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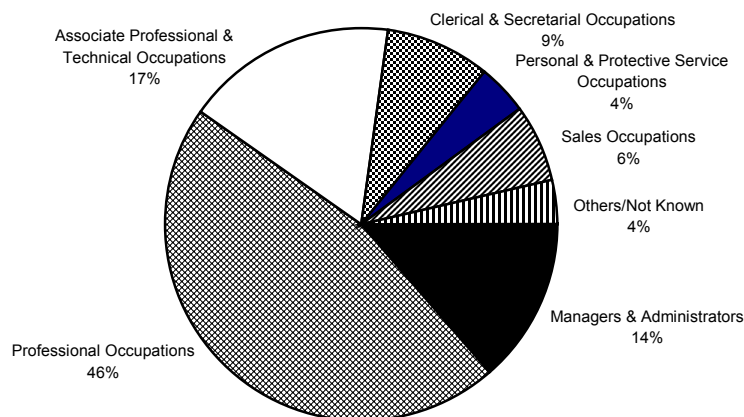
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## First Destinations of Students gaining Qualifications from Higher Education Institutions: Northern Ireland 1996/97

### 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 the first destinations of Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications from Higher Education Institutions in the UK and details of students gaining Higher Education qualifications from NI Higher Education Institutions in the academic year 1996/97.

### NI domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions in 1996/97 entering employment



NB Other occupations include Craft and Related Occupations and Plant & Machine Operatives.



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## **Destination of students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions 1996/97**

### **NI domiciled students**

- There were 8,117 NI domiciled students who had First Destinations data returned to HESA. Of those whose location of activity was known, 64% of undergraduates took up their first activity in NI, 28 % in GB, 4% in the Republic of Ireland (RoI) and 3% elsewhere. Of students gaining postgraduate qualifications, 59% took up their first activity in NI, 32% in GB, 5% in RoI and 4% elsewhere.
- Of NI domiciled undergraduates who attained qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in GB, 26% of those whose location of activity was known returned to NI, whilst 4% went to RoI and 4% went elsewhere. Of NI domiciled postgraduates who studied in GB, 27% returned to NI, whilst 4% went to RoI and 6% went elsewhere.
- Fewer NI domiciled undergraduate qualifiers (58%) had found employment by 31<sup>st</sup> December 1997 compared with all UK domiciled undergraduate qualifiers (66%), but 30% of undergraduate qualifiers were undertaking further study or training compared to 22% for all UK undergraduate qualifiers. There were similar proportions of NI domiciled postgraduate qualifiers entering employment compared to all UK domiciled postgraduate qualifiers (86%).
- Of those entering employment, 73% of NI domiciled undergraduate qualifiers took up occupations as Managers and Administrators; in Professional occupations; or Associated Professional and Technical occupations. The comparable figure for undergraduates in the UK as a whole was 67%. A similar proportion of NI domiciled postgraduate students entered professional occupations (76%) as for all UK domiciled postgraduate students (75%). Meanwhile a similar proportion of UK domiciled postgraduate students entered occupations as Managers and Administrators compared with those from NI (8% in both cases).
- The proportion of NI domiciled qualifiers assumed to be unemployed was similar to that for all of the UK with 7% of undergraduate and 4% of postgraduate qualifiers assumed to be unemployed.

## **NI Higher Education Institutions**

- There were 6,554 students who had attained qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions and had First Destinations data returned to HESA. Of those whose location of activity was known, 74% of undergraduates remained in NI to take up their first activity, 10% went to GB, 10% went to RoI and 6% elsewhere. Of students gaining postgraduate qualifications, 61% took up their first activity in NI, 11% in GB, 18% in RoI and 9% elsewhere.
- Of undergraduates graduating from NI Higher Education institutions who were not domiciled in NI, 30% undertook their first activity in NI. Of those who were domiciled in NI, 83% stayed in the Province. Some 16% of non-resident postgraduate qualifiers remained in NI for their first activity, whilst 82% of NI domiciled postgraduates stayed in NI.
- Of undergraduate students graduating from NI Higher Education institutions, 57% entered employment, 33% embarked on further study or training and 7% were assumed to be unemployed. Of postgraduate qualifiers, 86% entered employment, 10% went on to further study and 3% were looking for employment or training.
- Of those entering employment, 76% of undergraduate qualifiers took up occupations as Managers and Administrators; in Professional occupations; or Associated Professional and Technical occupations. The comparable figure for postgraduates gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions was 93%.

## **Tables**

Table 1A, 1B and 1C show the numbers of NI domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by level of study, location of first destination, sex and location of study for 1996/97.

Table 2 gives details of NI domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions by level of study, activity and sex for 1996/97.

Table 3 shows the numbers of NI domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK entering employment by Standard Occupational Classification (SOC), level of study and sex for 1996/97.

Table 4A, 4B and 4C present information on the numbers of students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in NI by level of study, location of first destination, sex and domicile for 1996/97.

Table 5 details the number of students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in NI by level of study, activity and sex for 1996/97.

Table 6 presents information on students gaining Higher Education qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions entering employment by Standard Occupational Classification (SOC), level of study and sex for 1996/97.

The Annex compares the destination of NI domiciled and all UK domiciled students by level of qualification. It also compares NI domiciled and UK domiciled students entering employment by level of qualification and Standard Occupational Classification for 1996/97. Finally, it compares destinations for 1995/96 and 1996/97.

## 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 Further Education colleges in Northern Ireland or Great Britain nor enrolments at institutions in the Republic of Ireland.
2. This Press Release is based on data returned to HESA in respect of the ‘First Destinations target population’. The target population contains all Higher Education students for whom first destination data was expected. 86.8% of NI domiciled students for whom first destination information was expected had data returned to HESA, as did 92.6% of students who attended Higher Education institutions in Northern Ireland.
3. The HESA First Destinations target population includes all students reported to HESA for the reporting period 1 August 1996 to 31 July 1997 as obtaining relevant qualifications and whose study was primarily full-time (including sandwich students and those writing up theses).
4. Relevant qualifications for the First Destinations return are postgraduate degrees, Postgraduate Certificates in Education (PGCE), first degrees, diplomas/certificates of Higher Education, Higher National Diplomas (HND) and Higher National Certificates (HNC).
5. The reference date for first destinations data was 31 December 1997. Institutions were asked to report the destinations of qualifiers in the target population which had been firmly determined by this date and which took effect no later than 31 March 1998.

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**Table 1A: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in Northern Ireland by level of study, location of first destination and sex, 1996/97.**

		Location of First Destination									Total
		NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Other UK & UK unknown	Republic of Ireland	Other EU (as at 1/12/94)	Other Overseas	Not Known	
First Degree	Male	1287	125	24	2	2	98	15	42	230	1825
	Female	1839	162	46	8	4	72	13	43	274	2461
	Total	3126	287	70	10	6	170	28	85	504	4286
Other Undergraduate	Male	150	12	6	0	0	4	1	1	20	194
	Female	177	7	3	0	0	5	0	0	7	199
	Total	327	19	9	0	0	9	1	1	27	393
All Undergraduate	Male	1437	137	30	2	2	102	16	43	250	2019
	Female	2016	169	49	8	4	77	13	43	281	2660
	Total	3453	306	79	10	6	179	29	86	531	4679
Postgraduate	Male	231	30	5	0	0	19	3	5	18	311
	Female	263	22	3	0	0	17	1	5	14	325
	Total	494	52	8	0	0	36	4	10	32	636
All Students	Male	1668	167	35	2	2	121	19	48	268	2330
	Female	2279	191	52	8	4	94	14	48	295	2985
	Total	3947	358	87	10	6	215	33	96	563	5315

**Table 1B: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in Great Britain by level of study, location of first destination and sex, 1996/97.**

		Location of First Destination									Total
		NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Other UK & UK unknown	Republic of Ireland	Other EU (as at 1/12/94)	Other Overseas	Not Known	
First Degree	Male	236	361	179	18	21	52	5	27	136	1035
	Female	284	441	195	13	15	32	26	27	121	1154
	Total	520	802	374	31	36	84	31	54	257	2189
Other Undergraduate	Male	7	30	19	3	4	1	0	1	5	70
	Female	7	38	7	4	4	3	0	0	5	68
	Total	14	68	26	7	8	4	0	1	10	138
All Undergraduate	Male	243	391	198	21	25	53	5	28	141	1105
	Female	291	479	202	17	19	35	26	27	126	1222
	Total	534	870	400	38	44	88	31	55	267	2327
Postgraduate	Male	48	103	20	2	4	4	5	8	15	209
	Female	71	115	19	3	8	12	3	12	23	266
	Total	119	218	39	5	12	16	8	20	38	475
All Students	Male	291	494	218	23	29	57	10	36	156	1314
	Female	362	594	221	20	27	47	29	39	149	1488
	Total	653	1088	439	43	56	104	39	75	305	2802

**Table 1C: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by level of study, location of first destination and sex, 1996/97.**

		Location of First Destination									Total
		NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Other UK & UK unknown	Republic of Ireland	Other EU (as at 1/12/94)	Other Overseas	Not Known	
First Degree	Male	1523	486	203	20	23	150	20	69	366	2860
	Female	2123	603	241	21	19	104	39	70	395	3615
	Total	3646	1089	444	41	42	254	59	139	761	6475
Other Undergraduate	Male	157	42	25	3	4	5	1	2	25	264
	Female	184	45	10	4	4	8	0	0	12	267
	Total	341	87	35	7	8	13	1	2	37	531
All Undergraduate	Male	1680	528	228	23	27	155	21	71	391	3124
	Female	2307	648	251	25	23	112	39	70	407	3882
	Total	3987	1176	479	48	50	267	60	141	798	7006
Postgraduate	Male	279	133	25	2	4	23	8	13	33	520
	Female	334	137	22	3	8	29	4	17	37	591
	Total	613	270	47	5	12	52	12	30	70	1111
All Students	Male	1959	661	253	25	31	178	29	84	424	3644
	Female	2641	785	273	28	31	141	43	87	444	4473
	Total	4600	1446	526	53	62	319	72	171	868	8117

**Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by level of study, activity and sex, 1996/97.**

		Activity										
		Paid, Full-time, permanent employment in the UK	Paid, Part-time, permanent employment in the UK	Self-employed in the UK	Other employment in the UK	Unpaid employed in the UK	Employment outside the UK	Undertaking study or training	Not available for employment, study or training	Seeking employment or training	Others	Total
First Degree	Male	1342	91	33	27	21	194	787	87	227	51	2860
	Female	1717	226	22	11	35	168	1038	131	208	59	3615
	Total	3059	317	55	38	56	362	1825	218	435	110	6475
Other Undergraduate	Male	82	5	1	0	1	6	143	3	20	3	264
	Female	87	4	0	5	0	5	152	6	6	2	267
	Total	169	9	1	5	1	11	295	9	26	5	531
All Undergraduate	Male	1424	96	34	27	22	200	930	90	247	54	3124
	Female	1804	230	22	16	35	173	1190	137	214	61	3882
	Total	3228	326	56	43	57	373	2120	227	461	115	7006
Postgraduate	Male	362	23	5	6	3	40	45	3	26	7	520
	Female	402	42	7	10	5	46	40	16	18	5	591
	Total	764	65	12	16	8	86	85	19	44	12	1111
All Students	Male	1786	119	39	33	25	240	975	93	273	61	3644
	Female	2206	272	29	26	40	219	1230	153	232	66	4473
	Total	3992	391	68	59	65	459	2205	246	505	127	8117

**Table 3: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK entering employment by Standard Occupational Classification (SOC), level of study and sex, 1996/97.**

		Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)										
		Managers and Administrators	Professional Occupations	Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	Clerical and Secretarial Occupations	Craft and Related Occupations	Personal and Protective Service Occupations	Sales Occupations	Plant and Machine Operatives	Other Occupations	Not Known	Total
First Degree	Male	259	725	315	115	38	72	113	25	36	10	1708
	Female	319	824	420	265	13	131	180	10	10	7	2179
	Total	578	1549	735	380	51	203	293	35	46	17	3887
Other Undergraduate	Male	18	18	25	12	8	1	6	4	3	0	95
	Female	13	31	20	20	2	4	8	3	0	0	101
	Total	31	49	45	32	10	5	14	7	3	0	196
All Undergraduate	Male	277	743	340	127	46	73	119	29	39	10	1803
	Female	332	855	440	285	15	135	188	13	10	7	2280
	Total	609	1598	780	412	61	208	307	42	49	17	4083
Postgraduate	Male	40	329	51	10	1	1	2	0	1	4	439
	Female	33	396	47	19	4	3	9	1	0	0	512
	Total	73	725	98	29	5	4	11	1	1	4	951
All Students	Male	317	1072	391	137	47	74	121	29	40	14	2242
	Female	365	1251	487	304	19	138	197	14	10	7	2792
	Total	682	2323	878	441	66	212	318	43	50	21	5034

**Table 4A: Students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in Northern Ireland  
by level of study, location of first destination and sex, 1996/97 - NI domiciled only**

		Location of First Destination									Total
		NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Other UK & UK unknown	Republic of Ireland	Other EU (as at 1/12/94)	Other Overseas	Not Known	
First Degree	Male	1287	125	24	2	2	98	15	42	230	1825
	Female	1839	162	46	8	4	72	13	43	274	2461
	Total	3126	287	70	10	6	170	28	85	504	4286
Other Undergraduate	Male	150	12	6	0	0	4	1	1	20	194
	Female	177	7	3	0	0	5	0	0	7	199
	Total	327	19	9	0	0	9	1	1	27	393
All Undergraduate	Male	1437	137	30	2	2	102	16	43	250	2019
	Female	2016	169	49	8	4	77	13	43	281	2660
	Total	3453	306	79	10	6	179	29	86	531	4679
Postgraduate	Male	231	30	5	0	0	19	3	5	18	311
	Female	263	22	3	0	0	17	1	5	14	325
	Total	494	52	8	0	0	36	4	10	32	636
All Students	Male	1668	167	35	2	2	121	19	48	268	2330
	Female	2279	191	52	8	4	94	14	48	295	2985
	Total	3947	358	87	10	6	215	33	96	563	5315

**Table 4B: Students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in Northern Ireland  
by level of study, location of first destination and sex, 1996/97 - Other domiciles**

		Location of First Destination									Total
		NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Other UK & UK unknown	Republic of Ireland	Other EU (as at 1/12/94)	Other Overseas	Not Known	
First Degree	Male	90	43	7	0	0	143	14	77	27	401
	Female	141	50	14	0	0	159	17	61	55	497
	Total	231	93	21	0	0	302	31	138	82	898
Other Undergraduate	Male	19	1	1	0	0	12	1	0	2	36
	Female	13	0	0	0	0	8	3	1	0	25
	Total	32	1	1	0	0	20	4	1	2	61
All Undergraduate	Male	109	44	8	0	0	155	15	77	29	437
	Female	154	50	14	0	0	167	20	62	55	522
	Total	263	94	22	0	0	322	35	139	84	959
Postgraduate	Male	17	16	1	0	0	57	8	33	7	139
	Female	25	19	3	0	0	63	2	24	5	141
	Total	42	35	4	0	0	120	10	57	12	280
All Students	Male	126	60	9	0	0	212	23	110	36	576
	Female	179	69	17	0	0	230	22	86	60	663
	Total	305	129	26	0	0	442	45	196	96	1239

**Table 4C: Students gaining Higher Education courses at Higher Education Institutions in Northern Ireland  
by level of study, location of first destination and sex, 1996/97 - All domiciles**

		Location of First Destination									Total
		NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Other UK & UK unknown	Republic of Ireland	Other EU (as at 1/12/94)	Other Overseas	Not Known	
First Degree	Male	1377	168	31	2	2	241	29	119	257	2226
	Female	1980	212	60	8	4	231	30	104	329	2958
	Total	3357	380	91	10	6	472	59	223	586	5184
Other Undergraduate	Male	169	13	7	0	0	16	2	1	22	230
	Female	190	7	3	0	0	13	3	1	7	224
	Total	359	20	10	0	0	29	5	2	29	454
All Undergraduate	Male	1546	181	38	2	2	257	31	120	279	2456
	Female	2170	219	63	8	4	244	33	105	336	3182
	Total	3716	400	101	10	6	501	64	225	615	5638
Postgraduate	Male	248	46	6	0	0	76	11	38	25	450
	Female	288	41	6	0	0	80	3	29	19	466
	Total	536	87	12	0	0	156	14	67	44	916
All Students	Male	1794	227	44	2	2	333	42	158	304	2906
	Female	2458	260	69	8	4	324	36	134	355	3648
	Total	4252	487	113	10	6	657	78	292	659	6554

**Table 5: Students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in Northern Ireland by level of study, activity and sex, 1996/97.**

		Activity										
		Paid, Full-time, permanent employment in the UK	Paid, Part-time, permanent employment in the UK	Self-employed in the UK	Other employment in the UK	Unpaid employed in the UK	Employment outside the UK	Undertaking study or training	Not available for employment, study or training	Seeking employment or training	Others	Total
First Degree	Male	883	67	18	0	10	253	637	51	182	125	2226
	Female	1199	182	14	1	25	244	884	114	171	124	2958
	Total	2082	249	32	1	35	497	1521	165	353	249	5184
Other Undergraduate	Male	77	4	0	0	1	11	108	2	18	9	230
	Female	75	3	0	0	0	5	124	2	5	10	224
	Total	152	7	0	0	1	16	232	4	23	19	454
All Undergraduate	Male	960	71	18	0	11	264	745	53	200	134	2456
	Female	1274	185	14	1	25	249	1008	116	176	134	3182
	Total	2234	256	32	1	36	513	1753	169	376	268	5638
Postgraduate	Male	244	14	2	3	2	71	40	6	17	51	450
	Female	265	25	7	1	3	79	40	9	9	28	466
	Total	509	39	9	4	5	150	80	15	26	79	916
All Students	Male	1204	85	20	3	13	335	785	59	217	185	2906
	Female	1539	210	21	2	28	328	1048	125	185	162	3648
	Total	2743	295	41	5	41	663	1833	184	402	347	6554

**Table 6: Students gaining Higher Education qualifications from Higher Education Institutions in Northern Ireland and entering employment by Standard Occupational Classification (SOC), level of study and sex, 1996/97.**

		Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)										
		Managers and Administrators	Professional Occupations	Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	Clerical and Secretarial Occupations	Craft and Related Occupations	Personal and Protective Service Occupations	Sales Occupations	Plant and Machine Operatives	Other Occupations	Not Known	Total
First Degree	Male	164	581	235	78	23	38	76	15	21	0	1231
	Female	209	647	374	179	9	97	139	9	2	0	1665
	Total	373	1228	609	257	32	135	215	24	23	0	2896
Other Undergraduate	Male	16	23	23	10	7	0	7	4	3	0	93
	Female	11	30	11	16	1	3	8	3	0	0	83
	Total	27	53	34	26	8	3	15	7	3	0	176
All Undergraduate	Male	180	604	258	88	30	38	83	19	24	0	1324
	Female	220	677	385	195	10	100	147	12	2	0	1748
	Total	400	1281	643	283	40	138	230	31	26	0	3072
Postgraduate	Male	38	236	46	8	3	2	1	1	1	0	336
	Female	31	263	49	21	1	3	11	1	0	0	380
	Total	69	499	95	29	4	5	12	2	1	0	716
All Students	Male	218	840	304	96	33	40	84	20	25	0	1660
	Female	251	940	434	216	11	103	158	13	2	0	2128
	Total	469	1780	738	312	44	143	242	33	27	0	3788

## Annex

### Comparison of destinations of Northern Ireland domiciled students with all United Kingdom domiciled students

**Table A - First destination of qualifiers by level of qualification and domicile 1996/97**

	NI domiciled			UK domiciled						
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total				
Employment in the UK	3710	53.0%	865	77.9%	4575	121353	63.7%	26882	81.7%	148235
Employment outside UK	373	5.3%	86	7.7%	459	4395	2.3%	1421	4.3%	5816
Undertaking study or training	2120	30.3%	85	7.7%	2205	41499	21.8%	2324	7.1%	43823
Not available for employment, study or training	227	3.2%	19	1.7%	246	8066	4.2%	697	2.1%	8763
Assumed to be unemployed	461	6.6%	44	4.0%	505	12733	6.7%	1365	4.1%	14098
Other	115	1.6%	12	1.1%	127	2517	1.3%	205	0.6%	2722
<b>Total</b>	<b>7006</b>		<b>1111</b>		<b>8117</b>	<b>190563</b>		<b>32894</b>		<b>223457</b>

**Table B - Qualifiers entering employment by level of qualification, domicile and Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 1996/97**

	NI domiciled			UK domiciled						
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total				
Managers & Administrators	609	14.9%	73	7.7%	682	19549	15.5%	2302	8.1%	21851
Professional Occupations	1598	39.1%	725	76.2%	2323	36382	28.9%	21146	74.7%	57528
Associated professional & technical occupations	780	19.1%	98	10.3%	878	28640	22.8%	3055	10.8%	31695
Clerical/Secretarial occupations	412	10.1%	29	3.0%	441	19310	15.4%	669	2.4%	19979
Craft & related occupations	61	1.5%	5	0.5%	66	1527	1.2%	58	0.2%	1585
Personal & protective service occupations	208	5.1%	4	0.4%	212	6011	4.8%	190	0.7%	6201
Sales occupations	307	7.5%	11	1.2%	318	8988	7.1%	244	0.9%	9232
Plant & machine operatives	42	1.0%	1	0.1%	43	1011	0.8%	43	0.2%	1054
Other occupations	49	1.2%	1	0.1%	50	2342	1.9%	141	0.5%	2483
Unknown	17	0.4%	4	0.4%	21	1988	1.6%	455	1.6%	2443
<b>Total</b>	<b>4083</b>		<b>951</b>		<b>5034</b>	<b>125748</b>		<b>28303</b>		<b>154051</b>

## Annex

### Comparison of first destinations 1995/96 and 1996/97

**Table C - First destination of NI domiciled qualifiers by level of qualification**

	Undergraduate				Postgraduate			
	1995/96		1996/97		1995/96		1996/97	
Employment in the UK	3557	52.6%	3710	53.0%	1048	78.6%	865	77.9%
Employment outside UK	310	4.6%	373	5.3%	55	4.1%	86	7.7%
Undertaking study or training	2090	30.9%	2120	30.3%	137	10.3%	85	7.7%
Not available for employment, study or training	225	3.3%	227	3.2%	16	1.2%	19	1.7%
Assumed to be unemployed	487	7.2%	461	6.6%	66	5.0%	44	4.0%
Other	95	1.4%	115	1.6%	11	0.8%	12	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6764</b>		<b>7006</b>		<b>1333</b>		<b>1111</b>	

**Table D - First destination of qualifiers from NI Higher Education institutions by level of qualification**

	Undergraduate				Postgraduate			
	1995/96		1996/97		1995/96		1996/97	
Employment in the UK	2486	45.7%	2559	45.4%	812	67.7%	566	61.8%
Employment outside UK	413	7.6%	513	9.1%	125	10.4%	150	16.4%
Undertaking study or training	1745	32.0%	1753	31.1%	129	10.8%	80	8.7%
Not available for employment, study or training	154	2.8%	169	3.0%	19	1.6%	15	1.6%
Assumed to be unemployed	401	7.4%	376	6.7%	53	4.4%	26	2.8%
Other	246	4.5%	268	4.8%	61	5.1%	79	8.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5445</b>		<b>5638</b>		<b>1199</b>		<b>916</b>	