

FOI Reference: 57-18

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Request

I refer to your recent email dated 27/02/2018 requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA"):

*"The percentage of students who are yet to begin repaying their student loans overall.
The percentage of students from each university yet to begin repaying their student loans"*

Clarification of your request was sought, and you provided the following clarification by further email dated 27/02/2018:

*"Yes to clarify I mean student borrowers.
I only mean student borrowers who are liable to repay their debts, and for the sake of ease just data from Student Finance England
Re:timeframe, please limit the request to the five most recent cohorts liable to repay debts."*

Response

I can confirm that the Student Loans Company Limited ("SLC") holds the data that you have requested. Please note that the two most recent repayment cohorts are 2016 and 2017 – data for these repayment cohorts is not yet available due SLC not holding HM Revenue & Customs repayment data for these borrowers at the data effective date (30/04/2017). We have therefore progressed your request for the five most recent repayment cohorts that data is available for at the data effective date.

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for the requested data. Please refer to the notes and caveats associated with the data which can be found on the "results" tab.

We would also highlight that repayments are not required from borrowers who have become liable to repay their student loans if they do not earn above the repayment threshold.