

Statistical First Release

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This Statistical First Release (SFR), produced by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL), is based on an SFR produced by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) in collaboration with statisticians from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Welsh Assembly Government, the Scottish Government and the Department for Employment and Learning. It provides details of the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) who obtained qualifications in HEIs in the UK, during the academic year 2013/14. The survey was carried out approximately **6 months after graduation**. HESA's SFR will be published on the same date and time as the DEL SFR.

This SFR provides high-level figures and will be supported by a more detailed analysis due for publication on the 27th August 2015.

In 2013/14, there were 9,730 UK and EU leavers from NI HEIs who responded from the target population of 12,500, an overall response rate for NI of around 78% (UK 80%, EU 59%).

From 2013/14, HESA have changed the allocation of The Open University (OU) students to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Previously all OU enrolments and qualifications were counted as being within England, where the OU has its administrative centre. From this year onwards enrolments and qualifications, and as an extension destinations of leavers, registered at one of the OU's national centres in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will contribute to the totals in those countries where statistics are shown by country of HE provider in HESA publications.

A full public consultation of NI users of Higher Education statistics has not been undertaken in terms of this change to the method of allocating OU students but is planned for later this year. As such, this SFR and the planned detailed NI publication on destinations of leavers from NI HEIs due to issue on Thursday 27th August will retain the old methodology but also present, in an annex, relevant tables using the new method for OU allocation.

Initial examination of the HESA SFR indicates that the destinations of leavers percentage figures in 2013/14 are very similar using both of the OU allocation methodologies.

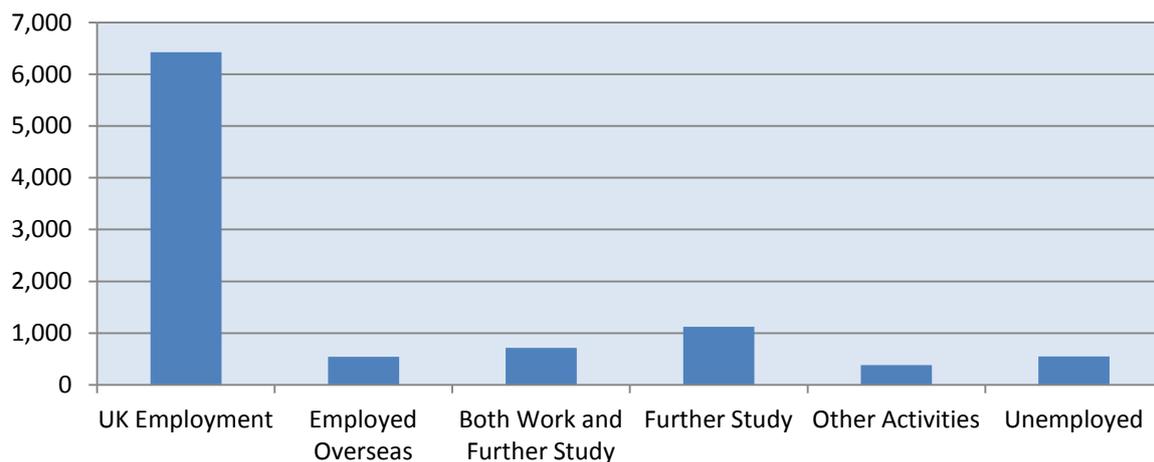
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Key Points - 2013/14

Destinations of all students from NI HEIs:

Of the 9,730 leavers from Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Northern Ireland (NI) whose destinations were known:

- 66.0% (6,425) were in UK employment, compared to 67.9% (288,180) for UK HEIs
- 5.5% (540) were employed overseas, compared to 3.6% (15,120) for UK HEIs
- 7.4% (715) were in both work and further study, compared to 6.3% (26,650) for UK HEIs
- 11.5% (1,120) were in further study, compared to 12.2% (51,600) for UK HEIs
- 3.9% (380) were engaged in other activities, compared to 4.5% (19,190) for UK HEIs; and
- 5.6% (550) were unemployed, compared to 5.6% (23,635) for UK HEIs

Destinations of All Leavers from NI HEIs - 2013/14



Destinations of full-time first degree leavers from NI HEIs:

Of the 6,100 full-time first degree leavers from HEIs in NI whose destinations were known:

- 65.7% (4,010) were in UK employment, compared to 67.1% (172,795) for UK HEIs
- 3.8% (235) were employed overseas, compared to 2.6% (6,795) for UK HEIs
- 7.0% (425) were in both work and further study, compared to 5.4% (13,795) for UK HEIs
- 13.4% (815) were in further study, compared to 13.8% (35,410) for UK HEIs
- 4.0% (245) were engaged in other activities, compared to 4.6% (11,870) for UK HEIs; and
- 6.1% (375) were unemployed, compared to 6.5% (16,730) for UK HEIs

STEM subject areas¹:

For Narrow STEM subject areas, 64.8% (1,015) of full-time first degree leavers from NI HEIs were in employment only (either in the UK or overseas, excluding those in both work and further study) and 6.8% (105) were unemployed; for Broad STEM subject areas, 74.0% (2,295) were in employment only in the UK or overseas, and 5.5% (170) were unemployed.

Professional employment²:

In 2013/14, of the full-time first degree leavers from NI HEIs who were employed in the UK, over two-thirds (69.9%; 2,800) were in posts classified as Professional Employment. The remaining 30.1% (1,205) were working in occupational groups classed as non-professional.

Part-time leavers:

In 2013/14, of the 465 part-time first degree leavers from NI HEIs whose destinations were known, 68.5% (315) were in UK employment and 6.5% (30) were unemployed.

Level of study:

Of the 7,255 undergraduate leavers from NI HEIs (both full-time and part-time) whose destinations were known, 64.5% (4,680) were in UK employment and 3.7% (270) were employed overseas. Of the 2,475 postgraduate leavers from NI HEIs (both full-time and part-time) whose destinations were known, 70.6% (1,745) were in UK employment and 10.8% (265) were employed overseas.

Salary:

In 2013/14, of those UK domiciled first degree leavers (both full-time and part-time) from NI HEIs reported as being in full-time paid employment in the UK, 69% disclosed their salary. The median salary reported (to the nearest £500) was £20,000, the lower quartile was £15,000 and the upper quartile £23,000. The mean salary was £20,000.

Location of employment:

Of the UK domiciled leavers from NI HEIs in 2013/14, whose destinations were known and reported being in employment in the UK, 89.5% of full-time first degree leavers remained in NI to take up employment and 10.5% went to Great Britain. The majority (88.4%) of full-time postgraduate leavers also remained in NI to take up employment, whilst 11.6% went to Great Britain.

¹ See Notes and Definitions section – Points 7 & 8.

² See Notes and Definitions section – Point 9.

Notes and Definitions:

Notes:

1. The data presented in this Statistical First Release (SFR) draws on the 2013/14 Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) record. The statistics in this SFR are derived by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) from data collected from all publicly funded Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the UK (including The Open University).
2. Following a review of the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey and consultation with government departments, the Higher Education (HE) sector and users of the data, the DLHE survey has been re-designed to collect richer information from leavers, particularly regarding their employment status on the survey date.
3. Leavers now report all the activities that they are undertaking on the census date and then indicate which one they consider to be the most important to them. From these responses, destination categories are derived taking into account the most important activity and, in some instances, other activities the leaver is involved in.
4. Consequently, the destination categories reported from 2011/12 onwards differ from those reported prior to that year. Direct comparisons should not therefore be made with the figures presented before 2011/12.
5. The 2013/14 DLHE data include all those students whose study was full-time or part-time and who obtained relevant qualifications reported to HESA for the reporting period 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014.
6. All figures have been rounded by HESA to the nearest '5' students, with 0, 1 and 2 rounded to 0.
7. The coverage of the HESA DLHE survey consists of all UK, European Union and non-EU domiciled leavers for whom destinations data is expected and sought from UK HEIs in 2013/14. Non-EU leavers were added to the target population from 2011/12 and from 2013/14 were set a target response rate of 20%. However, further analysis is required to assess how accurate a representation this data is for the population of non-EU leavers as a whole; therefore, the data for the non-EU leavers are excluded from the SFR.

Definitions:

8. Broad STEM includes the following subject areas: Medicine & dentistry, Subjects allied to medicine, Biological sciences, Veterinary sciences, Agriculture & related subjects, Physical sciences, Mathematical sciences, Computer science, Engineering & technology and Architecture, building and planning.
9. Narrow STEM is a subset of Broad STEM and includes the following subject areas: Biological sciences, Physical sciences, Mathematical sciences, Computer science and Engineering & technology.

10. Professional occupations are defined as occupations which fall into the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC 2010) major groups 1, 2 and 3; with non-professional occupations defined as all other known SOC major groups.

The SOC 2010 major groups are outlined below:

- i) Managers, directors and senior officials
- ii) Professional occupations
- iii) Associate professional and technical occupations
- iv) Administrative and secretarial occupations
- v) Skilled trades occupations
- vi) Caring, leisure and other service occupations
- vii) Sales and customer service occupations
- viii) Process, plant and machine operatives
- ix) Elementary occupations

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