

What do social science graduates do?

Number of social science graduates

44,550 graduates – up 2.7% since 2012/13.

Gender

All subjects

- Female – 58%
- Male – 42%

Social science graduates

- Female – 70%
- Male – 30%

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. Legal, social, and welfare
2. Retail, catering, and bar staff
3. Business, HR, and finance
4. Numerical, clerical, and secretarial work

5. Childcare, health, and education

Average starting salaries

- All degree subjects: £22,399
- Geography graduates: £17,300 to £24,300
- Law graduates: £17,100 to £25,000
- Politics graduates: £17,000 to £21,800
- Psychology graduates: £17,700 to £22,300
- Sociology graduates: £19,000 to £25,000

Unemployment rate

All graduates

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

Social science graduates

- 2013/14 – 6.4%
- 2014/15 – 5.9%
- 2015/16 – 5.4%
- 2016/17 – 5.1%

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