

INTRODUCTION

This material is produced by the Royal Society of Chemistry's Education Department in response to frequent demands for up-to-date statistical information on chemical education. The first edition was published in 1992 and the material is now published at <http://www.chemsoc.org/networks/learnnet/statistics.htm> where it can be updated more frequently than a hard copy could be.

It is intended primarily for those who advise young people on courses and careers in chemistry. It is also relevant to those with an interest in chemistry as a subject.

The data included are those considered to be the most relevant and reliable and are not intended to be comprehensive. Other subjects are included to place the chemistry statistics in perspective. N/A indicates not yet available.

The Society thanks the many organisations and professional bodies that helped in supplying these statistics.

Statistics on a whole range of educational contexts can be found at <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/index.shtml>.

The following organisations also provide data relevant to this digest:

ONS: Office of National Statistics (<http://www.statistics.gov.uk>) Data applies to the UK

QCA: The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (<http://www.qca.org.uk>)

JCQ: The Joint Council for Qualifications (<http://www.jcq.org.uk>)

UCAS: Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (<http://www.ucas.com>)

HESA: Higher Education Statistics Agency (<http://www.hesa.ac.uk>)

SQA: Scottish Qualifications Authority (<http://www.sqa.org.uk>)

GTTR: Graduate Teacher Training Registry (<http://www.gttr.ac.uk>)