# University of Leeds: Student Equality data 2024

This document contains data on all (undergraduate and postgraduate) registered students at the University of Leeds as of the start of the 2023/24 academic year.

The data are provided by the following protected characteristics: age; disability; ethnicity; gender; religion and belief, and sexual orientation.

There was a total of 38,265 students registered at the start of the 2023/24 academic year.

The previous two years of data are provided for comparison.

Data are rounded to the nearest whole percent and therefore may not always total 100%.

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## 1. Age

Since 2021/22 there has been a slight increase in the proportion of 21-25 year-old students, from 23% to 25% in 2023/24.

Table 1. All UoL students by age group 2021/22-2023/24.

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| **Age group** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
| Under 21 | 67% | 66% | 65% |
| 21-25 | 23% | 23% | 25% |
| 26-29 | 4% | 5% | 4% |
| 30 and over | 6% | 6% | 5% |

## 2. Disability

Since 2021/22 there has been a slight decrease in the proportion of disabled students, from 16% to 14%.

Table 2. All UoL students by disability 2021/22-2023/24.

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| **Disability** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
| Disabled | 16% | 15% | 14% |
| No known disability | 84% | 85% | 86% |
| Unknown | 0% | 0% | 0% |

## 3. Ethnicity

Over the last three years, the proportion of Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic students has increased from 35% to 37% in 2023/24. The proportion of ‘unknown’ students (those who have not provided their ethnicity) has increased from 10% to 15%.

Table 3. All UoL students by ethnicity 2021/22-2023/24.

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| **Ethnicity** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
| Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic | 35% | 36% | 37% |
| - Asian or Asian British | 24% | 23% | 25% |
| - Black or Black British | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| - Mixed heritage | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| - Other ethnic background | 4% | 5% | 5% |
| White | 55% | 51% | 48% |
| Unknown | 10% | 13% | 15% |

## 4. Gender

The proportion female students has increased by 2% since 2021/22 to 61% in 2023/24.

Table 4. All UoL students by gender 2021/22-2023/24.

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| **Gender** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
| Men | 41% | 40% | 39% |
| Women | 59% | 60% | 61% |
| Unknown | 0% | 0% | 0% |

## 5. Religion and belief

The proportions of students from different religions and beliefs have remained fairly consistent between 2021/22 and 2023/24.

Table 5. All UoL students by religion and belief 2021/22-2023/24.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Religion and belief** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
| Buddhist | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Christian | 19% | 18% | 17% |
| Hindu | 3% | 5% | 4% |
| Jewish | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Muslim | 10% | 11% | 11% |
| Sikh | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Spiritual | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Any other religion | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| No religion | 54% | 52% | 54% |
| Unknown | 9% | 9% | 9% |

## 6. Sexual orientation

The proportion of bisexual students and gay women/lesbian students has increased since 2021/22 (+2% and +1% respectively). The proportion of ‘unknowns’ (students who have not recorded their sexual orientation) has increased and remains very high at 53% in 2023/24.

Table 6. All UoL students by sexual orientation 2021/22-2023/24.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sexual orientation** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
| Bisexual | 2% | 3% | 4% |
| Gay man | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Gay woman/Lesbian | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| Heterosexual | 45% | 43% | 41% |
| Other sexual orientation | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Unknown | 51% | 53% | 53% |