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**Participation measures in higher education, 2018/19**

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# Description

This document describes the data included in the Participation Measures in Higher Education: 2018/19 National Statistics release’s underlying data files. This data is released under the terms of the [Open Government License](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/) and is intended to meet at least 3 stars for [Open Data.](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/improving-the-transparency-and-accountability-of-government-and-its-services/supporting-pages/releasing-data-in-open-formats)

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 the latest Higher Education Initial Participation (HEIP) measure.

The measure is the sum of the age specific participation rates for the 17 to 30 year-old population in England in each academic year (HEIP30), and can be thought of as a projection of the likelihood of a 17-year-old today participating in higher education by age 30 if the latest year's entry rates persisted in the future.

It also includes tables specific to postgraduate entry (PGIP30), as well as some age tables up to ages 20 and 60 (HEIP20, HEIP60).

# File format and conventions

## Rounding

Throughout the publication, all entrant numbers are rounded to the nearest 5 in line with the [Higher Education Statistics Agency’s (HESA) rounding policy](https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/rounding-and-suppression-anonymise-statistics). All participation percentages are rounded to 1 decimal place.

## Conventions

The following convention is used throughout the underlying data.

‘:’ Not applicable

# Data files

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **File name** | **Content** | **Geographical levels** | **Years** |
| Headline Statistics | Initial Participation (HEIP30) by headline characteristics | National | 2018/19 |
| Impact of additional providers on Initial Participation | Initial Participation (HEIP30) with and without additional providers\*.  \*Those who submitted data to HESA’s Alternative Provider student record in 2014/15 onwards. | National | 2006/07 to 2018/19 |
| Impact of additional providers on Postgraduate Initial Participation | Postgraduate Initial Participation (PGIP30) with and without additional providers\*\*.  \*\*Those who submitted postgraduate data to HESA’s Alternative Provider student record in 2017/18 onwards. | National | 2006/07 to 2018/19 |
| Initial Participation by sex | Initial Participation (HEIP30, HEIP20, HEIP60) by gender. | National | 2006/07 to 2018/19 |
| Initial Participation by mode of study | Initial Participation (HEIP30, HEIP20, HEIP60) by mode of study. | National | 2006/07 to 2018/19 |
| Initial Participation by age | Initial Participation (HEIP30) by specific age. | National | 2006/07 to 2018/19 |
| Initial Participation by provider type | Experimental statistics: Initial Participation (HEIP30) by provider type. | National | 2014/15 to 2018/19 |
| Initial Participation by qualification aim | Experimental statistics: Initial Participation (HEIP30) by qualification aim. | National | 2014/15 to 2018/19 |
| Postgraduate Initial Participation by mode of study | Postgraduate Initial Participation (PGIP30) by mode of study. | National | 2006/07 to 2018/19 |
| Postgraduate Initial Participation by sex | Postgraduate Initial Participation (PGIP30) by gender. | National | 2006/07 to 2018/19 |
| Qualification levels in the population | Office for National Statistics (ONS) Annual Population Survey (APS) data, percentages in the population qualified. | National | 2006 to 2019 |
| supplementary table - historic initial participation data 1999 to 2006 (old methodology) | Supplementary table: Historic Initial Participation data under the old methodology. | National | 1999/00 to 2006/07 |

# Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Variable name** | **Variable description** |
| time\_identifier | The type of time period covered |
| time\_period | The year/s covered |
| geographic\_level | The geographic level of the data |
| country\_code | 9 digit country code. Refers to student domicile. |
| country\_name | Country name. Refers to student domicile. |
| methodology | Indicates whether the calculation included additional providers\* or not.  \*Taken as those who submitted data to [HESA’s Alternative Provider student record](https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c18054) |
| entry\_age | The upper age limit at which the participation measure is calculated (e.g. “By age 20” as HEIP20). If not present in tables, defaults to 30. |
| initial\_entrants | Number of initial entrants under the initial participation methodology. |
| percentage | Initial Participation percentage under the initial participation methodology. |
| mode\_study | Mode of study (Part Time/Full Time) |
| sex | Gender |
| age | Age of student on 31 August (at beginning of academic year of reference) |
| provider\_type | Type of institution offering the HE qualification (Higher Education Provider/ Further Education Provider) |
| qualification\_aim | Qualification aim of the HE course. |



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