Further education and skills: November 2022 underlying data

Metadata specification

Description

This document describes the data included in the 'Further education and skills: November 2022' National Statistics release's underlying data files. This data is released under the terms of the Open Government License. It is provided to allow users to interrogate the data themselves.

The underlying data files cover England and include Further Education and Skills learner participation/achievements and aim enrolment/achievement figures. Some tables also include further breakdowns; by provision type (e.g. education and training, community learning, or apprenticeships), by learner characteristics (e.g. age, sex, ethnicity group) or subject characteristics (e.g. sector subject area, level, learning aim).

The Further education and skills statistics: methodology document published alongside the main 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.

File format

The underlying data consists of the following files:

- Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) learner participation
- Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) aims enrolments
- Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) aims achievements
- Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) demographics
- Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) demographics by level - pre 2021 only
- Underlying data – Free Courses for Jobs Starts on Individual Courses

File and description	Geographic levels	Time period
Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) learner participation *underlying-data-fes-learner-participation-2122-q4.csv* **year:** Academic year **snapshot:** Snapshot **ukprn:** Provider UKPRN **provider_name:** Provider name **provider_type:** Provider type **learner_home_region_code:** Learner region code (based on home postcode) **learner_home_region:** Learner region description (based on home postcode) **learner_home_pcon_code:** Learner parliamentary constituency code (based on home postcode) **learner_home_pcon:** Learner parliamentary constituency description (based on home postcode) **learner_home_la_code:** Learner local authority code (based on home postcode) **learner_home_la:** Learner local authority description (based on home postcode) **learner_home_lad_code:** Learner local authority district code (based on home postcode) **learner_home_lad:** Learner local authority district description (based on home postcode) **learner_home_devolved_administration_code:** Learner English devolved area code (based on home postcode) **learner_home_devolved_administration:** Learner English devolved area description (based on home postcode) **age_detailed:** Detailed age group **FES_Total19P:** Adult (19+) Further education and skills learner participation **FES_AllAge:** All age Further education and skills learner participation (comprises Adult (19+) Further education and skills, and under 19 apprenticeships) **CL_Total:** Community learning total learner participation **CL_Personal_and_Community_Development_Learning:** Community learning Personal and Community Development Learning learner participation **CL_Neighbourhood_Learning_in_Deprived_Communities:** Community learning Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities learner participation **CL_Family_English_Maths_and_Language:** Community learning Family English Maths and Language learner participation **CL_Wider_Family_Learning:** Community learning Wider Family Learning learner participation **ET_19P:** Adult (19+) Education and training learner participation	National, region, local authority, local authority district, parliamentary constituency, English devolved administration	2018/19 (full year) 2019/20 (full year) 2020/21 (full year) 2021/22 (full year)

Apprenticeships_19P: Adult (19+) Apprenticeship learner participation **Apprenticeships_Under19:** Under 19 Apprenticeship learner participation		
Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) aims enrolments underlying-data-fes-aims-enrolments-2122-q4.csv **year:** Academic year **snapshot:** Snapshot **ukprn:** Provider UKPRN **provider_name:** Provider name **provider_type:** Provider type **delivery_region_code:** Learner region code (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_region:** Learner region description (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_pcon_code:** Learner parliamentary constituency code (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_pcon:** Learner parliamentary constituency description (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_la_code:** Learner local authority code (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_la:** Learner local authority description (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_lad_code:** Learner local authority district code (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_lad:** Learner local authority district description (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_devolved_administration_code:** Learner English devolved area code (based on delivery postcode) **delivery_devolved_administration:** Learner English devolved area description (based on delivery postcode) **learner_home_region_code:** Learner region code (based on home postcode) **learner_home_region:** Learner region description (based on home postcode) **learner_home_pcon_code:** Learner parliamentary constituency code (based on home postcode) **learner_home_pcon:** Learner parliamentary constituency description (based on home postcode) **learnerhome_la_code:** Learner local authority code (based on home postcode) **learnerhome_la:** Learner local authority description (based on home postcode) **learner_home_lad_code:** Learner local authority district code (based on home postcode) **learner_home_lad:** Learner local authority district description (based on home postcode)	National, region, local authority, local authority district, parliamentary constituency, English devolved administration	2021/22 (full year)

learner_home_devolved_administration_code: Learner English devolved area code (based on home postcode)		
learner_home_devolved_administration: Learner English devolved area description (based on home postcode)		4
age_academic_summary_with_unknowns: summary age group (age as at 31 August of the academic year)		
age_academic_detailed: detailed age group (age as at 31 August of the academic year)		
age_start_detailed: detailed age group (age at the start of the programme)		
notional_nvq_level: level of the learning aim		
stem: STEM flag		
ssa_t1_code: Sector subject area Tier 1 code		
ssa_t1_desc: Sector subject area Tier 1 description		
ssa_t2_code: Sector subject area Tier 2 code		
ssa_t2_desc: Sector subject area Tier 2 description		
learning_aim_ref: Learning aim reference number		
learning_aim_title: Learning aim title		
learning_aim_type: Learning aim type		
FES_All_Age_Aims_Enrolments: All age Further education and skills aim enrolments		
FES_19P_Aims_Enrolments: Adult (19+) Further education and skills aim enrolments		
ET_19P_Aims_Enrolments: Adult (19+) Education and training aim enrolments		
Apprenticeship_19P_Aims_Enrolments_Funded_Only: Adult (19+) Apprenticeship aim enrolments		
Apprenticeship_All_Age_Enrolments_Funded_Only: All age Apprenticeship aim enrolments		
Community_Learning_Aims_Enrolments: Community learning aim enrolments		
Please note: academic age (as at 31 August) is for use with FES, ET and CL enrolments. Age at start of programme is for use with apprenticeship enrolments:		
Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) aims achievements *underlying-data-fes-aims-achievements-2122-q4.csv* **year:** Academic year **snapshot:** Snapshot **ukprn:** Provider UKPRN **provider_name:** Provider name **provider_type:** Provider type **delivery_region_code:** Learner region code (based on delivery postcode)	National, region, local authority, local authority district, parliamentary constituency, English devolved administration	2021/22 (full year)

delivery_region: Learner region description (based on delivery postcode)		
delivery_pcon_code: Learner parliamentary constituency code (based on delivery postcode)		5
delivery_pcon: Learner parliamentary constituency description (based on delivery postcode)		
delivery_la_code: Learner local authority code (based on delivery postcode)		
delivery_la: Learner local authority description (based on delivery postcode)		
delivery_lad_code: Learner local authority district code (based on delivery postcode)		
delivery_lad: Learner local authority district description (based on delivery postcode)		
delivery_devolved_administration_code: Learner English devolved area code (based on delivery postcode)		
delivery_devolved_administration: Learner English devolved area description (based on delivery postcode)		
learner_home_region_code: Learner region code (based on home postcode)		
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learner_home_pcon_code: Learner parliamentary constituency code (based on home postcode)		
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learnerhome_la_code: Learner local authority code (based on home postcode)		
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learner_home_lad_code: Learner local authority district code (based on home postcode)		
learner_home_lad: Learner local authority district description (based on home postcode)		
learner_home_devolved_administration_code: Learner English devolved area code (based on home postcode)		
learner_home_devolved_administration: Learner English devolved area description (based on home postcode)		
age_summary_with_unknowns: summary age group (age as at 31 August of the academic year)		
age_detailed: detailed age group (age as at 31 August of the academic year)		
age_youth_adult: age 19+ or under 19 (age as at 31 August of the academic year)		
notional_nvq_level: level of the learning aim		
stem: STEM flag		
ssa_t1_code: Sector subject area Tier 1 code		
ssa_t1_desc: Sector subject area Tier 1 description		
ssa_t2_code: Sector subject area Tier 2 code		
ssa_t2_desc: Sector subject area Tier 2 description		

learning_aim_ref: Learning aim reference number **learning_aim_title:** Learning aim title **learning_aim_type:** Learning aim type **FES_All_Age_Aims_Achievements:** All age Further education and skills aim achievements **FES_19P_Aims_Achievements:** Adult (19+) Further education and skills aim achievements **ET_19P_Aims_Achievements:** Adult (19+) Education and training aim achievements **Apprenticeship 19P Aims Achievements Funded Only:** Adult (19+) Apprenticeship aim achievements **Apprenticeship Under 19 Aims Achievements Funded Only:** All age Apprenticeship aim achievements **Community_Learning_Aims_Achievements:** Community learning aim achievements		

Underlying data for FE and Skills (FES) demographics
underlying-data-fes-demographics-2122-q4.csv
 	
This csv is rounded and contains pre-calculated totals. Please be aware when using this tool to derive further breakdowns.
 	
year: Academic year
snapshot: Snapshot
strand: FE provision type
    FES: Further education and skills participation (All Age)
    CL: Community learning participation
    ET: Education and Training participation (Adult (19+))
    Apps: Apprenticeship participation (All Age)
age_summary: Age group
age_youth_adult: Age group (19+ or under 19)
sex: Sex
lldd: LLDD status
ethnicity_group: Ethnicity group
ethnicity_detailed: Ethnicity
 	
Learners: Learner participation
 	
Please note: to get adult (19+) FES participation, or adult (19+) apprenticeship participation figures, the age filter must be used.
	National	2016/17 (full year)
		
		2017/18 (full year)
		
		2018/19 (full year)
		
		2019/20 (full year)
		
		2020/21 (full year)
		
		2021/22 (full year)

Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) demographics by level - pre 2021 only *underlying-data-fes-demographics-by-level-pre-2021-only.csv* *This csv is rounded and contains pre-calculated totals. Please be aware when using this tool to derive further breakdowns.* **year:** Academic year **snapshot:** Snapshot **age_detailed:** Detailed age group **age_youth_adult:** Age group (19+ or under 19) **sex:** Sex **lldd:** LLDD status **ethnicity_group:** Ethnicity group **ethnicity_detailed:** Ethnicity **p_total:** Total further education and skills participation **p_bl2_ex_eng_mat:** Further education and skills participation at below level 2 (excluding basic skills) **p_eng_mat_esol:** Further education and skills participation in basic skills (level 2 and below) **p_full_l2:** Further education and skills Full level 2 participation **p_full_l3:** Further education and skills Full level 3 participation **p_l2:** Further education and skills Level 2 participation **p_l3:** Further education and skills Level 3 participation **p_l4plus:** Further education and skills Level 4 and above participation **p_no_lx:** Further education and skills participation when no level defined	National	2015/16 (full year) 2016/17 (full year) 2017/18 (full year) 2018/19 (full year) 2019/20 (full year)
Underlying data – Free Courses for Jobs Starts on Individual Courses *underlying-data-fes-free-courses-for-jobs-quals-2122-q4.csv* **qualification_reference_number:** Qualification reference number **qualification_title:** Title of the qualification **qualification_type:** Type of qualification **course_length:** Indicator of whether the qualification is a short course **ssa_t1:** Sector subject area tier 1 description **ssa_t2:** Sector subject area tier 2 description **free_courses_for_jobs_valid_from:** Free courses for jobs funding approval start date **free_courses_for_jobs_valid_to:** Free courses for jobs funding	National	April 2021 to July 2022

approval end date **total_takeup_original_adult_offer:** Free courses for jobs total starts under original offer (April 21 to July 22) **total_takeup_extended_adult_offer:** Free courses for jobs total starts including extended offer (April 21 to July 22)		8

Annex A – Field Listing

Further information about the fields in the underlying data files is given below:

Variable name	Variable description
Achievement	A qualification or apprenticeship has successfully been gained. The columns used are any of the following: Apprenticeship 19P Aims Achievements Funded Only, Apprenticeship Under 19 Aims Achievements Funded Only, Community Learning Aims Achievements, ET 19P Aims Achievements, FES 19P Aims Achievements, FES All Age Aims Achievements
Age summary with unknowns Age academic summary with unknowns	This shows the age of the learner as at the 31st August of the reported academic year. Age categories (Under 19, 19-24, 25-49, 50+, Unknown)
Age Youth Adult	This shows the age of the learner as at the 31st August of the reported academic year. Age categories (Under 19, 19+)
Age Detailed Age academic detailed	This shows the age of the learner as at the 31st August of the reported academic year. This is for use with the FES, CL and ET measures. It also for use with apprenticeship participation measures. Age categories (Under 19, 19-24, 35-44, 45-59, 60+)
Age start detailed	This shows the age of the learner at the start of the programme. This is for use with the apprenticeship enrolments measures. Age categories (Under 19, 19-24, 35-44, 45-59, 60+)
Delivery_Region Delivery_PCON Delivery_LA Delivery_LAD Delivery_Devolved_Administration	Geographical breakdown based on the delivery postcode PCON = Parliamentary Constituency LA = Local Authority LAD = Local Authority District
Delivery_Region_Code Delivery_PCON_Code Delivery_LA_Code Delivery_LAD_Code Delivery_Devolved_Administration_Code	Reference code assigned to the geographical breakdowns based on delivery postcode
Detailed Level or Apps Level Detailed	Level of the apprenticeship (Level 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7).
Enrolments	Enrolments indicates that a learner was on a framework or aim during a period.

	The columns used are any of the following: Apprenticeship 19P Aims Enrolments Funded Only, Apprenticeship Under 19 Aims Enrolments Funded Only, Community Learning Aims Enrolments, ET 19P Aims Enrolments, FES 19P Aims Enrolments, FES All Age Aims Enrolments
Ethnicity	Learners ethnicity (i.e. the self-declared ethnicity from which the Ethnicity group is derived).
Ethnicity Group	The self-declared ethnicity group of the learner (Asian/Asian British; Black/African/Caribbean/Black British; Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Group; Not App/Known; Other Ethnic Group; White; Totals).
Ethnicity Detailed	African, Any other Asian Background, Any other Black/African/Caribbean Background, Any other ethnic group, Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background, Any other White Background, Arab, Bangladeshi, Caribbean, Chinese, English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/ British, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Indian, Not Provided, Pakistani, Total, White and Asian, White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African
Free Courses for Jobs Valid to/from	Free Courses for Jobs funding approval start and end dates.
Free Courses for Jobs Total Takeup Original Offer	How many learners started a qualification after their original offer.
Free Courses for Jobs Total Takeup Extended Offer	How many learners started a qualification, including after extended offers.
Learner_Home_Region Learner_Home_PCON Learner_Home_LA Learner_Home_LAD Learner_Home_Devolved_Administration Learner_Home_LEP	Geographical breakdown based on the learner home postcode. PCON = Parliamentary Constituency LA = Local Authority LAD = Local Authority District CA = Combined Authority LEP = Local Enterprise Partnership
Learner_Home_Region_Code Learner_Home_PCON_Code Learner_Home_LA_Code Learner_Home_LAD_Code Learner_Home_Devolved_Administration_Code Learner_Home_LEP_Code	Reference code assigned to the geographical breakdowns based on learner home postcode
Learning Aim	Learning Aim is a generic term which includes qualifications, courses and learning events under a general title.
Learning Aim Reference	Reference code for a learning aim which corresponds to the ILR
Learning Aim Title	Title of a learning aim
Learning Aim Type	The type of learning aim awarded (e.g. A Level, Diploma, Certificate…)

Level Or App Level	Apprenticeship level (Intermediate, advanced or higher). Or FE and Skills programmes Level (Entry ,1,2,3,4,5,6,7, High Level)
Learner Participation Q1 ,Q2, Q3, Q4, or Full Year	Learner was in learning at any point during the indicated quarter or any point during the year (full year)
LLDD	Defines if the learner self declares that they are a learner with a learning difficulty and/or disability.
Notional NVQ Level	The Notional NVQ Level indicates the level of a qualification on the NVQ scale or a notional level where an aim has not been assigned a level on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). The values used in this classification are: Level 1 and entry Level 2 Level 3 Level 4, 5 and Higher Education (HE) Level not specified
Participation	Learner was in learning at any point during the year The column used are any of the following: FES All Age, FES_Total19P, ET_19P, CL Participation, CL Personal and Community Development Learning, CL_Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities, CL_Family English, Maths and Language, CL_Wider Family Learning Apprenticeships19P, Apprenticeships Under 19
Provider, Provider Name	Name of the provider

Provider Type	Indicates the type of organisation
	    General FE and Tertiary College
	    Other Public Funded
	    Private Sector Public Funded
	    Schools
	    Sixth Form College
	Specialist College

Qualification Reference Number	Reference code for a learning aim which corresponds to the ILR
Qualification Title	Title of Qualification
Qualification Type	Type of Qualification (Occupational, Vocational or Other)
Sex	Sex of the learner.
Short Course	Short courses are those labelled as 'Level three Free Courses short qualification' in the list of qualifications approved for funding
SSA T1	Sector subject area (tier 1) of the apprenticeship standard or framework or learning aim being studied.

SSA T1 Code	Reference code assigned to a Sector subject area (tier 1)
SSA T2	The sector subject area (tier 2) of the apprenticeship standard or framework or learning aim being studied.
SSA T2 Code	Reference code assigned to a Sector subject area (tier 2)
STEM	STEM includes those within the following sector subject tier 1 areas: Construction, Planning and the Built Environment, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies, Information and Communication Technology, Science and Mathematics.
Snapshot	The Individualised Learner Record snapshot used to produce the data : SN04 covers Aug to Oct, as published in January SN06 covers Aug to Jan, as published in March SN10 covers Aug to Ap, as published in July SN14 covers the full finalised academic year, as published in November
UKPRN	The unique provider reference number as assigned when registered on UKRLP system.
Year	Academic year