What do science graduates do?

Number of science graduates

26,845 graduates – up 9.0% since 2012/13.

Gender

All subjects
- Female – 58%
- Male – 42%

Science graduates
- Female – 40%
- Male – 60%

Graduates in employment

- All graduates: 74.3%
- Business and administrative studies: 79.1%
- Creative arts: 79.9%
- Humanities: 63.7%
- Science: 61.6%
- Social sciences: 64.4%
- Technology, engineering, and maths: 75.5%

Top five job groups

1. Technicians and other professionals
2. Retail, catering, and bar staff
3. Business, HR, and finance
4. Education professionals
5. Marketing, PR, and sales

**Average starting salaries**

- All degree subjects: £22,399
- Biology graduates: £18,500 to £23,800
- Chemistry graduates: £20,500 to £27,500
- Physical and geographical sciences graduates: £19,300 to £24,000
- Physics graduates: £19,900 to £30,500
- Sports science graduates: £17,200 to £22,000

**Unemployment rate**

All graduates
- 2013/14 – 6.6%
- 2014/15 – 6.3%
- 2015/16 – 5.3%
- 2016/17 – 5.1%

Science graduates
- 2013/14 – 6.2%
- 2014/15 – 6.1%
- 2015/16 – 5.3%
- 2016/17 – 5.0%

**Graduates in further study**

- All graduates: 16.1%
- Business and administrative studies: 9.8%
- Creative arts: 10.0%
- Humanities: 24.7%
- Science: 28.5%
- Social sciences: 25.4%
- Technology, engineering, and maths: 13.3%
Source: HESA Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) surveys 2013/14 – 2016/17, taken six months after graduation from UK universities