**USW Student Profile**

The Specific Duties within the Equality Act 2010 require public authorities to outline the steps that have been taken to identify and collect relevant information within the Strategic Equality Plan Annual Report. This report details the diversity of the student population for the academic year 2021 to 2022. The statistical information is based on the information provided by 17,330.

Students (on campus) enrolled in September 2021 and covers all protected characteristics. Where possible, benchmarking statistics are included from [Advance HE higher education: student statistical report 2022](https://s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/assets.creode.advancehe-document-manager/documents/advance-he/Equality%20in%20higher%20education%20-%20students%20statistical%20report%202022_1668613374.pdf?X-Amz-Content-Sha256=UNSIGNED-PAYLOAD&X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIATYAYEYO3HUY745WI%2F20230123%2Feu-west-2%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20230123T201928Z&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Expires=604800&X-Amz-Signature=d794bc726003bc1699db9b99e5edfb994b2202926d6538dbc70be49c2c135845)

**Protected Characteristic overview**

**Age:** 61.7% of USW student population are aged between 18-25.

**Disability:** 18.0% of students have declared that they have a disability.

**Gender Identity:** 0.7% of students have changed their gender identity.

**Race:** 72.1% of USW students are White British, 7.6% are students from a British Black and Ethnic Minority background, 17.2% international and 2% of information not provided

**Nationality:** 12.7% are international students.

**Religion & Belief:** 55% of students have no religion; 24% are Christian and 8% are Muslim

**Sex:**  47.0% of all USW students are male; 52.7% are female

**Sexual Orientation:** 82.6% of students are heterosexual; 4.9% are bi, 1.53% gay man, 1. 2% gay woman/lesbian or other 2.5%. The remaining 7.3 % either chose ‘prefer not to declare’ or did not respond.

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**Age**

* 61.7% of USW students are aged between 18-25
* 16.2% are aged 35 and above.

**Figure 1 - Age of USW students**

Advance HE data shows that 49.0% of all students at UK universities are aged 21 and under. USW 26-35 age range 22.2% is slightly higher in comparison to Welsh sector at 20.0% and that of UK sector of 17.1%. In relation to those 36 and over USW is comparative to Welsh sector at 17.2% but higher than UK sector average of 13.3%.

**Disability**

* 18% of USW students have declared a disability.
* A specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or ADHD is the most common disability declared accounting for 7.13% of all declared disabilities.

**Figure 2 - Proportion of students by disability declaration**

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| **Disability (HESA categories)** | **% of total student population** |
| A disability not listed above | 1% |
| A long standing illness e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, heart disease, epilepsy | 2% |
| A mental health condition e.g. depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder | 5% |
| A physical impairment/mobility issues difficulty using arms or use w/chair | 1% |
| A social/communication impairment e.g. Asperger's syndrome/autistic disorder | 1% |
| A specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D | 7% |
| Blind or a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses | 0% |
| Deaf or a serious hearing impairment | 0% |
| Multiple disabilities | 1% |
| No known disability | 82% |

Data from all UK HEIs shows that 15.2% of students have declared a disability; this data is slightly lower than that of Welsh HEIs (16.3%). The proportion of USW students declaring a disability is higher at 18%. Mental health within the overall population at USW mirrors that of the sector at 5% and 4.5% respectively.

**Trans status**

* From 2020/21, students were asked whether their gender identity was the same as the gender they were assigned at birth. In 2021/21 96.5% of students answered ‘yes’ and 0.7% of students stated ‘no’. It should be noted that USW will be looking to update terminology and question asked.

**Figure 3 – Trans status of USW Students**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **% Yes - My gender identity is the same as the gender I was assigned at birth** | **% No – My gender has been reassigned since birth** | **% Prefer not to say** | **% Missing Data** |
| **Totals** | **96.5%** | **0.7%** | **2.7%** | **0.1%** |

Advance HE data shows that 97.7% of institutions returned data relating to trans status. Of these, 0.9% of students indicated their gender identity is different from that assigned at birth. 15.9% either refused to respond or did not disclose.

**Race**

* 72.1% of USW students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) are White British compared to sector average of 73.7%
* 8.6% of total USW student population are from a UK Black or Minority Ethnic group

The following table shows the numbers and percentages of students by ethnicity and faculty. It categorises the students into four groups – ‘UK White’ (for White British students), ‘UK BME’ (for British Black & Ethnic Minority students), ‘Non UK’ (for international students) and ‘Refused unknown’ (for UK and international students).

**Figure 4 – Ethnicity of student population (UG and PG combined)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Faculty** | **White UK** | | **BME UK** | | **Non UK** | | Refused unknown | |
| **Student Count** | **% <->** | **Student Count** | **% <->** | **Student Count** | **% <->** | **Student Count** | **% <->** |
| FCES | 2545 | 62.9% | 426 | 10.5% | 984 | 24.3% | 94 | 2.3% |
| FCI | 3530 | 62.1% | 509 | 8.9% | 1527 | 26.9% | 119 | 2.1% |
| FLSE | 6413 | 84.5% | 561 | 7.4% | 479 | 6.3% | 135 | 1.8% |
| **Total** | **12488** | 72.1% | **1496** | 8.6% | **2990** | 17.3% | **348** | 2.0% |

**Figure 4a – Ethnicity of student population, split by level of study**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Level of study** | **White UK** | | **BME UK** | | **Non UK** | | Refused unknown | |
| **Student Count** | **% <->** | **Student Count** | **% <->** | **Student Count** | **% <->** | **Student Count** | **% <->** |
| UG | 9878 | 76.5% | 1214 | 9.4% | 1594 | 12.3% | 226 | 1.8% |
| PG | 2610 | 59.2% | 282 | 6.4% | 1396 | 31.7% | 122 | 2.8% |
| **Total** | **12488** | 72.1% | **1496** | 8.6% | **2990** | 17.3% | **348** | 2.0% |

**Religion & Belief**

**Figure 6 – Religion and Belief of students at USW**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Religion & Belief** | **Student Count** | **% of total** |
| Any other religion or belief | 478 | 2.76% |
| Buddhist | 303 | 1.75% |
| Christian | 4223 | 24.37% |
| Hindu | 333 | 1.92% |
| Information refused / no response | 597 | 3.44% |
| Jewish | 21 | 0.12% |
| Muslim | 1387 | 8.% |
| No religion | 9521 | 54.94% |
| Sikh | 82 | 0.47% |
| Spiritual | 319 | 1.81% |
| **Grand Total** | **17330** | **100%** |

**Sex**

* 52.74% of total student population are female. The sector also shows a larger proportion of female students overall; 56.8% for Welsh HEIs and 57.2% of UK HEI students
* FLSE has the greatest proportion of total female students (56.97%) and FCES has the fewest at 11.66%

**Figure 7 – Sex of Undergraduate students by Faculty**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Faculty | Undergraduate | | | |
| Female | % <-> | Male | % <-> |
| FCES | 879 | 26.0% | 2492 | 73.6% |
| FCI | 1971 | 51.1% | 1863 | 48.3% |
| FLSE | 3783 | 66.7% | 1875 | 33.1% |
| Total | **6633** | 51.4% | **6230** | 48.3% |

**Figure 8– Sex of Postgraduate students by Faculty**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Faculty | Postgraduate | | | |
|  | Female | % <-> | Male | % <-> |
| FCES | 184 | 27.8% | 477 | 71.9% |
| FCI | 896 | 49% | 927 | 50.7% |
| FLSE | 1424 | 74.2% | 488 | 25.4% |
| Total | **2504** | 56.8% | **1892** | 42.9% |

**Sexual Orientation**

**Figure 9 – Sexual orientation of all students with UK HEI comparator**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Sexual Orientation** | **% of USW Students** | **Sector UK %\*** |
| Bisexual | 4.7% | 4.5% |
| Gay man | 1.5% | 1.4% |
| Gay woman/lesbian | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| Heterosexual | 83.0% | 72.9% |
| Information refused/not provided | 6.87% | 10.2% |
| Blank | 0.38% | 8.2% |
| Other | 2.45% | 1.9% |

\*of students in institutions returning data