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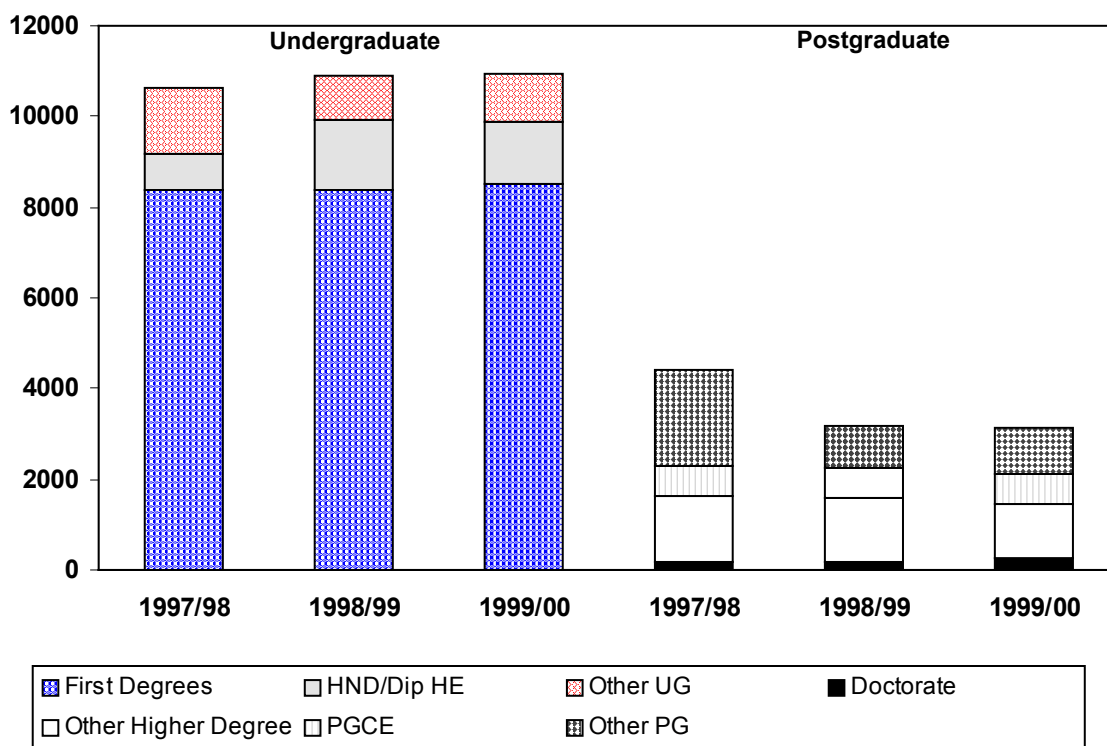
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Students gaining Higher Education qualifications: Northern Ireland 1999/00

Introduction

This Press Release has been produced by the Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment (DHFETE) 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 1999/00.

NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education institutions



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NI domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at UK HE institutions

- Between 1997/98 and 1999/00, the number of first degrees increased by 1%, and other undergraduate awards (including HND and Dip HE) by 8% whereas higher degrees awarded decreased by 11%¹.
- The number of NI domiciled students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees increased by 4% from 4,348 in 1997/98 to 4,510 in 1999/00.
- Between 1997/98 and 1999/00, NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications at NI HE institutions rose by 3%. There was a similar increase of 3% for those attending GB HE institutions. Over the same period, there was a rise of 3% in the numbers of NI domiciled students gaining postgraduate qualifications at GB HE institutions.
- In 1999/00, 23% of NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications and 58% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications gained their awards through part-time study².
- In 1999/00, 61% of NI domiciled students attaining undergraduate qualifications and 56% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female.
- The most popular subjects for NI domiciled first degree graduates were Business and Administrative Studies (16%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (9%) and Social Studies (9%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education and Leisure (34%), Business and Administrative Studies (8%), Social Studies (7%) and Information Technology (7%).
- In 1999/00, 57% 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, 13% of male first degree graduates attained pass or unclassified degrees compared to 7% of female graduates.
- A large proportion of NI domiciled first degree graduates in Medicine and Dentistry (96%), Veterinary Science (95%) (see Notes to Editors), Engineering and Technology (22%), Architecture (12%) and Information Technology (12%) received pass or unclassified degrees. Conversely, over 98% of NI first degree graduates in Law, Mass Communication and Documentation, Languages and Related Disciplines, Humanities, Biological Sciences and Subjects Allied to Medicine attained honours degrees.

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Students gaining HE qualifications at NI HE institutions¹

- Between 1997/98 and 1999/00, the number of first degrees awarded at the NI Higher Education institutions remained fairly constant whereas other undergraduate awards (including HND and Dip HE) decreased by 2%. Higher degrees awarded also declined by 14%².
- The number of students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees grew by 4% from 3,644 in 1997/98 to 3,792 in 1999/00.
- In 1999/00, 25% of students at NI Higher Education institutions gaining undergraduate qualifications and 69% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications, gained their awards through part-time study³.
- In 1999/00, 64% of students attaining undergraduate qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions and 56% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female. There were similar numbers of males and females graduating with higher degrees.
- The most popular subjects for first degree graduates from NI Higher Education institutions were Business and Administrative Studies (15%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (11%) and Social Studies (9%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education and Leisure (28%), Business and Administrative Studies (9%) and Subjects Allied to Medicine (9%).
- In 1999/00, 63% of female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 52% of male first degree graduates. Conversely, 9% of male first degree graduates attained pass or unclassified degrees compared to 4% of female graduates.
- A large proportion of first degree graduates in Medicine and Dentistry (see Notes to Editors) (97%), Engineering and Technology (26%) and Information Technology (12%) received pass or unclassified degrees. Conversely, all first degree qualifiers in Biological Sciences, Agriculture and related subjects, Law, Mass Communication and Documentation and Education and Leisure attained honours degrees.

¹ Includes the NI Universities and Colleges of Education only. The Open University is treated as a wholly English institution. See Notes to Editors.

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Tables

Table 1 details NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education institutions by qualifications obtained, location of study, mode of study and sex.

Table 2 gives details of NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in the UK by qualifications obtained, subject area and sex.

Table 3 presents information on NI domiciled students gaining first degrees at Higher Education institutions in the UK by subject area, degree classification and sex.

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

Table 5 gives details of students gaining qualifications at NI HE institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and sex.

Table 6 presents information on students gaining first degrees at NI HE institutions by subject area, degree classification and sex.

Annex A compares NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in the UK in 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/00.

Annex B compares students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in NI in 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/00.

Annex C compares NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in the UK by location of study in 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/00.

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 1999/00 reported in this Press Release are counts of student enrolments associated with the award of an HE qualification during the period 1 August 1999 to 31 July 2000.
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. This follows the standard UK statistical convention, however most of the NI domiciled students enrolled at the Open University will be studying in Northern Ireland. The number of NI students receiving awards at the Open University are presented in the footnote to table 1.

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Table 1: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education institutions by qualifications obtained, location of study, mode of study and sex 1999/00

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate					Total	
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All	First Degree	Other Undergraduate				All
			Doctorate	Higher Degrees		PGCE	Other PG				HND/Dip HE	Other UG	All		
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	5	57	62	72	111	183	245	2022	181	39	220	2242	2487
		Female	1	96	97	267	124	391	488	2736	454	129	583	3319	3807
		Total	6	153	159	339	235	574	733	4758	635	168	803	5561	6294
	Part-time & other	Male	145	354	499	0	214	214	713	245	36	189	225	470	1183
		Female	74	385	459	0	305	305	764	598	524	366	890	1488	2252
		Total	219	739	958	0	519	519	1477	843	560	555	1115	1958	3435
	Total	Male	150	411	561	72	325	397	958	2267	217	228	445	2712	3670
		Female	75	481	556	267	429	696	1252	3334	978	495	1473	4807	6059
		Total	225	892	1117	339	754	1093	2210	5601	1195	723	1918	7519	9729
England	Full-time	Male	4	64	68	63	22	85	153	701	52	27	79	780	933
		Female	2	47	49	158	43	201	250	821	30	30	60	881	1131
		Total	6	111	117	221	65	286	403	1522	82	57	139	1661	2064
	Part-time & other	Male	16	61	77	10	65	75	152	124	6	97	103	227	379
		Female	13	49	62	22	45	67	129	106	8	165	173	279	408
		Total	29	110	139	32	110	142	281	230	14	262	276	506	787
	Total	Male	20	125	145	73	87	160	305	825	58	124	182	1007	1312
		Female	15	96	111	180	88	268	379	927	38	195	233	1160	1539
		Total	35	221	256	253	175	428	684	1752	96	319	415	2167	2851
Scotland	Full-time	Male	2	20	22	8	25	33	55	470	23	15	38	508	563
		Female	0	22	22	35	21	56	78	591	33	13	46	637	715
		Total	2	42	44	43	46	89	133	1061	56	28	84	1145	1278
	Part-time & other	Male	6	13	19	0	10	10	29	3	0	0	0	3	32
		Female	2	5	7	0	11	11	18	10	1	0	1	11	29
		Total	8	18	26	0	21	21	47	13	1	0	1	14	61
	Total	Male	8	33	41	8	35	43	84	473	23	15	38	511	595
		Female	2	27	29	35	32	67	96	601	34	13	47	648	744
		Total	10	60	70	43	67	110	180	1074	57	28	85	1159	1339
Wales	Full-time	Male	1	4	5	13	3	16	21	54	4	1	5	59	80
		Female	0	4	4	20	3	23	27	42	6	0	6	48	75
		Total	1	8	9	33	6	39	48	96	10	1	11	107	155
	Part-time & other	Male	3	4	7	1	2	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
		Female	0	5	5	0	3	3	8	3	0	0	0	3	11
		Total	3	9	12	1	5	6	18	3	0	0	0	3	21
	Total	Male	4	8	12	14	5	19	31	54	4	1	5	59	90
		Female	0	9	9	20	6	26	35	45	6	0	6	51	86
		Total	4	17	21	34	11	45	66	99	10	1	11	110	176
All Students	Full-time	Male	12	145	157	156	161	317	474	3247	260	82	342	3589	4063
		Female	3	169	172	480	191	671	843	4190	523	172	695	4885	5728
		Total	15	314	329	636	352	988	1317	7437	783	254	1037	8474	9791
	Part-time & other	Male	170	432	602	11	291	302	904	372	42	286	328	700	1604
		Female	89	444	533	22	364	386	919	717	533	531	1064	1781	2700
		Total	259	876	1135	33	655	688	1823	1089	575	817	1392	2481	4304
	Total	Male	182	577	759	167	452	619	1378	3619	302	368	670	4289	5667
		Female	92	613	705	502	555	1057	1762	4907	1056	703	1759	6666	8428
		Total	274	1190	1464	669	1007	1676	3140	8526	1358	1071	2429	10955	14095

There were 512 NI domiciled students who gained qualifications (147 Postgraduate awards, 174 First Degrees and 191 Other Undergraduate awards) at the Open University (see Notes to Editors).

Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in the UK by qualifications obtained, subject area and sex 1999/00

		Medicine & Dentistry	Subjects allied to Medicine	Biological Sciences	Veterinary Science	Agriculture & Related Subjects	Physical Sciences	Mathematical Sciences & Informatics	Information technology	Engineering & Technology	Architecture	Social Studies	Law	Business & Administrative Studies	Mass Communication & Documentation	Languages & Related Disciplines	Humanities	Creative Arts & Design	Education & Leisure	Combined	Total
Doctorate	Male	20	4	26	0	10	28	3	12	29	3	17	3	5	2	9	6	2	2	1	182
	Female	12	11	19	0	3	13	0	0	9	1	8	1	0	2	6	4	0	3	0	92
	Total	32	15	45	0	13	41	3	12	38	4	25	4	5	4	15	10	2	5	1	274
Other Higher Degrees	Male	9	15	16	0	16	19	2	96	55	15	47	19	96	20	29	21	23	41	38	577
	Female	4	34	34	1	23	12	1	65	17	14	91	28	72	24	46	15	20	85	27	613
	Total	13	49	50	1	39	31	3	161	72	29	138	47	168	44	75	36	43	126	65	1190
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167	0	167
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	502	0	502
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	669	0	669
Other Postgraduate	Male	11	15	10	1	0	4	1	22	9	59	8	63	47	15	2	2	3	131	49	452
	Female	19	81	23	0	2	2	1	15	2	36	48	75	46	15	2	1	8	152	27	555
	Total	30	96	33	1	2	6	2	37	11	95	56	138	93	30	4	3	11	283	76	1007
All Postgraduate	Male	40	34	52	1	26	51	6	130	93	77	72	85	148	37	40	29	28	341	88	1378
	Female	35	126	76	1	28	27	2	80	28	51	147	104	118	41	54	20	28	742	54	1762
	Total	75	160	128	2	54	78	8	210	121	128	219	189	266	78	94	49	56	1083	142	3140
First Degree	Male	149	134	163	10	44	210	57	218	410	314	253	136	507	73	118	173	154	113	383	3619
	Female	163	650	374	9	39	197	64	51	89	83	498	162	830	113	318	164	233	352	518	4907
	Total	312	784	537	19	83	407	121	269	499	397	751	298	1337	186	436	337	387	465	901	8526
HND/DipHE	Male	0	58	12	0	9	1	2	65	41	9	22	2	59	2	0	2	13	2	3	302
	Female	0	842	6	0	5	4	6	28	1	1	54	0	99	0	0	1	7	1	1	1056
	Total	0	900	18	0	14	5	8	93	42	10	76	2	158	2	0	3	20	3	4	1358
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	3	3	0	0	5	1	40	9	7	79	11	43	0	4	5	32	18	108	368
	Female	0	26	9	0	0	3	0	48	0	4	192	10	52	0	16	6	92	43	202	703
	Total	0	29	12	0	0	8	1	88	9	11	271	21	95	0	20	11	124	61	310	1071
All Undergraduate	Male	149	195	178	10	53	216	60	323	460	330	354	149	609	75	122	180	199	133	494	4289
	Female	163	1518	389	9	44	204	70	127	90	88	744	172	981	113	334	171	332	396	721	6666
	Total	312	1713	567	19	97	420	130	450	550	418	1098	321	1590	188	456	351	531	529	1215	10955
Total	Male	189	229	230	11	79	267	66	453	553	407	426	234	757	112	162	209	227	474	582	5667
	Female	198	1644	465	10	72	231	72	207	118	139	891	276	1099	154	388	191	360	1138	775	8428
	Total	387	1873	695	21	151	498	138	660	671	546	1317	510	1856	266	550	400	587	1612	1357	14095

Table 3: NI domiciled students gaining first degrees at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by subject area degree classification and sex 1999/00

		Degree Classification						Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass	Unclassified	
Medicine & Dentistry	Male	2	4	1	0	0	142	149
	Female	4	1	1	0	2	155	163
	Total	6	5	2	0	2	297	312
Subjects allied to Medicine	Male	15	70	37	5	4	3	134
	Female	73	393	161	15	2	6	650
	Total	88	463	198	20	6	9	784
Biological Sciences	Male	16	70	64	8	1	4	163
	Female	34	224	106	5	1	4	374
	Total	50	294	170	13	2	8	537
Veterinary Science	Male	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
	Female	0	1	0	0	0	8	9
	Total	0	1	0	0	0	18	19
Agriculture & Related Subjects	Male	1	16	20	2	3	2	44
	Female	4	14	20	0	0	1	39
	Total	5	30	40	2	3	3	83
Physical Sciences	Male	33	80	72	12	8	5	210
	Female	19	83	79	11	3	2	197
	Total	52	163	151	23	11	7	407
Mathematical Sciences & Informatics	Male	17	14	17	6	3	0	57
	Female	18	17	22	3	2	2	64
	Total	35	31	39	9	5	2	121
Information Technology	Male	28	68	82	17	14	9	218
	Female	4	25	11	3	4	4	51
	Total	32	93	93	20	18	13	269
Engineering & Technology	Male	29	121	142	26	19	73	410
	Female	9	35	24	3	1	17	89
	Total	38	156	166	29	20	90	499
Architecture	Male	25	120	116	13	15	25	314
	Female	8	31	35	2	3	4	83
	Total	33	151	151	15	18	29	397
Social Studies	Male	13	111	115	5	4	5	253
	Female	10	265	197	13	2	11	498
	Total	23	376	312	18	6	16	751
Law	Male	4	76	55	1	0	0	136
	Female	7	102	50	1	0	2	162
	Total	11	178	105	2	0	2	298
Business & Administrative Studies	Male	25	232	204	11	9	26	507
	Female	64	415	286	16	8	41	830
	Total	89	647	490	27	17	67	1337
Mass Communication & Documentation	Male	3	32	35	3	0	0	73
	Female	10	71	28	2	0	2	113
	Total	13	103	63	5	0	2	186
Languages & Related Disciplines	Male	11	56	44	5	0	2	118
	Female	23	178	103	9	0	5	318
	Total	34	234	147	14	0	7	436
Humanities	Male	5	83	77	5	1	2	173
	Female	5	79	76	1	1	2	164
	Total	10	162	153	6	2	4	337
Creative Arts & Design	Male	20	71	53	5	0	5	154
	Female	19	98	106	3	0	7	233
	Total	39	169	159	8	0	12	387
Education & Leisure	Male	10	52	43	5	1	2	113
	Female	10	212	111	12	2	5	352
	Total	20	264	154	17	3	7	465
Combined	Male	23	142	143	15	11	49	383
	Female	21	226	209	9	17	36	518
	Total	44	368	352	24	28	85	901
All First Degrees	Male	280	1418	1320	144	93	364	3619
	Female	342	2470	1625	108	48	314	4907
	Total	622	3888	2945	252	141	678	8526

Table 4: Students gaining qualifications at NI HE institutions by qualifications obtained, domicile, mode of study and sex 1999/00

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate				
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All	First Degree	Other Undergraduate		
			Doctorate	Other Higher Degrees	All	PGCE	Other PG	All			HND/Dip HE	Other UG	All
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	5	57	62	72	111	183	245	2022	181	39	220
		Female	1	96	97	267	124	391	488	2736	454	129	583
		Total	6	153	159	339	235	574	733	4758	635	168	803
	Part-time & other	Male	145	354	499	0	214	214	713	245	36	189	225
		Female	74	385	459	0	305	305	764	598	524	366	890
		Total	219	739	958	0	519	519	1477	843	560	555	1115
	Total	Male	150	411	561	72	325	397	958	2267	217	228	445
		Female	75	481	556	267	429	696	1252	3334	978	495	1473
		Total	225	892	1117	339	754	1093	2210	5601	1195	723	1918
Great Britain	Full-time	Male	0	4	4	0	0	0	4	28	1	0	1
		Female	0	4	4	3	0	3	7	46	1	0	1
		Total	0	8	8	3	0	3	11	74	2	0	2
	Part-time & other	Male	23	9	32	0	26	26	58	2	0	0	0
		Female	12	14	26	0	30	30	56	5	2	2	4
		Total	35	23	58	0	56	56	114	7	2	2	4
	Total	Male	23	13	36	0	26	26	62	30	1	0	1
		Female	12	18	30	3	30	33	63	51	3	2	5
		Total	35	31	66	3	56	59	125	81	4	2	6
Republic of Ireland	Full-time	Male	1	12	13	4	11	15	28	249	9	5	14
		Female	0	25	25	24	9	33	58	384	23	7	30
		Total	1	37	38	28	20	48	86	633	32	12	44
	Part-time & other	Male	22	58	80	0	5	5	85	12	2	8	10
		Female	21	85	106	0	18	18	124	39	27	30	57
		Total	43	143	186	0	23	23	209	51	29	38	67
	Total	Male	23	70	93	4	16	20	113	261	11	13	24
		Female	21	110	131	24	27	51	182	423	50	37	87
		Total	44	180	224	28	43	71	295	684	61	50	111
Other EU	Full-time	Male	0	2	2	0	1	1	3	12	0	0	0
		Female	0	3	3	1	0	1	4	14	0	2	2
		Total	0	5	5	1	1	2	7	26	0	2	2
	Part-time & other	Male	7	10	17	0	0	0	17	0	0	1	1
		Female	2	5	7	0	2	2	9	1	0	2	2
		Total	9	15	24	0	2	2	26	1	0	3	3
	Total	Male	7	12	19	0	1	1	20	12	0	1	1
		Female	2	8	10	1	2	3	13	15	0	4	4
		Total	9	20	29	1	3	4	33	27	0	5	5
Other Overseas	Full-time	Male	3	7	10	0	0	0	10	46	0	0	0
		Female	3	12	15	0	6	6	21	52	1	0	1
		Total	6	19	25	0	6	6	31	98	1	0	1
	Part-time & other	Male	18	28	46	0	5	5	51	0	0	2	2
		Female	13	22	35	0	2	2	37	1	2	2	4
		Total	31	50	81	0	7	7	88	1	2	4	6
	Total	Male	21	35	56	0	5	5	61	46	0	2	2
		Female	16	34	50	0	8	8	58	53	3	2	5
		Total	37	69	106	0	13	13	119	99	3	4	7
All Students	Full-time	Male	9	82	91	76	123	199	290	2357	191	44	235
		Female	4	140	144	295	139	434	578	3232	479	138	617
		Total	13	222	235	371	262	633	868	5589	670	182	852
	Part-time & other	Male	215	459	674	0	250	250	924	259	38	200	238
		Female	122	511	633	0	357	357	990	644	555	402	957
		Total	337	970	1307	0	607	607	1914	903	593	602	1195
	Total	Male	224	541	765	76	373	449	1214	2616	229	244	473
		Female	126	651	777	295	496	791	1568	3876	1034	540	1574
		Total	350	1192	1542	371	869	1240	2782	6492	1263	784	2047

Table 5: Students gaining qualifications at NI HE institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and sex 1999/00

		Medicine & Dentistry	Subjects allied to Medicine	Biological Sciences	Veterinary Science	Agriculture & Related Subjects	Physical Sciences	Mathematical Sciences & Informatics	Information Technology	Engineering & Technology	Architecture	Social Studies	Law	Business & Administrative Studies	Mass Communication & Documentation	Languages & Related Disciplines	Humanities	Creative Arts & Design	Education & Leisure	Combined	Total
Doctorate	Male	21	8	26	0	10	39	1	15	44	4	19	2	6	2	12	6	4	3	2	224
	Female	14	16	26	0	4	14	0	0	13	3	16	1	1	1	7	7	0	3	0	126
	Total	35	24	52	0	14	53	1	15	57	7	35	3	7	3	19	13	4	6	2	350
Other Higher Degrees	Male	3	17	10	0	13	17	0	110	60	12	45	18	95	16	35	20	14	50	6	541
	Female	5	58	50	0	23	10	0	74	24	14	97	32	64	26	47	11	20	94	2	651
	Total	8	75	60	0	36	27	0	184	84	26	142	50	159	42	82	31	34	144	8	1192
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	76
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	295	0	295
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	371	0	371
Other Postgraduate	Male	11	41	10	0	0	3	0	21	7	42	8	48	46	11	2	2	0	116	5	373
	Female	17	103	21	0	2	1	0	16	1	30	45	52	40	15	3	0	2	145	3	496
	Total	28	144	31	0	2	4	0	37	8	72	53	100	86	26	5	2	2	261	8	869
All Postgraduate	Male	35	66	46	0	23	59	1	146	111	58	72	68	147	29	49	28	18	245	13	1214
	Female	36	177	97	0	29	25	0	90	38	47	158	85	105	42	57	18	22	537	5	1568
	Total	71	243	143	0	52	84	1	236	149	105	230	153	252	71	106	46	40	782	18	2782
First Degree	Male	83	101	131	0	33	160	51	176	374	229	183	74	338	62	88	150	98	78	207	2616
	Female	110	630	361	0	43	182	57	49	74	59	394	81	606	106	251	131	205	225	312	3876
	Total	193	731	492	0	76	342	108	225	448	288	577	155	944	168	339	281	303	303	519	6492
HND/DipHE	Male	0	52	10	0	0	1	2	63	39	0	16	0	37	1	0	1	7	0	0	229
	Female	0	846	6	0	0	4	7	27	0	0	58	0	81	0	0	1	4	0	0	1034
	Total	0	898	16	0	0	5	9	90	39	0	74	0	118	1	0	2	11	0	0	1263
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	47	0	0	68	1	39	0	4	5	33	19	22	244
	Female	0	18	2	0	0	2	0	47	0	0	199	3	43	0	16	4	100	46	60	540
	Total	0	20	3	0	0	5	0	94	0	0	267	4	82	0	20	9	133	65	82	784
All Undergraduate	Male	83	155	142	0	33	164	53	286	413	229	267	75	414	63	92	156	138	97	229	3089
	Female	110	1494	369	0	43	188	64	123	74	59	651	84	730	106	267	136	309	271	372	5450
	Total	193	1649	511	0	76	352	117	409	487	288	918	159	1144	169	359	292	447	368	601	8539
Total	Male	118	221	188	0	56	223	54	432	524	287	339	143	561	92	141	184	156	342	242	4303
	Female	146	1671	466	0	72	213	64	213	112	106	809	169	835	148	324	154	331	808	377	7018
	Total	264	1892	654	0	128	436	118	645	636	393	1148	312	1396	240	465	338	487	1150	619	11321

Table 6: Students gaining first degrees at NI HE institutions by subject area, degree classification and sex 1999/00

		Degree Classification						Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass	Unclassified	
Medicine & Dentistry	Male	1	1	0	0	0	81	83
	Female	3	0	0	0	0	107	110
	Total	4	1	0	0	0	188	193
Subjects allied to Medicine	Male	14	55	26	3	3	0	101
	Female	85	380	153	9	3	0	630
	Total	99	435	179	12	6	0	731
Biological Sciences	Male	17	67	44	3	0	0	131
	Female	39	228	94	0	0	0	361
	Total	56	295	138	3	0	0	492
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	15	16	1	0	0	33
	Female	3	23	17	0	0	0	43
	Total	4	38	33	1	0	0	76
Physical Sciences	Male	25	62	59	10	4	0	160
	Female	20	78	73	9	2	0	182
	Total	45	140	132	19	6	0	342
Mathematical Sciences & Informatics	Male	17	11	15	4	4	0	51
	Female	15	14	21	3	2	2	57
	Total	32	25	36	7	6	2	108
Information Technology	Male	24	58	62	12	13	7	176
	Female	6	22	12	2	3	4	49
	Total	30	80	74	14	16	11	225
Engineering & Technology	Male	24	112	128	15	18	77	374
	Female	7	24	20	3	0	20	74
	Total	31	136	148	18	18	97	448
Architecture	Male	21	101	87	3	13	4	229
	Female	8	27	24	0	0	0	59
	Total	29	128	111	3	13	4	288
Social Studies	Male	9	89	82	2	1	0	183
	Female	11	228	147	8	0	0	394
	Total	20	317	229	10	1	0	577
Law	Male	2	40	32	0	0	0	74
	Female	1	49	31	0	0	0	81
	Total	3	89	63	0	0	0	155
Business & Administrative Studies	Male	25	191	116	6	0	0	338
	Female	58	352	191	4	1	0	606
	Total	83	543	307	10	1	0	944
Mass Communication & Documentation	Male	3	26	30	3	0	0	62
	Female	8	69	26	3	0	0	106
	Total	11	95	56	6	0	0	168
Languages & Related Disciplines	Male	10	41	35	2	0	0	88
	Female	18	140	88	3	0	2	251
	Total	28	181	123	5	0	2	339
Humanities	Male	2	76	69	2	1	0	150
	Female	5	60	65	0	1	0	131
	Total	7	136	134	2	2	0	281
Creative Arts & Design	Male	14	42	41	1	0	0	98
	Female	20	86	97	1	0	1	205
	Total	34	128	138	2	0	1	303
Education & Leisure	Male	8	47	23	0	0	0	78
	Female	10	167	46	2	0	0	225
	Total	18	214	69	2	0	0	303
Combined	Male	17	91	86	4	8	1	207
	Female	14	155	127	2	14	0	312
	Total	31	246	213	6	22	1	519
All First Degrees	Male	234	1125	951	71	65	170	2616
	Female	331	2102	1232	49	26	136	3876
	Total	565	3227	2183	120	91	306	6492

Annex A: NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK 1997/98 – 1999/00

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
Doctorate	158	172	274
Other Higher Degrees	1,480	1,406	1,190
PGCE	676	664	669
Other Postgraduate	2,084	946	1,007
All Postgraduate	4,398	3,188	3,140
First	8,401	8,391	8,526
<i>of which</i>			
First	593	623	622
Upper Second	3,755	3,869	3,888
Lower Second	2,820	2,817	2,945
Third/Fourth	344	254	252
Pass	438	368	141
Unclassified	451	460	678
HND/Dip HE	786	1,533	1,358
Other Undergraduate	1,465	973	1,071
All Undergraduate	10,652	10,897	10,955
Total	15,050	14,085	14,095

Annex B: Students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in NI 1997/98 – 1999/00

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
Doctorate	162	184	350
Other Higher Degrees	1,626	1,372	1,192
PGCE	343	349	371
Other Postgraduate	2,104	811	869
All Postgraduate	4,235	2,716	2,782
First	6,500	6,495	6,492
<i>of which</i>			
First	518	558	565
Upper Second	3,126	3,320	3,227
Lower Second	2,178	2,111	2,183
Third/Fourth	211	111	120
Pass	434	359	91
Unclassified	33	36	306
HND/Dip HE	702	1,562	1,263
Other Undergraduate	1,396	852	784
All Undergraduate	8,598	8,909	8,539
Total	12,833	11,625	11,321

Note: From 1998/99, the University of Ulster no longer confers interim awards to students on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses.

Annex C: NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in the UK by location of study 1997/98 – 1999/00

		1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
N Ireland	Doctorate	108	120	225
	Other Higher Degrees	1,189	1,069	892
	PGCE	328	322	339
	Other Postgraduate	1,868	721	754
	All Postgraduate	3,493	2,232	2,210
	First Degree	5,458	5,396	5,601
	Other Undergraduate	1,873	2,084	1,918
	All Undergraduate	7,331	7,480	7,519
Total	10,824	9,712	9,729	
England	Doctorate	37	40	35
	Other Higher Degrees	211	250	221
	PGCE	270	270	253
	Other Postgraduate	156	162	175
	All Postgraduate	674	722	684
	First Degree	1,176	1,755	1,752
	Other Undergraduate	302	356	415
	All Undergraduate	2,078	2,111	2,167
Total	2,752	2,833	2,851	
Scotland	Doctorate	13	11	10
	Other Higher Degrees	74	77	60
	PGCE	39	43	43
	Other Postgraduate	51	53	67
	All Postgraduate	177	184	180
	First Degree	1,084	1,146	1,074
	Other Undergraduate	68	56	85
	All Undergraduate	1,152	1,202	1,159
Total	1,329	1,386	1,339	
Wales	Doctorate	0	1	4
	Other Higher Degrees	6	10	17
	PGCE	39	29	34
	Other Postgraduate	9	10	11
	All Postgraduate	54	50	66
	First Degree	83	94	99
	Other Undergraduate	8	10	11
	All Undergraduate	91	104	110
Total	145	154	176	

Note: From 1998/99, the University of Ulster no longer confers interim awards to students on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses.