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Graduate Employability and Student Outcomes

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OfS's primary objectives

All students, from all backgrounds, and with the ability and desire to undertake higher education:

- 1) Are supported to access, succeed in, and progress from, higher education.
- 2) Receive a high quality academic experience, and their interests are protected while they study or in the event of provider, campus or course closure.
- 3) Are able to progress into employment or further study, and their qualifications hold their value over time.
- 4) Receive value for money.

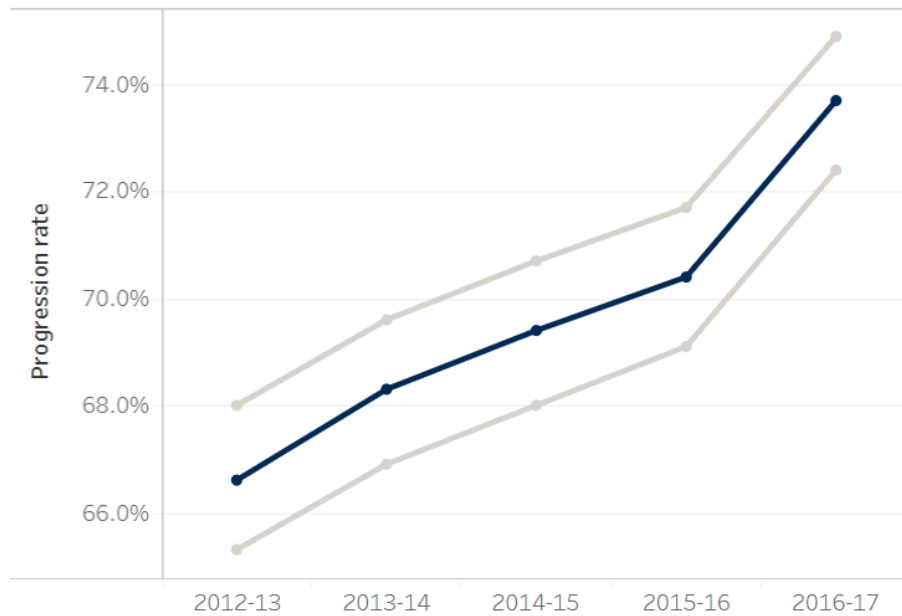
OfS ensuring successful outcomes

- Ensure degree results aren't devalued
 - Close attainment gaps between white and Black students
 - Work with industry so grad workforce reflects needs of UK population
- Beyond HE, Ensuring Successful Outcomes (OfS Annual Review 2019)
<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/annual-review-2019/beyond-higher-education-ensuring-successful-outcomes/>

Progression rates, 2012-13 to 2016-17

Full-time

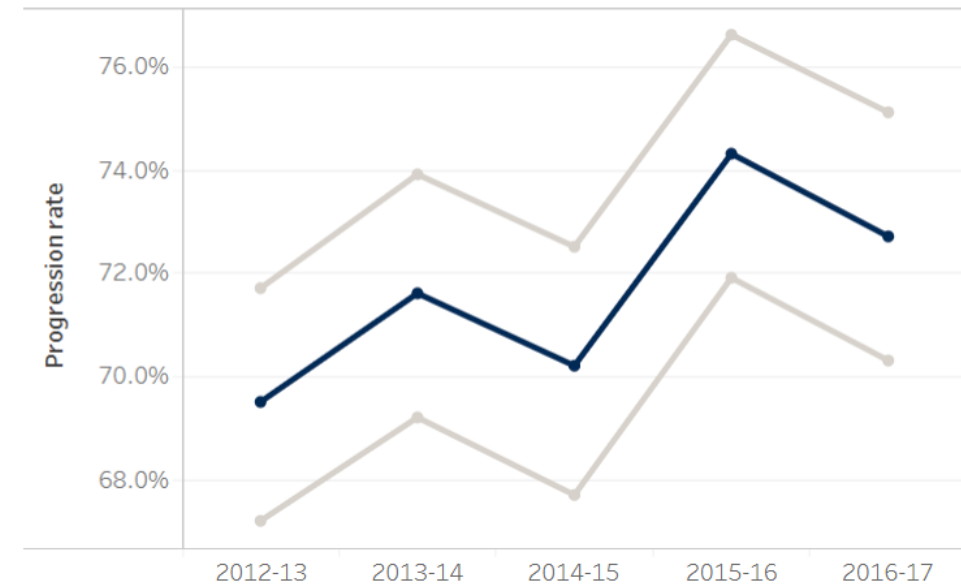
All English higher education providers



Change in rate from 2012-13 to 2016-17: **7.1**
Change in rate from 2015-16 to 2016-17: **3.3**

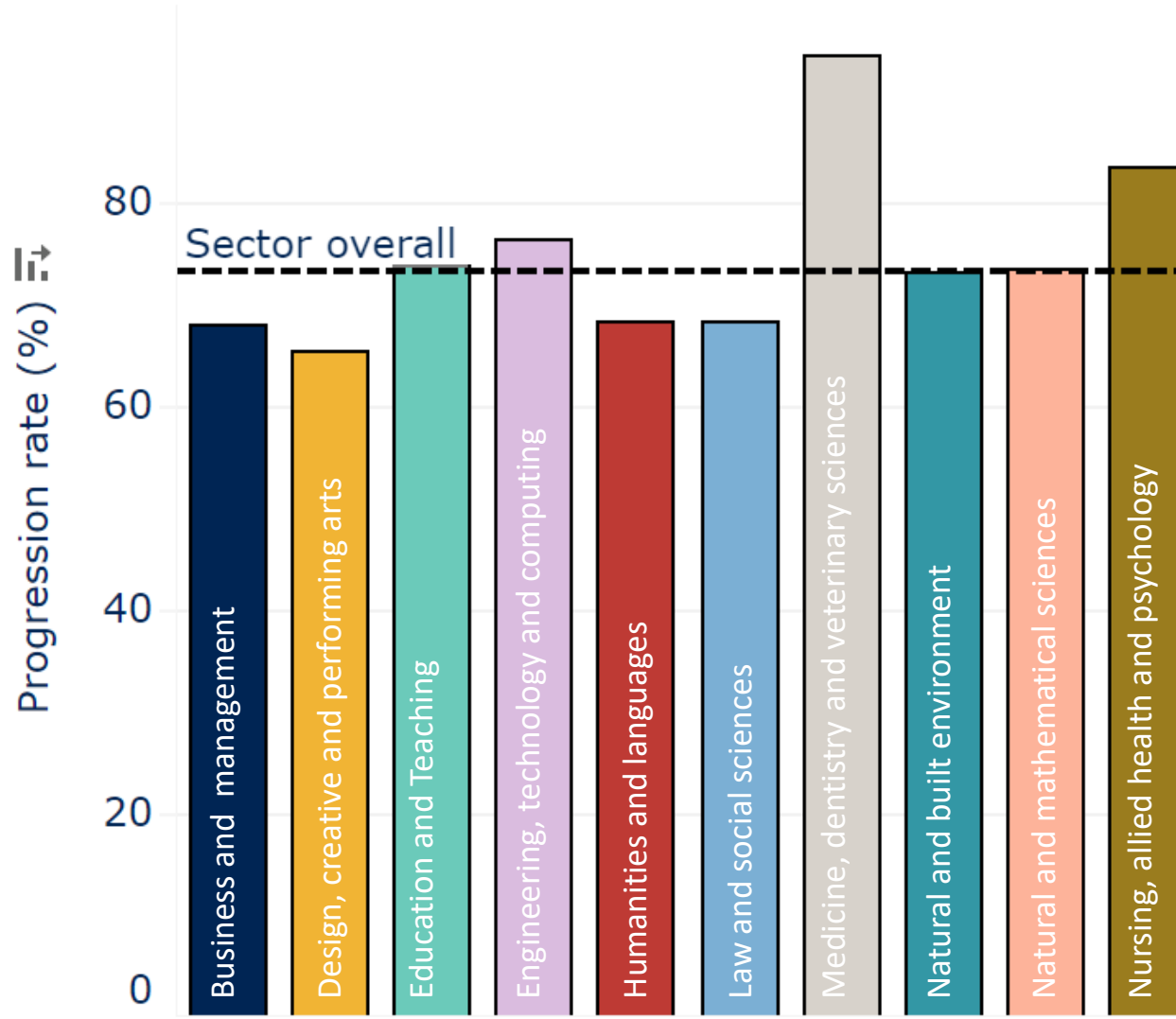
Part-time

All English higher education providers



Change in rate from 2012-13 to 2016-17: **3.2**
Change in rate from 2015-16 to 2016-17: **-1.6**

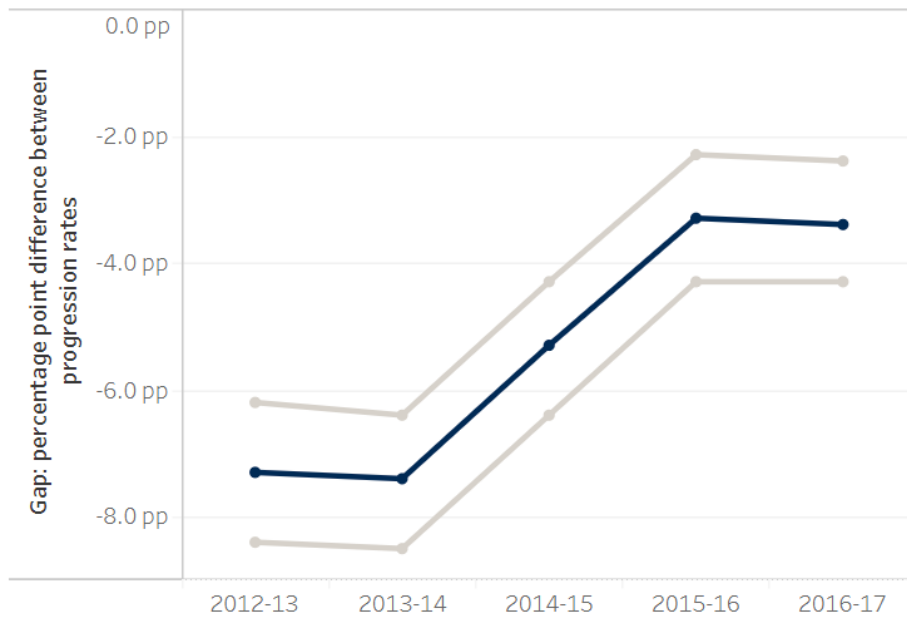
Progression



Gaps in progression rates

Gaps between young and mature students, full time or apprenticeships

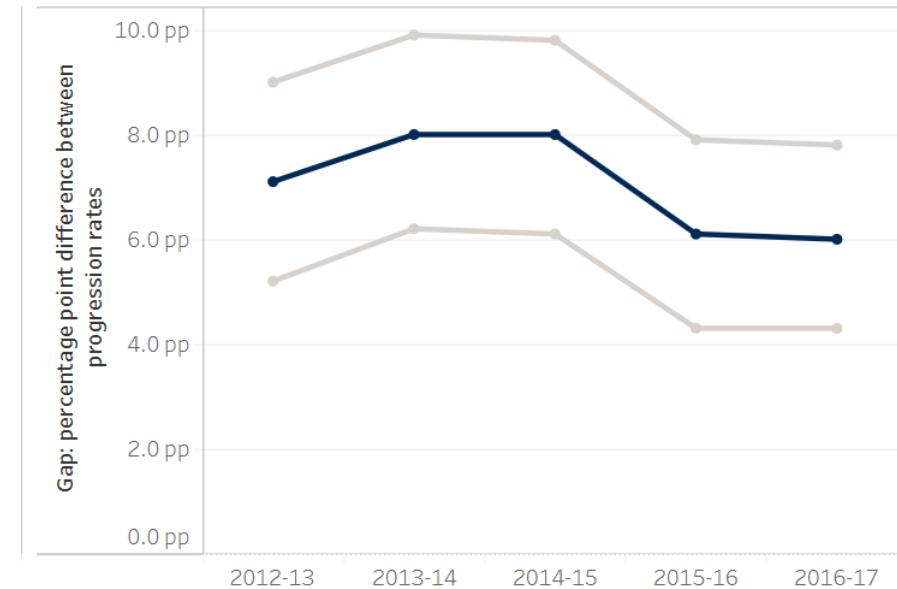
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Change in gap from 12-13 to 16-17: **3.9** Is this change statistically significant? **Yes**
Change in gap from 15-16 to 16-17: **0.0** Is this change statistically significant? **No**

Gaps between students from POLAR4 Q1 and Q5, full time or apprenticeships

All English higher education providers



Change in gap from 12-13 to 16-17: **-1.1** Is this change statistically significant? **No**
Change in gap from 15-16 to 16-17: **0.0** Is this change statistically significant? **No**

Skills and Employability work

- Skills supply and demand
- Skills Strategy
- Degree Apprenticeships
- L4-5 Technical Education reforms
- Institute of Coding
- Local Grads Challenge Competition
- KE-S typology/HEIF
- Postgraduate Conversion Courses in AI and Data Science
- Healthcare policy (including nursing expansion)

Office for Students Challenge Competition

Industrial strategy and skills – support
for local students and graduates

- £5.6 million to boost opportunities for graduates who seek work close to home across 15 projects
- Projects to identify:
 - What interventions work best in a variety of different regional and local contexts
 - What interventions work best for different types of students and graduates
 - Findings that can continue to shape sector-wide debate and inform interventions to capitalise on grad skills and knowledge for the benefit of individuals and economic prosperity



Up ahead

- Political landscape (Levelling Up agenda):
 - Higher Technical Education reforms
 - Gov't response to Augar recommendations
 - FE White Paper
 - Spending Review
- OfS interests:
 - Impact of pandemic on all parts of student lifecycle (long tail), including graduate employment
 - Place-based/subject-specific initiatives (PG CC, Nursing)
 - Linking technical education (L4-5) PG, and Research via degrees
 - Quality and standards (a review of B3 and TEF)

Thank you for listening

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