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Description

This document describes the data included in the Widening Participation in High Education: 2018/19 Official Statistics release's underlying data files. This data is released under the terms of the [Open Government License](#) and is intended to meet at least 3 stars for [Open Data](#).

The methodology document attached to this release should be referenced alongside this data. It provides information on the data sources, their coverage and quality as well as explaining methodology used in producing the data.

Coverage

The release covers two measures of progression to Higher Education by age 19.

The first shows progression to HE by pupil characteristics for pupils aged 15 in English state-funded schools and special schools (including non-maintained special schools).

The second relates to progression to HE by school type for pupils aged 17 who were entered for A levels or equivalent level 3 qualifications at English schools and colleges.

File format and conventions

Rounding

We are removing rounding and suppression of data where possible in order to maximise the utility of the statistics while minimising the risk of disclosure. More information about the Departmental policy on confidentiality can be found here:

[External Confidentiality Policy](#)

Data relating to Children in Need and Looked After children is rounded to the nearest percentage for rates and to the nearest 10 for counts of pupils given the sensitivity of these statistics.

Conventions

The following convention is used throughout the underlying data.

'.' Not applicable

'c' Confidential

Data files

This statistical release includes the following underlying data files in csv format:

File name	Content	Geographical levels	Years
All Characteristics	Progression to HE by pupil characteristics	National	2009/10 to 2018/19
Free School Meals	Progression to HE by Free School Meal status	National; Regional; Local authority	2005/06 to 2018/19
Free School Meals - Gap	HE progression rate gap - Free School Meal pupils compared to all other pupils	National; Regional; Local authority	2005/06 to 2018/19
Free School Meals, Gender and Ethnic Group	Progression to HE by FSM status, gender and ethnic group	National	2009/10 to 2018/19
Free School Meals, Gender and Ethnic Group - Region	Progression to HE by FSM status, gender and ethnic group by region	Regional	2009/10 to 2018/19
Headline Stats	Progression to HE - Headline Statistics	National	2018/19
School Type	Progression to HE by School Type at Key Stage 5	National	2008/09 to 2018/19
School Type - Gap	HE Progression gap - Independent school students compared to state-funded students	National	2008/09 to 2018/19
Tariff Groups	Provider tariff groupings and mean tariff scores	Institution	2008/09 to 2018/19
Teaching Excellence Framework	Progression to HE and percentage of HE students by Teaching Excellence Framework rating	National	2018/19

Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions

Variable names and descriptions included across the underlying data files are provided below.

Section	Variable name	Variable description
All	time_identifier	The type of time period covered
All	time_period	The year/s covered
All	geographic_level	The geographic level of the data
All	country_code	9 digit country code
All	country_name	Country name
All	region_code	Region code (Government Office Region) - 9 digit code
All	region_name	Region name (Government Office Region)
All	old_la_code	Local authority code (old)
All	new_la_code	Local authority code (new) - 9 digit code
All	la_name	Local authority name
School Type	school_type	Type of school
School Type	A_level_Status	Identify A level students
School Type	progression_rate	% of students progressing to HE by age 19
School Type	High_Tariff_progression_rate	% of students progressing to high tariff HE by age 19
School Type	number_of_HE_students	Number of students progressing to HE by age 19
School Type	number_of_HighTariff_HE_students	Number of students progressing to high tariff HE by age 19
School Type	number_of_students	Number of students in cohort
School Type	progression_rate_state	% of state-funded students progressing to HE by age 19

School Type	progression_rate_independent	% of independent school students progressing to HE by age 19
School Type	High_Tariff_progression_rate_state	% of state-funded students progressing to high tariff HE by age 19
School Type	High_Tariff_progression_rate_independent	% of independent school students progressing to high tariff HE by age 19
School Type	progression_rate_gap	Gap in HE progression rates between state-funded and independent school students
School Type	High_Tariff_progression_rate_gap	Gap in high tariff HE progression rates between state-funded and independent school students
Tariff Groups	UKPRN	UK Provider Reference Number
Tariff Groups	Provider_Name	Name of Higher Education provider
Tariff Groups	Tariff_Grouping	Provider Tariff Grouping (low, medium, high)
Tariff Groups	Mean_tariff	Mean UCAS tariff score
Teaching Excellence Framework	TEF_Rating	Teaching Excellence Framework rating
Teaching Excellence Framework	number_of_HE_students	Number of HE students by TEF rating
Teaching Excellence Framework	progression_rate	% progressing to HE by TEF rating
Teaching Excellence Framework	percentage_HE_students	Percentage of HE students by TEF rating
Pupil Characteristics	Characteristic	High level pupil characteristics

Pupil Characteristics	Characteristic_Detail	Detailed pupil characteristic
Pupil Characteristics	progression_rate	% of pupils progressing to HE by age 19
Pupil Characteristics	High_Tariff_progression_rate	% of pupils progressing to high tariff HE by age 19
Pupil Characteristics	number_of_HE_students	Number of pupils progressing to HE by age 19
Pupil Characteristics	number_of_HighTariff_HE_students	Number of pupils progressing to high tariff HE by age 19
Pupil Characteristics	number_of_students	Number of pupils in cohort
Pupil Characteristics	progression_rate_FSM	% of FSM pupils progressing to HE by age 19
Pupil Characteristics	progression_rate_NonFSM	% of non-FSM pupils progressing to HE by age 19
Pupil Characteristics	High_Tariff_progression_rate_FSM	% of FSM pupils progressing to high tariff HE by age 19
Pupil Characteristics	High_Tariff_progression_rate_NonFSM	% of non-FSM pupils progressing to high tariff HE by age 19
Pupil Characteristics	progression_rate_gap	Gap between FSM and non-FSM pupils progressing to HE
Pupil Characteristics	High_Tariff_progression_rate_gap	Gap between FSM and non-FSM pupils progressing to high tariff HE
Pupil Characteristics	Gender	Gender
Pupil Characteristics	FSM_Status	Free School Meal status
Pupil Characteristics	Ethnic_Group_Major	Major ethnic group
Pupil Characteristics	Ethnic_Group_Minor	Minor ethnic group



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