

Revisions and corrections to statistics policy

We handle unscheduled corrections and scheduled revisions to our statistics in a transparent and timely way, in line with the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#).

Corrections

The statistics we publish are compiled by our statisticians using appropriate data and methods. We have robust processes in place to ensure that our statistics are accurate and high quality. However, errors do sometimes occur and we will take appropriate action.

Minor errors that do not affect the statistics themselves, or the interpretation of them, such as typographical errors, will be corrected in the publication as soon as possible. We will not publish a note or inform users in these cases.

Our approach to correcting errors in the statistics themselves, or any other errors that may affect the interpretation of the statistics, will vary depending on the scale of the errors and how easy they are to correct.

If we can correct the error immediately, we will update the publication and include a note explaining the correction and its impact.

If the error cannot be corrected immediately, we will include a note explaining it. We may temporarily remove the publication, taking into account the scale of the error and user needs for any unaffected statistics. We will publish the correction as soon as possible.

In both cases, we will also proactively contact known users of our statistics to inform them of the error and our plans for correcting it.

Revisions

Revisions are planned updates to previously published statistics. These may occur for a variety of reasons. Examples include:

- Quarterly statistics on apprenticeship learning programmes started, which are derived from a live data collection system. The first three quarterly updates for an academic year are provisional. Each quarterly update includes revised statistics for any previous quarters in the same academic year. All statistics are considered final in the quarter 4 publication.
- Annual statistics on learner destinations. Statistics for previous years are revised annually with updated data obtained through data linking processes.
- Publications based on Jisc Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) data, where there have been amendments through the historic amendments facility for student data or amendments via fixed database submissions for other data streams. If this is the case, statistics published once the revised datasets are available will use the amended data in any time series.

We may also issue planned revisions in response to methodological changes. When making methodological changes, we consider the impact on the comparability and coherence of the time series. If the impact is substantial, we may revise data for previous years where it is possible to do so. Otherwise, we will clearly notify users of any comparability issues resulting from changes to methodology.

Our statistical publications will notify users of any planned revisions and their impact in all cases.