

Minimum Sample Size Calculator

The Learner Views survey will be accessible online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week between 15 November 2010 and 27 May 2011.

As in previous years, you will only be able to get a score in the survey if the number of learners responding represents a sufficiently large sample of all the in-scope learners in your organisation during the survey period.

The absolute minimum number that will be needed to gain a valid score is based on the sample size required to give 95% confidence that the score is accurate to +/-5%. The [calculator](#) will help you to estimate this, but we strongly urge you to aim for a sample **well above this minimum** figure in case of invalid or duplicate responses. Enter the total number of in-scope learners you expect to have during the survey window in the green box (cell D4) and press the return button. The minimum required sample will appear in the coral red box (cell D6). To enter a different number press the delete button to clear the calculator.

To ensure that the minimum sample size is realistic for smaller providers we set a ceiling of 70% of in-scope learners. If you expect to have less than 105 learners during the survey period, the calculator will show a required sample size equivalent to 70% of your in-scope learners. If you have 105 or more learners, the +/-5% rule determines the minimum required.

Remember that some responses may be ruled invalid if they are duplicates or if the learners are not on provision funded by the Skills Funding Agency. Corrective weightings are also applied to samples to ensure any bias in the sample is removed. All these factors can lead to your final sample being smaller than the original number of responses submitted by your learners. Always aim for a response rate well above the required minimum.

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