

Confidential preview of 2018 provider-level data resources ahead of publication

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The provider-level data resources have been updated with the 2018 cycle data.

These provider-level data resources are planned for publication on 31 January 2019. Providers are given a confidential preview period ahead of publication for these statistics.

The confidential preview process

Similar to last year, we will be giving you a preview of all the updated provider-level data resources.

During the preview period, a draft version of all the intended provider-level data resources will be made available, in strict confidence, to the UCAS Correspondent at all UCAS providers. **It is very important you ensure 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 about the draft provider-level data resources, please send them to UCAS Analysis and Insights at arc@ucas.ac.uk, or contact your relationship manager.

The preview period starts from 20 December 2018 – the draft data resources (covering all providers) together with this note and a reply form, will be made available to correspondents through the secure file transfer service MOVEit.

During the preview period, providers are not under any obligation to check or comment on the draft data resources. Providers may, if they wish, make a response to 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 definition or scope changes in 2018 that have a material impact on the time series. For example, 'In 2018, provider X99 transferred provision at a campus relating to around 200 entrants to another provider'. UCAS' Analysis and

Insights Team will consider any submitted requests and include them in the public technical notes to the release, if appropriate.

If you wish to submit a technical note for consideration, complete the form provided in Annex A and email it to UCAS Analysis and Insights (arc@ucas.ac.uk) by 17:00 on 24 January 2019. If your response is not from your recorded UCAS Correspondent, it may be verified with them.

The final set of provider-level data resources will be given to you under the normal pre-release access arrangements ahead of their publication on our website on the morning of 31 January 2019.

Structure and presentation of the preview data resources

The preview data resources are available as CSV files. 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, and 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).

A time series is embedded in each data resource. For most data resources, this covers 2006 to 2018. 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 2018 provider-level data resources confidential preview

Content of data resource	Total acceptances (01)	Main scheme acceptances (02)	Main scheme applications (03)	Years
001 – Provider	001-01	001-02	001-03	2006 to 2018
002 – Provider by application deadline			002-03	2006 to 2018
003 – Provider by UK/EU/not EU domicile	003-01	003-02	003-03	2006 to 2018
004 – Provider by UK country of domicile	004-01	004-02	004-03	2006 to 2018
005 – Provider by UK region of domicile	005-01	005-02	005-03	2006 to 2018
006 – Provider by age	006-01	006-02	006-03	2006 to 2018
007 – Provider by sex	007-01	007-02	007-03	2006 to 2018
008 – Provider by age by sex	008-01	008-02	008-03	2006 to 2018
009 – Provider by age (UK only)	009-01	009-02	009-03	2006 to 2018
010 – Provider by sex (UK only)	010-01	010-02	010-03	2006 to 2018
011 – Provider by age by sex (UK only)	011-01	011-02	011-03	2006 to 2018
012 – Provider by ethnic group (main scheme only)		012-02	012-03	2006 to 2018
013 – Provider by A level (main scheme only)		013-02	013-03	2008 to 2018
014 – Provider by BTEC (main scheme only)		014-02	014-03	2008 to 2018
015 – Provider by SQA (main scheme only)		015-02	015-03	2008 to 2018
016 – Provider by subject group	016-01	016-02	016-03	2007 to 2018
017 – Provider by subject group by UK/EU/not EU domicile	017-01	017-02	017-03	2007 to 2018
018 – Provider by entry year (acceptances only)	018-01	018-02		2007-8 to 2018-19
019 – Provider by entry year by UK/EU/not EU domicile (acceptances only)	019-01	019-02		2007-8 to 2018-19
020 – Provider by entry year by UK country of domicile (acceptances only)	020-01	020-02		2007-8 to 2018-19

For the purposes of the provider-level data resources, providers are determined by their 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 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.

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

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 the end of cycle, through all routes, including 'Record of Prior Acceptance' returns.

Acceptances are reported against the UCAS provider code 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, – this may result in instances where totals do not equal the sum of the components.

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 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 2018 provider-level data resources. (Please complete all boxes.)

Provider code	
Provider name	
Your name	
Your position	
Proposed note (please provide references to data resources index identifiers if proposed note is specific to particular tables):	