## Information Note: Revisions to Key Facts & Figures

Revision 2 (Updated 21 October 2024)

The HEA Key Facts and Figures 2023/24 data includes data for the National College of Ireland, Dublin (NCI) for the first time. This data was not previously collected or published by the HEA. Previously, only students studying in all other HEA-funded higher education institutions were included in student figures.

The table below outlines an example of how the total enrolments change as a result of the addition of the National College of Ireland.

Table: Number of students in 2022/23 and 2023/24

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|  | *All Other HEA-Funded Institutions* | *NCI* | *Total* |
| 2022/23 | 256,785 | n/a – no data returned | 256,785 |
| 2023/24 | 260,070 | 5,835 | 265,905 |

Revision 1 (Updated 4 October 2024)

The HEA Key Facts and Figures are published annually in Q4. Data within the publication were revised on 4 October 2023. A methodology change was introduced for the calculation of total students. Previously, only students studying *full-time* or *part-time* as their mode of study were included in student figures. As other modes of study have become increasingly prevalent, it has become necessary to adjust the methodology for the calculation of total students to include Other enrolments (consisting of *distance*, *e-learning*, and *in-service* students).

The following is a table that outlines (1) previously published figures for total students, and (3) the total students with the introduction of this methodology change. Note that (1) + (2) = (3).

Table: Number of students by mode of study

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *(1) Full-Time / Part-Time Total* | *(2) Distance, E-Learning, and Remote Total* | *(3) Total* |
| 2017/18 | 223,745 | 7,965 | 231,710 |
| 2018/19 | 228,505 | 9,205 | 237,710 |
| 2019/20 | 235,695 | 10,935 | 246,630 |
| 2020/21 | 245,665 | 14,240 | 259,900 |
| 2021/22 | 246,300 | 14,710 | 261,010 |
| 2022/23 | 241,685 | 15,100 | 256,785 |
| 2023/24 | 249,975 | 15,935 | 265,905 |