

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