	18.8%	5	40	17.5%	5	30	16.1%	5	30	9.7%
Welsh FEIs	210	1,380	15.1%	285	1,645	15.9%	290	1,690	14.9%	225	1,555	14.5%	190	1,295	14.6%	180	1,125	16.1%	185	1,085	17.9%	130	935	13.9%	115	865	13.4%
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	10,235	57,550	17.8%	10,230	56,105	18.2%	10,950	57,310	18.9%	11,605	58,655	19.8%	12,460	61,305	20.3%	12,170	60,060	20.3%	12,350	59,345	20.6%	11,990	56,835	21.1%	12,200	57,000	21.4%
UK institutions excluding student alternative data	12,635	83,035	15.1%	12,670	81,670	15.4%	13,295	82,695	16.0%	14,030	83,790	16.8%	15,030	86,785	17.3%	14,960	86,475	17.3%									
UK institutions	12,690	83,485	15.1%	12,635	82,160	15.4%	13,325	83,240	16.0%	14,095	84,270	16.7%	15,120	87,460	17.3%	15,065	87,185	17.3%	15,420	86,545	17.8%	15,100	83,800	18.0%	15,325	83,575	18.3%

Source: HESA Student Record

Notes:

Based on the HESA standard registration population.

Data are enrolments.

Undergraduate students only.

All modes, levels and years of study are included.

Welsh domiciled students are taken to be those with a Welsh home postcode.

The percentage of students domiciled in the bottom two or bottom one quintile of WIMD 2014 is out of Welsh domiciled students at the institution with known postcode.

Manual amendment provided for University of South Wales in 2022/23 and 2023/24, and for Grip Colegau NPfTC Group of Colleges in 2023/24.

From 2022/23 onwards it is not possible to identify alternative providers separately. A new total line has been added to include alternative providers for 2015/16 to 2021/22.

National Measures

2.Participation

The number and proportion of UK domiciled undergraduate entrants of all ages who did not leave within 50 days of commencement, studying higher education courses at HEIs and FEIs in Wales who are from UK low participation areas.

a) UK domiciled young full-time undergraduate entrants;

Institution	2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	Number from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are young with known participation data	Percentage from low participation neighbourhoods	Number from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are young with known participation data	Percentage from low participation neighbourhoods	Number from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are young with known participation data	Percentage from low participation neighbourhoods	Number from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are young with known participation data	Percentage from low participation neighbourhoods	Number from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are young with known participation data	Percentage from low participation neighbourhoods	Number from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are young with known participation data	Percentage from low participation neighbourhoods	Number from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are young with known participation data	Percentage from low participation neighbourhoods	Number from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are young with known participation data	Percentage from low participation neighbourhoods
University of South Wales	738	3,088	23.7%	670	2,888	23.2%	660	2,765	25.0%	585	2,430	24.0%	690	2,340	25.2%	2,363	2,681	23.6%	585	2,360	24.7%	565	2,305	24.6%
Aberystwyth University	170	1,419	11.9%	163	1,275	13.9%	168	1,170	14.2%	155	1,285	12.0%	190	1,380	13.9%	200	1,800	14.3%	210	1,970	13.3%	200	1,690	15.2%
Bangor University	180	1,575	11.6%	170	1,440	12.2%	170	1,300	13.2%	160	1,220	13.0%	195	1,370	14.3%	220	1,385	15.7%	230	1,410	16.3%	185	1,320	14.0%
Cardiff University	470	4,670	10.1%	440	4,845	9.1%	490	5,010	9.8%	480	5,285	9.1%	565	5,750	9.8%	540	5,980	9.7%	570	5,865	9.7%	620	5,975	10.3%
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	155	1,070	14.4%	155	1,045	14.8%	160	1,165	14.3%	150	1,165	12.9%	170	1,095	15.3%	195	1,285	15.3%	210	1,600	13.3%	205	1,660	15.4%
Swansea University	370	3,725	10.1%	365	3,365	10.9%	395	3,420	11.6%	465	3,760	12.4%	455	3,760	12.1%	500	3,765	13.2%	420	3,465	12.3%	455	3,245	14.9%
Cardiff Metropolitan University	330	1,950	16.9%	305	1,885	16.3%	290	1,830	16.0%	345	2,100	16.2%	380	2,310	16.4%	435	2,615	16.6%	425	2,475	17.2%	485	2,805	17.4%
Wrexham University	55	275	20.7%	55	250	22.9%	60	210	27.4%	60	230	27.2%	40	205	19.6%	65	300	21.6%	70	270	25.9%	90	320	27.7%
University of Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Welsh HEIs	2,470	17,760	13.9%	2,345	16,865	13.8%	2,430	16,870	14.4%	2,895	17,850	13.7%	3,585	18,355	14.2%	3,740	18,815	14.8%	3,720	18,880	14.3%	3,965	19,280	15.1%
Grŵp Llandrillo Merl	10	110	9.1%	15	145	9.0%	15	110	13.6%	15	125	10.4%	10	70	13.9%	15	125	9.2%	10	55	15.4%	5	65	6.9%
Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges	5	20	20.0%	10	40	22.0%	5	25	17.4%	5	25	25.0%	5	35	20.0%	5	40	16.7%	5	20	25.0%	0	0	0
Gower College Swansea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Welsh FEIs	15	130	12.0%	20	185	11.8%	20	135	14.2%	20	165	13.7%	15	165	15.0%	15	110	12.0%	15	80	19.0%	5	70	7.0%
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	2,485	17,890	13.9%	2,370	17,175	13.8%	2,450	17,005	14.4%	2,915	18,015	13.7%	3,600	18,515	14.2%	3,755	18,930	14.8%	3,735	18,960	14.4%	3,910	19,380	15.5%
UK Institutions	26,185	315,300	11.6%	25,485	308,750	11.6%	26,875	319,070	11.8%	30,690	314,080	12.1%	39,295	321,690	12.2%	43,620	362,690	12.8%	43,480	387,275	11.9%	46,070	379,280	12.3%

b) UK domiciled mature full-time undergraduate entrants;

Institution	2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are mature with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are mature with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are mature with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are mature with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are mature with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are mature with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are mature with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number full-time entrants who are mature with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods
University of South Wales	295	1,255	18.0%	335	1,015	20.7%	365	1,755	20.8%	355	1,810	19.6%	295	1,860	19.0%	360	1,840	18.8%	325	1,750	18.9%	220	1,775	18.7%
Aberystwyth University	35	315	14.0%	35	210	16.3%	40	265	15.4%	55	280	19.8%	35	310	17.7%	35	290	16.9%	30	160	14.3%	30	215	14.3%
Bangor University	70	960	12.7%	80	960	14.5%	75	975	12.7%	80	625	12.6%	100	630	15.6%	45	445	10.6%	45	375	12.0%	40	365	10.7%
Cardiff University	105	725	14.6%	90	695	12.8%	95	700	13.9%	90	780	11.7%	85	660	12.9%	65	605	13.3%	60	475	12.2%	60	460	13.7%
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	235	1,885	12.4%	315	2,080	10.9%	505	3,095	13.6%	815	4,985	16.4%	700	4,740	14.8%	845	5,250	16.1%	715	5,250	13.6%	690	5,275	13.1%
Swansea University	85	705	12.2%	90	635	11.6%	100	960	11.0%	130	1,070	13.1%	110	930	12.4%	85	795	10.8%	80	730	11.0%	70	710	10.0%
Cardiff Metropolitan University	65	625	18.5%	60	660	16.6%	110	890	18.3%	120	815	19.9%	105	890	17.7%	85	655	15.6%	85	605	16.8%	80	625	18.5%
Wrexham University	140	705	19.0%	125	675	18.5%	150	735	20.6%	120	555	22.0%	75	455	16.6%	105	540	19.6%	70	515	13.2%	75	510	14.9%
University of Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Welsh HEIs	1,895	6,870	15.3%	1,170	8,040	14.6%	1,440	9,235	16.6%	1,770	10,880	16.6%	1,810	9,770	15.8%	1,810	10,135	15.9%	1,405	9,785	14.3%	1,285	9,135	13.9%
Grŵp Llandrillo Merl	5	130	5.3%	15	180	8.4%	10	175	6.2%	0	130	1.5%	20	155	12.3%	10	125	6.5%	10	130	9.3%	5	95	6.3%
Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gower College Swansea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Welsh FEIs	15	150	8.4%	15	195	8.8%	10	185	8.4%	10	150	9.3%	25	165	14.7%	10	130	7.3%	10	140	8.0%	5	100	7.1%
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	1,890	7,020	15.1%	1,185	8,235	14.4%	1,450	9,445	15.4%	1,785	10,930	15.6%	1,835	9,930	15.6%	1,820	10,270	15.8%	1,410	9,930	14.3%	1,290	9,230	13.8%
UK Institutions	11,810	187,710	11.0%	13,030	111,990	11.6%	14,320	118,535	12.1%	17,280	148,740	12.3%	19,560	144,590	13.8%	20,625	154,225	13.4%	20,585	154,205	13.3%	21,730	154,495	13.2%

c) UK domiciled part-time undergraduate entrants;

Institution	2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number part-time entrants with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number part-time entrants with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number part-time entrants with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number part-time entrants with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number part-time entrants with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number part-time entrants with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number part-time entrants with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods	Number part-time entrants with known previous HE and low participation data	Percentage with no previous HE & from low participation neighbourhoods
University of South Wales	295	2,250	13.2%	240	1,875	12.7%	215	1,785	12.1%	120	1,415	8.3%	110	1,330	8.2%	135	1,960	8.8%	150	1,915	9.9%	175	1,425	12.3%
Aberystwyth University	35	485	7.4%	15	510	3.1%	30	525	5.8%	55	645	8.5%	30	540	5.4%	30	540	5.9%	40	575	7.7%	75	590	7.7%
Bangor University	5	180	3.4%	5	180	3.3%	5	120	3.1%	5	125	2.4%	5	210	2.9%	0	175	0.6%	5	160	2.0%	0	95	1.1%
Cardiff University	95	1,770	5.3%	85	1,760	4.9%	95	1,675	5.7%	75	1,355	5.7%	55	1,355	4.2%	50	1,400	3.7%	55	1,430	3.8%	40	1,140	3.3%
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	45	725	6.4%	60	710	8.6%	50	675	7.4%	60	705	8.4%	55	825	6.1%	70	870	8.2%	70	840	8.2%	40	635	6.5%
Swansea University	90	1,105	8.2%	50	830	6.2%	30	510	5.9%	35	380	9.2%	35	365	6.6%	30	455	6.2%	20	265	7.4%	40	360	11.4%
Cardiff Metropolitan University	35	390	9.0%	25	390	6.9%	25	275	9.9%	15	255	5.1%	30	230	12.1%	20	280	7.9%	15	230	6.9%	20	355	5.0%
Wrexham University	115	1,199	9.7%	170	1,490	11.3%	160	1,460	12.8%	140	1,630	8.8%	155	1,485	10.3%	175	1,590	10.8%	165	1,590	10.9%	205	1,900	13.9%
The Open University in Wales	440	2,534	17.4%	700	3,780	18.6%	930	4,070	19.9%	1,285	5,910	21.8%	975	4,770	20.4%	1,145	6,180	18.5%	970	5,980	16.2%	1,085	5,640	19.3%
University of Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Welsh HEIs	1,165	10,630	10.9%	1,395	11,545	11.7%	1,660	11,875	13.4%	1,790	12,390	14.4%	1,435	11,210	12.8%	1,665	12,955	12.8%	1,490	12,640	11.9%	1,730	12,485	13.8%
Grŵp Llandrillo Merl	75	560	13.5%	60	590	10.9%	60	465	13.1%	20	410	12.0%	60	415	14.7%	75	490	14.9%	60	385	15.0%	55	375	14.9%
Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gower College Swansea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Welsh FEIs	85	680	12.3%	75	695	10.8%	85	675	12.3%	75	630	10.8%	75	630	11.3%	75	630	11.3%	75	630	11.3%	75	630	11.3%
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	1,250	11,310	11.9%	1,470	12,240	11.9%	1,745	12,550	13.3%	1,865	13,020	14.4%	1,510	11,840	12.9%	1,740	13,585	12.9%	1,565	13,050	12.9%	1,785	12,830	13.9%
UK Institutions	9,770	100,830	8.1%	9,955	100,295	8.3%	11,630	105,360	10.5%	11,825	103,080	11.5%	11,825	96,125	10.8%	11,710	124,085	9.4%	10,485	116,445	8.9%	9,740	104,300	9.3%

National Measures

1. Retention

The proportion of full-time undergraduate students in HEIs and FEIs in Wales who did not leave within 50 days of commencement and are present in higher education one year following year of entry for
a) UK domiciled students;
b) students domiciled in the bottom two quintiles of WIMD

plus, the proportion of part-time first degree students in HEIs and FEIs in Wales who did not leave within 50 days of commencement and are present in higher education two years following year of entry, for
c) UK domiciled students;
d) students domiciled in the bottom two quintiles of WIMD

a) Full-time undergraduate UK domiciled students;

Year Published		2016/17			2017/18			Break in continuity between 2017/18 and 2018/19 refer to notes*	2017/18 recalculated			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22		
Year of Entry		2016/16			2016/17				2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21		
Institution		Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE		Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE
University of South Wales		4,765	4,150	86.9%	4,740	4,200	88.6%	Break in continuity between 2017/18 and 2018/19 refer to notes*	4,765	4,215	87.9%	4,680	4,090	87.3%	4,650	4,060	86.1%	4,635	4,060	86.2%	4,610	4,060	86.2%
Aberystwyth University		1,765	1,685	94.5%	1,680	1,585	94.5%		1,685	1,585	94.2%	1,630	1,550	95.1%	1,485	1,400	94.3%	1,405	1,330	93.7%	1,585	1,445	92.3%
Bangor University		2,365	2,185	94.9%	2,205	2,130	94.6%		2,365	2,140	94.6%	2,140	1,955	91.5%	2,000	1,820	91.0%	1,875	1,725	91.8%	1,850	1,695	91.6%
Cardiff University		4,940	4,730	95.8%	5,405	5,260	95.7%		5,510	5,275	95.7%	5,395	5,135	95.2%	5,540	5,305	95.8%	5,720	5,470	95.6%	6,070	5,805	95.6%
University of Wales Trinity Saint David		2,670	1,815	67.6%	2,525	2,065	81.6%		2,385	1,910	80.6%	3,100	2,385	76.9%	4,025	3,075	75.4%	4,365	3,715	75.7%	6,150	4,270	69.5%
Swansea University		3,865	3,725	96.4%	4,335	4,155	95.9%		4,340	4,185	96.3%	4,445	4,220	95.2%	4,510	4,345	96.3%	4,300	4,145	96.4%	4,780	4,455	93.3%
Cardiff Metropolitan University		2,470	2,215	89.7%	2,335	2,085	89.6%		2,340	2,100	89.7%	2,480	2,200	88.8%	2,460	2,195	89.2%	2,425	2,175	89.7%	2,745	2,445	89.0%
Wrexham University		1,105	935	85.0%	985	870	88.4%		995	880	88.4%	985	880	87.2%	925	800	86.1%	955	850	89.3%	775	610	78.9%
University of Wales		71,360	70,410	91.8%	74,330	73,730	91.8%		74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%
WIMD HES		71,360	70,410	91.8%	74,330	73,730	91.8%		74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%
Grip Llandillo Menai					225	200	87.2%		225	200	87.2%	270	250	91.9%	350	320	91.5%	310	265	84.0%	305	275	89.8%
Grip College NPFTC Group of Colleges					55	45	91.7%		55	45	91.7%	40	30	72.5%	55	40	78.8%	35	30	85.3%	45	40	82.6%
Grip College Swansea																							
WIMD FEIs					245	240	98.0%		245	240	98.0%	245	240	98.0%	245	240	98.0%	245	240	98.0%	245	240	98.0%
WIMD HES and FEIs		71,360	70,410	91.8%	74,330	73,730	91.8%		74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%	74,340	71,340	91.8%

b) Full-time undergraduate students domiciled in the bottom two quintiles of WIMD;

Year Published		2016/17			2017/18			Break in continuity between 2017/18 and 2018/19 refer to notes*	2017/18 recalculated			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22		
Year of Entry		2016/16			2016/17				2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21		
Institution		Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE		Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE one year following year of entry	Percent present in HE
University of South Wales		1,830	1,535	83.7%	1,825	1,585	87.1%	Break in continuity between 2017/18 and 2018/19 refer to notes*	1,830	1,595	86.1%	1,850	1,590	85.8%	1,815	1,575	86.9%	1,815	1,580	87.1%	1,640	1,380	84.1%
Aberystwyth University		180	165	91.7%	180	175	91.1%		180	175	91.1%	180	160	84.0%	135	125	92.6%	150	135	88.7%	170	155	90.6%
Bangor University		260	235	93.6%	260	260	92.6%		260	260	92.9%	260	220	85.4%	295	250	83.8%	275	240	87.3%	265	225	85.2%
Cardiff University		560	510	92.0%	640	590	92.3%		640	590	92.0%	660	595	89.8%	585	545	93.2%	605	600	92.0%	730	675	92.5%
University of Wales Trinity Saint David		695	595	85.6%	745	635	85.0%		750	640	85.2%	975	765	78.7%	1,085	900	83.0%	1,125	900	80.1%	1,100	805	72.9%
Swansea University		690	620	90.2%	695	645	94.4%		690	620	90.2%	720	665	92.4%	790	715	90.3%	860	785	91.3%	945	835	87.7%
Cardiff Metropolitan University		570	495	86.8%	585	515	87.5%		580	515	87.3%	600	505	84.5%	655	570	87.0%	620	535	86.3%	725	635	87.8%
Wrexham University		305	255	82.7%	290	250	87.2%		290	255	87.0%	265	245	85.6%	290	245	85.5%	285	250	87.6%	265	195	73.1%
University of Wales		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
WIMD HES		5,825	4,995	87.2%	5,825	4,975	87.2%		5,825	4,995	87.2%	5,825	4,975	87.2%	5,825	4,930	87.2%	5,785	5,030	87.2%	5,860	4,985	87.2%
Grip Llandillo Menai					75	60	83.0%					90	90	91.0%	125	110	90.2%	115	95	83.2%	105	85	80.7%
Grip Colegau NPFTC Group of Colleges					25	25	85.2%					15	10	72.5%	30	20	78.6%	15	15	100.0%	25	20	84.0%
Grip College Swansea					0	0	0.0%					0	0	0.0%	5	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
WIMD FEIs					245	240	98.0%		245	240	98.0%	245	240	98.0%	245	240	98.0%	245	240	98.0%	245	240	98.0%
WIMD HES and FEIs		5,825	4,995	87.2%	5,825	4,975	87.2%		5,825	4,975	87.2%	5,825	4,930	87.2%	5,825	5,065	87.2%	5,825	5,140	89.0%	5,825	5,035	87.2%

c) Part-time first degree UK domiciled students;

Year Published		2016/17			2017/18			Break in continuity between 2017/18 and 2018/19 refer to notes*	2017/18 recalculated			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			
Year of Entry		2016/16			2016/17				2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			
Institution		Total	No. present in HE two years following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE two years following year of entry	Percent present in HE		Total	No. present in HE two years following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE two years following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE two years following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE two years following year of entry	Percent present in HE	Total	No. present in HE two years following year of entry	Percent present in HE	
University of South Wales		175	145	84.0%	160	140	85.2%	Break in continuity between 2017/18 and 2018/19 refer to notes*	160	140	85.2%	135	115	86.0%	180	155	85.7%	200	180	91.5%	155	135	85.4%	
Aberystwyth University		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	
Bangor University		35	15	42.9%	15	15	100.0%		15	15	100.0%	15	10	70.0%	15	10	70.0%	15	10	70.0%	15	10	70.0%	
Cardiff University		50	40	79.2%	35	25	70.6%		35	25	70.6%	20	20	100.0%	20	15	75.0%	10	5	50.0%	0	0	0.0%	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David		80	45	79.3%	30	20	70.0%		30	20	70.0%	40	35	87.5%	60	55	91.7%	110	85	79.8%	145	125	86.7%	
Swansea University		75	50	68.0%	35	30	82.4%		35	25	70.6%	45	25	57.8%	65	55	86.2%	80	55	68.8%	90	45	50.0%	
Cardiff Metropolitan University		30	20	66.7%	10	10	100.0%		10	10	100.0%	5	5	100.0%	10	10	100.0%	10	10	100.0%	10	10	100.0%	
Wrexham University		110	95	85.7%	100	125	125.0%		100	125	125.0%	80	75	92.0%	110	100	90.7%	90	80	90.3%	105	85	79.4%	
The Open University in Wales		1,460	760	51.9%	1,280	720	56.1%		1,280	720	56.2%	1,360	795	57.6%	1,395	860	61.7%	2,295	1,595	69.5%	2,885	1,985	68.8%	
University of Wales		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	
WIMD HES		1,870	1,170	63.2%	1,720	1,080	63.2%		1,720	1,080	63.2%	1,360	795	57.6%	1,395	860	61.7%	2,295	1,595	69.5%	2,885	1,985	68.8%	

National Measures

4-Part-time

- a) The number and proportion of students attending higher education courses in Welsh HEIs and FEIs that are part-time,
b) plus the percentage change year on year in the number of these part-time students compared to the equivalent figures for the UK (sector measure)

Institution	Individuals																													
	2015/16			2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%	Number	Total	%
University of South Wales	8,595	25,265	34.0%	7,125	23,465	30.4%	6,690	22,865	29.3%	6,360	22,330	28.5%	6,536	23,099	28.3%	6,523	23,190	28.2%	6,199	23,270	26.8%	6,030	23,115	26.1%	5,870	23,070	24.8%	5,725	26,790	27.5%
Aberystwyth University	1,765	8,759	20.1%	1,760	8,465	21.1%	1,535	8,188	18.8%	1,540	7,868	19.7%	1,660	7,726	21.5%	1,960	8,540	24.4%	1,960	7,840	23.8%	2,045	8,410	24.3%	2,045	8,300	24.1%	2,045	8,810	26.3%
Bangor University	1,820	10,630	15.2%	1,728	11,270	15.4%	1,590	11,195	14.3%	1,145	10,155	11.2%	940	9,945	9.5%	1,105	9,725	11.4%	1,635	10,505	15.8%	1,640	10,825	15.2%	1,810	10,300	16.7%	1,835	10,930	18.0%
Cardiff University	7,320	30,675	23.9%	6,945	31,995	22.0%	6,640	31,995	20.8%	7,010	33,190	21.1%	6,455	33,260	19.4%	5,245	33,510	15.7%	5,375	33,985	15.8%	5,475	32,725	16.7%	5,090	33,020	15.3%	4,715	31,505	15.5%
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	3,240	9,930	32.6%	2,835	9,755	29.0%	2,485	10,280	24.2%	2,425	11,135	21.8%	2,455	12,700	19.3%	2,545	14,795	17.2%	3,075	15,045	20.4%	3,305	16,720	19.8%	2,875	15,660	18.4%	2,420	15,145	15.7%
Swansea University	2,620	17,445	15.0%	2,580	19,160	13.5%	2,585	20,415	12.7%	2,385	20,620	11.6%	1,875	20,375	9.2%	2,090	21,465	9.7%	2,285	22,290	10.3%	1,990	21,510	9.3%	1,600	21,225	7.9%	2,070	19,985	10.5%
Cardiff Metropolitan University	1,980	12,580	13.2%	1,570	10,995	15.2%	1,430	10,435	13.7%	1,560	10,675	14.6%	1,200	10,920	11.0%	1,230	11,435	10.8%	1,090	12,620	8.6%	1,275	13,545	9.4%	965	11,480	8.4%	995	12,265	8.1%
Wrexham University	3,325	6,680	49.9%	3,295	6,415	52.3%	2,935	5,745	51.1%	3,055	5,895	51.9%	3,295	6,045	54.5%	4,135	7,485	55.3%	4,285	7,490	57.2%	4,555	8,545	53.3%	4,380	8,990	48.5%	4,380	10,265	50.9%
The Open University in Wales	6,735	6,735	100.0%	6,880	6,880	100.0%	6,905	6,905	100.0%	8,620	8,620	100.0%	10,720	10,720	100.0%	14,280	14,280	100.0%	14,555	14,555	100.0%	14,620	14,620	100.0%	15,480	15,480	100.0%	15,480	15,480	100.0%
University of Wales	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	5	5	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Welsh HEIs	36,875	128,675	28.1%	34,945	127,985	27.3%	32,885	127,915	25.8%	34,100	130,590	26.1%	35,145	134,780	26.1%	35,125	143,680	27.2%	46,995	147,910	27.4%	41,140	150,220	27.4%	39,850	146,665	26.6%	40,130	142,085	26.1%
Gŵyl Llandrillo Menai	505	1,005	50.3%	730	1,180	61.9%	950	1,410	67.3%	870	1,410	61.6%	770	1,300	59.1%	580	1,050	55.1%	545	910	59.8%	610	875	69.7%	575	830	69.5%	595	825	72.0%
Gŵyl Colegau NPFC Group of Colleges	55	100	52.0%	55	105	52.8%	70	130	54.3%	90	165	54.0%	95	170	57.1%	120	195	61.0%	95	180	54.9%	105	190	55.3%	105	180	58.8%	85	110	75.0%
Gower College Swansea	105	105	100.0%	110	110	100.0%	125	125	100.0%	125	125	100.0%	110	110	100.0%	85	85	100.0%	85	85	100.0%	40	40	100.0%	20	20	100.0%	20	20	100.0%
UK HEIs and FEIs	37,540	139,690	38.9%	35,640	129,345	27.7%	33,895	129,840	26.2%	35,195	132,395	26.6%	36,110	136,395	26.5%	38,885	146,170	27.8%	41,285	149,945	27.7%	41,885	153,235	27.7%	41,885	149,680	27.7%	41,885	149,680	27.7%
UK HEIs excluding student alternative data	940,395	2,280,830	23.7%	918,930	2,316,460	22.4%	497,480	2,341,450	21.2%	499,730	2,382,380	21.0%	498,140	2,454,495	20.3%	593,240	2,456,980	20.8%	572,255	2,757,470	20.8%									
UK HEIs excluding student alternative data, and FEIs	987,885	2,431,740	24.3%	966,605	2,458,935	23.0%	544,865	2,461,400	22.0%	546,295	2,516,340	21.7%	541,275	2,583,290	21.0%	686,740	2,781,610	21.4%	612,235	2,875,670	21.3%									
UK HEIs and FEIs	885,035	2,475,160	24.0%	878,105	2,618,135	22.9%	659,350	2,654,170	21.9%	662,145	2,689,610	21.7%	659,220	2,689,605	21.0%	617,775	2,876,085	21.8%	635,320	2,877,680	21.3%	625,215	3,040,640	20.4%	603,265	3,055,110	20.1%	634,780	2,852,495	19.1%

Source: HESA Student Record, prior to 2016/17 Welsh FEI data from EYM

Notes:

Based on the HESA standard registration population.

Data are enrolments.

All levels are included.

Data for 2015/16 for directly funded FEIs from HEFCW end of year monitoring survey.

Data for directly funded HE in FE at FEIs in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England taken from HESSES equivalent data collected in these countries.

Manual amendment provided for University of South Wales in 2022/23 and 2023/24, and for Gŵyl Colegau NPFC Group of Colleges in 2023/24.

From 2022/23 onwards it is not possible to identify alternative providers separately. A new total line has been added to include alternative providers for 2015/16 to 2021/22.

Percentage Annual Change											
2015/16 to 2016/17	2016/17 to 2017/18	2017/18 to 2018/19	2018/19 to 2019/20	2019/20 to 2020/21	2020/21 to 2021/22	2021/22 to 2022/23	2022/23 to 2023/24	2023/24 to 2024/25	2024/25 to 2025/26	2025/26 to 2026/27	2026/27 to 2027/28
-17.1%	-6.1%	-4.9%	2.7%	-2.2%	-5.1%	-2.6%	-2.7%	-2.9%			
1.2%	-13.9%	0.5%	7.4%	18.5%	4.2%	10.0%	4.5%	28.9%			
6.9%	-8.8%	-28.2%	-17.3%	17.1%	47.9%	0.2%	10.4%	1.3%			
-5.1%	-4.4%	5.9%	-7.9%	-18.8%	2.4%	1.9%	-7.7%	-6.6%			
-12.5%	-12.2%	-2.6%	1.4%	3.7%	20.7%	7.4%	-13.0%	-15.7%			
-1.9%	0.2%	-7.7%	-21.3%	11.3%	9.5%	-12.9%	-19.7%	29.9%			
0.6%	-14.3%	9.1%	-23.0%	2.5%	-11.4%	17.0%	-24.3%	3.0%			
2.0%	-13.5%	4.1%	7.8%	25.0%	3.6%	6.4%	-4.4%	0.0%			
2.3%	0.4%	24.5%	24.4%	33.2%	4.0%	-0.3%	4.2%	1.4%			
-5.2%	-6.1%	9.9%	3.1%	11.3%	3.8%	1.3%	-3.1%	6.7%			
44.9%	29.7%	-8.4%	-11.5%	-24.7%	-5.7%	11.7%	-5.3%	3.1%			
7.7%	25.0%	25.7%	9.1%	24.0%	-18.5%	7.2%	2.9%	-21.5%			
-2.7%	16.1%	-2.3%	-15.0%	-41.7%	-23.8%	-10.1%	-22.5%	0.0%			
-4.9%	-2.3%	3.6%	-2.9%	-10.4%	3.9%	4.9%	-3.5%	9.7%			
-4.9%	-4.1%	0.6%	-0.3%	11.1%	3.4%						
-3.8%	-3.8%	0.2%	-0.9%	10.1%	2.8%						
-3.2%	-2.9%	0.6%	-0.8%	10.5%	2.8%	-2.4%	-3.7%	-11.2%			

Data for HE in FE in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland is not yet included in the 2024/25 total line

National Measures

6. National Student Survey

The three year rolling average score for Wales in the National Student Survey 'overall satisfaction' question compared with the equivalent figure for the UK. [sector measure, and three year rolling average by institution]

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
University of South Wales	81	78	82	83	82	73	75	75	75	78	82
Aberystwyth University	92	91	90	91	90	83	87	84	86	86	87
Bangor University	90	90	88	88	85	75	81	70	80	81	84
Cardiff University	87	84	83	84	81	72	76	72	78	82	81
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	84	84	86	84	83	75	76	81	83	86	88
Swansea University	90	88	89	88	89	83	78	76	81	84	87
Cardiff Metropolitan University	83	83	83	84	84	76	71	73	81	79	80
Wrexham University	84	82	78	77	81	77	77	81	84	76	78
Open University in Wales	.	87	88	89	.	89	.				
Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	91	88	82	82	85	77	82	84	89	88	93
Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges	90	100	100	79	73	61	90	95	78	86	.
Welsh Institutions	86	84	85	85	84	76	77	75	80	82	84
Welsh Institutions including OU in Wales	87	84	85	86	84	77	78				
UK Institutions	86	84	83	84	83	75	76				
Northern Ireland	89	85	84	85	83	79	79	80	80	84	84
Scotland	86	85	83	84	85	80	79	77	78	81	82
England	85	84	83	83	82	75	76				

Three Year Averages								
2016 to 2018	2017 to 2019	2018 to 2020	2019 to 2021	2020 to 2022	2021 to 2023	2022 to 2024	2023 to 2025	2024 to 2026
80.3	81.0	82.3	79.3	76.7	74.3	75.0	76.0	78.3
91.0	90.7	90.3	88.0	86.7	84.7	85.7	85.3	86.3
89.3	88.7	87.0	82.7	80.3	75.3	77.0	77.0	81.7
84.7	83.7	82.7	79.0	76.3	73.3	75.3	77.3	80.3
84.7	84.7	84.3	80.7	78.0	77.3	80.0	83.3	85.7
89.0	88.3	88.7	86.7	83.3	79.0	78.3	80.3	84.0
83.0	83.3	83.7	81.3	77.0	73.3	75.0	77.7	80.0
81.3	79.0	78.7	78.3	78.3	78.3	80.7	80.3	79.3
.	88.0	.	.	.				
87.0	84.0	83.0	81.3	81.3	81.0	85.0	87.0	90.0
96.7	93.0	84.0	71.0	74.7	82.0	87.7	86.3	.
85.0	84.7	84.7	81.7	79.0	76.0	77.3	79.0	82.0
85.3	85.0	85.0	82.3	79.7				
84.3	83.7	83.3	80.7	78.0				
86.0	84.7	84.0	82.3	80.3	79.3	79.7	81.3	82.7
84.7	84.0	84.0	83.0	81.3	78.7	78.0	78.7	80.3
84.0	83.3	82.7	80.0	77.7				

Source: National Student Survey results for students registered at institutions

Notes:

Data for OU in Wales did not meet the publication threshold in 2016, 2020 and 2022 and therefore has been suppressed.

From 2023, students at English HE providers and the OU were not asked the overall satisfaction question in the NSS.
This means that from 2023 it is not possible to compare this national measure with the UK equivalent, or to include the OU in Wales in the Welsh sector figures.

The three year rolling average is calculated using annual scores rounded to 0 decimal places.
This is done for consistency with earlier years when the score was only available rounded to 0 decimal places.
This means that the three year rolling average may differ from data published elsewhere.

University of South Wales figures do not include data for Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, which are calculated separately for the NSS.
Three year average data for Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama are:

- 86.3 for 2016 to 2018,
- 82.0 for 2017 to 2019,
- 78.0 for 2018 to 2020,
- 72.3 for 2019 to 2021,
- 71.7 for 2020 to 2022,
- 73.7 for 2021 to 2023,
- 77.3 for 2022 to 2024,
- 80.7 for 2023 to 2025

National Measures

7. Welsh Medium

The number of students studying higher education courses at HEIs and FEIs in Wales undertaking

a) at least 5 credits

b) at least 40 credits

of their course through the medium of Welsh, per annum.

	Enrolments Studying 5 or More Credits								
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	190	120	120	95	100	110	110	125	185
Aberystwyth University	445	410	390	365	375	420	385	370	475
Bangor University	1,445	1,435	1,315	1,320	1,410	1,360	1,090	935	1,060
Cardiff University	405	425	400	385	380	400	475	525	675
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	2,385	2,020	2,470	1,860	2,385	2,365	1,680	1,105	880
Swansea University	340	340	420	355	505	470	590	560	675
Cardiff Metropolitan University	265	265	290	245	290	280	290	300	340
Wrexham University	25	85	65	5	5	5	65	95	180
The Open University in Wales	25	85	80	60	130	110	85	160	180
The University of Wales	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs	5,535	5,190	5,545	4,685	5,580	5,530	4,770	4,170	4,650
Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	40	200	320	280	280	395	270	375	165
Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gower College Swansea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	5,575	5,390	5,870	4,965	5,855	5,925	5,045	4,545	4,815

	Enrolments Studying 40 or More Credits								
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	135	100	85	70	60	45	30	25	15
Aberystwyth University	350	315	315	300	305	310	290	280	285
Bangor University	855	980	880	920	925	915	715	650	625
Cardiff University	165	175	225	230	255	295	310	290	295
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	465	420	520	540	500	485	275	300	290
Swansea University	95	175	210	220	225	135	185	180	205
Cardiff Metropolitan University	215	230	265	220	250	255	275	275	310
Wrexham University	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	5	85
The Open University in Wales	0	0	0	0	25	45	20	60	75
University of Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs	2,285	2,395	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,490	2,105	2,065	2,185
Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	40	165	215	160	195	235	180	290	125
Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gower College Swansea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	2,325	2,555	2,710	2,655	2,745	2,725	2,280	2,350	2,310

Source: HESA Student Record

Notes:

Based on the HESA standard registration population.

Data are enrolments.

All modes, levels and years of study are included.

All domiciles included.

For 2022/23 data:

PGR student course session taught through the medium of Welsh (PGRLANGID = 01 and Z_LEVELGRP2 = 01)

Percentage of PGR student course session taught through the medium of Welsh (PGRLANGPCNT) > 0

Credits estimated - Z_STULOADSCS x 180/100

Welsh medium credits estimated - credits x PGRLANGPCNT/100

otherwise

Module taught through the medium of Welsh (MODLANGID = 01).

Percentage of module taught through the medium of Welsh (LANGPCNT) > 0.

Modules started in the current academic year and either contained within reporting year or continuing into next year (MODINSTSTARTDATE ≥ 01 August in AY)) excluding modules continuing from previous reporting year CONTINUING ≠ 01.

Welsh medium credits - CRDTPTS x LANGPCNT/100

For 2021/22 and earlier data:

Module taught through the medium of Welsh (MODLANG = 1).

Percentage of module taught through the medium of Welsh (LANGPCNT) > 0.

Modules contained within reporting year or continuing into next year (MODSTAT in (2,3,)) i.e. excludes continuing from previous reporting year, taken in a previous reporting year outcome only (to avoid overcounting credits within actual year).

Welsh medium credits - CRDTPTS x LANGPCNT/100

Manual amendment provided for Cardiff University in 2016/17 and in 2018/19, for Aberystwyth University and Bangor University in 2022/23 and for and Swansea University in 2022/23 and 2023/24.

National Measures

8. Student Mobility

The number and percentage of undergraduate students at Welsh HEIs taking up study, work and volunteering experiences abroad, for

a) all undergraduate students

b) undergraduate students domiciled in the bottom two quintiles of WIMD

a) all undergraduate students

Institution	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			
	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	
University of South Wales	10	19,275	0.0%	15	18,360	0.1%	15	17,530	0.1%	10	17,765	0.0%	5	16,975	0.0%	5	16,320	0.0%	15	16,395	0.1%	5	15,300	0.0%	10	14,775	0.1%	
Aberystwyth University	120	7,325	1.6%	100	7,035	1.4%	110	6,735	1.7%	75	6,605	1.1%	60	6,605	0.9%	80	6,465	1.3%	55	6,630	0.8%	90	6,615	1.4%	95	7,375	1.3%	
Bangor University	120	8,615	1.4%	120	8,455	1.4%	135	7,810	1.7%	90	7,235	1.2%	25	6,905	0.3%	40	7,010	0.6%	60	6,475	0.9%	50	6,720	0.7%	60	6,665	0.9%	
Cardiff University	1,700	23,085	7.4%	2,075	23,480	8.8%	2,065	23,960	8.6%	1,165	23,755	4.9%	190	23,350	0.8%	900	23,765	3.8%	1,270	23,970	5.3%	935	24,450	3.8%	990	24,645	4.0%	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	15	8,180	0.2%	15	8,495	0.2%	40	9,255	0.4%	20	10,680	0.2%	0	12,435	0.0%	5	12,355	0.0%	25	13,260	0.2%	40	13,050	0.3%	45	12,800	0.4%	
Swansea University	445	15,920	2.8%	450	16,850	2.7%	620	16,675	3.7%	270	16,315	1.7%	0	16,690	0.0%	140	16,565	0.8%	495	16,385	3.0%	475	15,690	3.0%	340	15,000	2.3%	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	195	8,790	2.2%	215	8,330	2.6%	235	8,375	2.8%	20	8,100	0.2%	55	8,160	0.7%	80	8,485	1.0%	115	8,970	1.3%	45	8,835	0.5%	30	9,410	0.3%	
Wrexham University	0	5,825	0.0%	0	5,130	0.0%	0	5,190	0.0%	0	4,885	0.0%	0	5,150	0.0%	0	4,400	0.0%	0	4,615	0.0%	0	4,750	0.0%	0	4,955	0.0%	
The Open University in Wales	0	6,620	0.0%	0	6,585	0.0%	0	8,210	0.0%	0	10,215	0.0%	0	13,520	0.0%	0	13,880	0.0%	0	13,950	0.0%	0	14,560	0.0%	0	14,930	0.0%	
University of Wales	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	
Welsh HEIs	2,605	103,645	2.8%	2,990	102,720	2.9%	3,215	103,745	3.1%	1,645	105,550	1.6%	335	109,790	0.3%	1,260	109,245	1.1%	2,030	110,650	1.8%	1,635	109,965	1.5%	1,570	110,555	1.4%	
UK Institutions excluding student alternative data	36,705	1,766,285	2.1%	42,655	1,776,540	2.4%	43,980	1,798,240	2.4%	31,445	1,834,830	1.7%	11,035	1,943,870	0.6%	22,510	1,971,345	1.1%										
UK Institutions	36,705	1,818,650	2.0%	42,655	1,833,340	2.3%	43,980	1,854,225	2.4%	31,445	1,889,475	1.7%	11,035	2,008,525	0.5%	22,510	2,042,310	1.1%	26,965	2,053,520	1.3%	24,275	2,055,160	1.2%	25,950	2,065,430	1.3%	

b) undergraduate students domiciled in the bottom two quintiles of WIMD

Institution	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			
	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	Number	Total	Percentage	
University of South Wales	0	6,525	0.0%	0	6,290	0.0%	0	6,135	0.0%	0	6,125	0.0%	0	5,755	0.0%	0	5,275	0.0%	0	4,955	0.0%	0	5,215	0.0%	5	4,400	0.1%	
Aberystwyth University	0	590	0.3%	5	545	0.9%	5	515	1.4%	5	485	0.6%	0	490	0.0%	10	510	1.6%	0	515	0.0%	5	515	1.2%	5	595	0.8%	
Bangor University	5	890	0.3%	0	850	0.2%	5	835	0.6%	0	775	0.3%	0	840	0.0%	0	850	0.0%	0	735	0.3%	0	700	0.0%	5	660	0.6%	
Cardiff University	75	2,435	3.0%	90	2,490	3.6%	90	2,395	3.8%	95	2,450	2.2%	5	2,355	0.1%	25	2,535	0.9%	90	2,490	2.0%	25	2,415	1.1%	40	2,390	1.6%	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	5	2,405	0.2%	0	2,505	0.1%	10	2,630	0.4%	5	2,710	0.2%	0	2,675	0.0%	0	2,425	0.0%	0	2,335	0.0%	10	2,220	0.4%	15	2,150	0.7%	
Swansea University	30	2,450	1.3%	30	2,560	1.2%	55	2,550	2.2%	20	2,505	0.7%	0	2,690	0.0%	15	2,705	0.5%	50	2,665	1.8%	35	2,460	1.4%	30	2,470	1.1%	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	30	1,805	1.6%	40	1,835	2.1%	45	2,015	2.2%	0	1,975	0.1%	10	2,085	0.5%	20	2,115	1.0%	20	2,110	0.9%	5	2,010	0.1%	0	2,080	0.0%	
Wrexham University	0	1,400	0.0%	0	1,115	0.0%	0	1,190	0.0%	0	1,215	0.1%	0	1,330	0.0%	0	1,085	0.0%	0	1,190	0.0%	0	1,025	0.0%	0	1,145	0.0%	
The Open University in Wales	0	2,620	0.0%	0	2,650	0.0%	0	3,540	0.0%	0	4,675	0.0%	0	6,270	0.0%	0	6,505	0.0%	0	6,625	0.0%	0	7,115	0.0%	0	7,550	0.0%	
University of Wales	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	
Welsh HEIs	145	21,130	0.7%	170	20,830	0.8%	215	21,810	1.0%	85	22,920	0.4%	15	24,490	0.1%	65	24,910	0.3%	120	23,615	0.5%	80	23,680	0.3%	95	23,435	0.4%	
UK Institutions excluding student alternative data	260	27,185	0.9%	300	27,110	1.1%	355	28,060	1.3%	190	29,130	0.6%	40	30,950	0.1%	190	30,810	0.5%										
UK Institutions	260	27,305	0.9%	300	27,255	1.1%	355	28,230	1.3%	190	29,280	0.6%	40	31,155	0.1%	190	31,050	0.5%	205	30,930	0.7%	175	30,635	0.6%	185	30,350	0.6%	

Source: HESA Student Record

Notes:

Based on the HESA standard registration population.

Data are enrolments.

Undergraduate students only.

All modes and years of study are included.

This measure is applicable to HEIs only.

Manual amendment provided for Aberystwyth University, University of Wales Trinity Saint David and Swansea University in 2022/23, and for University of South Wales in 2023/24.

From 2022/23 onwards it is not possible to identify alternative providers separately. A new total line has been added to include alternative providers for 2015/16 to 2021/22.

National Measures

9. Quality

Outcomes of the QAA Quality Enhancement Review for each Welsh HEI and FEI being reviewed.

Source:
Institutional review (Wales) method: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/reviewing-higher-education/types-of-review/quality-enhancement-review>
Institution reports: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/reviewing-higher-education/quality-assurance-reports>

Institution	Date of review (or year scheduled)	Publication date	Requirements of the ESG Part 1 for internal quality assurance	Baseline regulatory requirements of the QAF	Meets all requirements (without conditions)	Previous reviews		Outcome of previous review			Previous reviews		Outcome of previous review				
						Date of review	Publication date	Requirements of the ESG Part 1 for internal quality assurance	Baseline regulatory requirements of the QAF	Meets all requirements (without conditions)	Date of review	Publication date	Threshold academic standards	Quality of learning opportunities	Information provided about learning opportunities	Enhancement of learning opportunities	All judgements
University of South Wales	2026/27					Jul-22	Sep-22	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Apr-15	Aug-15	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	✓
Aberystwyth University	2027/28					Apr-22	Jul-22	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Apr-16	Aug-16	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	✓
Bangor University	Dec-24	Feb-25	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	May-18	Aug-18	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	May-12	Oct-12	See note below				
Cardiff University	Mar-26	May-26	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Mar-20	May-20	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Apr-14	Jul-14	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	✓
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	2027/28					Mar-22	Jun-22	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Jun-15	Sep-15	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	✓
Swansea University	2025/26					Dec-20	Feb-21	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	May-14	Sep-14	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Commended	✓
Cardiff Metropolitan University	2026/27					Jan-21	Apr-21	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	May-14	Aug-14	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	✓
Wrexham University	Feb-25	May-25	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Mar-19	May-19	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Mar-13	Jun-13	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	✓
Gnŷp Llandrillo Menai	2027/28					May-22	Jul-22	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Mar-16	Jun-16	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Commended	✓
Gnŷp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges	2026/27					Jun-22	Sep-22	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	Mar-16	Aug-16	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	✓
Gower College Swansea	2026/27					May-21	Jul-21	Meets these requirements	Meets these requirements	✓	May-16	Oct-16	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	Meets UK expectations	✓

No. assessed in 2024/25 2
No. assessed in 2024/25 which 'meets requirements' 2
Date last checked 17 July 2026

Notes:
Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

In QER the review team will make two separate judgements, on whether:
- the requirements of the ESG Part 1 for internal quality assurance are met
- the baseline regulatory requirements of the QAF are met.

Judgement will be expressed as one of the following:
- meets requirements
- meets requirements with conditions
- does not meet requirements.

ESG - European Standards and Guidelines
QAF - Quality Assessment Framework for Wales
QER - Quality enhancement review

Frequency of reviews
Reviews should be carried out at least every six years. Governing bodies may commission them more frequently if they feel this would be helpful.
In addition:

Where an institution receives any judgement of 'meets requirements with conditions' it should undergo a further review within four years of the previous review, even if the judgement has been revised;
Where an institution receives any judgement of 'does not meet' it should be reviewed within two years of the previous review, even if the judgement has been revised;
Where an institution has undergone substantial structural change, eg through merger with another one, or becoming part of a group structure, then a new review of the whole institution should be carried out at the earliest date at when any of the constituent partners were due a review.
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Bangor University was not assessed under the previous regime as it was the last to be assessed under the arrangements prior to that in 2012, and was subsequently the first to be assessed under the current arrangements. Bangor University recieved a successful outcome in the 2012 review with the following judgements:
Confidence can be placed in the soundness of Bangor University's current and likely future management of the academic standards of its awards.
Confidence can be placed in the soundness of Bangor University's current and likely future management of the quality of the learning opportunities available to students.

National Measures

10. OIA complaints

Total complaints (justified, partly-justified and settled) made against Welsh institutions to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator as reported in the OIA's annual report and annual statements.

Institution	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
University of South Wales	3	2	5	1	24	13	5	4	3	1
Aberystwyth University	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Bangor University	3	2	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	2
Cardiff University	9	6	8	10	4	20	5	4	12	13
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	5	2	2	0	1	0	25	4	2	5
Swansea University	0	1	2	3	1	1	7	1	5	3
Cardiff Metropolitan University	5	3	0	0	0	6	6	2	1	1
Wrexham University	21	3	0	23	3	1	3	11	1	2
University of Wales	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs	52	20	19	39	36	42	52	26	26	27
Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gower College Swansea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	52	20	19	39	36	42	52	26	26	27

Source: Office of the Independent Adjudicator annual statements

Notes:

Office of the Independent Adjudicator annual statements can be found here:

<https://statements.oiahe.org.uk/>

Data are complaints closed in the given year, with an outcome of justified, partly-justified and settled. Complaints which are not eligible, not justified or withdrawn are not included.

For comparisons with similar institutions in the same OIA band please refer to the annual statements at the link above.

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

National Measures

11. Employment

The proportion of UK domiciled leavers from Welsh HEIs and FEIs obtaining undergraduate qualifications who were employed, studying or both 6 months after leaving in 2016/17, and 15 months after leaving in 2017/18 (and subsequent years) compared with the equivalent figure for the UK

	Data from DLHE survey, 6 months after graduating			Break in continuity between 2016/17 and 2017/18 refer to notes	Data from GO survey, 15 months after graduating																				
	2016/17				2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24		
Institution	Base Population, number employed, studying or both, plus those unemployed and seeking work	Number employed, studying or both	Percentage employed, studying or both		Base Population	Number employed, studying or both	Percentage employed, studying or both	Base Population	Number employed, studying or both	Percentage employed, studying or both	Base Population	Number employed, studying or both	Percentage employed, studying or both	Base Population	Number employed, studying or both	Percentage employed, studying or both	Base Population	Number employed, studying or both	Percentage employed, studying or both	Base Population	Number employed, studying or both	Percentage employed, studying or both	Base Population	Number employed, studying or both	Percentage employed, studying or both
University of South Wales	3,260	3,105	95.3%		1,910	1,815	94.8%	2,025	1,875	92.7%	1,940	1,815	93.6%	1,885	1,785	94.9%	1,880	1,780	94.5%	1,840	1,735	94.2%			
Aberystwyth University	1,115	1,080	96.6%		880	815	92.7%	785	695	89.0%	700	640	91.6%	600	570	95.2%	620	570	92.2%	700	635	90.6%			
Bangor University	1,290	1,190	92.2%		1,115	1,060	94.8%	1,035	935	90.6%	1,030	975	94.5%	785	735	93.4%	805	760	94.5%	630	585	93.5%			
Cardiff University	3,225	3,085	95.7%		2,830	2,725	96.3%	2,910	2,725	93.7%	2,865	2,735	95.4%	2,770	2,620	94.6%	2,695	2,550	94.6%	2,600	2,430	93.5%			
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	1,690	1,650	97.6%		1,360	1,270	93.4%	1,170	1,050	90.0%	1,390	1,275	91.9%	1,620	1,510	93.1%	1,615	1,510	93.4%	1,225	1,145	93.8%			
Swansea University	2,175	2,155	99.1%		1,640	1,555	94.8%	2,150	1,990	92.7%	2,175	2,045	94.1%	2,355	2,260	95.9%	1,935	1,805	93.3%	1,930	1,820	94.2%			
Cardiff Metropolitan University	1,460	1,400	96.0%		950	910	95.8%	925	860	93.2%	920	880	95.5%	790	745	94.4%	815	785	96.2%	830	785	94.6%			
Wrexham University	915	855	93.5%		565	535	95.0%	510	475	93.5%	385	355	92.7%	385	360	93.5%	415	395	95.4%	305	285	93.7%			
Open University	310	295	94.9%		235	225	96.1%	250	240	96.4%	120	115	95.0%	360	350	98.0%	435	420	97.0%	330	315	95.4%			
University of Wales	0	0			0	0																			
Welsh HEIs	15,445	14,815	95.8%		11,485	10,905	95.0%	11,730	10,850	92.5%	11,625	10,835	94.0%	11,645	10,935	94.7%	11,210	10,570	94.3%	10,385	9,735	93.7%			
Grŵp Llandrillo Menai					205	195	96.6%	210	195	93.4%	190	180	94.7%	175	170	96.0%	210	205	97.6%	145	135	95.1%			
Grŵpau Colegau NPfC Group of Colleges					15	15		25	25	96.0%	25	20	87.5%	40	40	95.0%	25	25	92.6%	35	35	97.1%			
Gower College Swansea					5	5		5	5		5	5		0	0		5	5							
Welsh FEIs					225	215	96.0%	240	225	93.8%	215	205	94.0%	215	210	95.9%	240	235	97.1%	175	170	95.5%			
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	15,445	14,815	95.8%		11,710	11,120	95.0%	11,970	11,075	92.5%	11,740	11,040	94.0%	11,760	11,145	94.7%	11,450	10,805	94.4%	10,560	9,905	93.8%			
UK Institutions	269,200	255,365	94.9%		181,230	171,625	94.7%	191,920	176,600	92.0%	191,060	179,455	93.9%	189,995	180,240	94.9%	177,635	167,315	94.2%	190,005	177,700	93.5%			

Source: HESA Performance Indicators (PIs)

Source: Graduate Outcomes survey

Notes:

The base population is the set of respondents who are classed as working, studying or both, or as unemployed and seeking work, and excludes those doing something "other" than work, study or unemployment.

Employment includes self-employed/freelance, running own business, voluntary or other unpaid work, or developing a creative, artistic or professional portfolio.

Data for UK institutions may differ to that published by HESA as currently Student Alternative Record data are not included in our figures.

Data for UK domiciled leavers exclude those leavers domiciled in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. This is in line with UK PI definitions, but differs from HESA Open data table definitions.

2016/17, DLHE data

Data for 2016/17 is from the HESA Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey and relates to students domiciled in the United Kingdom, who graduated from a full-time or part-time course with an undergraduate qualification as defined by the DLHE survey population, who are surveyed 6 months after leaving.

The reference dates for the DLHE return are for example for a leaver in 2016/17: 12 April 2017 (if the leaver obtained the qualification between 1 August 2016 and 31 December 2016) and 10 January 2018 (the leaver obtained the qualification between 1 January 2017 and 31 July 2017).

Data for FEIs was suppressed in 2016/17 employment PIs and is also suppressed here.

*2016/17 employment PI data used here is the sum of the employment PI for UK domiciled leavers graduating from full-time and part-time undergraduate courses.

The employment PI excluded data for combinations of mode & level where the response rate was less than 85%. This data is also excluded here.

2017/18 onwards, GO data

For 2017/18 leavers onwards, the Graduate Outcomes (GO) survey was introduced, surveying graduates 15 months after leaving. This means that there is a break in continuity between 2016/17 and 2017/18 data, due to changes in survey methodology and length of time surveyed following completion of studies. Any comparisons between 2016/17 and 2017/18 should be made with caution.

The population is split into four cohorts and graduates are surveyed at different times of the year depending on the cohort they fall into. This is determined by when the graduate completed their studies.

For example, from the total population of 2018/19 leavers:

Students who completed their studies between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018 were surveyed in cohort A, commencing December 2019.

Students who completed their studies between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019 were surveyed in cohort B, commencing March 2020.

Students who completed their studies between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019 were surveyed in cohort C, commencing June 2020.

Students who completed their studies between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019 were surveyed in cohort D, commencing September 2020.

National Measures

12. Graduate Employment

The proportion of leavers from Welsh HEIs and FEIs who were working or working and studying who were working in a managerial/professional job 6 months after leaving in 2016/17, and 15 months after leaving in 2017/18 (and subsequent years).

Institution	Data from DLHE survey, 6 months after graduating			Break in continuity between 2016/17 and 2017/18 refer to notes	Data from GO survey, 15 months after graduating																	
	2016/17				2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24		
	No. working or working and studying	No. in managerial/professional jobs	% in managerial/professional jobs		No. working or working and studying	No. in managerial/professional jobs	% in managerial/professional jobs	No. working or working and studying	No. in managerial/professional jobs	% in managerial/professional jobs	No. working or working and studying	No. in managerial/professional jobs	% in managerial/professional jobs	No. working or working and studying	No. in managerial/professional jobs	% in managerial/professional jobs	No. working or working and studying	No. in managerial/professional jobs	% in managerial/professional jobs	No. working or working and studying	No. in managerial/professional jobs	% in managerial/professional jobs
University of South Wales	3,415	2,290	67.1%	Break in continuity between 2016/17 and 2017/18 refer to notes	2,385	1,665	73.0%	2,405	1,650	72.1%	2,320	1,525	70.0%	2,570	1,880	76.6%	2,575	1,895	77.2%	2,155	1,515	73.9%
Aberystwyth University	960	685	71.4%		835	495	60.8%	710	410	60.0%	720	410	58.7%	690	435	64.7%	730	480	67.7%	715	405	59.4%
Bangor University	1,120	755	67.4%		1,050	675	66.5%	1,025	635	64.8%	1,130	720	66.7%	950	665	72.4%	1,040	730	72.4%	770	530	71.6%
Cardiff University	3,650	2,945	80.7%		3,285	2,735	85.6%	3,130	2,535	83.7%	3,170	2,585	84.8%	3,110	2,615	86.9%	3,400	2,830	86.6%	3,135	2,485	83.3%
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	1,670	1,180	70.5%		1,425	835	61.3%	1,120	670	62.2%	1,350	770	60.9%	1,655	910	58.7%	1,685	850	53.5%	1,305	720	59.9%
Swansea University	1,825	1,450	79.4%		1,625	1,240	79.3%	2,075	1,470	72.7%	2,200	1,595	74.8%	2,540	1,940	79.0%	2,310	1,785	80.0%	2,135	1,595	77.9%
Cardiff Metropolitan University	1,540	1,015	66.1%		1,155	845	75.5%	1,105	770	72.9%	1,155	810	73.3%	1,050	800	78.7%	1,160	870	77.5%	1,045	765	76.5%
Wrexham University	890	660	74.2%		645	440	70.0%	575	380	68.9%	390	265	71.3%	495	340	71.9%	540	400	77.9%	575	445	82.8%
The Open University in Wales	305	205	66.8%		230	160	72.5%	225	145	65.6%	140	120	87.4%	330	215	66.7%	480	330	71.0%	355	275	80.6%
University of Wales	0	0			0	0																
Welsh HEIs	15,380	11,190	72.7%		12,645	9,095	74.8%	12,370	8,665	72.8%	12,680	8,800	73.2%	13,395	9,805	76.1%	13,825	10,170	76.1%	12,190	8,735	76.4%
Grip Llandrillo Menai	100	40	41.8%		170	95	58.1%	175	80	47.6%	155	75	52.4%	155	80	52.0%	185	110	63.0%	115	50	48.5%
Grip Colegau NPCT Group of Colleges	15	10			10	10		20	10		20	5		35	20	52.9%	20	5		30	15	61.5%
Gower College Swansea	0	0			5	5		5	5		0	0		0	0		5	5				
Welsh FEIs	115	50	44.7%		185	105	60.7%	200	90	48.4%	175	85	50.9%	195	100	52.7%	210	120	60.4%	145	65	51.2%
Welsh HEIs and FEIs	15,495	11,240	72.6%		12,830	9,200	74.3%	12,570	8,750	72.4%	12,785	8,885	72.9%	13,585	9,900	75.8%	14,135	10,290	75.9%	12,330	8,800	75.1%
UK Institutions	304,665	240,665	79.0%		229,280	174,725	79.2%	238,335	179,850	78.5%	243,775	184,270	78.9%	247,960	192,010	80.2%	248,150	190,790	80.2%	243,235	182,050	79.0%

Source: Destination of Leavers from HE survey

Source: Graduate Outcomes Survey

Notes:

All levels, modes and domiciles eligible for inclusion in the DLHE included (DLHE excludes non-EU overseas).

The base population is the set of all respondents to the survey who are classed as working or working and studying.

Managerial or professional jobs determined where Standard Occupational Classification code begins with 1,2 or 3 (i.e. Managers and senior officials, professional occupations or associate professional and technical occupations).

Further information on Standard Occupational Classification is available on the HESA website:

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/support/documentation/industrial-occupational>

2016/17, DLHE data

Data for 2016/17 is from the HESA Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey and relates to students domiciled in the United Kingdom or the EU, who graduated from a full-time or part-time course with an HE qualification as defined by the DLHE survey population, who are surveyed 6 months after leaving.

The reference dates for the DLHE return are for example for a leaver in 2016/17: 12 April 2017 (if the leaver obtained the qualification between 1 August 2016 and 31 December 2016) and 10 January 2018 (the leaver obtained the qualification between 1 January 2017 and 31 July 2017)

2017/18 onwards, GO data

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The population is split into four cohorts and graduates are surveyed at different times of the year depending on the cohort they fall into. This is determined by when the graduate completed their studies.

For example, from the total population of 2018/19 leavers:

Students who completed their studies between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018 were surveyed in cohort A, commencing December 2019.

Students who completed their studies between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019 were surveyed in cohort B, commencing March 2020.

Students who completed their studies between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019 were surveyed in cohort C, commencing June 2020.

Students who completed their studies between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019 were surveyed in cohort D, commencing September 2020.

National Measures

13. Continuing professional development

The total number of learner days delivered by Welsh HEIs for continuing professional development and continuing education, recorded on the HE-BCI survey.

Institution	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	64,105	70,891	73,926	52,223	27,084	22,434	24,203	22,761	
Aberystwyth University	8,173	7,011	31,825	32,086	32,488	27,650	34,169	44,189	
Bangor University	52,585	47,779	46,579	46,334	31,546	63,670	89,686	101,256	
Cardiff University	81,248	64,886	81,323	61,137	73,240	89,629	85,200	264,996	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	10,115	10,135	8,037	12,939	47,330	46,309	39,937	32,443	
Swansea University	19,989	24,762	18,786	17,367	18,809	17,027	19,120	52,515	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	26,284	18,240	9,861	12,403	12,241	14,795	4,577	8,924	
Wrexham University	5,405	11,049	14,006	19,939	22,506	32,909	11,363	12,587	
Welsh HEIs	267,904	254,753	284,343	254,428	265,244	314,423	308,255	539,671	
UK Institutions	4,084,863	3,692,495	4,353,294	4,016,338	4,136,090	3,906,709	3,774,982	4,109,005	

Source: HEBCI survey

Table 2 - Sub-head 3f: Total learner days of CPD/CE courses delivered

Notes:

Figures may not sum exactly due to rounding

Excludes pre-registration courses funded by the NHS or TA

Contacts hours should be calculated using the assumption that one day is equivalent to one person receiving eight hours of teaching/training. For example 10 people attending a one-day course equals 10 person days.

The total number of contact hours should include lectures, tutorials, field study and supervised small group study periods.

Contact hours do not include individual study periods outside of the class or period of unsupervised practical work. For example a programme of study comprising of 20 one-hour meetings and 20 hours of unsupervised practical work would be returned on Sub-head 3f as 20 contact hours multiplied by the number of course participants.

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

National Measures

14. Total HE-BCI income per FTE of Academic Staff

The total amount of income recorded on the HE-BCI survey from collaborative research, consultancy, contract research, continuing professional development, facilities and equipment related services, intellectual property and regeneration and development, divided by FTE of academic staff.

Institution	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE	Total HEBCI income (£000s)	Total academic staff FTE	Income per staff (£000s)/ FTE
University of South Wales	9,724	1,100	9	11,049	1,080	10	12,441	1,075	12	12,136	1,080	11	11,370	1,050	11	22,791	1,040	22	21,867	1,120	19	17,932	1,140	16			
Aberystwyth University	9,860	580	17	10,426	550	19	15,624	530	29	15,197	515	29	15,621	515	30	16,497	530	31	20,540	540	38	17,504	545	32			
Bangor University	19,816	765	26	24,737	740	33	22,991	750	31	25,804	745	35	24,730	745	33	28,867	685	42	39,865	795	50	33,298	750	44			
Cardiff University	61,056	2,810	22	69,313	2,796	25	58,981	2,825	21	54,680	2,910	19	61,312	2,890	21	74,058	2,920	25	70,738	2,840	24	71,695	3,005	24			
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	2,744	525	5	6,025	500	12	5,299	495	11	7,200	480	15	8,672	500	17	8,756	540	16	8,035	600	13	9,448	650	15			
Swansea University	42,639	1,305	33	51,357	1,450	35	63,314	1,600	40	74,069	1,580	47	85,113	1,545	55	87,372	1,550	56	94,862	1,605	59	81,965	1,590	52			
Cardiff Metropolitan University	6,188	550	11	7,861	495	16	8,805	515	17	9,576	525	18	9,307	550	17	12,114	575	21	13,941	645	22	12,241	660	19			
Wrexham University	1,400	195	7	1,542	170	9	1,551	170	9	2,403	165	15	2,814	170	16	3,497	190	18	3,243	200	16	5,450	215	26			
Welsh HEIs	163,427	7,830	20	182,319	7,765	23	189,096	7,955	24	201,864	8,000	25	219,139	7,960	28	253,952	8,030	32	272,891	8,440	32	249,532	8,585	29			

Source: HEBCI survey, HESA staff record

Notes:

HESA staff contract session population excluding atypical contracts

FTE of academic non-atypical contracts active within the academic year

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

HEBCIS data are not collected for the University of Wales, which is therefore excluded from this measure.

National Measures

15. Spin off activity

New spin-offs and spin-offs still active which have survived at least three years

Number established

Institution	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Aberystwyth University	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Bangor University	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	
Cardiff University	1	0	0	2	3	3	2	4	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	0	
Swansea University	12	9	1	0	0	0	2	1	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Wrexham University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Welsh HEIs	16	10	1	4	8	9	5	7	
UK Institutions	143	139	162	174	194	176	165	160	

Number still active which have survived at least 3 years

Institution	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	10	9	9	4	4	3	4	4	
Aberystwyth University	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	5	
Bangor University	7	9	8	9	9	12	10	13	
Cardiff University	30	32	33	32	29	30	30	28	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	2	2	1	4	6	6	6	6	
Swansea University	35	36	35	38	37	34	46	54	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	
Wrexham Glyndŵr University	5	5	5	5	0	5	0	0	
Welsh HEIs	98	103	101	102	95	102	109	113	
UK Institutions	1,072	1,166	1,316	1,316	1,379	1,444	1,571	1,687	

Source: HEBCI survey

Table 4 - Sub-head 4a: i) Spin-offs with some HEP ownership and ii) Other spin-offs

Notes:

Includes data about spin-offs with some HEP ownership and other spin-offs

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

Manual amendment received for USW spin-outs established and surviving at least three years in 2017/18

National Measures

16. Start - up activity (graduate)

New start-ups and start-ups still active which have survived at least three years.

Number established

Institution	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	20	25	32	89	81	123	96	136	
Aberystwyth University	16	23	48	0	1	0	2	1	
Bangor University	11	8	17	22	20	24	24	31	
Cardiff University	34	47	25	47	28	34	41	55	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	51	30	93	51	55	51	84	14	
Swansea University	9	19	34	63	61	59	69	87	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	91	81	63	43	67	51	64	54	
Wrexham University	9	21	22	29	17	20	17	28	
Welsh HEIs	241	254	334	344	330	362	397	406	
UK Institutions	4,161	4,024	3,825	3,920	4,528	4,735	4,908	4,738	

Number still active which have survived at least 3 years

Institution	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	106	151	113	78	87	102	226	298	
Aberystwyth University	20	20	96	0	2	2	5	10	
Bangor University	32	36	41	56	59	56	53	59	
Cardiff University	72	81	81	93	79	79	84	105	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	390	413	556	627	784	874	894	423	
Swansea University	31	33	27	33	17	28	47	91	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	129	167	160	184	224	255	262	245	
Wrexham Glyndŵr University	0	0	26	25	25	31	49	41	
Welsh HEIs	780	901	1,100	1,096	1,277	1,427	1,620	1,272	
UK Institutions	5,868	6,181	6,517	6,897	7,584	8,970	9,507	9,645	

Source: HEBCI survey

Table 4 - Sub-head 4a iv: Student start-ups

Notes:

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

National Measures

18. Research Staff

The number of
a) all researchers
b) STEM researchers
c) non-STEM researchers

a) all researchers

Institution	FTEs																										
	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total
University of South Wales	45	679	720	55	665	710	55	665	710	70	675	745	65	660	725	65	665	730	70	710	780	65	720	785			
Aberystwyth University	195	300	495	190	300	490	190	270	420	135	265	400	120	270	390	125	275	400	125	280	405	105	265	400			
Bangor University	175	300	475	175	300	475	175	300	475	185	305	490	185	310	495	175	310	485	225	280	445	175	285	455			
Cardiff University	330	1,150	2,070	360	1,150	2,140	1,020	1,180	2,210	1,010	1,225	2,235	990	1,240	2,210	995	1,235	2,210	910	1,310	2,220	865	1,340	2,205			
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	20	366	420	15	370	385	15	370	385	15	285	295	20	280	300	35	295	330	35	345	380	40	360	400			
Swansea University	325	588	920	400	575	975	480	580	1,060	445	565	1,010	445	545	990	450	520	970	435	550	985	385	570	955			
Cardiff Metropolitan University	25	450	470	20	400	420	15	410	425	20	430	450	15	450	475	15	455	515	25	500	585	30	565	610			
Wrexham University	5	170	170	5	165	170	0	145	145	0	145	150	0	155	155	0	175	180	5	185	190	0	200	200			
University of Wales	15	5	15	15	5	15	0	15	15	0	15	15	0	15	15	0	15	15	0	15	15	0	15	15			
Wales HEIs	1,495	4,115	5,795	1,780	5,280	7,060	1,935	5,915	5,685	1,900	5,955	5,745	3,395	5,695	5,280	3,395	5,695	5,280	3,395	5,735	5,280	4,420	5,685	1,660	4,365	5,660	
UK Institutions	45,190	91,190	136,380	45,810	91,660	137,470	47,455	90,740	138,195	46,905	91,155	138,060	46,375	92,865	139,240	45,965	95,375	140,340	46,685	97,960	144,645	46,095	97,960	144,000			

b) STEM researchers

Institution	FTEs																																			
	2016/17				2017/18				2018/19				2019/20				2020/21				2021/22				2022/23				2023/24				2024/25			
	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total						
Academic Employment Function																																				
University of South Wales	35	365	340	35	310	345	35	320	355	50	320	365	50	295	345	50	290	345	55	295	345	45	285	335												
Aberystwyth University	135	130	265	125	130	255	120	125	245	110	120	230	95	130	225	100	130	230	95	140	235	80	150	230												
Bangor University	155	170	325	155	165	310	160	155	315	170	160	330	135	170	305	155	165	320	155	160	315	155	155	310												
Cardiff University	705	625	1,410	815	630	1,445	850	635	1,485	840	645	1,490	810	645	1,455	785	660	1,445	745	675	1,410	710	685	1,395												
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	10	60	70	10	60	60	5	60	65	5	60	60	0	60	60	15	65	70	10	70	80	10	70	80												
Swansea University	295	330	615	355	325	680	445	330	775	410	330	740	370	325	695	400	305	705	375	325	700	330	375	660												
Cardiff Metropolitan University	10	110	110	10	110	110	0	105	105	5	105	110	5	120	125	5	130	135	5	140	150	10	165	175												
Wrexham University	5	75	80	5	65	70	0	70	70	0	70	75	0	80	85	0	95	95	0	100	100	0	120	120												
University of Wales	5	5	10	5	5	10	0	5	5	0	5	5	0	5	5	0	5	5	0	5	5	0	5	5												
Wales HEIs	1,420	1,895	3,220	1,810	1,770	3,580	1,860	1,860	3,720	1,990	1,790	3,770	1,565	1,795	3,360	1,565	1,795	3,360	1,485	1,895	3,370	1,340	1,980	3,395												
UK Institutions	39,435	43,320	82,755	39,795	43,775	83,570	40,790	43,625	84,415	40,965	43,710	84,675	40,115	44,185	84,300	39,595	44,915	84,665	39,325	46,330	84,655	39,465	47,375	86,740												

c) Non-STEM researchers

Institution		FTEs																										
		2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
Academic Employment Function		Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total	Research Only	Teaching and Research	Total
University of South Wales		10	370	380	20	345	365	20	345	365	20	355	375	15	360	385	15	365	380	15	405	420	20	420	440			
Aberystwyth University		25	200	225	25	165	190	30	145	175	25	140	165	25	135	160	25	140	170	25	150	170	20	145	165			
Bangor University		15	180	195	15	160	175	10	140	150	5	120	125	10	110	120	5	100	110	15	120	135	10	125	135			
Cardiff University		125	530	655	140	550	690	165	555	715	165	575	740	160	590	750	155	615	765	160	645	805	155	655	810			
University of Wales Trinity Saint David		15	330	345	5	310	315	10	310	320	10	235	245	20	230	250	20	240	260	25	270	300	25	260	310			
Swansea University		35	260	295	40	260	295	35	250	285	35	235	270	35	225	260	50	215	265	60	225	285	50	240	290			
Cardiff Metropolitan University		15	335	350	10	295	305	15	300	315	15	320	335	10	335	345	10	360	370	20	405	425	15	415	430			
Wrexham University		0	90	90	0	85	85	0	75	75	0	75	75	0	75	75	0	80	80	0	80	80	0	80	80			
University of Wales		15	5	15	15	5	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	10	10	0	10	10	0	10	10	0	10	10			
Wales HEIs		290	2,295	2,585	270	2,195	2,465	295	2,195	2,490	295	2,095	2,390	270	2,095	2,365	275	2,120	2,395	275	2,295	2,610	295	2,370	2,665			
UK Institutions		6,515	47,260	53,775	6,515	47,345	53,860	6,620	46,375	52,995	6,390	46,590	52,765	6,380	46,430	52,810	6,465	47,155	53,590	6,340	48,370	54,610	6,270	49,580	55,260			

Source: HESA Staff Record

Notes:

HESA staff contract session population

Excludes atypical contracts

FTE of all non-atypical academic contracts that are research only or both teaching and research and are active within the academic year

FTE is defined by the contract(s) of employment and is proportioned to each activity's cost centre.

STEMM - Science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine and dentistry

STEMM cost centres are 101 to 107 and 109 to 122

Non-STEMM cost centres are 108, 123 to 145

Non-academic cost centres are 201 to 206

A full list of cost centres which have been used since 2012/13 can be found here:

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/support/documentation/cost-centres/2012-13-onwards>

Figures for all researchers may be larger than the sum of STEMM and non-STEMM researchers. FTEs for the portion of any contract activity which has a non-academic cost centre are not shown.

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

National Measures

19. PGR students

The total number of all PGR students (FTE)

Institution	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	190	205	225	245	230	220	225	225	200
Aberystwyth University	315	300	265	250	245	240	255	260	250
Bangor University	485	460	480	485	400	430	610	545	510
Cardiff University	1,800	1,840	1,855	1,880	1,800	1,760	1,605	1,570	1,580
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	185	215	185	310	415	605	615	390	350
Swansea University	840	825	850	790	770	730	675	640	680
Cardiff Metropolitan University	190	150	125	160	155	150	170	125	170
Wrexham University	40	40	40	50	50	40	50	55	45
University of Wales	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs	4,050	4,040	4,030	4,170	4,065	4,180	4,210	3,805	3,780
UK Institutions excluding student alternative data	100,560	100,220	99,905	100,380	101,915	102,465			
UK Institutions	100,560	100,345	100,015	100,490	102,030	102,605			
England, Northern Ireland and Wales institutions							91,240	87,925	89,340
Scotland institutions							12,625	12,635	12,630

Source: HESA Student Record

Notes:

HESA student session population.

Data are FTEs.

Postgraduate research student FTEs only.

Postgraduate research students defined as those studying the following courses:

For 2022/23 onwards:

- D0003 - Doctorate degree that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
- D0004 - Credits at level D
- D0005- Studying at level D, with formal or informal credit
- L0000 - Masters degree that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
- L0001 - Other postgraduate qualification at level L that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
- L0002 - Credits at level L
- L0003 - Studying at level L, with formal or informal credit

For 2021/22 and earlier:

- D00 - Doctorate degree that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
- D01* - New Route PhD that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
- D90 - Provider credit at level D that can count towards a research-based higher degree
- L00 - Masters degree that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
- L80 - Other postgraduate qualification at level L that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree
- L90 - Provider credit at level L that can count towards a research-based higher degree
- L91 - Visiting research students at levels D or L, with formal or informal credit
- L99 - Research-based higher degree where the student may ultimately study at levels D or L

*Not a valid option in the HESA coding frame from 2017/18 onwards

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

Manual amendment provided for Cardiff University data in 2020/21 and for University of South Wales in 2023/24.

From 2022/23 onwards it is not possible to identify alternative providers separately. A new total line has been added to include alternative providers for 2015/16 to 2021/22.

From 2022/23 method for calculating student FTE is different for providers in Scotland, so it is not possible to provide a UK total.

National Measures

20. PhDs awarded

The total number of PhDs awarded.

Institution	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	50	45	40	45	40	40	40	40	40
Aberystwyth University	85	80	75	65	65	55	60	50	55
Bangor University	130	105	125	160	85	100	100	100	95
Cardiff University	435	460	415	385	360	490	375	445	475
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	20	20	15	15	25	40	35	55	50
Swansea University	145	150	190	205	165	185	225	185	170
Cardiff Metropolitan University	40	60	50	40	50	40	65	35	60
Wrexham University	15	5	10	5	5	5	5	10	0
University of Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs	925	930	920	915	790	960	910	915	945
UK Institutions excluding student alternative data	23,650	24,850	24,900	24,120	20,985	22,895			
UK Institutions	23,650	24,870	24,930	24,140	21,000	22,925	24,025	25,590	26,175

Source: HESA Student Record

Notes:

Qualifications obtained population

Highest qualification obtained is one of:

For 2022/23 onwards:

D0003 - Doctorate degree that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree

For 2021/22 and earlier:

D00 Doctorate degree that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree

D01* New Route PhD that meets the criteria for a research-based higher degree

*Not a valid option from 2017/18 onwards

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

From 2022/23 onwards it is not possible to identify alternative providers separately. A new total line has been added to include alternative providers for 2015/16 to 2021/22.

Manual amendment for University of South Wales in 2023/24.

National Measures

21. Research income

The annual percentage change in income from

a) Research in total; and

b) UK Research Councils

compared to the comparable figure for the UK excluding the 'golden triangle' of Oxford, Cambridge and certain London institutions

a) Total Research income £000s

Institution	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	4,159	3,902	4,220	6,636	7,784	7,517	8,235	8,526	7,095	
Aberystwyth University	21,712	21,836	20,004	18,517	15,566	20,217	17,449	22,230	19,019	
Bangor University	16,929	18,286	21,130	21,098	21,551	23,385	29,544	33,069	22,534	
Cardiff University	113,623	101,232	105,907	116,048	112,773	112,648	125,427	133,624	126,500	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	326	456	227	235	311	617	378	2,327	2,429	
Swansea University	43,346	41,778	51,644	94,597	56,184	62,074	69,212	67,098	56,852	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	2,783	1,790	1,991	2,631	2,272	2,429	3,752	4,279	4,543	
Wrexham University	997	502	519	143	679	1,138	1,543	700	385	
University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh & Celtic Studie	734	580	712	542	442	0	0	0	0	
Total Welsh HEIs	204,609	190,362	206,354	260,447	217,562	230,025	255,540	271,853	239,357	
Total UK HEIs excl. 'golden triangle' HEIs	3,772,467	3,839,257	4,052,905	4,281,180	4,035,557	4,244,171	4,627,778	4,845,897	4,944,683	

b) Research Council income £000s

Institution	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	380	364	292	570	681	897	1,111	935	1,459	
Aberystwyth University	10,885	11,460	8,651	7,484	5,744	6,144	5,515	8,072	9,305	
Bangor University	4,330	3,644	3,227	3,636	3,488	4,361	5,469	5,127	4,420	
Cardiff University	36,539	27,137	32,783	33,076	36,193	37,930	41,940	43,226	47,681	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	61	33	55	129	139	249	115	549	625	
Swansea University	17,605	11,114	12,446	16,027	16,789	19,181	27,066	20,713	25,657	
Cardiff Metropolitan University	225	309	460	200	214	208	438	548	825	
Wrexham University	181	40	21	21	7	25	1	2	133	
University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh & Celtic Studie	599	342	343	202	152	0	0	0	0	
Total Welsh HEIs	70,805	54,443	58,278	61,345	63,407	68,995	81,655	79,172	90,105	
Total UK HEIs excl. 'golden triangle' HEIs	1,332,699	1,333,425	1,372,942	1,484,624	1,422,633	1,552,800	1,699,568	1,782,936	1,975,749	

Source: Table 5, HESA Finance Statistics Record

Notes:

Golden triangle HEIs are Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, University College London, King's College London and London School of Economics

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

Percentage annual change								
2015/16 to 2016/17	2016/17 to 2017/18	2017/18 to 2018/19	2018/19 to 2019/20	2019/20 to 2020/21	2020/21 to 2021/22	2021/22 to 2022/23	2022/23 to 2023/24	2023/24 to 2024/25
-6.2%	8.1%	57.3%	17.3%	-3.4%	9.6%	3.5%	-16.8%	-100.0%
0.6%	-8.4%	-7.4%	-15.9%	29.9%	-13.7%	27.4%	-14.4%	-100.0%
8.0%	15.6%	-0.2%	2.1%	8.5%	26.3%	11.9%	-31.9%	-100.0%
-10.9%	4.6%	9.6%	-2.8%	-0.1%	11.3%	6.5%	-5.3%	-100.0%
39.9%	-50.2%	3.5%	32.3%	98.4%	-38.7%	515.6%	4.4%	-100.0%
-3.6%	23.6%	83.2%	-40.6%	10.5%	11.5%	-3.1%	-15.3%	-100.0%
-35.7%	11.2%	32.1%	-13.6%	6.9%	54.5%	14.0%	6.2%	-100.0%
-49.6%	3.4%	-72.4%	374.8%	67.6%	35.6%	-54.6%	-45.0%	-100.0%
-21.0%	22.8%	-23.9%	-18.5%	-100.0%	.	.	.	.
-7.0%	8.4%	26.2%	-16.5%	5.7%	11.1%	6.4%	-12.0%	-100.0%
1.8%	5.6%	5.6%	-5.7%	5.2%	9.0%	4.7%	2.0%	-100.0%

Percentage annual change								
2015/16 to 2016/17	2016/17 to 2017/18	2017/18 to 2018/19	2018/19 to 2019/20	2019/20 to 2020/21	2020/21 to 2021/22	2021/22 to 2022/23	2022/23 to 2023/24	2023/24 to 2024/25
-4.2%	-19.8%	95.2%	19.5%	31.7%	23.9%	-15.8%	56.0%	-100.0%
5.3%	-24.5%	-13.5%	-23.2%	7.0%	-10.2%	46.4%	15.3%	-100.0%
-15.8%	-11.4%	12.7%	-4.1%	25.0%	25.4%	-6.3%	-13.8%	-100.0%
-25.7%	20.8%	0.9%	9.4%	4.8%	10.6%	3.1%	10.3%	-100.0%
-45.9%	66.7%	134.5%	7.8%	79.1%	-53.8%	377.4%	13.8%	-100.0%
-36.9%	12.0%	28.8%	4.8%	14.2%	41.1%	-23.5%	23.9%	-100.0%
37.3%	48.9%	-56.5%	7.0%	-2.8%	110.6%	25.1%	50.5%	-100.0%
-77.9%	-47.5%	0.0%	-66.7%	257.1%	-96.0%	100.0%	6550.0%	-100.0%
-42.9%	0.3%	-41.1%	-24.8%	-100.0%	.	.	.	.
-23.1%	7.0%	5.3%	3.4%	8.8%	18.3%	-3.0%	13.8%	-100.0%
0.1%	3.0%	8.1%	-4.2%	9.1%	9.5%	4.9%	10.8%	-100.0%

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27. EU/Overseas students

The percentage annual change in the number of

a) EU domiciled students (excluding UK)

b) overseas students (excluding EU)

attending higher education courses in Welsh higher education institutions, plus the percentage annual change in the number of students compared to the equivalent figures for UK higher education institutions (excluding London and the South East)

a) EU domiciled students (excluding UK)

Institution	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	1,350	1,460	1,435	1,260	1,135	935	670	415	250	255
Aberystwyth University	810	920	1,040	1,055	1,030	965	715	535	315	280
Bangor University	595	650	705	680	605	530	460	340	295	275
Cardiff University	1,900	1,990	2,050	1,910	1,695	1,440	1,215	895	725	650
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	185	270	190	245	335	345	270	160	80	65
Swansea University	750	965	1,115	1,170	1,160	1,180	980	675	380	305
Cardiff Metropolitan University	460	400	340	350	315	255	190	180	170	150
Wrexham University	615	800	940	840	505	250	325	225	125	220
The University of Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs	6,675	7,450	7,820	7,810	6,785	5,915	4,825	3,220	2,340	2,195
UK HEIs excluding student alternative data (excl London and SE)	90,665	96,140	98,990	102,910	100,435	96,335	79,740			
UK HEIs (excl London and SE)	90,610	96,190	99,090	102,115	100,530	96,585	79,880	63,140	49,870	43,225

b) Overseas students (excluding EU)

Institution	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
University of South Wales	2,190	1,775	1,575	1,420	2,095	2,390	3,765	5,820	6,380	4,310
Aberystwyth University	610	570	605	535	550	510	750	955	1,025	980
Bangor University	1,845	1,940	1,990	1,490	1,800	1,395	1,940	2,745	2,860	1,970
Cardiff University	5,930	6,305	6,685	7,425	7,400	6,510	6,705	5,825	6,155	4,880
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	600	410	450	510	525	465	730	1,335	1,050	1,345
Swansea University	2,865	2,960	2,930	2,775	2,675	2,580	3,540	3,935	4,440	2,585
Cardiff Metropolitan University	2,940	1,465	1,065	1,120	1,725	1,700	2,790	3,325	1,765	1,980
Wrexham University	425	255	135	70	85	720	1,050	1,715	2,705	1,740
The University of Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh HEIs	17,385	15,680	15,430	15,340	16,885	16,270	21,270	25,460	26,180	19,745
UK HEIs excluding student alternative data (excl London and SE)	217,275	213,930	221,895	227,630	275,110	291,215	371,835			
UK HEIs (excl London and SE)	217,365	214,830	221,760	227,915	275,305	291,960	372,855	438,285	430,495	400,920

Source: HESA Student Record

Notes:

Based on the HESA standard registration population (plus incoming exchange students)

Data are enrolments

EU domiciled (excluding UK) is taken to be those students domiciled in the EU, but not the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and includes incoming exchange students.

Overseas (excluding EU) is taken to be those students not domiciled in the EU, the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and includes incoming exchange students.

All modes, levels and years of study are included.

This measure is applicable to HEIs only, excluding the Open University

Manual amendment provided for University of South Wales in 2022/23 and 2023/24.

From 2022/23 onwards it is not possible to identify alternative providers separately. A new total line has been added to include alternative providers for 2015/16 to 2021/22.

Percentage Annual Change										
2015/16 to 2016/17	2016/17 to 2017/18	2017/18 to 2018/19	2018/19 to 2019/20	2019/20 to 2020/21	2020/21 to 2021/22	2021/22 to 2022/23	2022/23 to 2023/24	2023/24 to 2024/25		
8.3%	-1.8%	-12.3%	-9.8%	-17.5%	-28.2%	-37.9%	-40.3%	2.0%		
13.2%	13.3%	1.4%	-2.3%	-4.6%	-27.5%	-25.4%	-40.9%	-10.5%		
8.5%	8.6%	-3.3%	-10.9%	-12.9%	-12.9%	-26.2%	-12.9%	-7.1%		
4.7%	2.9%	-6.7%	-11.3%	-15.1%	-15.6%	-42.9%	4.5%	-10.6%		
44.1%	-28.7%	28.8%	35.4%	3.6%	-22.0%	-40.5%	-48.8%	-19.5%		
28.4%	15.9%	4.6%	-0.7%	1.8%	-16.9%	-31.2%	-43.9%	-19.5%		
-13.5%	-14.6%	3.2%	-10.0%	-19.9%	-24.9%	-5.8%	-6.1%	-11.3%		
30.1%	17.5%	-10.8%	-39.6%	-50.8%	30.5%	-31.4%	-43.5%	73.0%		
11.7%	4.9%	-3.9%	-9.7%	-12.8%	-18.4%	-33.3%	-27.3%	-6.1%		
6.2%	3.0%	3.0%	-1.9%	-4.1%	-17.2%					
6.2%	3.0%	3.1%	-1.6%	-3.9%	-17.3%	-20.8%	-21.0%	-13.2%		

Percentage Annual Change										
2015/16 to 2016/17	2016/17 to 2017/18	2017/18 to 2018/19	2018/19 to 2019/20	2019/20 to 2020/21	2020/21 to 2021/22	2021/22 to 2022/23	2022/23 to 2023/24	2023/24 to 2024/25		
-17.6%	-11.2%	-9.0%	47.3%	14.3%	57.5%	48.3%	13.5%	-30.4%		
-6.6%	6.9%	-11.4%	3.0%	-7.2%	46.7%	26.9%	7.7%	-4.8%		
5.2%	2.4%	-25.1%	20.7%	-22.4%	38.9%	41.5%	-3.1%	-25.9%		
6.3%	6.0%	11.1%	-0.3%	-12.1%	3.0%	-13.2%	5.6%	-21.0%		
-31.3%	9.5%	12.9%	2.8%	-11.1%	96.6%	63.4%	-21.3%	28.1%		
3.3%	-1.1%	-5.3%	-3.6%	-3.5%	37.3%	11.1%	12.9%	-41.8%		
-50.1%	-27.4%	5.2%	54.2%	-1.5%	64.1%	19.1%	-46.9%	11.1%		
-39.8%	-47.7%	-49.3%	27.9%	727.6%	45.8%	63.3%	57.8%	-35.7%		
-8.7%	-1.8%	-6.6%	9.9%	-3.4%	30.7%	19.6%	2.8%	-24.6%		
-1.6%	3.8%	7.5%	16.9%	8.9%	27.7%					
-1.5%	3.6%	7.5%	16.7%	6.1%	27.7%	17.9%	-1.8%	-6.6%		

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28. EU/Overseas staff

The number and percentage of academic staff at Welsh higher education institutions that are

a) EU nationals (excluding UK)

b) Overseas nationals (excluding EU)

plus, the percentage annual change, and the percentage annual change compared to the equivalent figure for the UK.

a) EU nationals (excluding UK)

Institution	2015/16			2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%
University of South Wales	70	1,410	5.0%	85	1,805	4.7%	95	1,710	5.4%	95	1,730	5.3%	95	1,720	5.4%	80	1,620	5.1%	80	1,620	5.0%	85	1,570	5.5%	100	1,835	5.9%			
Aberystwyth University	115	850	13.7%	115	795	14.4%	105	770	13.8%	95	750	12.6%	85	705	11.9%	90	695	13.2%	85	695	12.2%	85	730	11.8%	85	720	11.6%			
Bangor University	125	990	12.6%	125	1,000	12.5%	110	975	11.5%	115	1,020	11.2%	110	1,010	11.1%	105	995	10.6%	90	920	9.6%	110	1,095	9.8%	90	955	9.3%			
Cardiff University	505	3,415	14.7%	545	3,465	15.8%	555	3,520	15.8%	545	3,330	16.3%	540	3,360	16.1%	555	3,380	16.4%	550	3,395	16.2%	520	3,410	15.2%	540	3,950	13.6%			
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	20	580	3.8%	25	630	4.1%	25	700	3.9%	25	720	3.9%	25	710	3.9%	20	690	3.0%	30	770	4.2%	40	860	4.9%	50	960	5.2%			
Swansea University	170	1,305	13.2%	190	1,415	13.4%	205	1,565	13.0%	210	1,705	12.2%	205	1,695	12.2%	195	1,650	11.8%	200	1,675	12.1%	205	1,755	11.6%	195	1,735	11.4%			
Cardiff Metropolitan University	45	710	8.0%	40	735	5.7%	40	695	5.9%	45	710	6.5%	45	715	6.6%	45	740	5.8%	50	770	6.2%	55	885	6.5%	55	885	6.1%			
Wrexham University	10	265	3.4%	10	225	4.0%	5	210	3.3%	5	205	3.3%	5	195	3.0%	5	195	3.6%	10	205	4.3%	5	230	3.1%	5	240	2.9%			
University of Wales	5	50	10.0%	5	45	7.0%	0	35	2.7%	0	30	0.0%	0	15		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0				
Welsh HEIs	1,665	9,570	11.1%	1,140	10,110	11.3%	1,145	10,180	11.2%	1,130	10,200	11.1%	1,115	10,105	11.0%	1,100	9,975	11.0%	1,085	10,055	10.9%	1,110	10,540	10.8%	1,120	11,280	9.9%			
UK HEIs	33,735	198,185	17.0%	35,620	204,915	17.9%	37,255	215,440	17.7%	38,085	215,620	17.7%	38,410	221,840	17.3%	38,235	222,695	17.2%	37,895	231,850	16.4%	37,685	238,175	16.8%	37,635	244,760	16.3%			

b) Overseas nationals (excluding EU)

Institution	2015/16			2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%	No.	Total	%
University of South Wales	55	1,410	3.9%	75	1,805	4.2%	85	1,710	5.0%	100	1,730	5.9%	105	1,720	6.2%	95	1,620	5.9%	95	1,620	5.7%	105	1,570	6.7%	140	1,835	7.8%			
Aberystwyth University	60	850	7.3%	60	795	7.4%	45	770	5.5%	50	750	6.8%	50	705	7.1%	60	695	8.4%	50	695	7.0%	55	730	7.3%	70	720	9.8%			
Bangor University	75	990	7.7%	80	1,000	7.9%	80	975	8.3%	85	1,020	8.1%	85	1,010	8.4%	90	995	9.1%	80	920	8.7%	115	1,095	10.5%	95	955	10.1%			
Cardiff University	305	3,415	9.0%	330	3,465	9.6%	385	3,520	10.9%	410	3,330	12.4%	455	3,360	13.5%	470	3,380	14.0%	475	3,395	14.0%	510	3,410	14.9%	735	3,950	18.6%			
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	15	580	2.6%	25	630	3.7%	30	700	4.1%	40	720	5.3%	50	710	7.1%	60	690	9.0%	75	770	9.8%	105	860	12.0%	130	960	13.5%			
Swansea University	140	1,305	10.9%	170	1,415	12.2%	205	1,565	13.2%	240	1,705	14.1%	250	1,695	14.8%	255	1,650	15.5%	250	1,675	15.0%	260	1,755	14.9%	260	1,735	14.9%			
Cardiff Metropolitan University	20	710	2.7%	20	735	2.9%	20	695	3.0%	30	710	4.1%	35	715	5.2%	50	740	6.8%	65	770	8.5%	100	885	11.4%	115	885	12.8%			
Wrexham University	20	265	6.8%	15	225	6.2%	10	210	5.2%	10	205	3.9%	5	195	3.6%	5	195	3.6%	10	205	5.3%	15	230	6.1%	15	240	5.8%			
University of Wales	0	50	2.0%	0	45	4.7%	5	35	8.1%	0	30	6.0%	0	15		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0				
Welsh HEIs	695	9,570	7.2%	775	10,110	7.7%	865	10,180	8.5%	965	10,200	9.5%	1,040	10,105	10.3%	1,090	9,975	10.9%	1,100	10,055	10.9%	1,280	10,540	12.0%	1,580	11,280	13.8%			
UK HEIs	24,535	198,185	12.4%	25,660	204,915	12.9%	27,625	215,440	13.1%	29,885	215,620	13.7%	31,780	221,840	14.3%	33,270	222,695	14.9%	36,115	231,850	15.6%	40,195	238,175	16.9%	44,785	244,760	18.3%			

Source: HESA staff record

Notes:

HESA staff person population - includes those individuals who have one or more contracts that are active on 1 December within the academic year

Academic staff contracts only

Excludes staff who have only atypical contracts within the academic year

Data are full person equivalents. Staff can be apportioned according to the contracts they have which are active on 1 December. Therefore if a member of staff has two contracts, one academic and one non-academic the portion of their time spent on the academic contract is counted in the table above, and the portion of their time spent on the non-academic contract is excluded.

Totals exclude those with unknown nationality

In 2015/16, the University of South Wales undertook a contractual review of contracts for all staff members. This, together with data validation conducted alongside the introduction of a new HR/Payroll system, resulted in adjustments to contract terms and changes to the numbers of employees engaged on permanent or fixed term contracts. The figures for 2015/16 for University of South Wales above do not include these amendments, however figures published on the HESA website do include these amendments.

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

Percentage annual change									
2015/16 to 2016/17	2016/17 to 2017/18	2017/18 to 2018/19	2018/19 to 2019/20	2019/20 to 2020/21	2020/21 to 2021/22	2021/22 to 2022/23	2022/23 to 2023/24	2023/24 to 2024/25	
20.3%	9.4%	-0.5%	0.5%	-11.9%	-1.6%	6.6%	16.6%		
-1.6%	-7.0%	-11.2%	-10.6%	8.9%	-7.5%	1.3%	-3.1%		
-0.4%	-10.0%	1.6%	-2.1%	-5.3%	-16.8%	22.8%	-17.5%		
8.5%	1.7%	-2.2%	-0.5%	2.3%	-0.7%	-5.4%	3.7%		
	3.8%	-7.4%	0.0%	-16.0%		31.3%	19.0%		
10.5%	6.8%	2.5%	-0.5%	-5.8%	3.8%	0.3%	-3.0%		
-2.3%	-2.4%	13.0%	1.8%	-8.8%	10.7%	19.8%	-5.2%		
6.9%	6.5%	-1.3%	-1.4%	-1.4%	-0.4%	1.3%	1.8%		
6.5%	3.7%	2.2%	6.9%	-0.5%	-0.6%	-1.1%	-6.1%		

Percentage annual change									
2015/16 to 2016/17	2016/17 to 2017/18	2017/18 to 2018/19	2018/19 to 2019/20	2019/20 to 2020/21	2020/21 to 2021/22	2021/22 to 2022/23	2022/23 to 2023/24	2023/24 to 2024/25	
40.2%	14.7%	18.6%	4.9%	-12.1%	-1.1%	14.0%	30.5%		
-4.8%	-27.5%	20.7%	-2.7%	16.7%	-16.0%	8.0%	28.5%		
3.8%	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%	7.1%	-12.1%	43.8%	-16.5%		
7.9%	15.6%	7.5%	10.0%	4.3%	0.6%	6.7%	44.7%		
	26.1%	31.0%	31.6%	24.0%	21.0%	37.3%	25.2%		
21.1%	20.3%	15.9%	4.2%	2.4%	-2.0%	4.0%	-1.1%		
			27.6%	35.1%	30.8%	54.8%	11.7%		
11.3%	11.3%	11.8%	7.8%	4.8%	9.9%	14.8%	23.0%		
4.6%	7.7%	7.6%	7.8%	4.7%	8.6%	11.3%	11.3%		

National Measures

29. Transnational education

The number and percentage of students that are transnational education students at Welsh higher education institutions

Institutions	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	TNE students	All other students	% TNE	TNE students	All other students	% TNE	TNE students	All other students	% TNE	TNE students	All other students	% TNE	TNE students	All other students	% TNE	TNE students	All other students	% TNE	TNE students	All other students	% TNE	TNE students	All other students	% TNE	TNE students	All other students	% TNE
University of South Wales	2,355	23,465	9.1%	5,475	22,860	19.3%	9,875	22,330	30.7%	9,770	23,090	29.7%	8,290	23,150	26.4%	4,960	23,270	17.6%	2,750	26,180	9.5%	2,430	23,670	9.3%			
Aberystwyth University	390	8,455	4.4%	415	8,185	4.8%	395	7,845	4.8%	340	7,720	4.2%	305	8,040	3.7%	285	7,845	3.5%	215	8,415	2.5%	205	8,320	2.4%			
Bangor University	2,130	11,270	15.9%	2,315	11,155	17.2%	2,685	10,195	20.9%	2,455	9,945	19.8%	3,000	9,705	23.6%	2,855	10,505	21.4%	3,310	10,825	23.4%	2,945	10,835	21.4%			
Cardiff University	750	31,595	2.3%	530	31,935	1.6%	410	33,190	1.2%	335	33,260	1.0%	1,095	33,510	3.2%	1,520	33,985	4.3%	1,250	32,725	3.7%	1,000	33,020	2.9%			
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	1,615	9,755	14.2%	2,260	10,280	18.0%	3,300	11,135	22.9%	3,510	12,700	21.7%	3,945	14,795	21.0%	3,800	15,045	20.2%	4,080	16,720	19.6%	3,820	15,660	19.6%			
Swansea University	25	19,160	0.1%	30	20,415	0.1%	80	20,620	0.4%	75	20,375	0.4%	80	21,465	0.4%	105	22,290	0.5%	95	21,510	0.4%	155	21,225	0.7%			
Cardiff Metropolitan University	9,495	10,995	46.3%	9,895	10,435	48.7%	9,320	10,675	46.6%	8,685	10,920	44.3%	10,295	11,435	47.4%	13,235	12,620	51.2%	17,330	13,545	56.1%	19,460	11,445	63.0%			
Wrexham University	330	6,415	4.9%	425	5,745	6.9%	860	5,895	12.7%	1,465	6,045	19.5%	2,535	7,485	25.3%	3,230	7,490	30.1%	3,620	8,545	29.8%	3,685	8,990	29.1%			
University of Wales	7,505	5	99.9%	5,635	5	99.9%	3,345	0	99.9%	2,080	0	100.0%	1,755	0	100.0%	730		100.0%	355	0	100.0%	125	0	100.0%			
Welsh HEIs	24,590	121,115	16.9%	26,980	121,010	18.2%	30,265	121,880	19.9%	28,715	124,055	18.8%	31,300	129,580	19.8%	30,720	133,080	18.8%	33,005	138,465	19.2%	33,830	133,165	20.3%			
UK institutions excluding student alternative data	707,915	2,317,880	23.4%	693,695	2,343,095	22.8%	666,815	2,383,970	21.9%	432,500	2,456,070	15.0%	488,095	2,657,290	15.5%	532,460	2,758,605	16.2%									
UK institutions	707,915	2,377,060	22.9%	693,695	2,415,865	22.3%	666,815	2,457,235	21.3%	432,500	2,532,385	14.6%	488,095	2,751,865	15.1%	532,460	2,862,620	15.7%	576,705	2,937,165	16.4%	621,065	2,904,425	17.6%			

Source: HESA Aggregate Offshore Record, Student Record

Notes:

Transnational education (TNE) students data from the Aggregate Offshore Record (AOR)

TNE data is a count of students studying wholly overseas, students with more than one enrolment are counted once

All other students data from the Student Record

All other students based on the HESA standard registration population

All other student data are enrolments

All modes, levels and years of study are included

Although writing up students may be included in the AOR, we are unable to remove them as AOR data are aggregate.

This measure is applicable to HEIs only

Data for the OU are available at UK level only for this measure and therefore Wales-based activity cannot be reported

Between 2014/15 and 2018/19 student numbers at Oxford Brookes accounted for between 39% and 45% of the total population of the Aggregate offshore record. Following a change in reporting practices, this has dropped to 1% in 2019/20

Oxford Brookes changed their reporting practices for the 2019/20 academic year around which students they include in their Aggregate Offshore return. This led to a drop of 256,450 students this year for this provider, resulting in a significant drop to the overall number of student enrolments based wholly overseas.

From 2022/23 onwards it is not possible to identify alternative providers separately. A new total line has been added to include alternative providers for 2015/16 to 2021/22.