

Further education and skills: November 2023 underlying data

Metadata specification

Description

This document describes the data included in the 'Further education and skills: November 2023' 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 – free courses for jobs starts and achievements on individual courses
- Underlying data – advanced learner loans applications - top 10 qualifications

File and description	Geographic levels	Time period
<p>Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) learner participation <i>underlying-data-fes-learner-participation-2223-q4.csv</i></p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>National, region, local authority, local authority district, parliamentary constituency, English devolved administration</p>	<p>2019/20 (full year) 2020/21 (full year) 2021/22 (full year) 2022/23 (full year)</p>

Apprenticeships_19P: Adult (19+) Apprenticeship learner participation		
Apprenticeships_Under19: Under 19 Apprenticeship learner participation		

<p>Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) aims enrolments underlying-data-fes-aims-enrolments-2223-q4.csv</p> <p>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) 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_academic_summary_with_unknowns: summary age group (age as at 31 August of the academic year)</p>	<p>National, region, local authority, local authority district, parliamentary constituency, English devolved administration</p>	<p>2022/23 (full year)</p>
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<p>age_academic_detailed: detailed age group (age as at 31 August of the academic year)</p> <p>age_start_detailed: detailed age group (age at the start of the programme)</p> <p>notional_nvq_level: level of the learning aim</p> <p>stem: STEM flag</p> <p>ssa_t1_code: Sector subject area Tier 1 code</p> <p>ssa_t1_desc: Sector subject area Tier 1 description</p> <p>ssa_t2_code: Sector subject area Tier 2 code</p> <p>ssa_t2_desc: Sector subject area Tier 2 description</p> <p>learning_aim_ref: Learning aim reference number</p> <p>learning_aim_title: Learning aim title</p> <p>learning_aim_type: Learning aim type</p> <p>skills_for_life_type_description: Skills for life type description</p> <p>Awarding_Organisation_Description: Awarding organisation description</p> <p>of_which_multiply</p> <p>FES_All_Age_Aims_Enrolments: All age Further education and skills aim enrolments</p> <p>FES_19P_Aims_Enrolments: Adult (19+) Further education and skills aim enrolments</p> <p>ET_19P_Aims_Enrolments: Adult (19+) Education and training aim enrolments</p> <p>Apprenticeship_19P_Aims_Enrolments_Funded_Only: Adult (19+) Apprenticeship aim enrolments</p> <p>Apprenticeship_All_Age_Enrolments_Funded_Only: All age Apprenticeship aim enrolments</p> <p>Community_Learning_Aims_Enrolments: Community learning aim enrolments</p> <p>Loan_Enrolments: Loan enrolments</p> <p>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:</p>		
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<p>Underlying data - FE and skills (FES) aims achievements <i>underlying-data-fes-aims-achievements-2223-q4.csv</i></p> <p>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) 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)</p>	<p>National, region, local authority, local authority district, parliamentary constituency, English devolved administration</p>	<p>2022/23 (full year)</p>
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<p>age_detailed: detailed age group (age as at 31 August of the academic year)</p> <p>age_youth_adult: age 19+ or under 19 (age as at 31 August of the academic year)</p> <p>notional_nvq_level: level of the learning aim</p> <p>stem: STEM flag</p> <p>ssa_t1_code: Sector subject area Tier 1 code</p> <p>ssa_t1_desc: Sector subject area Tier 1 description</p> <p>ssa_t2_code: Sector subject area Tier 2 code</p> <p>ssa_t2_desc: Sector subject area Tier 2 description</p> <p>learning_aim_ref: Learning aim reference number</p> <p>learning_aim_title: Learning aim title</p> <p>learning_aim_type: Learning aim type</p> <p>skills_for_life_type_description: Skills for life type description</p> <p>Awarding_Organisation_Description: Awarding organisation description</p> <p>FES_All_Age_Aims_Achievements: All age Further education and skills aim achievements</p> <p>FES_19P_Aims_Achievements: Adult (19+) Further education and skills aim achievements</p> <p>ET_19P_Aims_Achievements: Adult (19+) Education and training aim achievements</p> <p>Apprenticeship 19P Aims Achievements Funded Only: Adult (19+) Apprenticeship aim achievements</p> <p>Apprenticeship Under 19 Aims Achievements Funded Only: All age Apprenticeship aim achievements</p> <p>Community_Learning_Aims_Achievements: Community learning aim achievements</p> <p>Loan_Aim_Achievements: Loan aim achievements</p>		
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<p>Underlying data for FE and Skills (FES) demographics <i>underlying-data-fes-demographics-2223-q4.csv</i></p> <p><i>This csv is rounded and contains pre-calculated totals. Please be aware when using this tool to derive further breakdowns.</i></p> <p>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 lidd: LLDD status ethnicity_major: Ethnicity group ethnicity_minor: Ethnicity detail</p> <p>Learners: Learner participation</p> <p><i>Please note: to get adult (19+) FES participation, or adult (19+) apprenticeship participation figures, the age filter must be used.</i></p>	National	2017/18 (full year) 2018/19 (full year) 2019/20 (full year) 2020/21 (full year) 2021/22 (full year) 2022/23 (full year)
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<p>Underlying data – Free Courses for Jobs Starts and Achievements on Individual Courses</p> <p><i>underlying-data-fes-free-courses-for-jobs-quals-2223-q4.csv</i></p> <p>qualification_reference_number: Qualification reference number</p> <p>qualification_title: Title of the qualification</p> <p>qualification_type: Type of qualification</p> <p>course_length: Indicator of whether the qualification is a short course</p> <p>guided_learning_hours: guided learning hours associated with the course</p> <p>ssa_t1: Sector subject area tier 1 description</p> <p>ssa_t2: Sector subject area tier 2 description</p> <p>free_courses_for_jobs_valid_from: Free courses for jobs funding approval start date</p> <p>free_courses_for_jobs_valid_to: Free courses for jobs funding approval end date</p> <p>total_takeup_original_adult_offer: Free courses for jobs total starts under original offer (April 21 to July 23)</p> <p>total_takeup_extended_adult_offer: Free courses for jobs total starts including extended offer (April 21 to July 23)</p> <p>total_achievements_original_adult_offer: Free courses for jobs total achievements under original offer (April 21 to July 23)</p> <p>total_achievements_extended_adult_offer: Free courses for jobs total achievements including extended offer (April 21 to July 23)</p>	<p>National</p>	<p>April 2021 to July 2023</p>
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<p>Underlying data – advanced learner loans applications - top 10 qualifications</p> <p><i>adv-learner-loans-applications-top-10-qualifications-202122.csv</i></p> <p>This csv contains the top 10 advanced learner loans-funded learning aims per year, since the 2014/15 academic year.</p> <p>time_period: academic year rank: position of learning aim aim_reference_number: learning aim reference number learning_aim_description: learning aim title awarding_organisation: awarding_organisation name level: level of the learning aim apps_received: advanced learner loans applications received apps_approved: advanced learner loans applications approved loan_amount_awarded: loan amount awarded (£000s)</p>	<p>National</p>	<p>2014/15 to 2022/23 (full academic years)</p>
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Annex A – Field Listing

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

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

	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 major	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 minor	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 on the original Free Courses for Jobs offer.
Free Courses for Jobs Total Takeup Extended Offer	How many learners started a qualification on Free Courses for Jobs, including the extended offer for unemployed and low-paid workers.
Free Courses for Jobs Total Achievements Original Offer	How many learners achieved a qualification on the original Free Courses for Jobs offer.
Free Courses for Jobs Total Achievements Extended Offer	How many learners achieved a qualification on Free Courses for Jobs, including the extended offer for unemployed and low-paid workers.
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