

WHERE DO CHEMISTRY GRADUATES GO?

The differing numbers of known destinations mean that it is not possible to compare old university and new university statistics.

The criteria for collecting data changed in 1995, with data now combined for all higher education institutions. As a result data for 1995-2002 cannot be compared directly with previous years.

The criteria for collecting data altered again in 2003. The definitions of occupation and subject area changed and part-time students were, for the first time, included in the required population. Furthermore, when publishing data HESA now use a full-time equivalent (FTE) approach whereby students graduating with 'joint' degrees (e.g. chemistry with French) are not counted as individuals, but rather apportioned between their two subjects.

As a result data from 2003 onwards cannot be compared directly with previous years. The figures include all graduates that studied in the UK, i.e. UK-domiciled and overseas students.

First Destinations of First Degree Old University Chemistry Graduates

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Total of known destinations	1946	1853	2045	2197	2329	2422	2683
Employment	1002	874	851	756	700	742	889
Further education or training	758	780	908	1059	1245	1302	1256
Believed unemployed at 31st December	100	80	141	242	232	243	199

First Destinations of First Degree New University Chemistry Graduates

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Total of known destinations	460	456	436	497	531	614
Employment	283	297	229	197	181	214
Further education or training	122	118	130	187	177	202
Believed unemployed at 31st December	37	26	47	87	89	82

First Destinations of First Degree University Chemistry Graduates

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total of known destinations	2894	2965	2633	2367	2641	2450	2445	2365
Employment	1251	1293	1299	1204	1299	1170	1195	1055
Study or training	1291	1319	1063	940	1059	960	945	1010
Unemployed	224	251	162	122	170	170	160	165

First Destinations of First Degree University Chemistry Graduates*

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total of known destinations	2235	2110	1805	1740
Employed	1090	1040	870	790
Further Study	760	695	625	640
Work and further study**	135	130	110	120
Voluntary/unpaid work	15	15	5	10
Not available for employment	95	110	80	70
Unemployed	145	125	115	105

*Including those who went on to undertake work and further study

**Includes everyone who is doing both work and study, in any combination (i.e. working full-time and studying part-time; working part-time and studying part-time; working part-time and studying full-time; working full-time and studying full-time)

First Destinations of Higher Degree Old University Chemistry Graduates

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Total of known destinations	872	812	958	1007	1037	1012	1067
Employment	444	429	501	491	495	437	506
Further education or training	259	223	275	270	282	301	305
Believed unemployed at 31st December	12	13	12	27	30	38	49
Overseas graduates leaving the UK	152	143	157	215	221	228	195

First Destinations of Higher Degree University Chemistry Graduates

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total of known destinations	611	714	747	782	649	650	485	395
Employment	483	560	620	644	525	530	395	315
Study or training	107	115	93	106	99	90	70	50
Unemployed	33	30	28	24	17	20	10	20

First Destinations of Higher Degree University Chemistry Graduates*

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total of known destinations	650	650	595	550
Employed	485	455	420	380
Further Study	80	75	75	60
Work and further study**	45	50	50	55
Voluntary/unpaid work	5	5	-	-
Not available for employment	10	20	15	15
Unemployed	30	45	35	40

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N.B. The data for 2007 is not yet available but will be added as soon as it is released.