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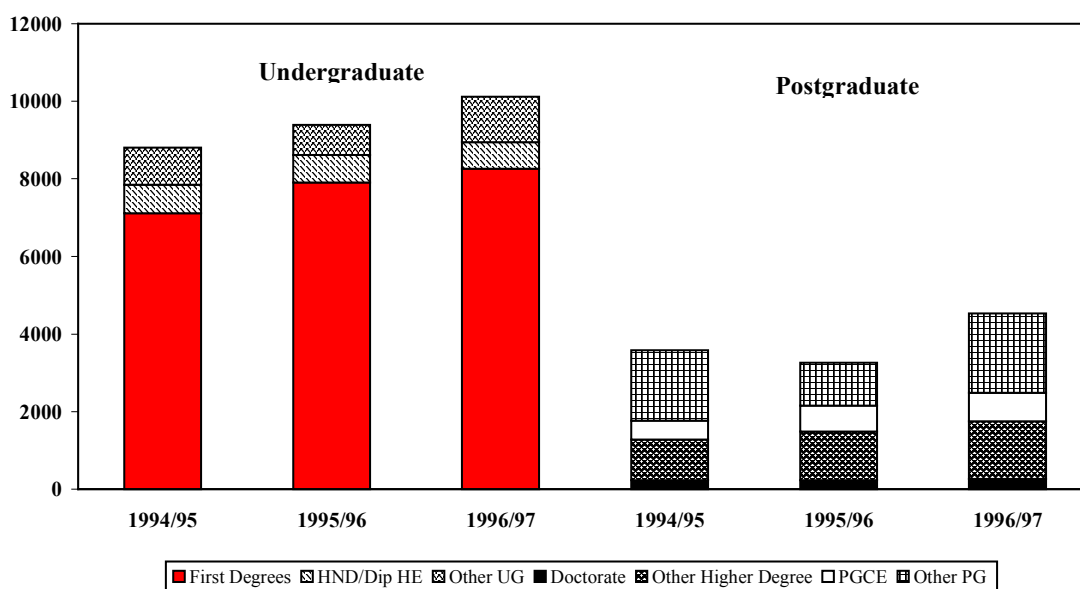
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Students gaining Higher Education qualifications: Northern Ireland 1996/97

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). It gives details of qualifications obtained by Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students on Higher Education courses at Higher Education institutions in the UK and details of all students on Higher Education courses at Higher Education institutions in NI for the academic year 1996/97.

NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education institutions



Note: In 1995/96, it appears that students receiving interim awards on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses were not recorded by the University of Ulster.



NI domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at UK HE institutions

- Between 1994/95 and 1996/97, the number of higher degrees awarded increased by 38%, other postgraduate awards (including PGCE) by 20%, first degrees by 11% and other undergraduate awards (including HND and Dip HE) by 26%.
- The number of NI domiciled students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees increased by 10% from 3,641 in 1994/95 to 4,012 in 1996/97.
- Between 1994/95 and 1996/97, NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications at NI HE institutions rose by 12% compared to an increase of 18% for those attending GB HE institutions. Over the same period, there was an increase of 20% in the numbers of NI domiciled students gaining postgraduate qualifications at NI HE institutions compared to an increase of 58% at GB HE institutions.
- In 1996/97, 18% of NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications and 67% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications gained their awards through part-time study¹.
- In 1996/97, 56% of NI domiciled students attaining undergraduate qualifications and 52% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female. Of those graduating with higher degrees, 55% were male.
- The most popular subjects for NI domiciled first degree graduates were Business and Administrative Studies (15%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (8%) and Social, Economic and Political Studies (8%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education (32%), Business and Administrative Studies (19%) and Social, Economic and Political Studies (7%).
- In 1996/97, 53% of female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 43% of male first degree graduates. Conversely, 16% of male first degree graduates attained pass or unclassified degrees compared to 10% of female graduates.
- A large proportion of NI domiciled first degree graduates in Veterinary Science (92%), Medicine and Dentistry (90%) (see Notes to Editors), Engineering and Technology (19%), Architecture, Building and Planning (16%) and Computer Science (15%) received pass or unclassified degrees. Conversely, over 99% of NI first degree graduates in Humanities, Languages and Education attained honours degrees.

¹ Writing up theses is classified as "part-time". See Notes to Editors.

Students gaining HE qualifications at NI HE institutions²

- Between 1994/95 and 1996/97, the number of higher degrees awarded at the NI Higher Education institutions increased by 34%, other postgraduate awards (including PGCE) by 10%, first degrees by 11% and other undergraduate awards (including HND and Dip HE) by 23%.
- The number of students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees grew by 11% from 3,077 in 1994/95 to 3,413 in 1996/97.
- In 1996/97, 19% of students at NI Higher Education institutions gaining undergraduate qualifications and 70% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications, gained their awards through part-time study¹.
- In 1996/97, 58% of students attaining undergraduate qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions and 53% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female. Of those graduating with higher degrees, 54% were male.
- The most popular subjects for first degree graduates from NI Higher Education institutions were Business and Administrative Studies (15%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (9%) and Social, Economic and Political Studies (9%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education (27%), Business and Administrative Studies (19%) and Computer Science (8%).
- In 1996/97, 59% of female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 48% of male first degree graduates. Conversely, 11% of male first degree graduates attained pass or unclassified degrees compared to 6% of female graduates.
- A large proportion of first degree graduates from NI Higher Education institutions in Medicine and Dentistry (98%) (see Notes to Editors), Engineering and Technology (18%), Architecture, Building and Planning (10%) and Social, Economic and Political Studies (8%) received pass or unclassified degrees. Conversely, all first degree qualifiers in Agriculture and related subjects, Law, Librarianship and Information Science and Education attained honours degrees.

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² Includes the NI universities and Colleges of Education only.

Tables

Table 1 shows, for 1997/98, the numbers of NI domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at HE institutions in the UK by qualifications obtained, mode of study, location of study and sex.

Table 2 gives, for 1997/98, details of NI domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at HE institutions in the UK by qualifications obtained, subject of study, and sex.

Table 3 presents information for 1997/98 on NI domiciled first degree graduates at NI and GB Higher Education institutions by degree classification, sex and subject group.

Table 4 shows, for 1997/98, HE qualifications at NI HE institutions by qualifications obtained, mode of study, domicile and sex.

Table 5 presents information for 1997/98 on qualifications attained on HE courses at NI HE institutions by qualifications obtained, subject of study and sex.

Table 6 presents information for 1997/98 on first degree graduates who were on HE courses at NI HE institutions by degree classification, sex and subject group.

Annex 1 compares 1994/95, 1995/96 and 1996/97 information on NI domiciled students attaining Higher Education qualifications at UK HE institutions and qualifications attained on Higher Education courses at NI HE institutions.

Notes to Editors

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. 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.
3. Figures for 1996/97 reported in this Press Release are counts of student enrolments associated with the award of an HE qualification during the period 1 August 1996 to 31 July 1997.
4. Level of course.
 - (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) Higher degrees include doctorates, masters degrees and higher bachelor degrees.
 - (iii) Other postgraduate includes postgraduate diplomas, certificates and professional qualifications, PGCE and institutional postgraduate credit.
 - (iv) 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.
 - (v) Other undergraduate includes all higher education courses not included above i.e. undergraduate diplomas and certificates.
5. Mode of attendance distinguishes students studying full-time or part-time and other.
 - (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. Students writing up theses or on sabbatical are included in the figures, in the 'Part-time and other' category.

6. Qualifications obtained have been aggregated to 19 broad subject areas. Depending on their academic content, qualifications have been assigned to the 19 subject areas according to the following rules:

(i) a qualification in a single subject is allocated to its area.

(ii) if a combination of two subjects lies within one area, the qualification is allocated to that area.

(iii) if a combination of two subjects lies within more than one area, with a major or minor split, the qualification is allocated to the area relating to the major part of the study.

(iv) if a combination of two subjects lies within more than one area, with an equal split, the qualification is allocated to the Combined area.

(v) all subject combinations (major or minor) containing Initial Teacher Training (ITT) are included in the Education subject area.

7. Certain qualifications obtained at first degree level are not subject to classification of award, notably medical and general degrees. These, together with ordinary and Aegrotat classifications (whether to honours or pass) have been included within the unclassified category. Third and fourth class honours have been grouped together. Lower second and undivided second class honours have also been aggregated.

8. In the tables the Open University is treated as an English institution.

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Table 1: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher education institutions by qualification obtained, location of study, mode of study and sex 1996/7

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate					Total	
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All	First Degree	Other Undergraduate			All	
			Other Higher			PGCE	Other PG	All			HND/Dip HE	Other UG	All		
			Doctorate	Degrees	All										
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	15	147	162	56	227	283	445	2011	220	73	293	2304	2749
		Female	10	134	144	119	239	358	502	2632	213	110	323	2955	3457
		Total	25	281	306	175	466	641	947	4643	433	183	616	5259	6206
	Part-time & other	Male	110	484	594	48	591	639	1233	251	3	204	207	458	1691
		Female	72	416	488	146	729	875	1363	396	13	499	512	908	2271
		Total	182	900	1082	194	1320	1514	2596	647	16	703	719	1366	3962
	Total	Male	125	631	756	104	818	922	1678	2262	223	277	500	2762	4440
		Female	82	550	632	265	968	1233	1865	3028	226	609	835	3863	5728
		Total	207	1181	1388	369	1786	2155	3543	5290	449	886	1335	6625	10168
England	Full-time	Male	2	49	51	98	27	125	176	704	50	21	71	775	951
		Female	2	35	37	168	25	193	230	757	67	14	81	838	1068
		Total	4	84	88	266	52	318	406	1461	117	35	152	1613	2019
	Part-time & other	Male	27	72	99	9	98	107	206	157	2	61	63	220	426
		Female	17	63	80	27	67	94	174	138	1	67	68	206	380
		Total	44	135	179	36	165	201	380	295	3	128	131	426	806
	Total	Male	29	121	150	107	125	232	382	861	52	82	134	995	1377
		Female	19	98	117	195	92	287	404	895	68	81	149	1044	1448
		Total	48	219	267	302	217	519	786	1756	120	163	283	2039	2825
Scotland	Full-time	Male	0	21	21	12	11	23	44	501	60	53	113	614	658
		Female	2	24	26	27	13	40	66	552	46	59	105	657	723
		Total	2	45	47	39	24	63	110	1053	106	112	218	1271	1381
	Part-time & other	Male	6	15	21	0	14	14	35	0	0	0	0	35	35
		Female	4	12	16	0	8	8	24	5	1	1	2	7	31
		Total	10	27	37	0	22	22	59	5	1	1	2	7	66
	Total	Male	6	36	42	12	25	37	79	501	60	53	113	614	693
		Female	6	36	42	27	21	48	90	557	47	60	107	664	754
		Total	12	72	84	39	46	85	169	1058	107	113	220	1278	1447
Wales	Full-time	Male	0	3	3	8	1	9	12	77	7	2	9	86	98
		Female	0	0	0	17	0	17	17	85	3	1	4	89	106
		Total	0	3	3	25	1	26	29	162	10	3	13	175	204
	Part-time & other	Male	0	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	5
		Female	0	2	2	0	2	2	4	0	0	1	1	5	5
		Total	0	7	7	0	2	2	9	0	0	1	1	10	10
	Total	Male	0	8	8	8	1	9	17	77	7	2	9	86	103
		Female	0	2	2	17	2	19	21	85	3	2	5	90	111
		Total	0	10	10	25	3	28	38	162	10	4	14	176	214
All Students	Full-time	Male	17	220	237	174	266	440	677	3293	337	149	486	3779	4456
		Female	14	193	207	331	277	608	815	4026	329	184	513	4539	5354
		Total	31	413	444	505	543	1048	1492	7319	666	333	999	8318	9810
	Part-time & other	Male	143	576	719	57	703	760	1479	408	5	265	270	678	2157
		Female	93	493	586	173	806	979	1565	539	15	568	583	1122	2687
		Total	236	1069	1305	230	1509	1739	3044	947	20	833	853	1800	4844
	Total	Male	160	796	956	231	969	1200	2156	3701	342	414	756	4457	6613
		Female	107	686	793	504	1083	1587	2380	4565	344	752	1096	5661	8041
		Total	267	1482	1749	735	2052	2787	4536	8266	686	1166	1852	10118	14654

Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject of study and sex 1996/7

		Medicine & Dentistry	Subjects allied to Medicine	Biological Sciences	Veterinary Science	Agriculture & Related Subjects	Physical Sciences	Mathematical Sciences	Computer Science	Engineering & Technology	Architecture, Building & Planning	Social, Economic & Political Studies	Law	Business & Administrative Studies	Librarianship & Information Science	Languages	Humanities	Creative Arts & Design	Education	Combined	Total
Doctorate	Male	24	4	17	4	3	25	10	7	30	1	8	0	4	0	7	10	2	2	2	160
	Female	14	15	27	0	4	12	1	0	7	1	5	0	1	0	10	6	2	2	0	107
	Total	38	19	44	4	7	37	11	7	37	2	13	0	5	0	17	16	4	4	2	267
Other Higher Degrees	Male	9	19	27	1	7	33	2	96	97	13	41	16	193	12	34	27	17	93	59	796
	Female	9	48	38	0	11	14	4	45	18	9	86	15	119	16	48	10	21	121	54	686
	Total	18	67	65	1	18	47	6	141	115	22	127	31	312	28	82	37	38	214	113	1482
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	229	0	231
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	503	0	504
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	732	0	735
Other Postgraduate	Male	12	19	9	1	8	7	0	88	38	72	58	60	305	13	27	4	10	151	87	969
	Female	19	46	10	0	2	15	2	45	4	34	120	80	219	8	46	12	22	336	63	1083
	Total	31	65	19	1	10	22	2	133	42	106	178	140	524	21	73	16	32	487	150	2052
All Postgraduate	Male	45	42	53	6	18	65	12	192	165	86	108	76	502	25	68	41	29	475	148	2156
	Female	42	109	75	0	17	41	7	90	29	44	211	95	339	24	104	28	46	962	117	2380
	Total	87	151	128	6	35	106	19	282	194	130	319	171	841	49	172	69	75	1437	265	4536
First Degree	Male	144	145	198	13	51	242	46	202	475	303	248	126	509	71	89	153	139	121	426	3701
	Female	144	544	383	13	36	194	56	76	78	87	420	150	750	90	313	166	205	387	473	4565
	Total	288	689	581	26	87	436	102	278	553	390	668	276	1259	161	402	319	344	508	899	8266
HND/DipHE	Male	0	6	19	0	11	4	3	76	50	28	26	0	96	0	0	0	9	7	7	342
	Female	0	31	32	0	7	9	6	30	9	6	55	1	144	0	1	0	11	0	2	344
	Total	0	37	51	0	18	13	9	106	59	34	81	1	240	0	1	0	20	7	9	686
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	4	10	0	1	2	3	29	12	10	71	14	85	0	3	22	40	0	108	414
	Female	0	53	15	0	0	2	0	41	1	3	259	17	76	0	14	20	79	0	172	752
	Total	0	57	25	0	1	4	3	70	13	13	330	31	161	0	17	42	119	0	280	1166
All Undergraduate	Male	144	155	227	13	63	248	52	307	537	341	345	140	690	71	92	175	188	128	541	4457
	Female	144	628	430	13	43	205	62	147	88	96	734	168	970	90	328	186	295	387	647	5661
	Total	288	783	657	26	106	453	114	454	625	437	1079	308	1660	161	420	361	483	515	1188	10118
Total	Male	189	197	280	19	81	313	64	499	702	427	453	216	1192	96	160	216	217	603	689	6613
	Female	186	737	505	13	60	246	69	237	117	140	945	263	1309	114	432	214	341	1349	764	8041
	Total	375	934	785	32	141	559	133	736	819	567	1398	479	2501	210	592	430	558	1952	1453	14654

Table 3: NI domiciled students gaining First Degrees at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by subject, degree classification and sex 1996/9

		Degree Classification						Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper Division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass	Unclassified	
Medicine & Dentistry	Male	1	9	3	2	81	48	144
	Female	2	7	3	1	79	52	144
	Total	3	16	6	3	160	100	288
Subjects allied to Medicine	Male	15	66	55	5	1	3	145
	Female	56	303	157	15	3	10	544
	Total	71	369	212	20	4	13	689
Biological Sciences	Male	18	102	65	8	3	2	198
	Female	31	211	123	6	10	2	383
	Total	49	313	188	14	13	4	581
Veterinary Science	Male	0	0	0	0	4	9	13
	Female	0	1	1	0	4	7	13
	Total	0	1	1	0	8	16	26
Agriculture & Related Subjects	Male	1	26	19	4	0	1	51
	Female	2	16	14	1	2	1	36
	Total	3	42	33	5	2	2	87
Physical Sciences	Male	19	68	103	22	25	5	242
	Female	18	71	83	16	5	1	194
	Total	37	139	186	38	30	6	436
Mathematical Sciences	Male	11	9	14	9	2	1	46
	Female	7	18	20	9	0	2	56
	Total	18	27	34	18	2	3	102
Computer Science	Male	27	57	63	24	24	7	202
	Female	9	23	25	8	7	4	76
	Total	36	80	88	32	31	11	278
Engineering & Technology	Male	27	147	160	51	62	28	475
	Female	2	36	18	8	6	8	78
	Total	29	183	178	59	68	36	553
Architecture, Building and Planning	Male	10	99	119	18	40	17	303
	Female	6	27	45	4	2	3	87
	Total	16	126	164	22	42	20	390
Social, Economic & Political Studies	Male	5	106	111	2	18	6	248
	Female	9	208	162	9	18	14	420
	Total	14	314	273	11	36	20	668
Law	Male	4	66	49	5	2	0	126
	Female	5	96	44	4	0	1	150
	Total	9	162	93	9	2	1	276
Business & Administrative Studies	Male	25	219	176	34	42	13	509
	Female	34	339	263	22	48	44	750
	Total	59	558	439	56	90	57	1259
Librarianship & Information Science	Male	4	31	35	1	0	0	71
	Female	4	58	24	1	0	3	90
	Total	8	89	59	2	0	3	161
Languages	Male	8	50	25	5	0	1	89
	Female	25	155	120	10	2	1	313
	Total	33	205	145	15	2	2	402
Humanities	Male	9	82	53	8	1	0	153
	Female	7	76	80	3	0	0	166
	Total	16	158	133	11	1	0	319
Creative Arts & Design	Male	18	50	51	14	1	5	139
	Female	9	78	99	16	0	3	205
	Total	27	128	150	30	1	8	344
Education	Male	8	43	60	7	1	2	121
	Female	33	222	120	10	1	1	387
	Total	41	265	180	17	2	3	508
Combined	Male	19	142	105	22	14	124	426
	Female	22	185	130	17	22	97	473
	Total	41	327	235	39	36	221	899
All First Degrees	Male	229	1372	1266	241	321	272	3701
	Female	281	2130	1531	160	209	254	4565
	Total	510	3502	2797	401	530	526	8266

Table 4: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher education institutions by qualification obtained, domicile, mode of study and sex 1996/7

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate					
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All	First Degree	Other Undergraduate			All
			Doctorate	Other		PGCE	Other PG				HE	HND/Dip		
				Higher	All		Other PG	All	Other UG	All				
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	15	147	162	56	227	283	445	2011	220	73	293	2304
		Female	10	134	144	119	239	358	502	2632	213	110	323	2955
		Total	25	281	306	175	466	641	947	4643	433	183	616	5259
	Part-time & other	Male	110	484	594	48	591	639	1233	251	3	204	207	458
		Female	72	416	488	146	729	875	1363	396	13	499	512	908
		Total	182	900	1082	194	1320	1514	2596	647	16	703	719	1366
	Total	Male	125	631	756	104	818	922	1678	2262	223	277	500	2762
		Female	82	550	632	265	968	1233	1865	3028	226	609	835	3863
		Total	207	1181	1388	369	1786	2155	3543	5290	449	886	1335	6625
Great Britain	Full-time	Male	1	7	8	1	6	7	15	44	2	0	2	46
		Female	0	9	9	1	11	12	21	60	1	0	1	61
		Total	1	16	17	2	17	19	36	104	3	0	3	107
	Part-time & other	Male	6	11	17	2	13	15	32	1	0	0	0	1
		Female	6	23	29	4	30	34	63	4	0	1	1	5
		Total	12	34	46	6	43	49	95	5	0	1	1	6
	Total	Male	7	18	25	3	19	22	47	45	2	0	2	47
		Female	6	32	38	5	41	46	84	64	1	1	2	66
		Total	13	50	63	8	60	68	131	109	3	1	4	113
Republic of Ireland	Full-time	Male	2	56	58	3	30	33	91	284	32	11	43	327
		Female	2	47	49	6	60	66	115	389	20	12	32	421
		Total	4	103	107	9	90	99	206	673	52	23	75	748
	Part-time & other	Male	12	79	91	0	18	18	109	13	0	1	1	14
		Female	14	71	85	1	34	35	120	29	1	20	21	50
		Total	26	150	176	1	52	53	229	42	1	21	22	64
	Total	Male	14	135	149	3	48	51	200	297	32	12	44	341
		Female	16	118	134	7	94	101	235	418	21	32	53	471
		Total	30	253	283	10	142	152	435	715	53	44	97	812
Other EU	Full-time	Male	2	3	5	0	5	5	10	20	3	1	4	24
		Female	2	5	7	0	3	3	10	12	4	1	5	17
		Total	4	8	12	0	8	8	20	32	7	2	9	41
	Part-time & other	Male	3	6	9	0	2	2	11	0	0	0	0	0
		Female	1	1	2	2	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	4	7	11	2	3	5	16	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Male	5	9	14	0	7	7	21	20	3	1	4	24
		Female	3	6	9	2	4	6	15	12	4	1	5	17
		Total	8	15	23	2	11	13	36	32	7	2	9	41
Other Overseas	Full-time	Male	5	30	35	1	6	7	42	76	0	2	2	78
		Female	2	13	15	1	6	7	22	58	0	3	3	61
		Total	7	43	50	2	12	14	64	134	0	5	5	139
	Part-time & other	Male	14	9	23	0	0	0	23	2	0	1	1	3
		Female	4	10	14	0	2	2	16	1	0	0	0	1
		Total	18	19	37	0	2	2	39	3	0	1	1	4
	Total	Male	19	39	58	1	6	7	65	78	0	3	3	81
		Female	6	23	29	1	8	9	38	59	0	3	3	62
		Total	25	62	87	2	14	16	103	137	0	6	6	143
All Students	Full-time	Male	25	243	268	61	274	335	603	2435	257	87	344	2779
		Female	16	208	224	127	319	446	670	3151	238	126	364	3515
		Total	41	451	492	188	593	781	1273	5586	495	213	708	6294
	Part-time & other	Male	145	589	734	50	624	674	1408	267	3	206	209	476
		Female	97	521	618	153	796	949	1567	430	14	520	534	964
		Total	242	1110	1352	203	1420	1623	2975	697	17	726	743	1440
	Total	Male	170	832	1002	111	898	1009	2011	2702	260	293	553	3255
		Female	113	729	842	280	1115	1395	2237	3581	252	646	898	4479
		Total	283	1561	1844	391	2013	2404	4248	6283	512	939	1451	7734

Table 5: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject of study and sex 1996/7

		Medicine & Dentistry	Subjects allied to Medicine	Biological Sciences	Veterinary Science	Agriculture & Related Subjects	Physical Sciences	Mathematical Sciences	Computer Science	Engineering & Technology	Architecture, Building & Planning	Social, Economic & Political Studies	Law	Business & Administrative Studies	Librarianship & Information Science	Languages	Humanities	Creative Arts & Design	Education	Combined
Doctorate	Male	27	3	16	3	4	29	11	7	36	2	8	0	4	0	7	8	2	2	1
	Female	16	16	31	0	5	11	1	0	7	1	4	0	1	0	7	5	5	3	0
	Total	43	19	47	3	9	40	12	7	43	3	12	0	5	0	14	13	7	5	1
Other Higher Degrees	Male	8	31	35	1	7	34	2	119	122	7	36	17	192	11	37	24	17	107	25
	Female	8	68	66	0	11	13	2	50	16	9	92	24	120	17	60	12	19	124	18
	Total	16	99	101	1	18	47	4	169	138	16	128	41	312	28	97	36	36	231	43
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	280	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	391	0
Other Postgraduate	Male	11	25	9	0	9	10	0	104	34	45	50	58	297	10	29	4	17	152	34
	Female	17	89	14	0	4	16	2	53	5	29	117	77	206	8	61	10	18	355	34
	Total	28	114	23	0	13	26	2	157	39	74	167	135	503	18	90	14	35	507	68
All Postgraduate	Male	46	59	60	4	20	73	13	230	192	54	94	75	493	21	73	36	36	372	60
	Female	41	173	111	0	20	40	5	103	28	39	213	101	327	25	128	27	42	762	52
	Total	87	232	171	4	40	113	18	333	220	93	307	176	820	46	201	63	78	1134	112
First Degree	Male	88	105	155	0	28	177	34	186	425	203	198	54	363	73	81	144	99	90	199
	Female	82	466	365	0	35	172	44	64	58	61	350	84	565	88	236	137	182	305	287
	Total	170	571	520	0	63	349	78	250	483	264	548	138	928	161	317	281	281	395	486
HND/DipHE	Male	0	2	15	0	0	7	3	62	41	16	21	0	67	0	0	0	6	0	20
	Female	0	15	25	0	0	8	8	25	6	1	44	0	110	0	0	2	6	0	2
	Total	0	17	40	0	0	15	11	87	47	17	65	0	177	0	0	2	12	0	22
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	33	10	0	68	8	53	0	2	23	43	0	47
	Female	0	47	4	0	0	1	0	45	1	0	258	6	41	0	15	20	85	0	123
	Total	0	51	5	0	0	2	0	78	11	0	326	14	94	0	17	43	128	0	170
All Undergraduate	Male	88	111	171	0	28	185	37	281	476	219	287	62	483	73	83	167	148	90	266
	Female	82	528	394	0	35	181	52	134	65	62	652	90	716	88	251	159	273	305	412
	Total	170	639	565	0	63	366	89	415	541	281	939	152	1199	161	334	326	421	395	678
Total	Male	134	170	231	4	48	258	50	511	668	273	381	137	976	94	156	203	184	462	326
	Female	123	701	505	0	55	221	57	237	93	101	865	191	1043	113	379	186	315	1067	464
	Total	257	871	736	4	103	479	107	748	761	374	1246	328	2019	207	535	389	499	1529	790

Table 6: Students gaining First Degrees at NI Higher Education Institutions by subject, degree classification and sex 1996/97

		Degree Classification						
		First class honours	Second class, upper Division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass	Unclassified	Total
Medicine & Dentistry	Male	0	0	0	2	81	5	88
	Female	0	0	0	1	74	7	82
	Total	0	0	0	3	155	12	170
Subjects allied to Medicine	Male	12	49	39	3	0	2	105
	Female	55	284	114	13	0	0	466
	Total	67	333	153	16	0	2	571
Biological Sciences	Male	17	80	51	6	1	0	155
	Female	31	213	118	3	0	0	365
	Total	48	293	169	9	1	0	520
Veterinary Science	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture & Related Subjects	Male	2	19	5	2	0	0	28
	Female	3	22	10	0	0	0	35
	Total	5	41	15	2	0	0	63
Physical Sciences	Male	14	51	75	20	15	2	177
	Female	18	61	74	13	6	0	172
	Total	32	112	149	33	21	2	349
Mathematical Sciences	Male	7	6	11	9	1	0	34
	Female	7	10	18	8	0	1	44
	Total	14	16	29	17	1	1	78
Computer Science	Male	27	59	55	23	20	2	186
	Female	10	18	21	7	8	0	64
	Total	37	77	76	30	28	2	250
Engineering & Technology	Male	35	135	140	37	59	19	425
	Female	4	21	17	5	6	5	58
	Total	39	156	157	42	65	24	483
Architecture, Building and Planning	Male	10	78	81	9	24	1	203
	Female	8	23	27	1	1	1	61
	Total	18	101	108	10	25	2	264
Social, Economic & Political Studies	Male	4	96	76	1	19	2	198
	Female	8	190	121	6	19	6	350
	Total	12	286	197	7	38	8	548
Law	Male	0	33	21	0	0	0	54
	Female	3	58	20	3	0	0	84
	Total	3	91	41	3	0	0	138
Business & Administrative Studies	Male	22	179	124	11	27	0	363
	Female	38	307	180	9	29	2	565
	Total	60	486	304	20	56	2	928
Librarianship & Information Science	Male	2	36	35	0	0	0	73
	Female	6	56	26	0	0	0	88
	Total	8	92	61	0	0	0	161
Languages	Male	7	47	22	4	0	1	81
	Female	14	119	93	9	0	1	236
	Total	21	166	115	13	0	2	317
Humanities	Male	6	73	55	9	1	0	144
	Female	6	63	65	3	0	0	137
	Total	12	136	120	12	1	0	281
Creative Arts & Design	Male	11	41	36	10	0	1	99
	Female	9	72	81	18	0	2	182
	Total	20	113	117	28	0	3	281
Education	Male	7	43	36	4	0	0	90
	Female	33	200	63	9	0	0	305
	Total	40	243	99	13	0	0	395
Combined	Male	10	84	72	8	9	16	199
	Female	13	128	81	7	20	38	287
	Total	23	212	153	15	29	54	486
All First Degrees	Male	193	1109	934	158	257	51	2702
	Female	266	1845	1129	115	163	63	3581
	Total	459	2954	2063	273	420	114	6283

Annex

Table A: NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK 1994/95 - 1996/97

	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97
Doctorate	233	236	267
Other Higher Degrees	1,037	1,249	1,482
PGCE	538	669	735
Other Postgraduate	1,776	1,104	2,052
All Postgraduate qualifications	3,584	3,258	4,536
First Degrees	7,426	7,902	8,266
<i>of which</i>			
<i>First</i>	477	488	510
<i>Upper Second</i>	3,164	3,393	3,502
<i>Lower Second</i>	2,555	2,685	2,797
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	299	284	401
<i>Pass</i>	485	613	443
<i>Unclassified</i>	446	439	613
HND/Dip HE	737	713	686
Other Undergraduate qualifications	728	779	1,166
All Undergraduate qualifications	8,891	9,394	10,118
Total	12,475	12,652	14,654

Table B: Students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in NI 1994/95 - 1996/97

	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97
Doctorate	244	256	283
Other Higher Degrees	1,132	1,349	1,561
PGCE	378	415	391
Other Postgraduate	1,799	972	2,013
All Postgraduate qualifications	3,553	2,992	4,248
First Degrees	5,673	6,051	6,283
<i>of which</i>			
<i>First</i>	430	429	459
<i>Upper Second</i>	2,647	2,803	2,954
<i>Lower Second</i>	1,874	1,996	2,063
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	152	159	273
<i>Pass</i>	421	611	420
<i>Unclassified</i>	149	53	114
HND/Dip HE	579	532	512
Other Undergraduate qualifications	605	568	939
All Undergraduate qualifications	6,857	7,151	7,734
Total	10,410	10,143	11,982

Note: In 1995/96, it appears that students receiving interim awards on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses were not recorded by the University of Ulster.

Table C: NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by location of study 1994/95 - 1996/97

		1994/95	1995/96	1996/97
NI	Doctorate	185	187	207
	Other Higher Degrees	815	990	1181
	PGCE	360	390	369
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	1596	871	1786
	All Postgraduate qualifications	2956	2438	3543
	First Degree	4838	5102	5290
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	1088	1031	1335
	All Undergraduate qualifications	5926	6133	6625
Total	8882	8571	10168	
England	Doctorate	37	36	48
	Other Higher Degrees	169	177	219
	PGCE	128	213	302
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	125	181	217
	All Postgraduate qualifications	459	607	786
	First Degree	1797	1801	1756
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	288	306	283
	All Undergraduate qualifications	2085	2107	2039
Total	2544	2714	2825	
Scotland	Doctorate	11	12	12
	Other Higher Degrees	48	70	72
	PGCE	37	43	39
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	50	45	46
	All Postgraduate qualifications	146	170	169
	First Degree	680	917	1058
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	72	145	220
	All Undergraduate qualifications	752	1062	1278
Total	898	1232	1447	
Wales	Doctorate	0	1	0
	Other Higher Degrees	5	12	10
	PGCE	13	23	25
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	5	7	3
	All Postgraduate qualifications	23	43	38
	First Degree	111	82	162
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	17	10	14
	All Undergraduate qualifications	128	92	176
Total	151	135	214	

Note: In 1995/96, it appears that students receiving interim awards on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses were not recorded by the University of Ulster.