

## 2014 provider-level data resources

As communicated through the Annual Review in November and the correspondents' bulletin of 12 December 2014, we've modernised the content and format of all our provider-level published data resources for the 2014 cycle.

As with previous years, the statistics will cover sex, age, subject group and application deadline (the information contained in the former 'applications digest'). These data resources are similar to the previous outputs but are in a new, uniform format, with built-in time series and updated definitions to make them easier to use.

We'll also be introducing two new types of provider-level data resources:

- ethnic group
- type of entry qualification held (A level, BTEC or SQA)

These provider-level data resources are planned for publication on **21 January 2015**. Providers are given a confidential preview period ahead of publication for these statistics.

## The confidential preview process

Last year we trialled a new process giving you a four-week preview of new published provider-level data resources. We are using the same process for 2014 but extending it to cover all provider-level published data resources.

During the preview period a draft version of all the intended provider-level data resources are made available, in strict confidence, to the UCAS correspondent at all UCAS providers. **It is very important that you ensure that these data are kept confidential within your provider and not released.** This remains the case when the data resources are published – at that point the published versions on the UCAS website can be used freely, but the preview versions, which may be different, must be kept confidential.

If you have any questions over the draft provider-level data resources please send them to the UCAS Analysis and Research Team at [arc@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:arc@ucas.ac.uk) or contact your UCAS Relationship Manager.

The preview period starts from the 19 December 2014 for cycle-based data resources and 22 December 2014 for the small number of entry year data resources. The draft data resources (covering all providers), together with this note and a reply form, are made available to correspondents through the UCAS secure file transfer service.

Providers need take no action during this period and are not under any obligation to check or comment on the draft data resources. Providers may, if they wish, make a response as:

(A) Request that a technical note of analytical context for their provider be considered for the technical notes to be released with the statistics. These requests should relate solely to verifiable definitional or scope changes that have a material impact on the time series. For example, 'In 2013 provider X99 transferred provision at a campus relating to around 200 entrants to another provider'. UCAS' Analysis and Research Team will consider any submitted requests and include them in the public technical notes to the release if appropriate.

(B) Instruct UCAS to remove the statistics for your provider from data resources where the data resource is being published for the first time. This response can be made for the data resources that are materially new for the 2014 cycle, specifically those relating to ethnic group and the type of qualification held. If you instruct that your provider be removed from one or more of these new data resources it will not be included in the published data resources for the indicated data resources. Statistics relating to your provider, including to the specification of any data resource you have been removed from, may be provided by UCAS in response to Freedom of Information or other requests.

If you wish to make one of these responses, complete the form provided at Annex A and email it to the UCAS Analysis and Research Team ([arc@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:arc@ucas.ac.uk)) by 09:00 on 14 January 2015. If your response is not from your recorded UCAS Correspondent then it may be verified with them. If we do not receive a form by 14 January 2015 your statistics will be included in the publication of the data resources.

The final set of provider-level data resources will be given to you under the normal pre-release access arrangements on the 20 January 2015 ahead of their publication on our website on the morning of **21 January 2015**.

### **Structure and presentation of the preview data resources**

The preview data resources are split into two sections: covering cycle based data resources (preview from 19 December 2014), and a smaller set of entry year based resources (preview from 22 December 2014).

Each data resource is identified through a two part code. The first part is a number which denotes the scope and variables. The second part is a number which indicates what type of statistic is reported (01=Total acceptances, 02=Main scheme acceptances, 03=Main scheme applications). The full set of data resources in the preview are listed, with their identifying code numbers, in Table 1. Not all statistics are provided for each scope and variable combination (if, for example, data are only reliable for main scheme acceptances).

To make the statistics more useful to users, and reduce the risk of errors from assembling different years together, a time series is embedded in each data resource. For most data resources this covers 2006 to 2014. For some data resources, where the data is not available or consistent over the period, a shorter range is used.

**Table 1: Index table to the 2014 provider level data resources confidential preview**

Content of data resource	Total acceptances (01)	Main scheme acceptances (02)	Main scheme applications (03)	Years
0001 – Provider	0001-01	0001-02	0001-03	2006 to 2014
0002 – Provider by Deadline applied by	0002-01		0002-03	2006 to 2014
0003 – Provider by Domicile (UK / EU / Non EU)	0003-01	0003-02	0003-03	2006 to 2014
0004 – Provider by Domicile (UK country)	0004-01	0004-02	0004-03	2006 to 2014
0005 – Provider by Domicile (UK region)	0005-01	0005-02	0005-03	2006 to 2014
0006 – Provider by Age	0006-01	0006-02	0006-03	2006 to 2014
0007 – Provider by Sex	0007-01	0007-02	0007-03	2006 to 2014
0008 – Provider by Age by Sex	0008-01	0008-02	0008-03	2006 to 2014
0009 – Provider by Age (UK only)	0009-01	0009-02	0009-03	2006 to 2014
0010 – Provider by Sex (UK only)	0010-01	0010-02	0010-03	2006 to 2014
0011 – Provider by Age by Sex (UK only)	0011-01	0011-02	0011-03	2006 to 2014
0012 – Provider by Ethnic Group		0012-02	0012-03	2006 to 2014
0013 – Provider by Holds A Level		0013-02	0013-03	2008 to 2014
0014 – Provider by Holds BTEC		0014-02	0014-03	2008 to 2014
0015 – Provider by Holds SQA		0015-02	0015-03	2008 to 2014
0016 – Provider by Subject Group	0016-01	0016-02	0016-03	2007 to 2014
0017 – Provider by Subject Group by Domicile (UK / EU / Non EU)	0017-01	0017-02	0017-03	2007 to 2014
0018 – Provider by Entry Year*	0018-01	0018-02		2007-08 to 2014-15
0019 – Provider by Entry Year by Domicile (UK / EU / Non EU)*	0019-01	0019-02		2007-08 to 2014-15
0020 – Provider by Entry Year by Domicile (UK country)*	0020-01	0020-02		2007-08 to 2014-15

For the purposes of the provider-level data resources, **provider units are determined by UCAS provider code alone**. Therefore statistics will only be reported as a continuous time series where the provider code is unchanged. Changes of name recorded against a provider code are treated as the same provider unit if the provider code does not change. The name of the provider for the purposes of this statistical release is that name recorded against that provider code for the latest cycle (for which there is data) covered by the release.

All statistics are reported rounded to the nearest five.

All the data resources are presented as both pdf files and comma separated variable (csv) files. The pdf files start with a page that defines the content and scope of the output and technical notes on the variables used. The csv files have some header rows that summarise this information – the pdf files should be referred to for the full information about each output.

The exact format and structure of the tables may be revised for the public release but the numerical content will be the same.

## **Technical and definitional details**

### **Both cycle and entry year based tables**

The reference point for the statistics is the end of cycle of the appropriate cycle.

Acceptances include all acceptances recorded through the UCAS system at end of cycle, through all routes, including 'Record of Prior Acceptance' returns.

Acceptances are reported against the UCAS provider code that they were recorded for at the reference point. New provider codes are treated as new provider units.

The title used for the provider in the table is the title recorded for the most recent contributing cycle for that provider code.

All cells are rounded independently to the nearest 5. Total values are rounded totals of unrounded contributing rows and therefore may not be the sum of the rounded totals.

### **Cycle based tables only**

If a provider code was not present in one of the cycles reported, or was present but recorded no acceptances, the table cells for that year are reported as 0.

### **Entry year based tables only**

The entry year of an acceptance is determined by reference to the recorded intended start date of the course. If there is no recorded intended start date, the start date is assumed to be at the end of the cycle (that is, immediate entry rather than deferred entry).

The entry year is defined as the period running 1 August to 31 July and denoted as, for example, 2013-14 for the period covering intended start dates between 1 August 2013 and 31 July 2014.

Only acceptances from two UCAS cycles are included in the totals for each entry year. For the entry year 20XX-YY the contributing cycles are 20XX and 20(XX-1). For example, acceptances to the 2013-14 entry year are considered from 2013 and 2012 cycles only.

If a provider code was not present in one of the two cycles contributing to an entry year cell, or was present but recorded no acceptances in that cycle, the table cells for that entry year are reported as 0.

A small number of in-year acceptances (for example from the 2013 cycle to the 2012-13 entry year which would occur if the intended start date was January 2013) are not included in the entry year counts.

A small number of acceptances who defer entry for more than one year are also not included.

## **Annex A: Request for adding a technical context note or removal from the new data resources**

### **A. Request that a technical note of analytical context be considered**

I request the following technical note about my provider be considered for inclusion in the technical notes for the publication of the 2014 provider-level data resources. (Please complete all boxes.)

<b>PROVIDER CODE</b>	
<b>PROVIDER NAME</b>	
<b>YOUR NAME</b>	
<b>YOUR POSITION</b>	
<b>Proposed note (please provide references to data resource index identifiers if proposed note is specific to particular tables):</b>	

**B. Instruct UCAS to remove the statistics for your provider from the published data resources where the data resource is new in content for 2014**

I confirm that I wish my provider to be removed from one or more of the new data resources in the 2014 provider level published data resources. (Please complete all boxes.)

<b>PROVIDER CODE</b>	
<b>PROVIDER NAME</b>	
<b>YOUR NAME</b>	
<b>YOUR POSITION</b>	
<b>Please identify the data resource identifiers from the following new data resources that you wish your provider to be removed from:</b>	
0012 – Provider by Ethnic Group	
0013 – Provider by Holds A Level	
0014 – Provider by Holds BTEC	
0015 – Provider by Holds SQA	