

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.

Classics

Large decrease in the total demand of first-year degree UK-domiciled students aged 20 or under for 'classics' (-21% student FPE) - against slight decrease in number of providers

Change in demand of first-year degree UK-domiciled students aged 20 or under	2011/12	2022/23	Change in FPE (#)	Change in FPE (%)
<u>Subject</u> : Classics	1,400	1,100	-285	-21%

- **Total demand:** There has been a large decrease in the total demand for 'Classics' with a reduction of 21% student FPE from 1,440 in 2011/12 to 1,100 in 2022/23.
- **Providers:** Against a larger decrease in demand, there has been a slight decrease in providers offering Classics, with one less 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 (%)
<u>Subject</u> : Archaeology	28	27	-1	-4%

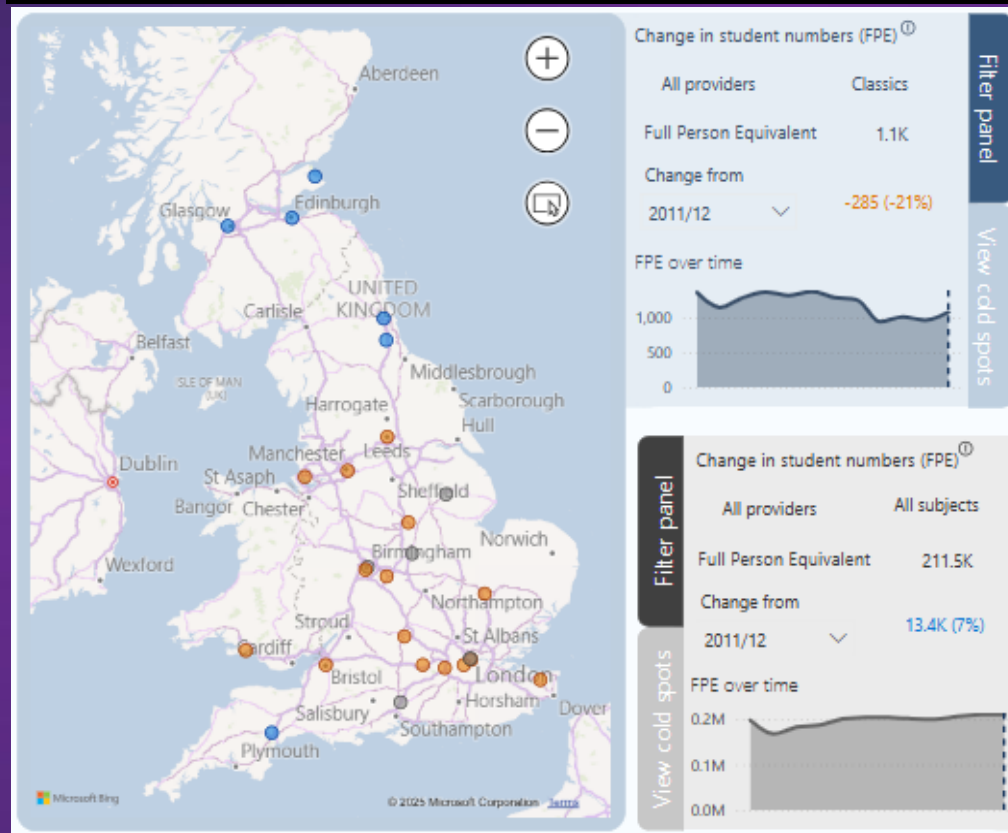
Decrease in demand for 'classics' has been recorded across most providers, with only 7 seeing increases, all of which are RG HEIs and mainly based in the NE/Scotland

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

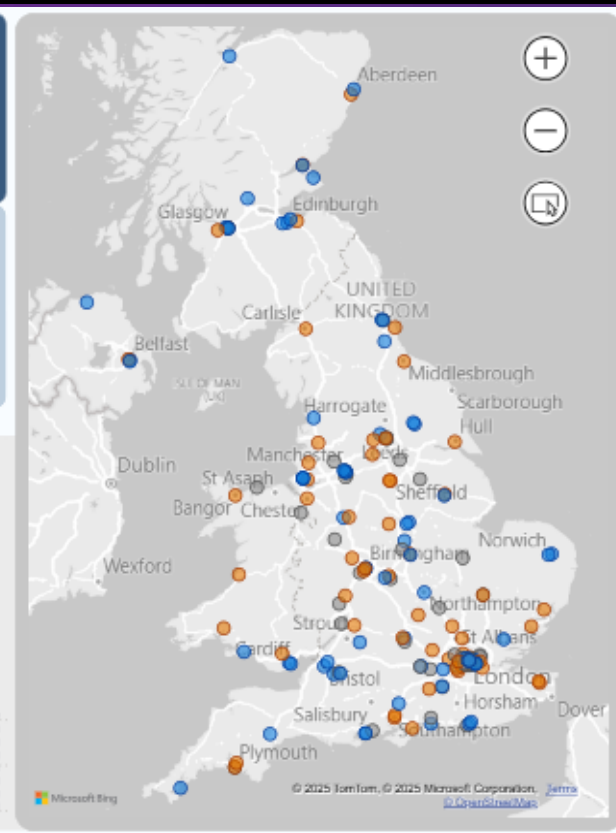
- With a market that fell significantly, most providers also saw falls, with only 7 seeing increasing numbers – with the largest percentage growth at Scottish institutions
- The largest falls have been at Leeds (-65% since 2011/12), UoM (-67% since 2011/12) and Nottingham (-44% since 2011/12) - but institutions like Oxford (-28% since 2011/12) and Cambridge (-16% since 2011/12) have also seen falls
- The institutions that saw growth are Edinburgh (+233%), Glasgow (+133%), St Andrews (+50%) Exeter (+32%), Durham (+29%) and Newcastle (+19%) (all percentages vs 2011/12)
- Edinburgh is the largest institution provider with 120 registrations in 2022/23

Higher education providers

Classics



All subjects

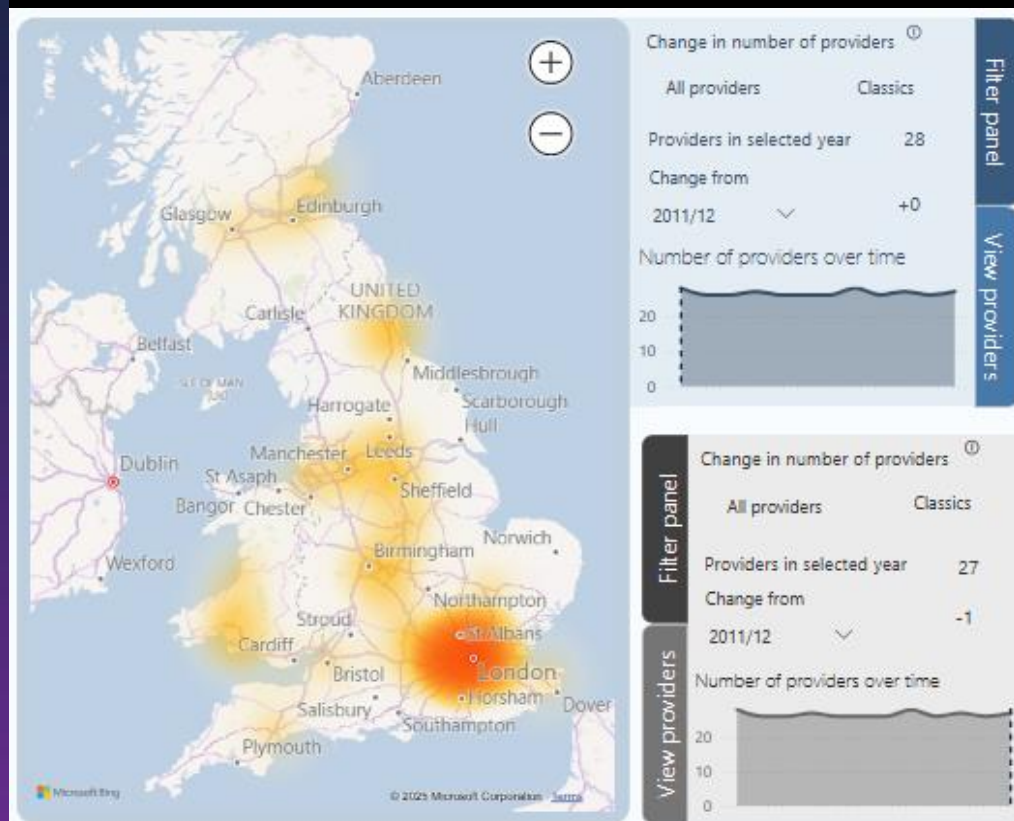


Key: Low/no change in student FPE (grey), Increase in student FPE (blue), Decrease in student FPE (orange)

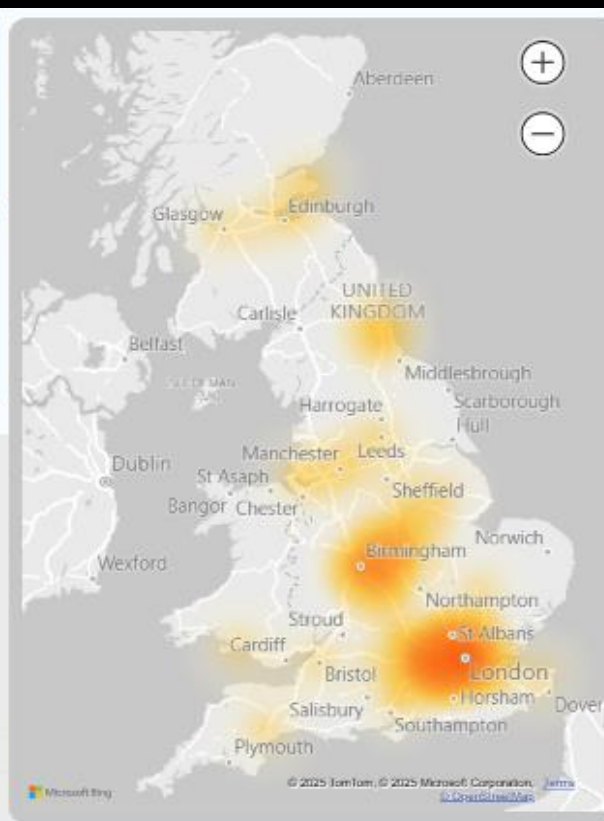
The regional spread of provision for 'Classics' has become more focused in key urban centres, with losses of provision elsewhere

Regional spread of provision: Classics

2011/12



2022/23



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

- There has been a slight decrease in the number of providers offering the subject, although the maps show there have also been openings during the period
- **Hot spots:** The UK's major conurbations (London/SE, Midlands, North-West) are major hot spots for classics provision, while there is also provision in Scotland's Central Belt and the North-East.
- There has also been growth in provision in the East Midlands, with Leicester and Lincoln launching provision.
- **Cold spots:** Classics is not well taught across the UK, but there are growing cold spots in Yorkshire, with Sheffield closing provision, and in West Wales, as Aberystwyth and University of Wales Trinity St David have both closed. London has also seen the loss of Middlesex University.

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

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