

University of Oxford: Student Statistics Notes and Definitions

These notes accompany the University of Oxford's Student Statistics.

The reports are produced by the Student Data Management and Analysis (SDMA) team, part of the Student Administration Registry function.

Data Source, Inclusions and Exclusions

The views are based on a snapshot of the information held in Oxford University's Student System (SITS) and by the Department for Continuing Education on the census date of 1st December. The 1st December census date forms the basis for the Higher Education Statistics (HESES) return, the Student Number Planning Exercise (SNP) and is used for internal resource allocation (the JRAM and the CFF). The student statistics use slightly different criteria to that used for SNP, JRAM/CFF and HESES and the following rules apply across all tables:

- All data reflects relevant information as recorded on the census date of 1st December.
- All students enrolled on a course on 1st December are included in these tables with the exception of any students listed below:
 - Students who were on a period of suspension from their studies, for whatever reason, on the 1st December;
 - In common with HESES, SNP and JRAM/CFF data, research students who had completed submission of their thesis before the 1st December are not included.
 - Research students who re-enrolled prior to resubmission of their thesis are included in these statistics, but excluded from HESES, SNP and JRAM/CFF.
- Some students may be excluded from these statistics in order to comply with the Data Protection and Equality Duty Acts.
- The figures in all tables represent a headcount of students on the census date and are not an indicator of full-time equivalence (FTE).
- The tables make no distinction with regard to a student's Oxford residency status.
- Tables include all attendance types, i.e. full-time or part-time.
- Visiting and Recognised students (VRO) are defined as full-time students spending up to a year in Oxford studying, but not being awarded a degree or other qualification. These are shown as a separate category in each table and these students are not included in HESES and SNP. Visiting students are admitted through colleges and taught by colleges, while Recognised students are admitted through faculties and departments and have no college association. Both Visiting and Recognised students may use University libraries and attend lectures in the University.

Coverage

The online workbooks contain data from 2006 onwards.

Common Abbreviations & Definitions

Division:

- MPLS – Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences.
- OUDCE – Oxford University Department for Continuing Education.
- University of Oxford – this covers all VRO programmes of study.

Programme Type:

- VRO – Visiting and Recognised student.

Nationality, Domicile and Fee Status Groupings:

- EU – European Union.
- UK – United Kingdom.

Attendance Type:

- FT – Full-time.
- PT – Part-time.

College Type:

- PPH – Permanent Private Halls.
- No college – some students on Recognised Programmes or studying in the Department for Continuing Education are not associated with a college.

Student Status:

- New – students commencing a new programme of study on the census date. Students transferring programmes at the same level (i.e. from BA History & English to BA English) are not considered to be 'New'. Students commencing a Postgraduate course having completed an Undergraduate course at Oxford University are considered to be 'New'.
- Returner – students on their second or subsequent year of study on a programme on the census date.