

Student Enrolments on Higher Education Courses: Northern Ireland 2003/04

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Introduction

This statistical bulletin has been produced by the Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland (NI), using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), the Department for Employment and Learning and various Education Departments in GB and the Republic of Ireland (RoI).

This bulletin provides details of NI domiciled students on higher education (HE) courses in the United Kingdom (UK) and RoI, and details of all students on HE courses in NI institutions for the academic year 2003/04. It also provides a time series of enrolments covering the period 2000/01 to 2003/04.

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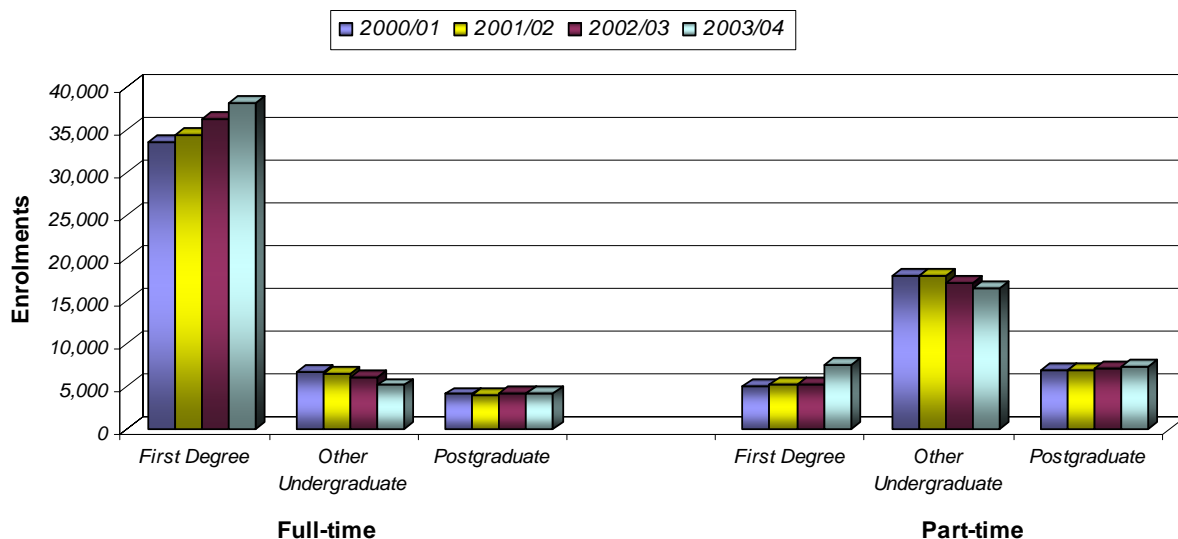
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Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by mode of study and level of study from 2000/01 to 2003/04



Key Points

NI domiciled students on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland

Total enrolment trends	The total number of Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students enrolled on higher education (HE) courses in UK and Republic of Ireland (RoI) has increased by 6% between 2000/01 and 2003/04, rising from 74,050 to 78,440 enrolments.
Enrolments by mode and level of study	Of the 78,440 NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in the UK and RoI in 2003/04, 47,255 were enrolled on a full-time basis and 31,185 on a part-time basis. Undergraduate enrolments stood at 67,100, whilst there were 11,335 postgraduate enrolments.
Enrolments by country of institution, mode and level of study	In 2003/04, 74% of NI domiciled students studied at NI institutions, 24% studied at GB institutions, with 1% studying at RoI institutions. Among full-time students, some 28% of undergraduates and 34% of postgraduates studied outside NI.
Enrolment trends by mode, level of study and country of institution	The number of NI domiciled full-time undergraduate students at NI institutions has increased by 13% between 2000/01 and 2003/04 whilst at GB institutions they decreased by 4%. Over the same period NI domiciled full-time postgraduate students at NI institutions decreased by 4% whilst at GB institutions they increased by 12%.
Enrolments by level of study and age	In 2003/04, 54% of NI domiciled students (of known age) who enrolled on first degree courses in the UK and RoI were aged under 21 compared to 20% of other undergraduate students.
Enrolments by gender and level of study	In 2003/04, females accounted for 59% of NI domiciled students studying HE in the UK and RoI: 60% of undergraduate students and 58% of postgraduate students.
First year enrolment trends by mode, level of study and country of institution	The number of NI domiciled full-time undergraduate first year students at NI institutions has increased by 9% between 2000/01 and 2003/04 whilst at GB institutions they increased by 6%.
Enrolments by mode and subject of study	In 2003/04, the most popular subject area of NI domiciled students studying in the UK ¹ was business and administrative studies with 6,855 (15%) enrolments full-time and 6,970 (22%) enrolments part-time.

¹ Excludes those students on HE courses at FE colleges in GB and in the Republic of Ireland as information on subject areas was not available.

Enrolments by gender and subject of study In 2003/04, of those NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK², females accounted for 86% of students studying subjects allied to medicine, 76% of those studying education and 70% of those studying social studies. Males accounted for 85% of students studying engineering & technology, 76% of those studying architecture, building & planning and 72% of those studying computer science.

Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions

Total enrolment trends Total enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions have increased by 7% over the period 2000/01 to 2003/04, growing from 61,125 to 65,670.

Enrolments by mode and level of study Of the 65,670 students enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions in 2003/04, 37,665 were enrolled on a full-time basis and 28,005 on a part-time basis. Undergraduate enrolments stood at 53,900, whilst there were 11,770 postgraduate enrolments.

Enrolments by domicile of student and level of study In 2003/04, 89% of students enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions were from NI, 2% from GB, 7% from Rol and 3% from elsewhere. NI domiciled students at NI institutions accounted for 93% of undergraduate students and 70% of postgraduate students.

Enrolment trends by mode, level of study and domicile of student Between 2000/01 and 2003/04 full-time undergraduate enrolments at NI institutions increased by 12% whilst part-time undergraduate enrolments increased by 1%. Full-time postgraduate enrolments decreased by 2% whilst part-time increased by 13% during this period. Over the same period, students from NI enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions have increased by 7%, students from GB by 15%, students from Rol by 6% and students from elsewhere by 19%.

Enrolments by level of study and age In 2003/04, 54% of students (of known age) on first degree courses at NI institutions were aged under 21 compared to 22% of other undergraduate students.

Enrolments by mode of study and subject of study The most popular subject areas among full-time students at NI institutions in 2003/04 were business and administrative studies with 5,805 enrolments (15%) followed by subjects allied to medicine with 5,050 enrolments (13%). The same subject areas were the most popular for part-time students, with 6,755 (24%) studying business and administrative studies and 5,435 (19%) studying subjects allied to medicine.

² Excludes those students on HE courses at FE colleges in GB and in the Republic of Ireland as information on subject areas was not available.

Enrolments by gender and level of study

In 2003/04, females accounted for 61% of students on HE courses at NI institutions: 62% of undergraduates and 58% of postgraduates.

Enrolments by gender and subject of study

In 2003/04, of those students enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions, females accounted for 85% of students studying subjects allied to medicine, 72% of those studying social studies and 76% of those studying education. Males accounted for 86% of students studying engineering & technology, 75% of those studying architecture, building & planning and 71% of those studying computer science.

First year enrolment trends by mode, level of study and domicile of student

Between 2000/01 and 2003/04 full-time undergraduate first year enrolments at NI institutions increased by 9%. Over the same period, first year students from NI enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions have increased by 9%, students from GB by 1%, students from ROI by 13% and students from elsewhere decreased by 1%.

Enrolments trends by institution, level and mode of study

At Queen's University Belfast there was an increase of 6% in total enrolments in the period 2000/01 to 2003/04, with undergraduate and postgraduate enrolments increasing 4% and 15% respectively. Over the same period full-time and part-time enrolments increased by 7% and 5% respectively.

At St. Mary's University College there was an increase of 19% in enrolments in the period 2000/01 to 2003/04, with undergraduate enrolments increasing by 26% and postgraduate enrolments decreasing by 14%. Over the same period full-time enrolments increased by 36% whilst part-time enrolments fell by 36%.

At Stranmillis University College enrolments have increased by 12% between 2000/01 and 2003/04, with undergraduate enrolments increasing by 14% and postgraduate enrolments by 4%. Over this period full-time enrolments increased by 26%, with part-time enrolments decreasing by 17%.

At the University of Ulster enrolments have increased by 14% between 2000/01 and 2003/04, with undergraduate and postgraduate enrolments increasing by 18% and 4% respectively. Over this period full-time enrolments increased by 15% and part-time enrolments by 14%.

Notes to Readers

General

1. The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) is the official agency for the collection of information on publicly funded Higher Education (HE) institutions in the UK. It was set up in 1993 following the White Paper 'Higher Education: a new framework', which called for more coherence in HE statistics. HE institutions include all publicly-funded universities. HESA data relate to students in HE institutions in the UK but do not include students on HE courses at Further Education (FE) colleges in Northern Ireland (NI) or Great Britain (GB) nor at institutions in the Republic of Ireland (RoI).
2. Information on HE courses at FE colleges in NI is obtained from the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR), which is a statistical return collected by the Department for Employment and Learning. As FESR information for the 2003/04 student year was not available at the time of going to press, student numbers have been held at 2002/03 levels. FESR information is based on full year data. However, in both 2001/02 and 2002/03 one college's information was based on a snapshot of enrolments at 1st November of the relevant year due to technical difficulties obtaining full-year data.
3. Information on HE courses at FE colleges in GB and at institutions in the RoI has been obtained from the various Education Departments responsible for collecting this information. Where these data have been used, they have been held at 2002/03 levels, as 2003/04 figures were not available at the time of going to press.
4. The academic year runs from 1st August to 31st July.
5. HESA information relates to individual enrolments. As a student can be enrolled on more than one programme of study, the number of enrolments may exceed the number of students.
6. Students referred to as NI domiciled are those whose permanent place of residence was in NI prior to enrolment on an HE course.

Statistical

Definition of Higher education

7. HE is defined as a course leading to a qualification above that of level 3 of the National Qualifications Framework, i.e. above A-level standard. This includes first degree and postgraduate study, higher national diploma and certificate courses and a number of professional qualifications.

Count of students

8. There have been recent changes in HE provision, in particular the increasing trend towards non-traditional academic year patterns (traditional academic year patterns being those in which the student commences each year of their course in September/October and completes the year in May/June). As a consequence of this, HESA/FESR data are now a count of enrolments across the entire academic year as opposed to a snapshot of enrolments on the 1st December/1st November (which was the basis of the student count in HE statistical publications published by the Department prior to 2002/03). From 2002/03 this statistical bulletin has included a time series of enrolment data starting 2000/01 which is based on enrolments across the entire academic year

First year students

9. First year students are based on the HESA standard registration population who commenced their programme of study in the reporting period relevant to the data collection year.

Level of courses

10. Level of course is defined by qualification aim;
 - (i) *Postgraduate courses* are those leading to higher degrees, diplomas and certificates (including postgraduate certificate of education (PGCE) and professional qualifications) which usually require a first degree as an entry qualification.
 - (ii) *First degree courses* include first degrees with or without eligibility to register to practise with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body, first degrees with qualified teacher status, enhanced first degrees, first degrees obtained concurrently with a diploma and intercalated first degrees.
 - (iii) *Other undergraduate courses* includes all HE courses not included in (ii) above, for example undergraduate diplomas and certificates, HNDs, HNCs and foundation degrees.

Mode of attendance

11. Mode of attendance distinguishes students studying full-time or part-time:
 - (i) Full-time students include all students studying full-time (for at least 24 weeks in the academic year), students on thick or thin sandwich courses, and those on a study-related year out of their institution.
 - (ii) Part-time students include those studying part-time, full-time for less than 24 weeks, during evenings only, or on block release. Part-time also includes students writing up theses or on sabbatical.
 - (iii) Students who are categorised as dormant are not included in the tables.

Students writing up theses or on sabbatical are included with the part-time mode of attendance from 2002/03.

Age

12. Age is as at 31st August within the relevant academic year.

Open University

13. In the tables the Open University is treated as an English institution as its administrative centre is located in England. This follows the standard UK statistical convention. However, most NI domiciled students enrolled at the Open University study in NI. The number of NI domiciled students studying with the Open University is presented in Table 6.
14. Prior to the 2003/04 academic year, all Open University students were recorded as enrolled on Other Undergraduate courses. In 2003/04 the Open University changed its reporting practice so that students were recorded according to their declared award intention and broad subject of study. However, as not all students declare this information, a number are still reported as studying for institutional credit, which is categorized as Other Undergraduate, within the "combined" subject of study. The impact of this change has resulted in an increase in the number of students undertaking First Degree courses, a decrease in the number undertaking Other Undergraduate courses and more detailed information on the subjects being studied by students.

Changes to subject areas from 2002/03

15. Subject area groupings have changed from those used in 2001/02 and before. HESA and the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) developed a common subject coding system (JACS), which was introduced from the 2002/03 academic year, in which enrolments are aggregated to 19 broad subject areas, although the new subject areas look similar and are closely related to the previous subject areas, the new system is not by any means identical, as the subjects within each group may have changed.
16. In addition to the move to the JACS coding system, a new procedure for apportioning students to subject areas was introduced by HESA in 2002/03. Under the previous coding system, students were allocated to a subject area which reflected the majority of their course. Where this was not possible students were allocated to a "combined" subject area. Under the new procedure, where a student's course covers more than one subject area, the headcount is divided in a way that reflects the pattern of the split programme. Depending on their academic content, enrolments have been assigned to the 19 subject areas according to the following rules:
 - (i) a programme in a single subject is allocated to its area.
 - (ii) if a combination of two subjects lies within one area, the programme is allocated to that area.

- (iii) if a combination of subjects lies within more than one area, the programme is allocated to subject areas according to the following apportionment:
- 50%:50% for a balanced two-way split;
 - 67%:33% for a major/minor two-way split;
 - 33%:33%:33% for a balanced three-way split.
- (iv) all subject combinations containing initial teacher training (ITT) at undergraduate level which also have a subject recorded are apportioned 50% to 'Education' and the remaining 50% is further apportioned as shown in (iii) above. Where no subject other than education is recorded or where the student is on a PGCE course, apportionment is 100% to 'Education'.

17. Any comparison between the JACS subject areas (2002/03 onwards) and the previous HESA subjects areas (2001/02 and earlier) should be viewed in the context of these changes.

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Tables

NI domiciled students on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland

Table 1 shows the number of Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students on higher education (HE) courses in the United Kingdom (UK) and Republic of Ireland (RoI) by mode of study, level of study, location of study and gender for first year students and all students for 2003/04.

Table 2 gives details of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK and RoI by level of study, mode of study, gender and age for first year students and all students for 2003/04.

Table 3 presents information on NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK³ by mode of study, gender and subject area for first year students and all students for 2003/04.

Table 4 shows the number of NI domiciled first year students enrolled on HE courses in the UK and RoI by level of study, mode of study and location of institution from 2000/01 to 2003/04.

Table 5 gives details of the number of NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in the UK and RoI by level of study, mode of study and location of institution from 2000/01 to 2003/04.

Table 6 presents information on the number of NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in the UK and RoI by type of institution, level of study and mode of study from 2000/01 to 2003/04.

Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions

Table 7 shows enrolments on HE courses at NI Institutions by mode of study, level of study, domicile and gender for first year students and all students for 2003/04.

Table 8 sets out information on enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by level of study, mode of study, gender and age for first year students and all students for 2003/04.

Table 9 presents information on enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by mode of study, gender and subject area for first year students and all students for 2003/04.

Table 10 shows first year enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by level of study, mode of study and domicile from 2000/01 to 2003/04.

Table 11 gives details of enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by level of study, mode of study and domicile from 2000/01 to 2003/04.

³ Excludes those students on HE courses at FE colleges in GB and in the Republic of Ireland as information on subject areas was not available.

Table 12 presents enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by institution, level of study and mode of study from 2000/01 to 2003/04.

Table 1: Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by mode of study, level of study, location of study and gender, 2003/04⁽¹⁾

			First Year Students						All Students					
			NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total
First Degree	Full-time	Male	3,720	1,075	595	35	120	5,545	10,690	2,705	2,095	105	430	16,025
		Female	5,310	1,170	715	50	140	7,385	15,545	3,120	2,600	125	615	22,000
		Total	9,030	2,245	1,310	85	260	12,925	26,235	5,825	4,690	230	1,050	38,025
	Part-time	Male	530	280	10	5	0	825	1,690	1,060	70	5	0	2,830
		Female	1,255	425	20	0	0	1,700	3,410	1,250	70	10	0	4,740
		Total	1,785	710	30	5	0	2,530	5,100	2,310	140	20	0	7,570
	All First Degree	Male	4,250	1,355	610	35	120	6,370	12,380	3,765	2,165	115	430	18,855
		Female	6,565	1,595	735	55	140	9,085	18,955	4,370	2,665	135	615	26,740
		Total	10,815	2,950	1,340	90	260	15,455	31,335	8,135	4,830	250	1,050	45,600
Other Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	1,275	85	20	0	5	1,385	2,165	160	40	5	10	2,380
		Female	1,310	110	20	10	5	1,455	2,460	205	50	10	10	2,735
		Total	2,585	195	40	10	10	2,840	4,625	365	90	15	25	5,120
	Part-time	Male	3,695	415	65	15	0	4,190	4,820	835	70	25	0	5,750
		Female	7,225	725	40	15	0	8,005	9,350	1,200	45	40	0	10,635
		Total	10,920	1,140	105	30	0	12,190	14,165	2,040	115	65	0	16,385
	All Other Undergraduate	Male	4,970	495	85	15	5	5,575	6,980	995	110	30	10	8,130
		Female	8,535	835	60	25	5	9,460	11,810	1,405	95	50	10	13,370
		Total	13,505	1,335	145	40	10	15,030	18,790	2,405	210	80	25	21,505
All Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	4,995	1,155	615	35	125	6,930	12,855	2,865	2,135	110	445	18,410
		Female	6,620	1,285	735	60	145	8,840	18,000	3,325	2,650	135	630	24,735
		Total	11,615	2,440	1,350	95	270	15,765	30,860	6,190	4,785	245	1,070	43,145
	Part-time	Male	4,225	695	75	15	0	5,015	6,505	1,900	145	30	0	8,580
		Female	8,480	1,150	60	15	0	9,705	12,760	2,450	115	50	0	15,375
		Total	12,705	1,845	135	35	0	14,720	19,270	4,350	255	85	0	23,955
	All Undergraduate	Male	9,220	1,850	690	50	125	11,945	19,365	4,760	2,275	145	445	26,990
		Female	15,100	2,435	795	75	145	18,545	30,765	5,775	2,760	185	630	40,115
		Total	24,320	4,285	1,485	130	270	30,485	50,125	10,540	5,040	330	1,070	67,100
Postgraduate	Full-time	Male	635	320	75	20	15	1,070	1,095	435	125	25	15	1,695
		Female	1,030	515	110	20	5	1,680	1,635	600	150	25	5	2,415
		Total	1,670	835	185	40	20	2,750	2,730	1,035	275	45	20	4,110
	Part-time	Male	835	215	25	30	0	1,105	2,285	645	105	65	0	3,100
		Female	1,365	330	45	10	0	1,750	3,250	715	110	45	0	4,125
		Total	2,200	545	65	40	0	2,855	5,540	1,360	215	110	0	7,225
	All Postgraduate	Male	1,470	540	100	45	15	2,170	3,385	1,080	230	90	15	4,795
		Female	2,395	840	155	35	5	3,430	4,885	1,320	260	70	5	6,540
		Total	3,870	1,380	255	80	20	5,600	8,270	2,395	490	160	20	11,335
All Students	Full-time	Male	5,630	1,480	690	55	145	7,995	13,955	3,295	2,255	135	460	20,100
		Female	7,650	1,795	845	80	145	10,520	19,635	3,925	2,800	155	635	27,150
		Total	13,280	3,275	1,535	135	290	18,515	33,590	7,225	5,055	290	1,095	47,255
	Part-time	Male	5,060	910	100	45	0	6,120	8,795	2,540	250	100	0	11,680
		Female	9,845	1,480	105	30	0	11,455	16,015	3,170	225	95	0	19,500
		Total	14,905	2,390	205	75	0	17,575	24,805	5,710	470	195	0	31,185
	All Students	Male	10,690	2,390	790	100	145	14,115	22,745	5,840	2,505	235	460	31,785
		Female	17,495	3,275	945	110	145	21,975	35,650	7,095	3,025	255	635	46,655
		Total	28,185	5,665	1,740	210	290	36,090	58,395	12,935	5,530	485	1,095	78,440

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in FE colleges and on HE courses in the Republic of Ireland in 2003/04 has been held at 2002/03 levels.

Note: To prevent the identification of individuals, figures in the table are rounded to the nearest 5, with 0, 1, 2 rounded to 0. Due to rounding the sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown.

Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by level of study, mode of study, gender and age, 2003/04⁽¹⁾

		First Year Students									All Students								
		Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
First Degree	Under 21	4,610	6,210	10,820	55	120	175	4,670	6,330	11,000	9,805	14,155	23,960	295	270	565	10,100	14,425	24,525
	21 - 24	650	605	1,255	165	500	665	815	1,105	1,920	5,345	6,240	11,585	510	1,080	1,590	5,855	7,325	13,175
	25 and over	280	560	840	600	1,075	1,680	880	1,640	2,520	870	1,595	2,460	2,020	3,380	5,400	2,890	4,970	7,860
	Unknown	5	5	10	0	5	10	5	10	20	5	10	15	5	15	20	10	25	35
	Total	5,545	7,385	12,925	825	1,700	2,530	6,370	9,085	15,455	16,025	22,000	38,025	2,830	4,740	7,570	18,855	26,740	45,600
Other Undergraduate	Under 21	945	1,010	1,955	400	460	865	1,345	1,475	2,815	1,520	1,680	3,200	505	610	1,115	2,025	2,285	4,315
	21 - 24	300	215	510	595	1,145	1,740	895	1,360	2,255	620	635	1,255	820	1,530	2,350	1,440	2,165	3,605
	25 and over	145	230	375	3,065	6,210	9,275	3,210	6,440	9,645	240	425	665	4,295	8,300	12,595	4,535	8,725	13,260
	Unknown	0	0	0	125	190	315	125	190	315	0	0	0	130	195	325	130	195	325
	Total	1,385	1,455	2,840	4,190	8,005	12,190	5,575	9,460	15,030	2,380	2,735	5,120	5,750	10,635	16,385	8,130	13,370	21,505
All Undergraduate	Under 21	5,555	7,220	12,775	460	580	1,040	6,010	7,805	13,815	11,330	15,835	27,160	800	880	1,680	12,130	16,710	28,840
	21 - 24	950	820	1,765	765	1,645	2,405	1,710	2,460	4,175	5,965	6,875	12,840	1,330	2,610	3,940	7,295	9,490	16,780
	25 and over	420	790	1,215	3,665	7,285	10,950	4,090	8,075	12,165	1,110	2,015	3,125	6,315	11,680	17,995	7,425	13,695	21,120
	Unknown	5	5	10	125	195	320	130	200	335	5	10	15	135	205	345	145	215	360
	Total	6,930	8,840	15,765	5,015	9,705	14,720	11,945	18,545	30,485	18,410	24,735	43,145	8,580	15,375	23,955	26,990	40,115	67,100
Postgraduate	Under 21	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5
	21 - 24	710	1,175	1,880	115	190	305	825	1,365	2,190	1,010	1,545	2,555	300	445	745	1,310	1,990	3,305
	25 and over	360	500	860	980	1,555	2,530	1,335	2,055	3,390	680	860	1,545	2,790	3,660	6,450	3,470	4,525	7,995
	Unknown	0	0	0	10	5	15	10	5	15	0	0	0	10	20	30	10	20	30
	Total	1,070	1,680	2,750	1,105	1,750	2,855	2,170	3,430	5,600	1,695	2,415	4,110	3,100	4,125	7,225	4,795	6,540	11,335
All Students	Under 21	5,555	7,225	12,780	460	580	1,040	6,015	7,810	13,820	11,330	15,840	27,170	800	880	1,680	12,130	16,715	28,845
	21 - 24	1,655	1,990	3,650	880	1,835	2,715	2,535	3,825	6,360	6,975	8,425	15,395	1,630	3,060	4,690	8,605	11,480	20,085
	25 and over	780	1,295	2,075	4,645	8,840	13,485	5,425	10,130	15,555	1,790	2,880	4,670	9,105	15,340	24,445	10,895	18,220	29,115
	Unknown	5	5	10	135	200	335	140	210	350	5	10	20	150	225	375	155	235	390
	Total	7,995	10,520	18,515	6,120	11,455	17,575	14,115	21,975	36,090	20,100	27,150	47,255	11,680	19,500	31,185	31,785	46,655	78,440

Footnotes

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Table 3: Northern Ireland domiciled students⁽¹⁾ enrolled on higher education courses in the UK by mode of study, gender and subject area⁽²⁾, 2003/04⁽³⁾

	First Year Students									All Students								
	Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Medicine & dentistry	180	295	475	35	50	85	215	345	560	760	1,175	1,930	130	140	270	885	1,315	2,200
Subjects allied to medicine	315	1,700	2,015	325	2,710	3,035	640	4,415	5,055	935	4,760	5,695	545	4,120	4,665	1,480	8,880	10,355
Biological sciences	400	685	1,090	125	235	355	525	920	1,445	1,165	1,935	3,100	315	580	895	1,480	2,515	3,990
Veterinary science	5	20	25	0	0	0	5	20	25	40	65	100	5	0	5	45	65	110
Agriculture & related subjects	55	105	160	15	25	35	65	130	195	130	280	410	65	105	170	195	380	575
Physical sciences	300	330	630	85	45	130	385	375	760	845	860	1,705	225	110	335	1,070	970	2,040
Mathematical sciences	375	155	530	465	430	890	835	585	1,420	735	400	1,135	695	585	1,275	1,430	985	2,415
Computer science	930	295	1,230	205	150	355	1,135	445	1,580	2,570	865	3,435	705	380	1,085	3,275	1,245	4,520
Engineering & technology	945	165	1,110	700	70	770	1,645	230	1,875	2,495	510	3,005	1,380	155	1,535	3,875	665	4,540
Architecture, building & planning	640	230	870	290	75	365	930	305	1,235	1,495	515	2,010	540	125	665	2,035	645	2,675
Social studies	565	1,065	1,625	545	1,620	2,165	1,105	2,685	3,790	1,310	2,615	3,925	1,065	2,895	3,960	2,375	5,510	7,885
Law	340	540	880	95	105	205	435	650	1,085	815	1,235	2,050	260	275	535	1,075	1,515	2,590
Business & administrative studies	1,155	1,665	2,820	1,355	2,555	3,915	2,510	4,225	6,735	2,740	4,115	6,855	2,485	4,490	6,970	5,225	8,600	13,825
Mass communications and documentation	210	270	485	30	60	95	245	330	575	430	605	1,035	80	130	205	505	735	1,240
Languages	275	615	890	540	890	1,430	815	1,505	2,320	660	1,695	2,355	735	1,150	1,885	1,395	2,850	4,240
Historical and philosophical studies	280	260	540	270	250	515	550	510	1,060	755	820	1,575	525	470	995	1,280	1,290	2,570
Creative arts & design	425	685	1,110	180	380	560	605	1,065	1,665	1,015	1,560	2,570	255	520	775	1,265	2,080	3,345
Education	420	1,240	1,660	425	1,220	1,645	845	2,460	3,305	680	2,425	3,105	780	2,120	2,895	1,460	4,540	6,000
Combined	10	25	35	375	560	940	385	585	975	25	55	80	815	1,115	1,930	840	1,165	2,010
Total ⁽¹⁾	7,825	10,345	18,170	6,060	11,435	17,490	13,880	21,780	35,660	19,590	26,485	46,075	11,595	19,465	31,060	31,190	45,950	77,140

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ This table excludes 206 students studying HE at GB FE colleges and 1,093 students studying HE in RoI. A breakdown of these students by subject area is not available.

⁽²⁾ Due to changes in 2002/03 to the way in which students are apportioned and assigned to subject areas, care should be taken when comparing subject areas pre and post 2002/03 (see Notes to Readers).

⁽³⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in NI FE colleges in 2003/04 has been held at 2002/03 levels.

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COMPARISON OF YEARS 2000/01 TO 2003/04

Table 4: Northern Ireland domiciled first year students enrolled on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by level of study, mode of study and location of institution, 2000/01 to 2003/04⁽¹⁾

Level and Year	Full-time						Part-time						Total						
	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total	
First Degree																			
2000/01	7,440	1,965	1,310	95	255	11,065	1,675	70	10	5	0	1,760	9,110	2,035	1,320	105	255	12,825	
2001/02	8,000	1,920	1,370	80	260	11,630	1,735	85	5	10	0	1,835	9,735	2,005	1,380	90	260	13,465	
2002/03	8,575	1,975	1,505	85	260	12,400	1,660	85	20	5	0	1,765	10,235	2,060	1,525	85	260	14,165	
2003/04	9,030	2,245	1,310	85	260	12,925	1,785	710	30	5	0	2,530	10,815	2,950	1,340	90	260	15,455	
Other Undergraduate																			
2000/01	3,250	180	90	5	10	3,540	9,690	1,365	70	35	0	11,160	12,945	1,545	160	45	10	14,700	
2001/02	3,310	170	70	10	10	3,570	10,760	1,525	80	25	0	12,385	14,070	1,695	150	30	10	15,960	
2002/03	3,155	190	55	5	10	3,415	9,985	1,360	105	15	0	11,465	13,140	1,550	160	20	10	14,880	
2003/04	2,585	195	40	10	10	2,840	10,920	1,140	105	30	0	12,190	13,505	1,335	145	40	10	15,030	
All Undergraduate																			
2000/01	10,690	2,145	1,400	105	265	14,605	11,365	1,435	80	45	0	12,920	22,055	3,575	1,480	145	265	27,525	
2001/02	11,315	2,085	1,445	90	270	15,200	12,490	1,610	85	35	0	14,220	23,805	3,700	1,530	120	270	29,425	
2002/03	11,730	2,165	1,560	90	270	15,820	11,645	1,445	125	15	0	13,230	23,375	3,610	1,685	105	270	29,045	
2003/04	11,615	2,440	1,350	95	270	15,765	12,705	1,845	135	35	0	14,720	24,320	4,285	1,485	130	270	30,485	
Postgraduate																			
2000/01	1,825	635	180	50	20	2,710	2,095	445	85	30	0	2,650	3,920	1,080	265	80	20	5,360	
2001/02	1,760	645	200	35	20	2,660	1,915	405	60	30	0	2,410	3,675	1,050	260	65	20	5,070	
2002/03	1,650	745	185	40	20	2,640	2,035	425	55	40	0	2,550	3,685	1,170	240	75	20	5,190	
2003/04	1,670	835	185	40	20	2,750	2,200	545	65	40	0	2,855	3,870	1,380	255	80	20	5,600	
Total																			
2000/01	12,515	2,780	1,580	155	285	17,315	13,460	1,875	165	70	0	15,575	25,975	4,655	1,745	225	285	32,885	
2001/02	13,070	2,735	1,645	125	290	17,860	14,405	2,015	145	65	0	16,635	27,480	4,745	1,790	190	290	34,495	
2002/03	13,380	2,910	1,745	130	290	18,455	13,680	1,870	175	55	0	15,780	27,060	4,780	1,925	185	290	34,235	
2003/04	13,280	3,275	1,535	135	290	18,515	14,905	2,390	205	75	0	17,575	28,185	5,665	1,740	210	290	36,090	

Footnotes

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COMPARISON OF YEARS 2000/01 TO 2003/04

Table 5: Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by level of study, mode of study and location of institution, 2000/01 to 2003/04⁽¹⁾

Level and Year	Full-time						Part-time						Total						
	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total	
First Degree																			
2000/01	21,430	5,720	5,030	315	1,040	33,540	4,600	240	55	25	0	4,925	26,035	5,960	5,085	340	1,040	38,465	
2001/02	22,725	5,550	4,855	265	1,045	34,440	4,910	300	60	25	0	5,295	27,635	5,850	4,915	290	1,045	39,730	
2002/03	24,650	5,480	4,825	245	1,050	36,250	4,820	305	95	20	0	5,245	29,475	5,785	4,920	265	1,050	41,495	
2003/04	26,235	5,825	4,690	230	1,050	38,025	5,100	2,310	140	20	0	7,570	31,335	8,135	4,830	250	1,050	45,600	
Other Undergraduate																			
2000/01	5,945	435	210	15	25	6,635	14,280	3,515	85	60	0	17,940	20,230	3,950	300	75	25	24,575	
2001/02	5,950	365	155	15	25	6,505	14,055	3,645	105	70	0	17,870	20,000	4,010	260	85	25	24,375	
2002/03	5,605	340	125	10	25	6,110	13,320	3,570	125	70	0	17,085	18,925	3,910	250	80	25	23,195	
2003/04	4,625	365	90	15	25	5,120	14,165	2,040	115	65	0	16,385	18,790	2,405	210	80	25	21,505	
All Undergraduate																			
2000/01	27,380	6,155	5,240	330	1,065	40,170	18,885	3,755	145	85	0	22,865	46,260	9,910	5,385	415	1,065	63,035	
2001/02	28,675	5,915	5,010	280	1,065	40,945	18,965	3,945	165	95	0	23,165	47,640	9,860	5,175	370	1,065	64,110	
2002/03	30,260	5,825	4,950	255	1,070	42,360	18,140	3,875	220	90	0	22,330	48,400	9,700	5,175	345	1,070	64,690	
2003/04	30,860	6,190	4,785	245	1,070	43,145	19,270	4,350	255	85	0	23,955	50,125	10,540	5,040	330	1,070	67,100	
Postgraduate																			
2000/01	2,840	890	265	60	20	4,080	5,445	1,185	235	70	0	6,935	8,285	2,075	500	130	20	11,010	
2001/02	2,860	850	280	40	20	4,045	5,565	1,140	205	75	0	6,980	8,420	1,990	485	115	20	11,030	
2002/03	2,810	950	280	45	20	4,105	5,620	1,195	205	90	0	7,110	8,425	2,145	485	135	20	11,220	
2003/04	2,730	1,035	275	45	20	4,110	5,540	1,360	215	110	0	7,225	8,270	2,395	490	160	20	11,335	
Total																			
2000/01	30,220	7,045	5,510	390	1,085	44,250	24,325	4,940	380	155	0	29,800	54,545	11,985	5,885	545	1,085	74,050	
2001/02	31,535	6,765	5,290	315	1,090	44,990	24,525	5,080	370	170	0	30,145	56,060	11,845	5,655	485	1,090	75,135	
2002/03	33,065	6,775	5,230	300	1,095	46,465	23,760	5,070	425	180	0	29,440	56,825	11,845	5,660	480	1,095	75,905	
2003/04	33,590	7,225	5,055	290	1,095	47,255	24,805	5,710	470	195	0	31,185	58,395	12,935	5,530	485	1,095	78,440	

Footnotes

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COMPARISON OF YEARS 2000/01 TO 2003/04

Table 6: Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by location and type of institution, level of study and mode of study, 2000/01 to 2003/04⁽¹⁾

Institution and Year	First Degree			Other Undergraduate			All Undergraduate			Postgraduate			Total		
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Northern Ireland Universities															
2000/01	19,785	3,590	23,380	2,570	5,395	7,965	22,355	8,985	31,340	2,800	5,015	7,815	25,160	14,000	39,155
2001/02	20,870	3,805	24,675	2,550	5,195	7,745	23,420	9,000	32,420	2,815	5,190	8,005	26,235	14,190	40,430
2002/03	22,715	3,500	26,215	2,450	5,040	7,490	25,165	8,540	33,705	2,760	5,240	8,000	27,925	13,780	41,710
2003/04	24,190	3,815	28,005	1,470	5,900	7,370	25,660	9,720	35,375	2,690	5,215	7,905	28,345	14,935	43,280
Northern Ireland University Colleges															
2000/01	1,455	220	1,675	0	120	120	1,455	340	1,795	40	280	320	1,495	620	2,110
2001/02	1,660	210	1,870	0	130	130	1,660	335	2,000	40	260	305	1,705	600	2,305
2002/03	1,805	195	2,005	0	70	70	1,805	265	2,070	50	310	355	1,855	575	2,430
2003/04	1,915	160	2,075	0	55	55	1,915	215	2,130	45	255	295	1,960	465	2,425
Rol Institutions															
2000/01	1,040	0	1,040	25	0	25	1,065	0	1,065	20	0	20	1,085	0	1,085
2001/02	1,045	0	1,045	25	0	25	1,065	0	1,065	20	0	20	1,090	0	1,090
2002/03	1,050	0	1,050	25	0	25	1,070	0	1,070	20	0	20	1,095	0	1,095
2003/04	1,050	0	1,050	25	0	25	1,070	0	1,070	20	0	20	1,095	0	1,095
Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges															
2000/01	190	790	980	3,380	8,770	12,145	3,570	9,560	13,130	0	150	150	3,570	9,710	13,280
2001/02	195	895	1,090	3,400	8,730	12,125	3,590	9,625	13,215	0	110	110	3,590	9,735	13,330
2002/03	130	1,125	1,255	3,155	8,210	11,365	3,285	9,335	12,620	0	70	70	3,285	9,405	12,690
2003/04	130	1,125	1,255	3,155	8,210	11,365	3,285	9,335	12,620	0	70	70	3,285	9,405	12,690
GB Further Education Institutions															
2000/01	40	15	55	95	90	185	135	105	240	5	0	5	140	105	245
2001/02	40	15	60	90	105	200	135	120	255	0	0	0	135	120	255
2002/03	25	10	35	60	110	170	85	120	205	0	0	0	85	120	205
2003/04	25	10	35	60	110	170	85	120	205	0	0	0	85	120	205
Great Britain Universities (excluding Open University)															
2000/01	11,025	310	11,335	570	590	1,155	11,595	895	12,490	1,210	1,065	2,275	12,805	1,960	14,765
2001/02	10,625	370	10,995	445	590	1,035	11,070	960	12,030	1,165	1,070	2,235	12,235	2,025	14,260
2002/03	10,525	410	10,940	420	545	965	10,945	955	11,900	1,275	1,120	2,400	12,225	2,075	14,300
2003/04	10,720	490	11,210	410	570	985	11,130	1,060	12,195	1,355	1,295	2,650	12,490	2,355	14,845
Open University ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾															
2000/01	0	0	0	0	2,980	2,980	0	2,980	2,980	0	425	425	0	3,405	3,405
2001/02	0	0	0	0	3,120	3,120	0	3,120	3,120	0	350	350	0	3,470	3,470
2002/03	0	0	0	0	3,110	3,110	0	3,110	3,110	0	370	370	0	3,480	3,480
2003/04	0	1,970	1,970	0	1,535	1,535	0	3,505	3,505	0	395	395	0	3,900	3,900
Total															
2000/01	33,540	4,925	38,465	6,635	17,940	24,575	40,170	22,865	63,035	4,080	6,935	11,010	44,250	29,800	74,050
2001/02	34,440	5,295	39,730	6,505	17,870	24,375	40,945	23,165	64,110	4,045	6,980	11,030	44,990	30,145	75,135
2002/03	36,250	5,245	41,495	6,110	17,085	23,195	42,360	22,330	64,690	4,105	7,110	11,220	46,465	29,440	75,905
2003/04	38,025	7,570	45,600	5,120	16,385	21,505	43,145	23,955	67,100	4,110	7,225	11,335	47,255	31,185	78,440

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in FE colleges and on HE courses in the Republic of Ireland in 2003/04 has been held at 2002/03 levels.

⁽²⁾ The Open University (OU) is treated as an English institution irrespective of where the student actually studies (see Notes to Readers).

⁽³⁾ Prior to 2003/04, all enrolments at the Open University were categorised as Other Undergraduate. Due to a change in reporting practice in 2003/04 students are now categorised by their award intention (see Notes to Readers).

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Table 7: Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by mode of study, level of study, domicile and gender, 2003/04⁽¹⁾

			First Year Students					All Students						
			NI	GB	Republic of Ireland	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Republic of Ireland	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total
First Degree	Full-time	Male	3,720	25	210	20	80	4,055	10,690	95	555	50	200	11,590
		Female	5,310	60	335	20	75	5,800	15,545	170	1,015	30	225	16,980
		Total	9,030	90	545	40	155	9,855	26,235	260	1,570	80	425	28,570
	Part-time	Male	530	0	30	0	0	560	1,690	0	70	0	10	1,775
		Female	1,255	0	105	0	0	1,360	3,410	5	185	0	5	3,610
		Total	1,785	0	135	0	0	1,920	5,100	5	260	5	15	5,385
	All First Degree	Male	4,250	25	240	20	80	4,620	12,380	95	625	50	210	13,360
		Female	6,565	60	440	20	75	7,160	18,955	170	1,200	35	230	20,590
		Total	10,815	90	680	40	155	11,775	31,335	265	1,825	85	440	33,955
Other Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	1,275	0	85	5	10	1,375	2,165	0	130	5	10	2,310
		Female	1,310	0	130	10	20	1,470	2,460	5	220	10	20	2,710
		Total	2,585	0	215	15	30	2,845	4,625	5	350	15	30	5,020
	Part-time	Male	3,695	25	170	5	20	3,915	4,820	25	195	5	20	5,065
		Female	7,225	15	325	20	65	7,645	9,350	20	410	20	65	9,865
		Total	10,920	35	495	25	85	11,565	14,165	40	605	25	85	14,925
	All Other Undergraduate	Male	4,970	25	255	10	30	5,290	6,980	25	320	10	30	7,370
		Female	8,535	15	460	30	85	9,120	11,810	20	630	30	85	12,575
		Total	13,505	40	710	40	115	14,410	18,790	45	955	40	115	19,945
All Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	4,995	25	295	25	90	5,430	12,855	95	680	55	210	13,895
		Female	6,620	60	465	30	95	7,270	18,000	170	1,235	40	245	19,695
		Total	11,615	90	760	55	180	12,700	30,860	265	1,915	95	450	33,590
	Part-time	Male	4,225	25	200	5	20	4,480	6,505	25	265	10	30	6,835
		Female	8,480	15	430	20	65	9,005	12,760	20	600	25	70	13,475
		Total	12,705	35	630	25	85	13,485	19,270	45	865	30	100	20,310
	All Undergraduate	Male	9,220	50	495	35	110	9,910	19,365	120	945	65	240	20,735
		Female	15,100	75	900	50	155	16,275	30,765	195	1,835	65	315	33,165
		Total	24,320	125	1,390	80	265	26,185	50,125	310	2,780	130	555	53,900
Postgraduate	Full-time	Male	635	10	115	50	160	975	1,095	30	200	95	320	1,740
		Female	1,030	25	190	30	160	1,440	1,635	45	345	50	260	2,335
		Total	1,670	35	310	75	325	2,410	2,730	75	545	145	575	4,075
	Part-time	Male	835	85	135	10	60	1,125	2,285	220	350	45	265	3,175
		Female	1,365	150	205	25	25	1,775	3,250	405	640	60	155	4,520
		Total	2,200	235	340	35	85	2,900	5,540	630	995	110	425	7,695
	All Postgraduate	Male	1,470	95	250	60	220	2,095	3,385	255	550	145	585	4,915
		Female	2,395	175	395	55	190	3,210	4,885	450	990	110	415	6,855
		Total	3,870	270	650	115	410	5,310	8,270	705	1,540	255	1,000	11,770
All Students	Full-Time	Male	5,630	35	410	75	250	6,405	13,955	125	880	150	525	15,640
		Female	7,650	90	660	55	255	8,705	19,635	215	1,580	90	500	22,030
		Total	13,280	125	1,070	130	505	15,110	33,590	340	2,460	245	1,030	37,665
	Part-Time	Male	5,060	110	335	20	80	5,605	8,795	245	615	55	300	10,010
		Female	9,845	165	635	45	90	10,780	16,015	430	1,240	85	225	17,990
		Total	14,905	275	970	65	170	16,385	24,805	675	1,855	140	525	28,005
	All Students	Male	10,690	145	745	95	330	12,005	22,745	370	1,500	205	825	25,650
		Female	17,495	255	1,295	100	345	19,490	35,650	645	2,820	175	730	40,020
		Total	28,185	400	2,040	195	675	31,495	58,395	1,015	4,320	385	1,555	65,670

Footnotes

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Table 8: Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by level of study, mode of study, gender and age, 2003/04⁽¹⁾

		First Year Students									All Students								
		Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
First Degree	Under 21	3,330	4,705	8,035	35	75	110	3,370	4,780	8,145	7,085	10,785	17,870	225	190	415	7,310	10,975	18,285
	21 - 24	465	515	985	120	435	555	585	950	1,540	3,730	4,600	8,330	380	925	1,305	4,110	5,525	9,635
	25 and over	250	570	820	405	845	1,250	650	1,415	2,070	765	1,585	2,350	1,160	2,485	3,645	1,925	4,070	5,995
	Unknown	10	5	15	0	5	10	10	10	25	10	10	20	5	15	20	15	25	40
	Total	4,055	5,800	9,855	560	1,360	1,920	4,620	7,160	11,775	11,590	16,980	28,570	1,775	3,610	5,385	13,360	20,590	33,955
Other Undergraduate	Under 21	945	1,050	1,995	360	435	800	1,305	1,485	2,790	1,500	1,715	3,215	455	575	1,030	1,955	2,290	4,245
	21 - 24	285	210	495	545	1,070	1,615	830	1,280	2,110	570	605	1,175	750	1,415	2,160	1,320	2,020	3,340
	25 and over	145	210	355	2,885	5,945	8,830	3,030	6,160	9,185	240	390	630	3,725	7,680	11,405	3,965	8,070	12,030
	Unknown	0	0	0	125	195	320	125	195	320	0	0	0	135	200	330	135	200	330
	Total	1,375	1,470	2,845	3,915	7,645	11,565	5,290	9,120	14,410	2,310	2,710	5,020	5,065	9,865	14,925	7,370	12,575	19,945
All Undergraduate	Under 21	4,275	5,755	10,030	395	510	910	4,675	6,265	10,940	8,585	12,500	21,085	685	765	1,445	9,265	13,265	22,530
	21 - 24	750	725	1,475	665	1,505	2,170	1,415	2,230	3,650	4,300	5,210	9,505	1,130	2,335	3,465	5,425	7,545	12,975
	25 and over	395	780	1,175	3,285	6,790	10,080	3,680	7,575	11,255	1,005	1,975	2,980	4,885	10,160	15,050	5,890	12,135	18,025
	Unknown	10	5	15	130	200	330	140	205	345	10	10	20	140	210	350	150	220	370
	Total	5,430	7,270	12,700	4,480	9,005	13,485	9,910	16,275	26,185	13,895	19,695	33,590	6,835	13,475	20,310	20,735	33,165	53,900
Postgraduate	Under 21	10	10	20	0	0	5	10	15	25	10	10	25	0	0	5	15	15	25
	21 - 24	595	935	1,530	120	210	330	715	1,145	1,860	885	1,355	2,245	340	525	865	1,225	1,880	3,110
	25 and over	370	490	860	1,000	1,555	2,555	1,365	2,045	3,415	845	965	1,810	2,825	3,975	6,800	3,670	4,940	8,610
	Unknown	0	0	0	5	5	10	5	5	10	0	0	0	10	20	25	10	20	30
	Total	975	1,440	2,410	1,125	1,775	2,900	2,095	3,210	5,310	1,740	2,335	4,075	3,175	4,520	7,695	4,915	6,855	11,770
All Students	Under 21	4,285	5,765	10,050	400	515	910	4,685	6,280	10,965	8,595	12,510	21,105	685	765	1,450	9,280	13,275	22,555
	21 - 24	1,345	1,660	3,005	785	1,715	2,500	2,130	3,375	5,505	5,185	6,565	11,750	1,470	2,860	4,330	6,655	9,430	16,080
	25 and over	765	1,275	2,035	4,285	8,345	12,630	5,050	9,620	14,670	1,850	2,940	4,785	7,710	14,135	21,850	9,560	17,075	26,635
	Unknown	10	5	15	135	205	340	145	215	355	10	10	25	145	230	375	160	240	400
	Total	6,405	8,705	15,110	5,605	10,780	16,385	12,005	19,490	31,495	15,640	22,030	37,665	10,010	17,990	28,005	25,650	40,020	65,670

Footnotes

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Table 9: Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by mode of study, gender and subject group⁽¹⁾, 2003/04⁽²⁾

	First Year Students									All Students								
	Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Medicine & Dentistry	115	160	275	10	45	55	125	205	330	505	715	1,220	105	115	215	610	830	1,435
Subjects Allied to Medicine	255	1,530	1,785	435	2,905	3,340	690	4,435	5,125	750	4,305	5,050	785	4,650	5,435	1,535	8,950	10,485
Biological Sciences	275	580	855	80	135	220	360	715	1,075	785	1,600	2,385	170	315	480	950	1,915	2,865
Veterinary Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture & Related Subjects	45	90	130	15	35	50	60	125	185	105	235	340	70	125	195	175	360	530
Physical Sciences	225	275	505	95	50	145	320	330	650	665	720	1,385	220	135	360	885	855	1,740
Mathematical Sciences	345	130	475	455	435	890	800	565	1,365	630	325	955	640	580	1,220	1,265	910	2,175
Computer Science	820	285	1,105	150	130	280	970	415	1,385	2,315	840	3,155	490	330	820	2,805	1,170	3,975
Engineering & Technology	905	165	1,075	690	80	770	1,600	245	1,845	2,265	440	2,705	1,315	170	1,485	3,585	605	4,190
Architecture, Building & Planning	560	210	770	295	80	370	855	290	1,145	1,230	440	1,675	540	135	670	1,770	575	2,345
Social studies	465	1,015	1,480	465	1,445	1,910	925	2,460	3,390	1,060	2,400	3,465	885	2,545	3,430	1,950	4,945	6,895
Law	215	390	605	70	85	155	285	475	760	515	875	1,390	175	225	400	695	1,100	1,795
Business & Administrative Studies	980	1,545	2,525	1,350	2,550	3,900	2,330	4,095	6,425	2,185	3,615	5,805	2,330	4,425	6,755	4,515	8,040	12,560
Mass Communications and Documentation	170	225	400	20	45	65	195	270	465	325	495	815	60	70	130	380	565	945
Languages	220	495	715	595	1,000	1,595	815	1,495	2,310	495	1,270	1,765	755	1,235	1,990	1,250	2,510	3,755
Historical and Philosophical Studies	245	230	470	230	220	450	475	450	925	630	690	1,320	410	380	790	1,040	1,070	2,110
Creative Arts & Design	340	575	920	180	405	585	520	985	1,505	750	1,225	1,975	250	565	815	1,000	1,790	2,790
Education	215	795	1,010	385	940	1,320	600	1,735	2,335	425	1,830	2,255	690	1,645	2,335	1,115	3,475	4,590
Combined	0	5	5	80	200	280	80	205	285	0	5	10	125	350	475	125	360	485
Total	6,405	8,705	15,110	5,605	10,780	16,385	12,005	19,490	31,495	15,640	22,030	37,665	10,010	17,990	28,005	25,650	40,020	65,670

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Due to changes in 2002/03 to the way in which students are apportioned and assigned to subject areas care should be taken when comparing subject areas pre and post 2002/03 (see notes to readers).

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COMPARISON OF YEARS 2000/01 TO 2003/04

Table 10: First year enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by level of study, mode of study and domicile, 2000/01 to 2003/04⁽¹⁾

Level and Year	Full-time						Part-time						Total						
	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	
First Degree																			
2000/01	7,440	85	440	25	125	8,120	1,675	0	80	0	0	1,755	9,110	90	520	30	130	9,875	
2001/02	8,000	105	475	15	140	8,735	1,735	0	105	0	5	1,845	9,735	105	580	15	145	10,575	
2002/03	8,575	95	480	30	190	9,375	1,660	5	95	0	0	1,765	10,235	100	580	30	190	11,140	
2003/04	9,030	90	545	40	155	9,855	1,785	0	135	0	0	1,920	10,815	90	680	40	155	11,775	
Other Undergraduate																			
2000/01	3,250	5	215	10	90	3,570	9,690	100	515	40	80	10,430	12,945	105	730	50	170	14,000	
2001/02	3,310	5	205	10	65	3,595	10,760	80	530	25	95	11,485	14,070	80	735	35	160	15,080	
2002/03	3,155	5	235	15	25	3,435	9,985	45	530	85	60	10,705	13,140	50	765	100	85	14,140	
2003/04	2,585	0	215	15	30	2,845	10,920	35	495	25	85	11,565	13,505	40	710	40	115	14,410	
All Undergraduate																			
2000/01	10,690	90	655	35	220	11,690	11,365	100	595	40	80	12,185	22,055	190	1,250	75	300	23,875	
2001/02	11,315	105	680	20	210	12,330	12,490	80	635	25	100	13,330	23,805	185	1,315	45	305	25,660	
2002/03	11,730	100	715	45	215	12,810	11,645	50	625	85	60	12,470	23,375	150	1,340	135	280	25,280	
2003/04	11,615	90	760	55	180	12,700	12,705	35	630	25	85	13,485	24,320	125	1,390	80	265	26,185	
Postgraduate																			
2000/01	1,825	45	355	80	305	2,615	2,095	160	195	20	95	2,565	3,920	205	555	100	400	5,185	
2001/02	1,760	50	320	75	315	2,520	1,915	175	315	15	75	2,495	3,675	225	635	95	385	5,015	
2002/03	1,650	50	300	85	325	2,410	2,035	205	300	20	55	2,610	3,685	255	600	105	380	5,025	
2003/04	1,670	35	310	75	325	2,410	2,200	235	340	35	85	2,900	3,870	270	650	115	410	5,310	
Total																			
2000/01	12,515	135	1,010	120	525	14,305	13,460	260	790	60	175	14,750	25,975	395	1,805	180	705	29,055	
2001/02	13,070	155	1,000	100	520	14,850	14,405	255	950	40	170	15,825	27,480	410	1,950	140	695	30,670	
2002/03	13,380	150	1,015	135	540	15,225	13,680	250	925	105	115	15,080	27,060	405	1,945	235	660	30,300	
2003/04	13,280	125	1,070	130	505	15,110	14,905	275	970	65	170	16,385	28,185	400	2,040	195	675	31,495	

Footnotes

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Table 11: Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by level of study, mode of study and domicile, 2000/01 to 2003/04⁽¹⁾

Level and Year	Full-time						Part-time						Total						
	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	
First Degree																			
2000/01	21,430	240	1,560	75	305	23,610	4,600	5	210	0	5	4,825	26,035	245	1,770	80	310	28,435	
2001/02	22,725	250	1,420	40	330	24,760	4,910	5	245	20	20	5,200	27,635	255	1,665	60	350	29,960	
2002/03	24,650	265	1,465	55	395	26,830	4,820	10	225	0	20	5,080	29,475	275	1,690	55	415	31,910	
2003/04	26,235	260	1,570	80	425	28,570	5,100	5	260	5	15	5,385	31,335	265	1,825	85	440	33,955	
Other Undergraduate																			
2000/01	5,945	5	410	10	95	6,465	14,280	120	700	50	90	15,240	20,230	125	1,110	60	185	21,705	
2001/02	5,950	10	395	15	70	6,435	14,055	80	635	25	95	14,890	20,000	90	1,030	40	165	21,325	
2002/03	5,605	5	400	15	25	6,055	13,320	50	640	85	65	14,160	18,925	55	1,045	105	90	20,215	
2003/04	4,625	5	350	15	30	5,020	14,165	40	605	25	85	14,925	18,790	45	955	40	115	19,945	
All Undergraduate																			
2000/01	27,380	245	1,965	90	400	30,075	18,885	125	910	50	100	20,065	46,260	370	2,875	140	495	50,145	
2001/02	28,675	255	1,815	50	400	31,195	18,965	85	880	45	115	20,090	47,640	345	2,695	95	515	51,285	
2002/03	30,260	270	1,865	70	420	32,885	18,140	60	865	85	85	19,240	48,400	330	2,730	160	505	52,125	
2003/04	30,860	265	1,915	95	450	33,590	19,270	45	865	30	100	20,310	50,125	310	2,780	130	555	53,900	
Postgraduate																			
2000/01	2,840	90	590	150	500	4,165	5,445	425	595	80	270	6,815	8,285	515	1,185	230	765	10,980	
2001/02	2,860	90	560	135	540	4,190	5,565	485	810	85	305	7,250	8,420	575	1,370	220	845	11,435	
2002/03	2,810	85	545	150	600	4,195	5,620	550	870	90	375	7,500	8,425	635	1,420	240	975	11,695	
2003/04	2,730	75	545	145	575	4,075	5,540	630	995	110	425	7,695	8,270	705	1,540	255	1,000	11,770	
Total																			
2000/01	30,220	335	2,555	235	895	34,240	24,325	550	1,505	135	365	26,880	54,545	885	4,060	370	1,260	61,125	
2001/02	31,535	350	2,375	185	940	35,385	24,525	570	1,685	130	425	27,340	56,060	920	4,065	320	1,360	62,725	
2002/03	33,065	355	2,410	225	1,020	37,080	23,760	610	1,740	175	460	26,740	56,825	965	4,150	400	1,480	63,820	
2003/04	33,590	340	2,460	245	1,030	37,665	24,805	675	1,855	140	525	28,005	58,395	1,015	4,320	385	1,555	65,670	

Footnotes

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Table 12: Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by institution, sector, level of study and mode of study, 2000/01 to 2003/04⁽¹⁾

NI Institution and Year	First Degree			Other Undergraduate			All Undergraduate			Postgraduate			Total		
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Queen's University Belfast															
2000/01	10,195	1,490	11,680	1,450	4,460	5,910	11,645	5,945	17,590	2,010	2,645	4,655	13,655	8,590	22,245
2001/02	10,650	1,590	12,240	1,585	4,330	5,915	12,240	5,915	18,155	2,040	3,070	5,110	14,280	8,985	23,265
2002/03	11,160	1,385	12,545	1,240	3,970	5,210	12,400	5,355	17,755	1,965	3,255	5,215	14,365	8,610	22,975
2003/04	12,040	1,465	13,505	555	4,275	4,830	12,595	5,740	18,335	2,050	3,295	5,340	14,645	9,030	23,675
St. Mary's University College															
2000/01	735	5	740	0	70	70	735	75	810	10	150	160	745	225	970
2001/02	830	10	840	0	25	25	830	35	865	15	145	155	845	175	1,020
2002/03	930	20	950	0	10	10	930	25	960	15	160	175	950	185	1,135
2003/04	995	15	1,010	0	5	5	995	20	1,015	15	125	140	1,010	145	1,155
Stranmillis University College															
2000/01	790	220	1,010	0	50	50	790	270	1,055	35	130	165	825	395	1,220
2001/02	920	205	1,120	0	105	105	920	310	1,230	35	120	155	955	430	1,385
2002/03	955	180	1,140	0	60	60	955	240	1,200	40	150	190	995	395	1,390
2003/04	1,005	145	1,150	0	50	50	1,005	195	1,200	40	130	170	1,045	330	1,370
University of Ulster															
2000/01	11,705	2,310	14,015	1,365	1,690	3,055	13,070	4,000	17,065	2,105	3,730	5,840	15,175	7,730	22,905
2001/02	12,165	2,470	14,635	1,185	1,460	2,645	13,350	3,930	17,280	2,095	3,800	5,895	15,445	7,730	23,175
2002/03	13,650	2,335	15,990	1,360	1,670	3,030	15,010	4,010	19,020	2,175	3,865	6,035	17,185	7,870	25,055
2003/04	14,405	2,600	17,005	1,005	2,145	3,155	15,410	4,750	20,160	1,970	4,070	6,045	17,380	8,820	26,200
NI Further Education Colleges															
2000/01	195	805	995	3,650	8,975	12,625	3,840	9,780	13,620	0	160	160	3,840	9,940	13,780
2001/02	195	925	1,120	3,665	8,975	12,640	3,860	9,900	13,760	0	115	115	3,860	10,015	13,875
2002/03	130	1,155	1,285	3,460	8,450	11,910	3,585	9,605	13,195	0	75	75	3,585	9,680	13,265
2003/04	130	1,155	1,285	3,460	8,450	11,910	3,585	9,605	13,195	0	75	75	3,585	9,680	13,265
Total															
2000/01	23,610	4,825	28,435	6,465	15,240	21,705	30,075	20,065	50,145	4,165	6,815	10,980	34,240	26,880	61,125
2001/02	24,760	5,200	29,960	6,435	14,890	21,325	31,195	20,090	51,285	4,190	7,250	11,435	35,385	27,340	62,725
2002/03	26,830	5,080	31,910	6,055	14,160	20,215	32,885	19,240	52,125	4,195	7,500	11,695	37,080	26,740	63,820
2003/04	28,570	5,385	33,955	5,020	14,925	19,945	33,590	20,310	53,900	4,075	7,695	11,770	37,665	28,005	65,670

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on enrolments on HE courses at NI FE colleges in 2003/04 has been held at 2002/03 levels (see Notes to Readers).

Note: To prevent the identification of individuals, figures in the table are rounded to the nearest 5, with 0, 1, 2 rounded to 0. Due to rounding the sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown.