

# Change in SHAPE subjects' provision in the UK (2011/12 – 2022/23)

[Presentation created by the **Market and Student Insight Team**]

## Analysis and considerations

This summary report has been created using the British Academy's SHAPE Observatory interactive tool to analyse the provision of SHAPE subjects in UK higher education institutions.

### **Key considerations:**

**1. Time Frame:** The data covers the academic years from 2011/12 to 2022/23

**2. Data Representation:** The tool uses HESA data to show provision for first-year first degree UK-domiciled students aged 20 and under. The tool uses Full-Person Equivalent (FPE) rather than headcount to represent student engagement in courses. Data includes joint honours courses, with the equivalent FPE divided between relevant subjects.

### **3. The analysis covers two dimensions:**

- **Higher education providers:** The maps show how the demand of SHAPE subjects has changed over time, highlighting providers recording low/no change in student FPE, providers recording an increase in student FPE, and providers recording a decrease.
- **Regional spread of provision:** The maps show how the regional distribution of SHAPE subject provision has changed over time, highlighting areas with multiple providers, single providers, and no provision within a 60km commutable distance.

# Anthropology

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## Very slight decrease in the total demand of first-year degree UK-domiciled students aged 20 or under for 'anthropology' (-4% student FPE)

Change in demand of first-year degree UK-domiciled students aged 20 or under	2011/12	2022/23	Change in FPE (#)	Change in FPE (%)
<b><u>Subject</u> : Anthropology</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-4%</b>

- **Total demand:** There has been a very slight decrease in the total demand for 'Anthropology' with a reduction of 4% student FPE from 825 in 2011/12 to 790 in 2022/23.
- **Providers:** Against a slight decrease in demand, there has been a slight increase in providers offering Anthropology, with one more in the market in 2022/23 when compared to 2011/12.

Change in number of providers offering courses in subject	2011/12	2022/23	Change in providers (#)	Change in providers (%)
<b><u>Subject</u> : Anthropology</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>+4%</b>



## Decrease in demand for 'anthropology' has been recorded across primarily non-RG institutions, while strongest growth has been at RG providers

These maps show change in demand of first-year degree UK-domiciled students aged 20 and under by provider for the subject group 'Anthropology' vs. all.

- In line with a generally stable market, there has been a mix of growth, decline, and no change across providers
- The providers that have seen the largest falls are Sussex (-48% since 2011/12), Kent (-53% since 2011/12) and Goldsmiths (-30% since 2011/12). There are also providers who saw only 5 registered students in 2022/23 – Brunel, East Anglia and University of Wales Trinity St David.
- The largest growth was at Edinburgh (+107% since 2011/12) and Cambridge (+68% since 2011/12), while outside of the RG only Bournemouth reported growth.
- Durham is the largest institution in the subject area, with 100 registrations in 2022/23
- UoM saw an 8% fall since 2011/12

### Higher education providers

#### Anthropology



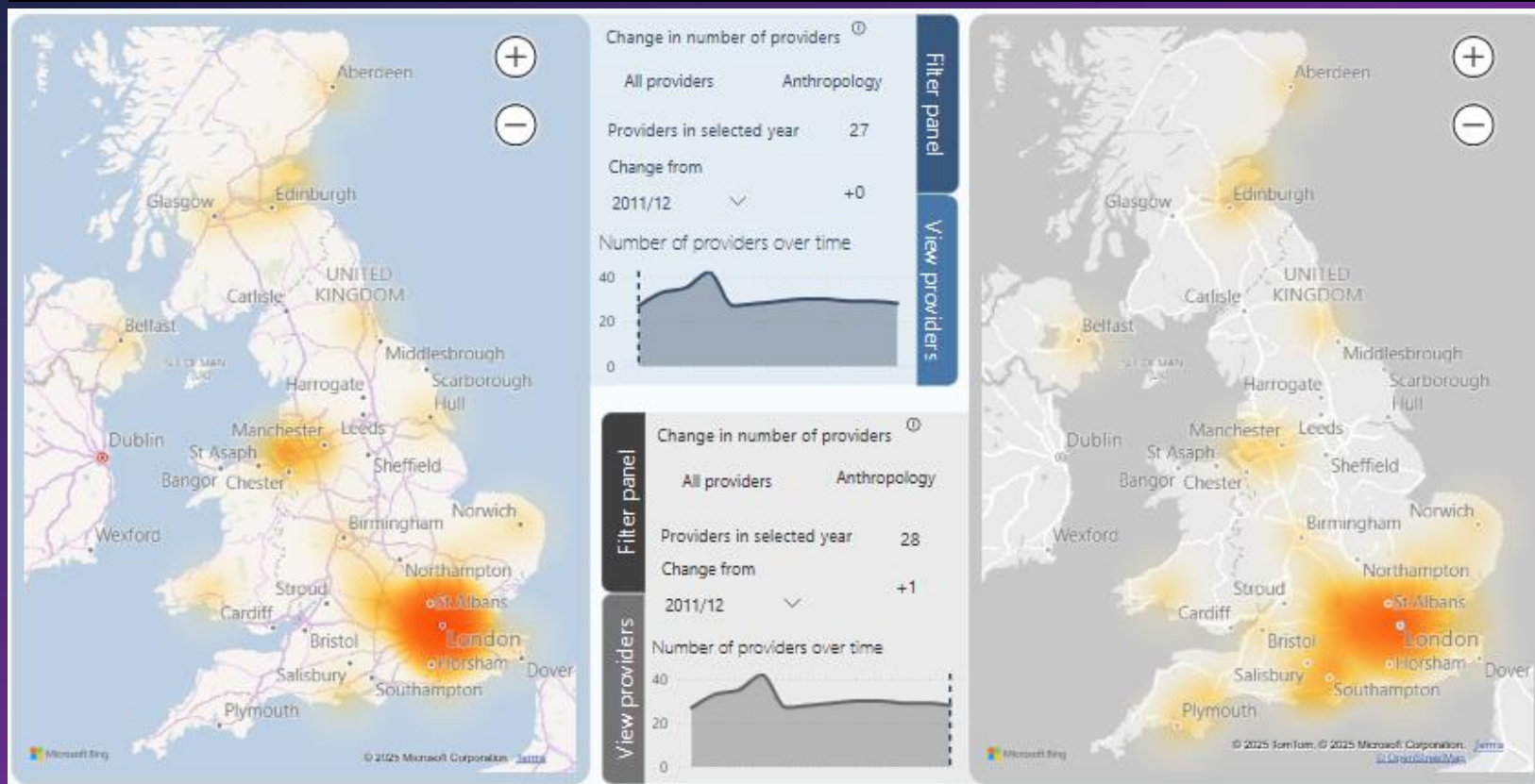
#### All subjects



Key: Low/no change in student FPE (grey), Increase in student FPE (blue), Decrease in student FPE (orange)

# The regional spread of provision for 'anthropology' has changed considerably, with more cold spots with minimal or no provision in 2022/23 than in 2011/12

## Regional spread of provision: Anthropology 2011/12 2022/23



Key: multiple providers (orange), single providers (yellow), and no provision (white) within a 60km commutable distance

These maps show how the regional distribution of 'Anthropology' subject provision has changed over time for first-year degree UK-domiciled students aged 20 and under.

- There has been a slight increase in the number of providers offering the subject, although the maps show there has been areas where institutions have closed provision.
- **Hot spots:** London and Southeast England are major hot spots for anthropology provision, and indeed provision in Southeast England (outside London) has grown since 2011/12.
- There has also been growth in provision in the South West, as Exeter, Plymouth and Bristol have all opened provision.
- **Cold spots:** Anthropology is not widely taught across the UK, but developing cold spots exist in the North-West (where only UoM and Liverpool now offer the subject), in Scotland, where Glasgow no longer offer provision, and in East Yorkshire, where Hull no longer offer the subject.

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