

Explained: our league table and points-based method

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The NICDEX is back! After a successful inaugural edition launched at the annual AoC conference last year, we return with a new and improved college league table.

The government has legislated to improve the way it reports learner destination data, and this year I've replaced the apprenticeship allocation score with a new DfE measure on the percentage of young learners (at key stage 5) progressing positively into further learning, an apprenticeship or work.

The overall score for each college is based

on a balanced scorecard approach, covering satisfaction and progression.

It was what the Framework for Excellence had been intended to be, but it lost its way as it morphed into a simple satisfaction survey through FE Choices.

For those wondering why I have chosen not to include qualification achievement rates, it is well recognised that an overall all-age, level and sector-achievement rate tells you little to nothing about how good a college is.

I've also chosen not to include Ofsted grades in the NICDEX because they represent a snapshot in time, and many colleges go long periods without a visit.

See more coverage in next edition of *FE Week*.

Learner satisfaction (p12)	Average learners	Average satisfaction
	1,058	80.5%
Employer satisfaction (p13)	Average employers	Average satisfaction
	135	83%
16-18 positive progression (p14)	Average learners	Average positive progression
	533	85%
Adults into employment (p15)	Average learners	Average progression into work
	972	48%

	Bonus points	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Learner satisfaction (p12)	2 for more than 500 learners	under 65% or not recorded	65% to 67%	68% to 70%	71% to 73%	74% to 76%	77% to 80%	81% to 84%	85% to 89%	90% and above
Point spread across 202 colleges		27	2	7	12	28	33	43	33	17

	Bonus points	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Employer satisfaction (p13)	2 for more than 100 employers	under 65% or not recorded	65% to 67%	68% to 70%	71% to 73%	74% to 76%	77% to 80%	81% to 84%	85% to 89%	90% and above
Point spread across 202 colleges		16	9	10	6	8	26	26	42	59

	Bonus points	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16-18 positive progression (p14)	1 for 250 to 399 and 2 for more than 400 learners	under 70%	71% to 73%	74% to 76%	77% to 79%	80% to 82%	83% to 85%	86% to 88%	89% to 91%	92% and above
Point spread across 202 colleges		0	4	7	11	15	53	64	41	7

	Bonus points	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Adults into employment (p15)	1 for 250 to 499 and 2 for more than 500 learners	under 30% or not recorded	30% to 34%	35% to 39%	40% to 44%	45% to 49%	50% to 54%	55% to 59%	60% to 64%	65% or more
Point spread across 202 colleges		3	2	14	40	65	43	20	9	6