

One in seven students work full-time while they study

More students now work to fund their studies, new research shows, with the number of working students now standing at 59%.

The survey of 2,128 students found that nearly half of students – 45% – have a part-time job, including a third of students now working part-time during term time.

- 5 In addition, 13% manage to hold down full-time jobs, either during term time, over holidays or both.

The number of working students has risen two percentage points on last year. Most students are working, at least in part, because of money concerns, with 58% wanting to spend the money on socialising and 55% on food and household bills.

- 10 A sensible 38% say they're doing it to save for the future and 35% to avoid being in debt.

But many also do it to boost their employment prospects after university. Over half – 53% – say this is a motivating factor.

- 15 Similarly, 41% of those who take part in extracurricular activities do so to boost their employment prospects. This is despite the fact that just 13% say they aren't confident about finding a job after graduating.

Students' dependence on loans¹ has also risen, with 67% of saying their student loan is one of their main sources of income, compared to 60% last year. A quarter also admit to regularly dipping into – or being permanently in – their overdraft².

Just over half – 52% – depend on their parents to help them through university financially.

- 20 Matt Cowling, an anthropology student at the University of Sussex, has a part-time job in a cafe during term time and a summer job in a factory, making windows on a production line.

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1. *a loan*: un prêt / un emprunt

2. *an overdraft*: un découvert