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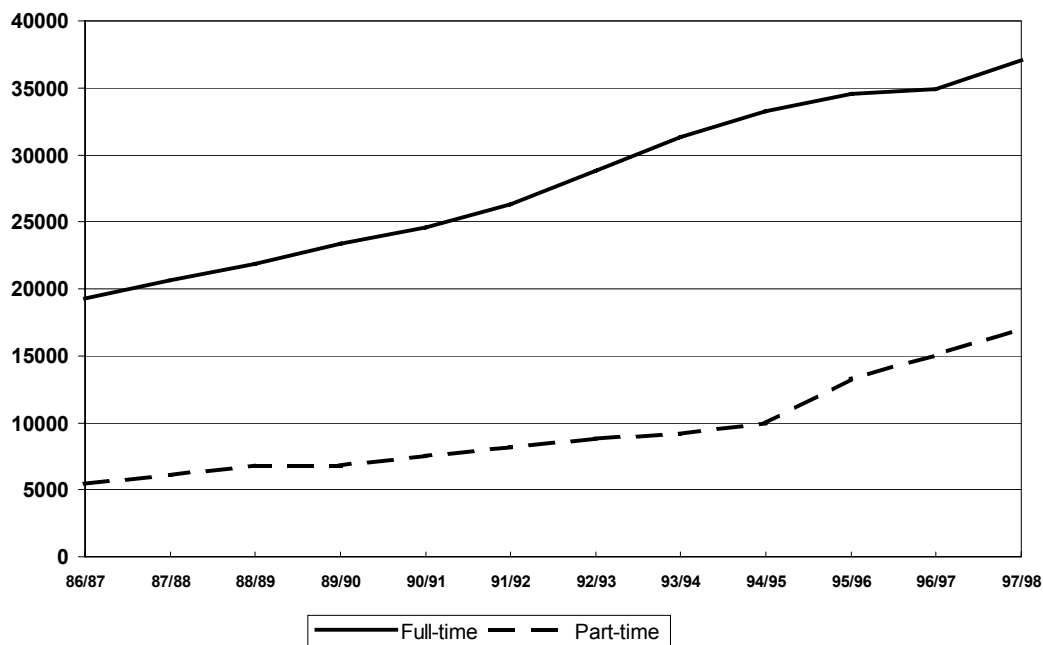
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Student Enrolments on Higher Education courses: Northern Ireland 1997/98 (provisional)

Introduction

This Press Release has been produced by the Department of Education Northern Ireland (DENI) using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) and the Department. It gives details of Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students on Higher Education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland (RoI) and details of all students on Higher Education courses in NI institutions for the academic year 1997/98.

NI domiciled undergraduate enrolments at UK and Republic of Ireland institutions



Note - The increase in full-time enrolments between 1996/97 and 1997/98 is partially due to the inclusion in 1997/98 of students on nursing courses. The increase in part-time enrolments between 1994/95 and 1997/98 is affected by mainstreaming of continuing education courses. (See Notes to Editors.)



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Key Points -

NI domiciled students at UK and RoI institutions

- The number of full-time undergraduate students from Northern Ireland on Higher Education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland (RoI), 37,028 in 1997/98, has risen sharply over the past decade - by 79%. The number of part-time undergraduates has also been rising steadily, and has increased threefold over the same period, though this is affected by mainstreaming of continuing education courses. (See Notes to Editors.)
- Total enrolments of NI domiciled students on Higher Education courses at UK and RoI institutions stood at 62,238 in 1997/98. NI domiciled undergraduate enrolments stood at 54,052 in 1997/98, and postgraduate enrolments were 8,186. There were 40,659 full-time and 21,579 part-time students.
- Full-time undergraduate enrolments increased by 6% between 1996/97 and 1997/98, though this is partly due to the inclusion of nursing students in the 1997/98 figures. Postgraduate enrolments decreased, by 9%.
- In 1997/98, females accounted for 56% of students from Northern Ireland: 57% of undergraduates and almost 52% of postgraduates.
- In 1997/98, 82% of first year full-time undergraduate students were aged under 21, whereas 89% of first year part-time undergraduate students (of known age) were aged 21 and over.
- Most students from Northern Ireland in 1997/98 were studying in the Province, but some 28% were located in Great Britain, and 2% in the Republic of Ireland. Among full-time undergraduates some 36% were studying outside Northern Ireland.
- The most popular subject areas for full-time undergraduates from the Province studying in the UK in 1997/98 were Business & Administrative studies (17%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (10%) and Engineering & Technology (7%).

Enrolments at NI institutions

- Total enrolments on Higher Education courses at NI institutions stood at 50,337 in 1997/98, of which 58% were female. Undergraduate enrolments at NI institutions stood at 42,489 in 1997/98, and postgraduate enrolments stood at 7,848. There were 31,449 full-time and 18,888 part-time students.
- Full-time undergraduate enrolments rose by 7% between 1996/97 and 1997/98, though this is partly due to the inclusion of nursing students in the 1997/98 figures. Postgraduate enrolments decreased by 9%.
- In 1997/98, some 87% of students on Higher Education courses at NI institutions were local, 9% were from the Republic of Ireland, and 1% were from Great Britain.
- In 1997/98, 79% of first year full-time undergraduates at NI institutions were aged under 21, and 9% were aged 25 and over, whereas of first year part-time undergraduate students 12%

were aged under 21, and 63% were aged 25 and over. 31% of first year full-time postgraduates were aged 25 and over, compared with 87% of first year part-time postgraduates.

- The most popular subject areas among full-time undergraduate students at NI institutions in 1997/98 were Business & Administrative Studies (16%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (12%) and Engineering & Technology (8%).

Tables

Table 1 shows the numbers of NI domiciled students on HE courses at HE and FE institutions in the UK and RoI by level of study, mode of study, location of study and sex for first year students and all students for 1997/98.

Table 2 gives details of NI domiciled students on HE courses at HE and FE institutions in the UK and RoI by level of study, mode of study, sex and age for first year students and all students for 1997/98.

Table 3 presents information on NI domiciled undergraduate enrolments at NI and GB universities, NI Colleges of Education and NI FE colleges by mode of study, sex and subject group for first year students and all undergraduates for 1997/98.

Table 4 shows enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by mode of study, level of study, domicile and sex for first year students and all students for 1997/98.

Table 5 presents information on enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by mode of study, level of study, sex and age for first year students and all students for 1997/98.

Table 6 presents information on undergraduate enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by mode of study, sex and subject group for first years and all students for 1997/98.

Annex 1 compares 1996/97 and 1997/98 information on NI domiciled students on Higher Education courses at UK and Republic of Ireland institutions and enrolments on Higher Education courses at NI institutions.

Notes to Editors

General

1. The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) is the official agency for the collection of information on publicly funded Higher Education 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 Higher Education statistics. Higher Education institutions include all publicly-funded universities (including the former polytechnics). HESA data do not include enrolments at FE colleges in NI or GB nor enrolments at institutions in the Republic of Ireland.
2. Information on enrolments at Republic of Ireland institutions has been obtained from scholarships and awards information provided by the five Northern Ireland Education and Library Boards (it should be noted that due to data extraction difficulties, an age split has been assumed for two of the Boards).
3. Data on Higher Education enrolments at Further Education colleges in Northern Ireland and Great Britain have been obtained from the various Education Departments (Figures for Scotland are provisional and figures for England and Wales have been held at 1996/97 levels as 1997/98 figures were not available at the time of going to press).
4. The academic year runs from 1 August to 31 July.

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5. Higher education is defined as a course leading to a qualification above A-level standard. This includes first degree and postgraduate study, BTEC Higher National Diploma and Certificate courses and a number of professional qualifications.
6. Figures for 1997/98 reported in this Press Release are counts of student enrolments as at 1 December 1997. (1996/97 figures are as at 1 December 1996.) Enrolments at FE Colleges are as at 1 November of the relevant year.
7. First year students are those who are on their first year of study on a programme. In some cases the students' first year of study may be the second or subsequent year of a programme.
8. Level of course is defined by qualification aim.
 - (i) Postgraduate courses are those leading to higher degrees, diplomas and certificates (including PGCE and professional qualifications) which usually require a first degree as an entry qualification.
 - (ii) First degrees include first degrees, first degrees with qualified teacher status, enhanced first degrees, first degrees obtained concurrently with a diploma and intercalated first degrees.
 - (iii) Other undergraduate includes all higher education courses not included above i.e. undergraduate diplomas and certificates.
9. Mode of attendance distinguishes students studying full- or part-time.

- (i) Full-time students include all students studying full-time (for more than 18 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, on block release, during evenings only, or full-time for less than 18 weeks.
 - (iii) Students writing up theses, on sabbatical, or dormant are not included in the figures.
10. Age is as at 31 August within the relevant academic year.
11. In the tables the Open University is treated as an English institution.
12. The figures in this Press Release are based on the HESA December 1997 dataset and are provisional.
13. Nurse education previously undertaken at Northern Ireland's six regional nursing colleges is now provided by Queen's University, Belfast. Accordingly, students on these courses are included in the 1997/98 figures for the first time.
14. Mainstreaming of continuing education courses The phased introduction of new funding arrangements for students (part-time undergraduates) on continuing education courses has now been completed. This means that some students have been included in the count for 1997/98 who would not have been included in previous years' counts.

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16. A more detailed set of tables for 1997/98 (comprising separate figures for universities, Northern Ireland colleges of education, and FE colleges) is available on request.

Table 1: Northern Ireland domiciled students on Higher Education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by mode of study, level of study, location of study and sex, 1997/98

			First Years						All Years					
			NI	England	Scotland	Wales	RoI	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	RoI	Total
First Degree	Full-time	Male	2758	1057	775	69	101	4760	8195	2760	2370	179	459	13963
		Female	3415	1133	839	71	187	5645	10165	3051	2803	202	789	17010
		Total	6173	2190	1614	140	288	10405	18360	5811	5173	381	1248	30973
	Part-time	Male	396	41	1	0	0	438	1352	139	21	3	0	1515
		Female	1079	97	3	2	0	1181	2613	307	19	12	0	2951
		Total	1475	138	4	2	0	1619	3965	446	40	15	0	4466
	All First Degree	Male	3154	1098	776	69	101	5198	9547	2899	2391	182	459	15478
		Female	4494	1230	842	73	187	6826	12778	3358	2822	214	789	19961
		Total	7648	2328	1618	142	288	12024	22325	6257	5213	396	1248	35439
Other Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	1011	122	65	9	4	1211	2003	225	101	11	10	2350
		Female	1994	117	76	8	6	2201	3311	221	147	9	17	3705
		Total	3005	239	141	17	10	3412	5314	446	248	20	27	6055
	Part-time	Male	2661	521	20	1	0	3203	3904	1565	20	2	0	5491
		Female	4136	471	3	2	0	4612	5748	1313	4	2	0	7067
		Total	6797	992	23	3	0	7815	9652	2878	24	4	0	12558
	All Other Undergraduate	Male	3672	643	85	10	4	4414	5907	1790	121	13	10	7841
		Female	6130	588	79	10	6	6813	9059	1534	151	11	17	10772
		Total	9802	1231	164	20	10	11227	14966	3324	272	24	27	18613
All Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	3769	1179	840	78	105	5971	10198	2985	2471	190	469	16313
		Female	5409	1250	915	79	193	7846	13476	3272	2950	211	806	20715
		Total	9178	2429	1755	157	298	13817	23674	6257	5421	401	1275	37028
	Part-time	Male	3057	562	21	1	0	3641	5256	1704	41	5	0	7006
		Female	5215	568	6	4	0	5793	8361	1620	23	14	0	10018
		Total	8272	1130	27	5	0	9434	13617	3324	64	19	0	17024
	All Undergraduate	Male	6826	1741	861	79	105	9612	15454	4689	2512	195	469	23319
		Female	10624	1818	921	83	193	13639	21837	4892	2973	225	806	30733
		Total	17450	3559	1782	162	298	23251	37291	9581	5485	420	1275	54052
Postgraduate	Full-time	Male	775	266	101	17	17	1176	1199	367	132	28	17	1743
		Female	865	341	124	28	18	1376	1258	422	151	38	19	1888
		Total	1640	607	225	45	35	2552	2457	789	283	66	36	3631
	Part-time	Male	812	123	20	6	0	961	1850	297	35	15	0	2197
		Female	991	94	27	6	0	1118	2091	194	58	15	0	2358
		Total	1803	217	47	12	0	2079	3941	491	93	30	0	4555
	All Postgraduate	Male	1587	389	121	23	17	2137	3049	664	167	43	17	3940
		Female	1856	435	151	34	18	2494	3349	616	209	53	19	4246
		Total	3443	824	272	57	35	4631	6398	1280	376	96	36	8186
All Students	Full-time	Male	4544	1445	941	95	122	7147	11397	3352	2603	218	486	18056
		Female	6274	1591	1039	107	211	9222	14734	3694	3101	249	825	22603
		Total	10818	3036	1980	202	333	16369	26131	7046	5704	467	1311	40659
	Part-time	Male	3869	685	41	7	0	4602	7106	2001	76	20	0	9203
		Female	6206	662	33	10	0	6911	10452	1814	81	29	0	12376
		Total	10075	1347	74	17	0	11513	17558	3815	157	49	0	21579
	All Students	Male	8413	2130	982	102	122	11749	18503	5353	2679	238	486	27259
		Female	12480	2253	1072	117	211	16133	25186	5508	3182	278	825	34979
		Total	20893	4383	2054	219	333	27882	43689	10861	5861	516	1311	62238

Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students on Higher Education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by level of study, mode of study, sex and age, 1997/98

		First Year Students									All Students								
		Full-time			Part-time			Full- & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full- & Part-time		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
First Degree	Under 21	3988	4911	8899	26	65	91	4014	4976	8990	8414	10922	19336	114	122	236	8528	11044	19572
	21and over	768	732	1500	411	1114	1525	1179	1846	3025	5545	6082	11627	1399	2827	4226	6944	8909	15853
	Unknown	4	2	6	1	2	3	5	4	9	4	6	10	2	2	4	6	8	14
	Total	4760	5645	10405	438	1181	1619	5198	6826	12024	13963	17010	30973	1515	2951	4466	15478	19961	35439
Other Undergraduate	Under 21	913	1561	2474	483	438	921	1396	1999	3395	1633	2492	4125	635	566	1201	2268	3058	5326
	21and over	293	635	928	2506	3806	6312	2799	4441	7240	711	1206	1917	4624	6100	10724	5335	7306	12641
	Unknown	5	5	10	214	368	582	219	373	592	6	7	13	232	401	633	238	408	646
	Total	1211	2201	3412	3203	4612	7815	4414	6813	11227	2350	3705	6055	5491	7067	12558	7841	10772	18613
All Undergraduate	Under 21	4901	6472	11373	509	503	1012	5410	6975	12385	10047	13414	23461	749	688	1437	10796	14102	24898
	21and over	1061	1367	2428	2917	4920	7837	3978	6287	10265	6256	7288	13544	6023	8927	14950	12279	16215	28494
	Unknown	9	7	16	215	370	585	224	377	601	10	13	23	234	403	637	244	416	660
	Total	5971	7846	13817	3641	5793	9434	9612	13639	23251	16313	20715	37028	7006	10018	17024	23319	30733	54052
Postgraduate	Under 21	2	5	7	8	1	9	10	6	16	3	5	8	8	2	10	11	7	18
	21and over	1173	1370	2543	949	1113	2062	2122	2483	4605	1739	1881	3620	2181	2349	4530	3920	4230	8150
	Unknown	1	1	2	4	4	8	5	5	10	1	2	3	8	7	15	9	9	18
	Total	1176	1376	2552	961	1118	2079	2137	2494	4631	1743	1888	3631	2197	2358	4555	3940	4246	8186
All Students	Under 21	4903	6477	11380	517	504	1021	5420	6981	12401	10050	13419	23469	757	690	1447	10807	14109	24916
	21and over	2234	2737	4971	3866	6033	9899	6100	8770	14870	7995	9169	17164	8204	11276	19480	16199	20445	36644
	Unknown	10	8	18	219	374	593	229	382	611	11	15	26	242	410	652	253	425	678
	Total	7147	9222	16369	4602	6911	11513	11749	16133	27882	18056	22603	40659	9203	12376	21579	27259	34979	62238

Table 3: Northern Ireland domiciled undergraduate students on Higher Education courses in the UK ⁽¹⁾ by mode of study, sex and subject group, 1997/98

	First Years						All years					
	FT Undergraduate			PT Undergraduate			FT Undergraduate			PT Undergraduate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Medicine & Dentistry	183	178	361	0	0	0	745	852	1597	5	3	8
Subjects Allied to Medicine	305	1371	1676	43	570	613	683	2866	3549	100	1216	1316
Biological Sciences	249	496	745	21	40	61	731	1401	2132	59	108	167
Veterinary Science	6	15	21	0	0	0	58	60	118	0	0	0
Agriculture & Related Subjects	67	91	158	12	10	22	209	188	397	33	29	62
Physical Sciences	268	229	497	27	12	39	783	720	1503	77	43	120
Mathematical Sciences	213	147	360	211	193	404	468	365	833	312	226	538
Computer Science	436	165	601	153	99	252	1193	337	1530	239	132	371
Engineering & Technology	732	136	868	430	16	446	2130	412	2542	799	22	821
Architecture, Building and Planning	484	121	605	173	5	178	1287	363	1650	369	22	391
Social, Economic and Political Studies	295	628	923	311	1138	1449	863	1651	2514	628	1848	2476
Law	170	187	357	5	10	15	462	633	1095	34	24	58
Business & Administrative Studies	927	1548	2475	1126	1994	3120	2275	3705	5980	1772	3064	4836
Librarianship & Information Science	110	143	253	5	41	46	316	367	683	19	56	75
Languages	147	325	472	194	308	502	404	1122	1526	326	516	842
Humanities	162	169	331	112	199	311	529	477	1006	178	298	476
Creative Arts & Design	311	435	746	66	145	211	705	946	1651	84	175	259
Education	144	441	585	50	138	188	467	1490	1957	56	162	218
Combined	608	785	1393	677	871	1548	1461	1889	3350	1891	2067	3958
Total	5817	7610	13427	3616	5789	9405	15769	19844	35613	6981	10011	16992

⁽¹⁾ This table excludes the 1,275 Northern Ireland domiciled undergraduate students on Higher Education courses in the Republic of Ireland; a subject breakdown for these students is not available. Also excluded are the 172 NI-domiciled undergraduate students at FE colleges in GB.

Table 4: Enrolments on Higher Education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by mode of study, level of study, domicile and sex, 1997/98

			First Years						All Years					
			NI	GB	Republic of Ireland	Other EC	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Republic of Ireland	Other EC	Other O'seas	Total
First degree	Full-time	Male	2758	36	255	20	46	3115	8195	160	994	47	187	9583
		Female	3415	48	391	28	46	3928	10165	199	1433	43	172	12012
		Total	6173	84	646	48	92	7043	18360	359	2427	90	359	21595
	Part-time	Male	396	0	21	0	1	418	1352	0	49	1	3	1405
		Female	1079	3	53	0	1	1136	2613	5	113	1	2	2734
		Total	1475	3	74	0	2	1554	3965	5	162	2	5	4139
	All First Degree	Male	3154	36	276	20	47	3533	9547	160	1043	48	190	10988
		Female	4494	51	444	28	47	5064	12778	204	1546	44	174	14746
		Total	7648	87	720	48	94	8597	22325	364	2589	92	364	25734
Other Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	1011	2	118	62	13	1206	2003	2	222	151	38	2416
		Female	1994	8	285	62	32	2381	3311	14	483	193	78	4079
		Total	3005	10	403	124	45	3587	5314	16	705	344	116	6495
	Part-time	Male	2661	0	52	64	69	2846	3904	0	79	67	77	4127
		Female	4136	4	169	97	56	4462	5748	4	214	104	63	6133
		Total	6797	4	221	161	125	7308	9652	4	293	171	140	10260
	All Other Undergraduate	Male	3672	2	170	126	82	4052	5907	2	301	218	115	6543
		Female	6130	12	454	159	88	6843	9059	18	697	297	141	10212
		Total	9802	14	624	285	170	10895	14966	20	998	515	256	16755
All Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	3769	38	373	82	59	4321	10198	162	1216	198	225	11999
		Female	5409	56	676	90	78	6309	13476	213	1916	236	250	16091
		Total	9178	94	1049	172	137	10630	23674	375	3132	434	475	28090
	Part-time	Male	3057	0	73	64	70	3264	5256	0	128	68	80	5532
		Female	5215	7	222	97	57	5598	8361	9	327	105	65	8867
		Total	8272	7	295	161	127	8862	13617	9	455	173	145	14399
	All Undergraduate	Male	6826	38	446	146	129	7585	15454	162	1344	266	305	17531
		Female	10624	63	898	187	135	11907	21837	222	2243	341	315	24958
		Total	17450	101	1344	333	264	19492	37291	384	3587	607	620	42489
Postgraduate	Full-time	Male	775	27	141	27	74	1044	1199	53	228	44	119	1643
		Female	865	22	209	26	59	1181	1258	45	298	37	78	1716
		Total	1640	49	350	53	133	2225	2457	98	526	81	197	3359
	Part-time	Male	812	30	57	3	8	910	1850	75	122	9	27	2083
		Female	991	55	78	5	9	1138	2091	113	169	10	23	2406
		Total	1803	85	135	8	17	2048	3941	188	291	19	50	4489
	All Postgraduate	Male	1587	57	198	30	82	1954	3049	128	350	53	146	3726
		Female	1856	77	287	31	68	2319	3349	158	467	47	101	4122
		Total	3443	134	485	61	150	4273	6398	286	817	100	247	7848
All Students	Full-Time	Male	4544	65	514	109	133	5365	11397	215	1444	242	344	13642
		Female	6274	78	885	116	137	7490	14734	258	2214	273	328	17807
		Total	10818	143	1399	225	270	12855	26131	473	3658	515	672	31449
	Part-Time	Male	3869	30	130	67	78	4174	7106	75	250	77	107	7615
		Female	6206	62	300	102	66	6736	10452	122	496	115	88	11273
		Total	10075	92	430	169	144	10910	17558	197	746	192	195	18888
	All Students	Male	8413	95	644	176	211	9539	18503	290	1694	319	451	21257
		Female	12480	140	1185	218	203	14226	25186	380	2710	388	416	29080
		Total	20893	235	1829	394	414	23765	43689	670	4404	707	867	50337

Table 5: Enrolments on Higher Education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by level of study, mode of study, sex and age 1997/98

		First years									All years								
		Full-time			Part-time			Full & part time			Full-time			Part-time			Full & part time		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
First degree	Under 21	2568	3301	5869	26	68	94	2594	3369	5963	5667	7560	13227	100	124	224	5767	7684	13451
	21 - 24	339	326	665	107	266	373	446	592	1038	2989	3469	6458	269	506	775	3258	3975	7233
	25 and over	207	299	506	284	799	1083	491	1098	1589	925	980	1905	1034	2101	3135	1959	3081	5040
	Unknown	1	2	3	1	3	4	2	5	7	2	3	5	2	3	5	4	6	10
	Total	3115	3928	7043	418	1136	1554	3533	5064	8597	9583	12012	21595	1405	2734	4139	10988	14746	25734
Other undergraduate	Under 21	882	1630	2512	489	454	943	1371	2084	3455	1625	2621	4246	639	571	1210	2264	3192	5456
	21 - 24	198	447	645	476	766	1242	674	1213	1887	555	1007	1562	703	1003	1706	1258	2010	3268
	25 and over	122	299	421	1661	2866	4527	1783	3165	4948	232	445	677	2546	4149	6695	2778	4594	7372
	Unknown	4	5	9	220	376	596	224	381	605	4	6	10	239	410	649	243	416	659
	Total	1206	2381	3587	2846	4462	7308	4052	6843	10895	2416	4079	6495	4127	6133	10260	6543	10212	16755
All undergraduate	Under 21	3450	4931	8381	515	522	1037	3965	5453	9418	7292	10181	17473	739	695	1434	8031	10876	18907
	21 - 24	537	773	1310	583	1032	1615	1120	1805	2925	3544	4476	8020	972	1509	2481	4516	5985	10501
	25 and over	329	598	927	1945	3665	5610	2274	4263	6537	1157	1425	2582	3580	6250	9830	4737	7675	12412
	Unknown	5	7	12	221	379	600	226	386	612	6	9	15	241	413	654	247	422	669
	Total	4321	6309	10630	3264	5598	8862	7585	11907	19492	11999	16091	28090	5532	8867	14399	17531	24958	42489
Postgraduate	Under 21	12	16	28	4	0	4	16	16	32	12	16	28	4	1	5	16	17	33
	21 - 24	689	826	1515	93	164	257	782	990	1772	955	1103	2058	158	263	421	1113	1366	2479
	25 and over	343	339	682	810	972	1782	1153	1311	2464	675	597	1272	1918	2139	4057	2593	2736	5329
	Unknown	0	0	0	3	2	5	3	2	5	1	0	1	3	3	6	4	3	7
	Total	1044	1181	2225	910	1138	2048	1954	2319	4273	1643	1716	3359	2083	2406	4489	3726	4122	7848
All students	Under 21	3462	4947	8409	519	522	1041	3981	5469	9450	7304	10197	17501	743	696	1439	8047	10893	18940
	21 - 24	1226	1599	2825	676	1196	1872	1902	2795	4697	4499	5579	10078	1130	1772	2902	5629	7351	12980
	25 and over	672	937	1609	2755	4637	7392	3427	5574	9001	1832	2022	3854	5498	8389	13887	7330	10411	17741
	Unknown	5	7	12	224	381	605	229	388	617	7	9	16	244	416	660	251	425	676
	Total	5365	7490	12855	4174	6736	10910	9539	14226	23765	13642	17807	31449	7615	11273	18888	21257	29080	50337

Table 6: Undergraduate enrolments on Higher Education courses at Northern Ireland institutions by mode of study, sex and subject group, 1997/98

	First Years						All Years					
	Full-time undergraduate			Part-time undergraduate			Full-time undergraduate			Part-time undergraduate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Medicine & Dentistry	112	126	238	0	0	0	482	526	1008	5	2	7
Subjects Allied to Medicine	238	1360	1598	28	503	531	562	2802	3364	58	976	1034
Biological Sciences	192	453	645	23	44	67	576	1361	1937	57	113	170
Veterinary Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture & Related Subjects	36	77	113	11	9	20	118	161	279	32	28	60
Physical Sciences	198	183	381	24	10	34	564	604	1168	71	42	113
Mathematical Sciences	210	152	362	217	204	421	441	356	797	320	240	560
Computer Science	346	149	495	156	108	264	1026	323	1349	237	141	378
Engineering & Technology	639	110	749	426	16	442	1924	331	2255	794	24	818
Architecture, Building & Planning	340	97	437	172	5	177	902	254	1156	367	23	390
Social, Economic & Political Studies	189	501	690	300	1204	1504	610	1298	1908	579	1915	2494
Law	83	96	179	5	8	13	227	316	543	32	21	53
Business & Administrative Studies	596	1204	1800	1144	2032	3176	1560	2931	4491	1799	3127	4926
Librarianship & Information Science	97	126	223	5	40	45	287	336	623	14	45	59
Languages	103	253	356	315	443	758	280	862	1142	464	666	1130
Humanities	143	132	275	120	210	330	453	364	817	187	313	500
Creative Arts & Design	221	387	608	72	156	228	509	813	1322	90	187	277
Education	80	279	359	49	137	186	318	1049	1367	53	158	211
Combined	498	624	1122	197	469	666	1160	1404	2564	373	846	1219
Total	4321	6309	10630	3264	5598	8862	11999	16091	28090	5532	8867	14399

ANNEX 1

Total enrolments and First Year students - NI domiciled students on HE courses at UK and RoI institutions and all students on HE courses at NI institutions, 1996/97 - 1997/98

NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK and RoI

	First Years		Total Enrolments	
	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98
FT undergraduate	12,270	13,817	34,940	37,028
PT undergraduate	7,114	9,434	15,079	17,024
FT postgraduate	2,234	2,552	3,382	3,631
PT postgraduate	2,981	2,079	5,650	4,555
Total	24,599	27,882	59,051	62,238

Enrolments on HE courses in NI institutions

	First Years		Total Enrolments	
	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98
FT undergraduate	9,127	10,630	26,164	28,090
PT undergraduate	6,222	8,862	12,626	14,399
FT postgraduate	2,018	2,225	3,258	3,359
PT postgraduate	2,890	2,048	5,330	4,489
Total	20,257	23,765	47,378	50,337

1. Figures for 1997/98 are provisional.
2. The mainstreaming of continuing education courses means that the part-time undergraduate figures for 1996/97 and 1997/98 are not comparable.
3. Full-time undergraduate enrolments in 1997/8 include, for the first time, nursing students at Queen's University, Belfast. There are 1,201 such students, of whom 974 are NI domiciled.