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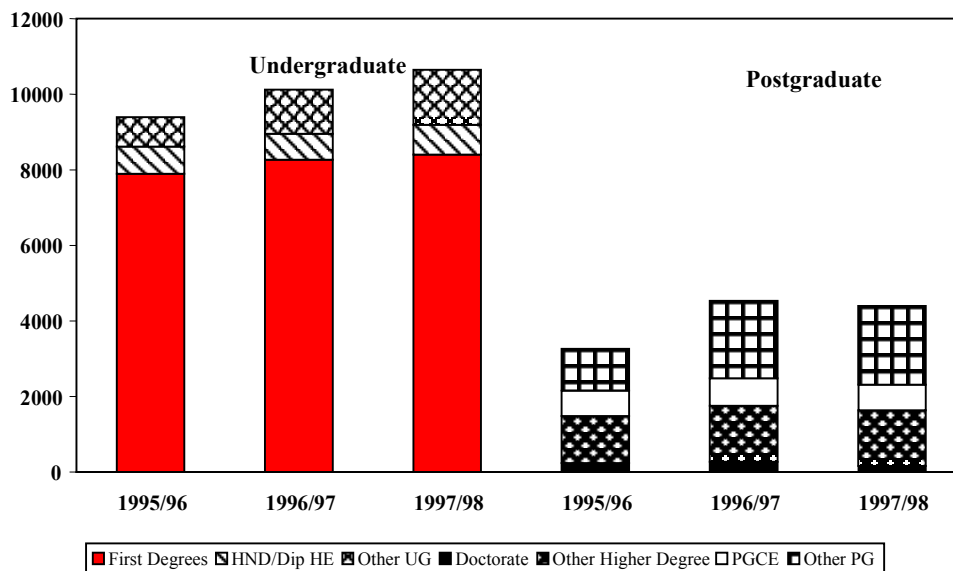
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## Students gaining Higher Education qualifications: Northern Ireland 1997/98

### 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 1997/98.

### 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.



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## **NI domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at UK HE institutions**

- Between 1995/96 and 1997/98, the number of higher degrees awarded increased by 10%, and first degrees by 6%, and other undergraduate awards (including HND and Dip HE) by 51%<sup>1</sup>.
- The number of NI domiciled students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees increased by 12% from 3,881 in 1995/96 to 4,348 in 1997/98.
- Between 1995/96 and 1997/98, NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications at NI HE institutions rose by 26% compared to an increase of 2% for those attending GB HE institutions. Over the same period, there was an increase of 10% in the numbers of NI domiciled students gaining postgraduate qualifications at GB HE institutions<sup>2</sup>.
- In 1997/98, 20% of NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications and 58% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications gained their awards through part-time study<sup>3</sup>.
- In 1997/98, 56% of NI domiciled students attaining undergraduate qualifications and 53% 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 (13%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (10%) and Social, Economic and Political Studies (9%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education (29%), Business and Administrative Studies (22%) and Computer Science (9%).
- In 1997/98, 56% of female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 47% of male first degree graduates. Conversely, 14% of male first degree graduates attained pass or unclassified degrees compared to 8% of female graduates.
- A large proportion of NI domiciled first degree graduates in Medicine and Dentistry (93%), Veterinary Science (91%) (see Notes to Editors), Engineering and Technology (20%), Architecture, Building and Planning (14%) and Computer Science (13%) received pass or unclassified degrees. Conversely, over 99% of NI first degree graduates in Law and Languages attained honours degrees.

<sup>1</sup> A valid comparison of the change over this period in the number of 'other postgraduate awards' is not possible since it appears that students receiving interim awards in 1995/96 on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses were not recorded by the University of Ulster.

<sup>2</sup> A valid comparison of the change over this period in the number of NI domiciled students gaining 'other postgraduate awards' at NI HE institutions is not possible since it appears that students receiving interim awards in 1995/96 on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses were not recorded by the University of Ulster.

<sup>3</sup> Writing up theses is classified as "part-time". See Notes to Editors.

## Students gaining HE qualifications at NI HE institutions<sup>1</sup>

- Between 1995/96 and 1997/98, the number of higher degrees awarded at the NI Higher Education institutions increased by 11%, first degrees by 7% and other undergraduate awards (including HND and Dip HE) by 91%<sup>2</sup>.
- The number of students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees grew by 13% from 3,232 in 1995/96 to 3,644 in 1997/98.
- In 1997/98, 20% of students at NI Higher Education institutions gaining undergraduate qualifications and 60% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications, gained their awards through part-time study<sup>3</sup>.
- In 1997/98, 57% 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 (13%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (11%), Social, Economic and Political Studies (9%) and Biological Sciences (9%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Business and Administrative Studies (24%), Education (22%), and Computer Science (11%).
- In 1997/98, 61% of female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 50% of male first degree graduates. Conversely, 10% of male first degree graduates attained pass or unclassified degrees compared to 5% of female graduates.
- All first degree graduates from NI Higher Education institutions in Medicine and Dentistry (see Notes to Editors) received pass or unclassified degrees. Similarly a large proportion of first degree graduates in Engineering and Technology (20%), Computer Science (13%) and Architecture, Building and Planning (9%) received pass or unclassified degrees. Conversely, all first degree qualifiers in Agriculture and related subjects, Law, Languages and Education attained honours degrees.

<sup>1</sup> Includes the NI Universities and Colleges of Education only.

<sup>2</sup> A valid comparison of the change over this period in the number of 'other postgraduate awards' is not possible since it appears that students receiving interim awards in 1995/96 on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses were not recorded by the University of Ulster.

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## **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 UK Higher Education institutions by degree classification, sex and subject group.

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

Table 5 gives, for 1997/98, details on students gaining HE qualifications 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.

The Annex compares 1995/96, 1996/97 and 1997/98 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 1997/98 reported in this Press Release are counts of student enrolments associated with the award of an HE qualification during the period 1 August 1997 to 31 July 1998.

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 1997/98**

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate					Total	
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All	First Degree	Other Undergraduate			All	
			Other Higher			PGCE	Other PG	All			HND/Dip HE	Other UG			
			Doctorate	Degrees	All									All	
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	2	249	251	94	214	308	559	2123	203	255	458	2581	3140
		Female	1	219	220	234	232	466	686	2605	297	245	542	3147	3833
		Total	3	468	471	328	446	774	1245	4728	500	500	1000	5728	6973
	Part-time & other	Male	76	380	456	0	634	634	1090	278	20	240	260	538	1628
		Female	29	341	370	0	788	788	1158	452	96	517	613	1065	2223
		Total	105	721	826	0	1422	1422	2248	730	116	757	873	1603	3851
	Total	Male	78	629	707	94	848	942	1649	2401	223	495	718	3119	4768
		Female	30	560	590	234	1020	1254	1844	3057	393	762	1155	4212	6056
		Total	108	1189	1297	328	1868	2196	3493	5458	616	1257	1873	7331	10824
England	Full-time	Male	1	45	46	85	26	111	157	652	61	12	73	725	882
		Female	2	42	44	181	25	206	250	781	44	17	61	842	1092
		Total	3	87	90	266	51	317	407	1433	105	29	134	1567	1974
	Part-time & other	Male	22	68	90	1	73	74	164	157	9	71	80	237	401
		Female	12	56	68	3	32	35	103	186	4	84	88	274	377
		Total	34	124	158	4	105	109	267	343	13	155	168	511	778
	Total	Male	23	113	136	86	99	185	321	809	70	83	153	962	1283
		Female	14	98	112	184	57	241	353	967	48	101	149	1116	1469
		Total	37	211	248	270	156	426	674	1776	118	184	302	2078	2752
Scotland	Full-time	Male	1	30	31	8	20	28	59	484	16	11	27	511	570
		Female	0	16	16	31	19	50	66	584	31	8	39	623	689
		Total	1	46	47	39	39	78	125	1068	47	19	66	1134	1259
	Part-time & other	Male	9	18	27	0	3	3	30	6	0	0	0	6	36
		Female	3	10	13	0	9	9	22	10	1	1	2	12	34
		Total	12	28	40	0	12	12	52	16	1	1	2	18	70
	Total	Male	10	48	58	8	23	31	89	490	16	11	27	517	606
		Female	3	26	29	31	28	59	88	594	32	9	41	635	723
		Total	13	74	87	39	51	90	177	1084	48	20	68	1152	1329
Wales	Full-time	Male	0	4	4	13	3	16	20	34	2	3	5	39	59
		Female	0	1	1	26	2	28	29	47	2	0	2	49	78
		Total	0	5	5	39	5	44	49	81	4	3	7	88	137
	Part-time & other	Male	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	3
		Female	0	1	1	0	3	3	4	1	0	0	0	1	5
		Total	0	1	1	0	4	4	5	2	0	1	1	3	8
	Total	Male	0	4	4	13	4	17	21	35	2	4	6	41	62
		Female	0	2	2	26	5	31	33	48	2	0	2	50	83
		Total	0	6	6	39	9	48	54	83	4	4	8	91	145
All Students	Full-time	Male	4	328	332	200	263	463	795	3293	282	281	563	3856	4651
		Female	3	278	281	472	278	750	1031	4017	374	270	644	4661	5692
		Total	7	606	613	672	541	1213	1826	7310	656	551	1207	8517	10343
	Part-time & other	Male	107	466	573	1	711	712	1285	442	29	312	341	783	2068
		Female	44	408	452	3	832	835	1287	649	101	602	703	1352	2639
		Total	151	874	1025	4	1543	1547	2572	1091	130	914	1044	2135	4707
	Total	Male	111	794	905	201	974	1175	2080	3735	311	593	904	4639	6719
		Female	47	686	733	475	1110	1585	2318	4666	475	872	1347	6013	8331
		Total	158	1480	1638	676	2084	2760	4398	8401	786	1465	2251	10652	15050

**Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject of study and sex 1997/98**

		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	28	3	9	3	1	17	2	6	23	1	6	1	1	0	2	5	0	0	3	111
	Female	6	4	11	3	1	8	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	47
	Total	34	7	20	6	2	25	2	6	28	1	9	1	1	1	5	6	0	1	3	158
Other Higher Degrees	Male	2	28	26	0	9	19	2	140	97	40	27	23	196	7	25	17	17	66	53	794
	Female	2	33	47	1	11	11	4	60	19	11	62	20	164	24	41	7	21	93	55	686
	Total	4	61	73	1	20	30	6	200	116	51	89	43	360	31	66	24	38	159	108	1480
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201	0	201
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	475	0	475
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	676	0	676
Other Postgraduate	Male	7	22	21	0	5	16	2	102	37	33	58	81	331	23	13	7	6	150	60	974
	Female	19	75	26	0	9	14	2	67	6	22	130	67	261	26	30	8	11	285	52	1110
	Total	26	97	47	0	14	30	4	169	43	55	188	148	592	49	43	15	17	435	112	2084
All Postgraduate	Male	37	53	56	3	15	52	6	248	157	74	91	105	528	30	40	29	23	417	116	2080
	Female	27	112	84	4	21	33	6	127	30	33	195	87	425	51	74	16	32	854	107	2318
	Total	64	165	140	7	36	85	12	375	187	107	286	192	953	81	114	45	55	1271	223	4398
First Degree	Male	155	152	201	11	50	229	48	210	467	277	293	116	439	90	105	164	175	100	453	3735
	Female	156	677	368	11	37	216	69	54	89	78	430	167	687	72	322	128	206	340	559	4666
	Total	311	829	569	22	87	445	117	264	556	355	723	283	1126	162	427	292	381	440	1012	8401
HND/DipHE	Male	0	16	11	0	11	6	3	60	48	19	48	0	72	0	2	0	7	2	6	311
	Female	0	179	28	0	6	12	4	20	2	3	58	1	141	0	0	3	8	9	1	475
	Total	0	195	39	0	17	18	7	80	50	22	106	1	213	0	2	3	15	11	7	786
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	5	39	0	14	54	9	51	69	8	79	5	68	0	9	8	43	3	129	593
	Female	0	20	44	0	10	26	6	52	8	3	275	6	76	1	22	15	97	5	206	872
	Total	0	25	83	0	24	80	15	103	77	11	354	11	144	1	31	23	140	8	335	1465
All Undergraduate	Male	155	173	251	11	75	289	60	321	584	304	420	121	579	90	116	172	225	105	588	4639
	Female	156	876	440	11	53	254	79	126	99	84	763	174	904	73	344	146	311	354	766	6013
	Total	311	1049	691	22	128	543	139	447	683	388	1183	295	1483	163	460	318	536	459	1354	10652
Total	Male	192	226	307	14	90	341	66	569	741	378	511	226	1107	120	156	201	248	522	704	6719
	Female	183	988	524	15	74	287	85	253	129	117	958	261	1329	124	418	162	343	1208	873	8331
	Total	375	1214	831	29	164	628	151	822	870	495	1469	487	2436	244	574	363	591	1730	1577	15050

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

		Degree Classification						Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper Division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass	Unclassified	
Medicine & Dentistry	Male	2	3	1	0	90	59	155
	Female	1	14	2	0	74	65	156
	Total	3	17	3	0	164	124	311
Subjects allied to Medicine	Male	10	72	50	14	1	5	152
	Female	61	373	199	21	5	18	677
	Total	71	445	249	35	6	23	829
Biological Sciences	Male	17	109	64	6	1	4	201
	Female	38	213	106	6	1	4	368
	Total	55	322	170	12	2	8	569
Veterinary Science	Male	0	1	0	0	3	7	11
	Female	1	0	0	0	3	7	11
	Total	1	1	0	0	6	14	22
Agriculture & Related Subjects	Male	0	29	14	3	0	4	50
	Female	3	23	8	1	0	2	37
	Total	3	52	22	4	0	6	87
Physical Sciences	Male	28	63	96	23	18	1	229
	Female	20	99	82	11	3	1	216
	Total	48	162	178	34	21	2	445
Mathematical Sciences	Male	9	16	14	7	2	0	48
	Female	18	21	21	7	2	0	69
	Total	27	37	35	14	4	0	117
Computer Science	Male	19	65	72	28	20	6	210
	Female	5	22	15	5	6	1	54
	Total	24	87	87	33	26	7	264
Engineering & Technology	Male	31	142	165	31	71	27	467
	Female	7	29	36	5	7	5	89
	Total	38	171	201	36	78	32	556
Architecture, Building and Planning	Male	16	113	97	10	12	29	277
	Female	8	23	31	6	4	6	78
	Total	24	136	128	16	16	35	355
Social, Economic & Political Studies	Male	13	148	121	1	8	2	293
	Female	22	205	180	9	5	9	430
	Total	35	353	301	10	13	11	723
Law	Male	7	61	45	2	0	1	116
	Female	3	106	57	0	0	1	167
	Total	10	167	102	2	0	2	283
Business & Administrative Studies	Male	24	186	179	13	9	28	439
	Female	36	374	229	13	7	28	687
	Total	60	560	408	26	16	56	1126
Librarianship & Information Science	Male	6	45	37	0	0	2	90
	Female	4	36	29	0	1	2	72
	Total	10	81	66	0	1	4	162
Languages	Male	4	55	40	4	1	1	105
	Female	13	186	114	7	0	2	322
	Total	17	241	154	11	1	3	427
Humanities	Male	7	88	57	10	1	1	164
	Female	5	65	50	7	0	1	128
	Total	12	153	107	17	1	2	292
Creative Arts & Design	Male	17	80	56	18	0	4	175
	Female	14	69	102	14	1	6	206
	Total	31	149	158	32	1	10	381
Education	Male	9	53	27	9	0	2	100
	Female	61	190	76	9	1	3	340
	Total	70	243	103	18	1	5	440
Combined	Male	26	169	148	19	23	68	453
	Female	28	209	200	25	58	39	559
	Total	54	378	348	44	81	107	1012
All First Degrees	Male	245	1498	1283	198	260	251	3735
	Female	348	2257	1537	146	178	200	4666
	Total	593	3755	2820	344	438	451	8401

**Table 4: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher education institutions by qualification obtained, domicile, mode of study and sex 1997/98**

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate					Total	
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All	First Degree	Other Undergraduate				All
			Doctorate	Other		PGCE	Other PG				HE	HND/Dip			
				Higher	All		Other UG	All							
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	2	249	251	94	214	308	559	2123	203	255	458	2581	3140
		Female	1	219	220	234	232	466	686	2605	297	245	542	3147	3833
		Total	3	468	471	328	446	774	1245	4728	500	500	1000	5728	6973
	Part-time & other	Male	76	380	456	0	634	634	1090	278	20	240	260	538	1628
		Female	29	341	370	0	788	788	1158	452	96	517	613	1065	2223
		Total	105	721	826	0	1422	1422	2248	730	116	757	873	1603	3851
	Total	Male	78	629	707	94	848	942	1649	2401	223	495	718	3119	4768
		Female	30	560	590	234	1020	1254	1844	3057	393	762	1155	4212	6056
		Total	108	1189	1297	328	1868	2196	3493	5458	616	1257	1873	7331	10824
	Great Britain	Full-time	Male	1	6	7	3	1	4	11	57	1	1	2	59
Female			0	14	14	0	5	5	19	62	2	0	2	64	83
Total			1	20	21	3	6	9	30	119	3	1	4	123	153
Part-time & other		Male	5	10	15	0	15	15	30	0	0	8	8	8	38
		Female	1	8	9	0	37	37	46	1	0	7	7	8	54
		Total	6	18	24	0	52	52	76	1	0	15	15	16	92
Total		Male	6	16	22	3	16	19	41	57	1	9	10	67	108
		Female	1	22	23	0	42	42	65	63	2	7	9	72	137
		Total	7	38	45	3	58	61	106	120	3	16	19	139	245
Republic of Ireland		Full-time	Male	1	100	101	1	24	25	126	310	13	29	42	352
	Female		1	109	110	7	47	54	164	416	63	26	89	505	669
	Total		2	209	211	8	71	79	290	726	76	55	131	857	1147
	Part-time & other	Male	11	41	52	0	33	33	85	10	1	9	10	20	105
		Female	13	28	41	0	44	44	85	18	2	51	53	71	156
		Total	24	69	93	0	77	77	170	28	3	60	63	91	261
	Total	Male	12	141	153	1	57	58	211	320	14	38	52	372	583
		Female	14	137	151	7	91	98	249	434	65	77	142	576	825
		Total	26	278	304	8	148	156	460	754	79	115	194	948	1408
	Other EU	Full-time	Male	1	8	9	1	5	6	15	11	1	1	2	13
Female			0	12	12	1	2	3	15	11	2	1	3	14	29
Total			1	20	21	2	7	9	30	22	3	2	5	27	57
Part-time & other		Male	2	2	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
		Female	2	3	5	0	5	5	10	0	0	3	3	3	13
		Total	4	5	9	0	5	5	14	0	0	3	3	3	17
Total		Male	3	10	13	1	5	6	19	11	1	1	2	13	32
		Female	2	15	17	1	7	8	25	11	2	4	6	17	42
		Total	5	25	30	2	12	14	44	22	3	5	8	30	74
Other Overseas		Full-time	Male	3	62	65	0	4	4	69	85	1	1	2	87
	Female		0	24	24	2	10	12	36	58	0	1	1	59	95
	Total		3	86	89	2	14	16	105	143	1	2	3	146	251
	Part-time & other	Male	8	5	13	0	1	1	14	2	0	0	0	2	16
		Female	5	5	10	0	3	3	13	1	0	1	1	2	15
		Total	13	10	23	0	4	4	27	3	0	1	1	4	31
	Total	Male	11	67	78	0	5	5	83	87	1	1	2	89	172
		Female	5	29	34	2	13	15	49	59	0	2	2	61	110
		Total	16	96	112	2	18	20	132	146	1	3	4	150	282
	All Students	Full-time	Male	8	425	433	99	248	347	780	2586	219	287	506	3092
Female			2	378	380	244	296	540	920	3152	364	273	637	3789	4709
Total			10	803	813	343	544	887	1700	5738	583	560	1143	6881	8581
Part-time & other		Male	102	438	540	0	683	683	1223	290	21	257	278	568	1791
		Female	50	385	435	0	877	877	1312	472	98	579	677	1149	2461
		Total	152	823	975	0	1560	1560	2535	762	119	836	955	1717	4252
Total		Male	110	863	973	99	931	1030	2003	2876	240	544	784	3660	5663
		Female	52	763	815	244	1173	1417	2232	3624	462	852	1314	4938	7170
		Total	162	1626	1788	343	2104	2447	4235	6500	702	1396	2098	8598	12833

**Table 5: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject of study and sex 1997/98**

		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	29	1	8	2	1	20	1	5	21	1	4	2	1	1	1	6	0	0	6	110
	Female	8	3	11	0	2	8	0	0	6	0	5	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	52
	Total	37	4	19	2	3	28	1	5	27	1	9	3	2	2	4	7	0	1	7	162
Other Higher Degrees	Male	2	34	32	0	2	31	3	173	132	34	32	17	205	9	28	11	17	67	34	863
	Female	1	47	64	0	13	12	3	75	27	10	68	23	184	29	53	5	17	98	34	763
	Total	3	81	96	0	15	43	6	248	159	44	100	40	389	38	81	16	34	165	68	1626
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	99
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244	0	244
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	343	0	343
Other Postgraduate	Male	7	32	21	0	3	18	1	116	38	18	63	65	335	23	16	9	7	142	17	931
	Female	17	114	27	0	10	20	2	76	4	14	140	60	272	29	48	10	13	289	28	1173
	Total	24	146	48	0	13	38	3	192	42	32	203	125	607	52	64	19	20	431	45	2104
All Postgraduate	Male	38	67	61	2	6	69	5	294	191	53	99	84	541	33	45	26	24	308	57	2003
	Female	26	164	102	0	25	40	5	151	37	24	213	84	457	59	104	16	30	632	63	2232
	Total	64	231	163	2	31	109	10	445	228	77	312	168	998	92	149	42	54	940	120	4235
First Degree	Male	101	122	172	0	36	172	32	189	454	219	230	54	326	88	76	156	139	69	241	2876
	Female	81	577	387	0	36	195	59	49	63	60	329	82	522	72	265	92	179	265	311	3624
	Total	182	699	559	0	72	367	91	238	517	279	559	136	848	160	341	248	318	334	552	6500
HND/DipHE	Male	0	15	7	0	0	2	4	54	39	12	40	0	57	0	0	0	2	0	8	240
	Female	0	202	26	0	0	11	4	18	2	3	56	0	128	0	0	3	7	0	2	462
	Total	0	217	33	0	0	13	8	72	41	15	96	0	185	0	0	3	9	0	10	702
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	10	40	0	14	53	8	49	79	7	79	2	70	0	9	8	44	1	71	544
	Female	2	18	44	0	13	24	7	54	9	2	305	0	82	0	22	17	100	3	150	852
	Total	2	28	84	0	27	77	15	103	88	9	384	2	152	0	31	25	144	4	221	1396
All Undergraduate	Male	101	147	219	0	50	227	44	292	572	238	349	56	453	88	85	164	185	70	320	3660
	Female	83	797	457	0	49	230	70	121	74	65	690	82	732	72	287	112	286	268	463	4938
	Total	184	944	676	0	99	457	114	413	646	303	1039	138	1185	160	372	276	471	338	783	8598
Total	Male	139	214	280	2	56	296	49	586	763	291	448	140	994	121	130	190	209	378	377	5663
	Female	109	961	559	0	74	270	75	272	111	89	903	166	1189	131	391	128	316	900	526	7170
	Total	248	1175	839	2	130	566	124	858	874	380	1351	306	2183	252	521	318	525	1278	903	12833

**Table 6: Students gaining First Degrees at NI Higher Education Institutions by subject, degree classification and sex 1997/98**

		Degree Classification						Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper Division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass	Unclassified	
Medicine & Dentistry	Male	0	0	0	0	95	6	101
	Female	0	0	0	0	71	10	81
	Total	0	0	0	0	166	16	182
Subjects allied to Medicine	Male	13	63	38	8	0	0	122
	Female	69	342	146	17	2	1	577
	Total	82	405	184	25	2	1	699
Biological Sciences	Male	22	96	51	3	0	0	172
	Female	40	240	101	5	1	0	387
	Total	62	336	152	8	1	0	559
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	1	26	7	2	0	0	36
	Female	3	26	7	0	0	0	36
	Total	4	52	14	2	0	0	72
Physical Sciences	Male	21	46	71	18	16	0	172
	Female	19	87	81	6	2	0	195
	Total	40	133	152	24	18	0	367
Mathematical Sciences	Male	5	12	8	5	2	0	32
	Female	16	17	18	7	1	0	59
	Total	21	29	26	12	3	0	91
Computer Science	Male	19	56	65	26	23	0	189
	Female	6	17	12	5	9	0	49
	Total	25	73	77	31	32	0	238
Engineering & Technology	Male	34	138	167	23	87	5	454
	Female	6	19	25	4	9	0	63
	Total	40	157	192	27	96	5	517
Architecture, Building and Planning	Male	16	93	83	4	17	6	219
	Female	5	25	25	3	2	0	60
	Total	21	118	108	7	19	6	279
Social, Economic & Political Studies	Male	5	120	98	1	6	0	230
	Female	14	182	125	4	4	0	329
	Total	19	302	223	5	10	0	559
Law	Male	3	29	22	0	0	0	54
	Female	0	51	31	0	0	0	82
	Total	3	80	53	0	0	0	136
Business & Administrative Studies	Male	24	156	137	4	5	0	326
	Female	36	309	165	6	6	0	522
	Total	60	465	302	10	11	0	848
Librarianship & Information Science	Male	3	46	38	0	0	1	88
	Female	5	41	26	0	0	0	72
	Total	8	87	64	0	0	1	160
Languages	Male	2	42	30	2	0	0	76
	Female	9	144	107	5	0	0	265
	Total	11	186	137	7	0	0	341
Humanities	Male	8	81	57	9	0	1	156
	Female	4	50	34	4	0	0	92
	Total	12	131	91	13	0	1	248
Creative Arts & Design	Male	12	63	52	12	0	0	139
	Female	11	58	97	11	0	2	179
	Total	23	121	149	23	0	2	318
Education	Male	7	44	16	2	0	0	69
	Female	52	169	42	2	0	0	265
	Total	59	213	58	4	0	0	334
Combined	Male	12	109	91	8	20	1	241
	Female	16	129	105	5	56	0	311
	Total	28	238	196	13	76	1	552
All First Degrees	Male	207	1220	1031	127	271	20	2876
	Female	311	1906	1147	84	163	13	3624
	Total	518	3126	2178	211	434	33	6500

## Annex

**Table A: NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK 1995/96 - 1997/98**

	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98
Doctorate	236	267	158
Other Higher Degrees	1,249	1,482	1,480
PGCE	669	735	676
Other Postgraduate	1,104	2,052	2,084
<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>4,536</b>	<b>4,398</b>
First Degrees	7,902	8,266	8,401
<i>of which</i>			
<i>First</i>	488	510	593
<i>Upper Second</i>	3,393	3,502	3,755
<i>Lower Second</i>	2,685	2,797	2,820
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	284	401	344
<i>Pass</i>	613	443	438
<i>Unclassified</i>	439	613	451
HND/Dip HE	713	686	786
Other Undergraduate qualifications	779	1,166	1,465
<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>9,394</b>	<b>10,118</b>	<b>10,652</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,652</b>	<b>14,654</b>	<b>15,050</b>

**Table B: Students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in NI 1995/96 - 1997/98**

	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98
Doctorate	256	283	162
Other Higher Degrees	1,349	1,561	1,626
PGCE	415	391	343
Other Postgraduate	972	2,013	2,104
<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>2,992</b>	<b>4,248</b>	<b>4,235</b>
First Degrees	6,051	6,283	6,500
<i>of which</i>			
<i>First</i>	429	459	518
<i>Upper Second</i>	2,803	2,954	3,126
<i>Lower Second</i>	1,996	2,063	2,178
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	159	273	211
<i>Pass</i>	611	420	434
<i>Unclassified</i>	53	114	33
HND/Dip HE	532	512	702
Other Undergraduate qualifications	568	939	1,396
<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>7,151</b>	<b>7,734</b>	<b>8,598</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,143</b>	<b>11,982</b>	<b>12,833</b>

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 1995/96 - 1997/98**

		1995/96	1996/97	1997/98
<b>NI</b>	Doctorate	187	207	108
	Other Higher Degrees	990	1,181	1,189
	PGCE	390	369	328
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	871	1,786	1,868
	<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>3,543</b>	<b>3,493</b>
	First Degree	5,102	5,290	5,458
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	1,031	1,335	1,873
	<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>6,133</b>	<b>6,625</b>	<b>7,731</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,571</b>	<b>10,168</b>	<b>10,824</b>	
<b>England</b>	Doctorate	36	48	37
	Other Higher Degrees	177	219	211
	PGCE	213	302	270
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	181	217	156
	<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>674</b>
	First Degree	1,801	1,756	1,176
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	306	283	302
	<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>2,078</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,714</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>2,752</b>	
<b>Scotland</b>	Doctorate	12	12	13
	Other Higher Degrees	70	72	74
	PGCE	43	39	39
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	45	46	51
	<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>177</b>
	First Degree	917	1,058	1,084
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	145	220	68
	<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,152</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,329</b>	
<b>Wales</b>	Doctorate	1	0	0
	Other Higher Degrees	12	10	6
	PGCE	23	25	39
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	7	3	9
	<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>54</b>
	First Degree	82	162	83
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	10	14	8
	<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>145</b>	

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.