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## 1 Objectives

This publication's objective is to provide a preview of the number of students matriculated between June and September in order to obtain a general view of the reach and volume of Higher Education in Spain.

On the other hand, in order to offer a dynamic vision of the evolution of this matriculated student body, since the 1994-95 academic year series of total matriculated student body, their variation indices and inter annual increases are presented.

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## Methodology

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### 2.1 ANALYSIS UNITS

Are the universities where official university studies are offered and the corresponding degrees are granted.

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## 2 SURVEY SCOPE STATISTICS

### Population

It extends to all universities, both public and private, where official studies are offered during the current academic year.

### Territorial

It covers the entire nation, including universities located in the cities of Ceuta and Melilla.

### Temporary

The reference period is annual and all data correspond to the current academic year.

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## 3 Elaboration of the Statistic

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### 3 SURVEY FRAMEWORK

The INE has a list of all universities which offer courses during the current academic year, as well as the centres which make them up.

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### 3.2 QUESTIONNAIRES

There is only one questionnaire model. In it the information relative to students matriculated in official university degrees, broken down by name of the university where offered, is covered.

The centres are classified in three qualification categories based on their administrative nature: public university owned centres, public appointed, and privately owned or appointed to private universities.

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### 3. COLLECTION OF THE INFORMATION

The questionnaires are mailed to each University including a listing of its centres, be they owned or appointed, in order to conveniently update their relationships.

As the questionnaires are received, already completed and remitted by the universities, the opportune claims are made. At the same time, the checking and filtering necessary to ensure the coherence of the data contained in each questionnaire is carried out.

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### 3.4 FILTERING AND RECORDING OF THE QUESTIONNAIRES

Once the consistency of the information provided in the questionnaire is confirmed, the data is coded and subsequently recorded.

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### 3.5 COMPUTERISED TREATMENT OF THE DATA

The directory is modified by means of a CLIPPER program which permits management of the openings, closing and possible modifications of the centres and/or the studies they offer.

The information collected in the questionnaires is recorded in a BLAISE program where an identified register is assigned to each study based on the university or Autonomous Community where the centre which offers said study is located.

Once the information has been processed in this manner, the statistical tables are then generated by means of computerised procedures. The resulting tables are revised and later processed in order to obtain the definitive publication format.

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## 4 Publication plan

The publication is structured in fourteen tables with students matriculated by university, name of the centre and Autonomous Community.

In order to establish this last breakdown the geographic location of the University centre is taken into account, covering separately Ceuta and Melilla, the Open University (UNED) and the Universidad Oberta de Catalunya.

Finally, a series of graphs is presented which illustrate the numerical information contained in the tables.