



Transport Planning Society

TPS Annual Transport Masters Census 2016/7

The number of Transport Masters Student continues to rise

The total number of students currently studying for a Transport Masters at 11 UK universities has continued to grow and is at a 3 year high. The total number of full time students and part timers, recorded in FTE's (Full time equivalents) is 377 compared with 352 last year and 358 the previous year.

The number of UK students has remained steady at 117 compared with 121 last year and 116 in 2014/15 and is split fairly evenly between full time students and part timers.

On the International front students from the EU/EEA are down 20% (on top of a 25% decrease last year) but are compensated by the number of students coming from the rest of the world which has seen a marked jump of 21% (220 compared with 181)

Note: the above figures are based on 'Full Time Equivalents' (FTEs) and include rounding errors

	Total 2016/17	Total 2015/16	Change 2016 relative to 2015	% change 2016 relative to 2015
Student Category	Total FTE's	Total FTE's	Total FTE's	
UK full time students	52.2	39	13.2	34%
UK part time students	65.4	81.3	-15.9	-20%
Total UK	117.6	121.3	-3.7	-3%
Other EU/EEA	38.8	48.7	-9.9	-20%
Rest of World	220	181.5	38.5	21%
Overall Total	376.4	351.5	24.8	7%



Funding for UK Students

Table 2 shows that 58 of the 117 full time UK students had some form of financial support and nearly all the part timers. The most significant form of financial support comes from employers and that this has increased significantly compared with last year.

Table 2

	2016/17		2015/16	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
University Bursary	9.00	1.00	4.00	0.50
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Full Bursary	3.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
Other Bursary	2.00	0.00	4.00	0.50
Full employer	25.30	63.90	5.50	42.20
Partial Employer	13.13	13.40	5.00	13.50
Other	0.00	0.00	11.00	1.50
Total	58.43	79.30	39.50	58.20

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Keith Buchan, the Society's Director for Skills, said "At a time when many employers, particularly those in the private sector, are recruiting, the strong growth in support from employers for staff studying for an MSc demonstrates their commitment to the future of the profession. Together with the continuing growth in the number of trainees registered with the Society's Professional Development Scheme (PDS), now over 400 (25% up on last year), this is a very encouraging picture.

The international reach of transport planning work is reflected in the fact that 58% of MSc students are from outside the UK and EU. However there is a continuing fall in self funding UK students and this has caused a slight fall in UK numbers overall. This serves to emphasise the importance of in-house graduate training, in particular the TPS PDS, to work alongside Masters degrees to provide the knowledge and experience professional transport planners require."

The Participating Universities

The universities participating in the annual TPS census are Cardiff, Edinburgh Napier, Glasgow, Imperial College, ITS Leeds, Newcastle, Salford, Southampton, UCL, UWE and Westminster.

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