

# The National Student Survey 2023: publication of data



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Summary: This publication provides information on the plans for the publication of the National Student Survey (NSS) 2023 results

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## Summary

1. The National Student Survey (NSS) is managed by the Office for Students (OfS) on behalf of the UK funding and regulatory bodies – the Department for the Economy (Northern Ireland), the Scottish Funding Council and the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales. The survey provides information for prospective students and for stakeholders to support a high-quality learning experience.
2. The survey is delivered on behalf of the UK funding and regulatory bodies by:
  - Ipsos MORI, which is administering the survey.
  - Texuna Technologies, which will deliver the NSS Results Portal for institutions.
3. This publication provides information on the publication of the 2023 NSS results.
4. SFC published separate information in April 2023 on the publication of the Unistats dataset.<sup>1</sup>

## Publication of 2023 NSS data

5. In March 2023, a UK-wide consultation was held on the proposed approaches to publishing the NSS results from 2023 onwards.<sup>2</sup> The consultation has now closed and an analysis of responses is currently being carried out.
6. Subject to consideration of the responses to the consultation and any subsequent final decisions following consultation, the UK funding and regulatory bodies intend to publish the NSS 2023 public data on **Thursday 10 August 2023 at 09:30** on the OfS website. We anticipate that the consultation analysis and decisions would be published alongside the NSS 2023 results.
7. Institutions will be able to access their own detailed NSS results, including subject-level question responses and open text comments, through the NSS Results Portal at **09:30 on Thursday 10 August 2023**.
8. Before reaching a provisional decision about publishing NSS results on 10 August, OfS, on behalf of the UK regulatory and funding bodies discussed options with sector mission

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<sup>1</sup> [Unistats 2023 submission and publication of Data](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Consultation on the approach to publication of results of the National Student Survey - Office for Students](#).

groups and bodies to understand the impact of publishing NSS data at a later date than the usual early July publication date. We understand the difficulties it might cause to institutions if NSS results are published in August and we recognise that the later publication of NSS results this year is likely to have an impact on institutions' ability to launch their usual cycles of drawing on the NSS for quality, equality and other decision-making activities.

9. On behalf of the UK funding and regulatory bodies, the OfS applies the Code of Practice for Statistics to the publication of NSS results data. More information about the Code of Practice can be found on the OfS website.<sup>3</sup>

## NSS data dissemination portal

10. Texuna will be in touch with existing active institutional contacts in early July 2023 to request that contact details are confirmed or updated as appropriate. Ensuring that these details are up to date will help institutions access the portal for the NSS 2023 data quickly and easily.

## Further information

For queries relating to:	Organisation or team for first point of contact	Email address
Institutions' detailed results on the NSS Results Portal	Texuna Technologies Limited	<a href="mailto:nss@texunatech.com">nss@texunatech.com</a>
Release and publication of NSS results	NSS team at the OfS	<a href="mailto:nss@officeforstudents.org.uk">nss@officeforstudents.org.uk</a>
Queries about publication of the NSS within the Unistats dataset	Discover Uni team at the OfS	<a href="mailto:discoveruni@officeforstudents.org.uk">discoveruni@officeforstudents.org.uk</a>

<sup>3</sup> [Official statistics - Office for Students.](#)