

Student Enrolments on Higher Education Courses: Northern Ireland 2002/03

Introduction

This statistical bulletin has been produced by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) Northern Ireland (NI), using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), DEL and various Education Departments in GB and the Republic of Ireland (RoI). It provides details of NI domiciled students on higher education (HE) courses in the United Kingdom (UK) and RoI, and details of all students on HE courses in NI institutions for the academic year 2002/03.

The content and format of this document differs from previous publications in this series with the key changes to this year's publication being the methodology adopted for counting students and the inclusion of additional tables providing time series data. Further details on the changes can be found in the Notes to Readers section.

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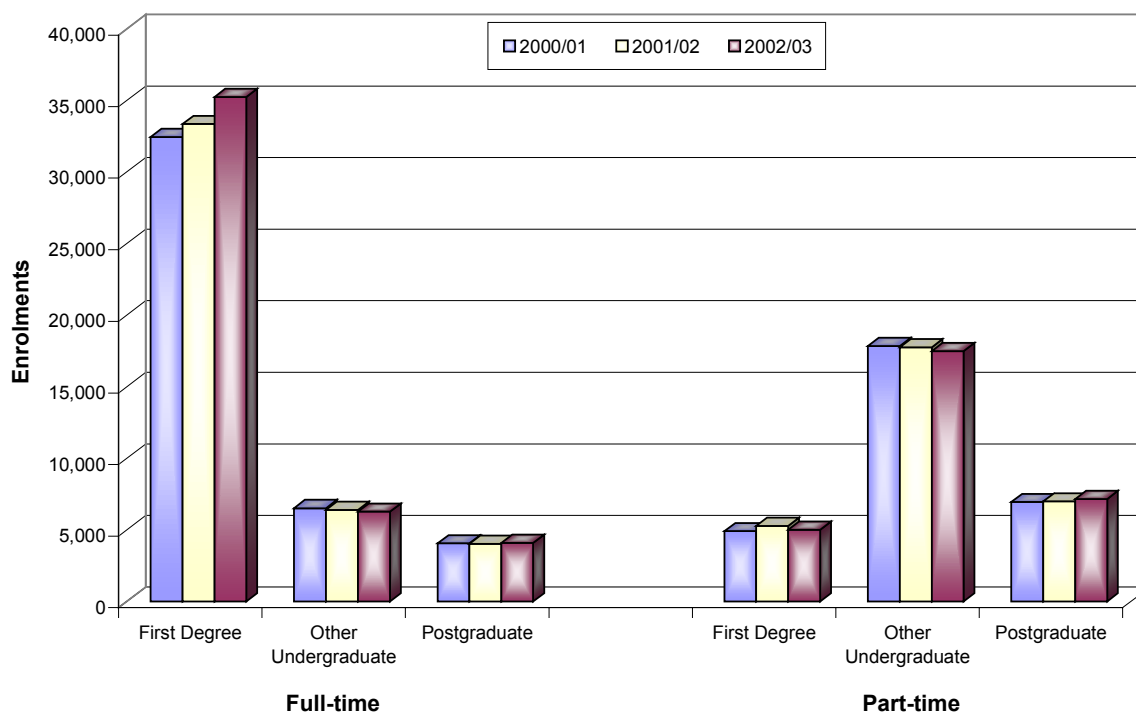
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Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses in the UK by mode of study and level of study from 2000/01 to 2002/03



Key Points

NI domiciled students on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland

Total enrolment trends The total number of Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students enrolled on higher education (HE) courses in UK and Republic of Ireland (RoI) has increased by 3% between 2000/01 and 2002/03, rising from 74,048 to 76,590 enrolments.

NI domiciled students on higher education courses in the UK (excluding GB FE colleges)

Enrolments by mode and level of study Of the 75,246 NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in the UK in 2002/03, 45,598 were enrolled on a full-time basis and 29,648 on a part-time basis. Undergraduate enrolments stood at 64,008, whilst there were 11,238 postgraduate enrolments.

Enrolments by country of institution, mode and level of study In 2002/03, 76% of NI domiciled students studied at NI institutions, with 24% studying at GB institutions. Among full-time students, some 26% of undergraduates and 31% of postgraduates were studying outside NI.

Enrolment trends by mode, level of study and country of institution The number of NI domiciled full-time undergraduate students at NI institutions has increased by 12% between 2000/01 and 2002/03 whilst at GB institutions they have decreased by 6%. Over the same period NI domiciled full-time postgraduate students at NI institutions have decreased by 1% whilst at GB institutions they have increased by 5%.

Enrolments by level of study and age In 2002/03, 57% of NI domiciled students (of known age) who enrolled on first degree courses in the UK were aged under 21 compared to 24% of other undergraduate students (of known age).

Enrolments by mode and subject of study In 2002/03, the most popular subject area of NI domiciled full-time and part-time students studying in the UK was business and administrative studies with 7,556 (17%) and 6,973 (24%) enrolments respectively.

Enrolments by gender and level of study In 2002/03, females accounted for 59% of NI domiciled students studying HE in the UK: 60% of undergraduates and 56% of postgraduates.

Enrolments by gender and subject of study In 2002/03, of all NI domiciled students on HE courses:

- females accounted for 85% of students studying subjects allied to medicine, 73% of those studying social studies and 73% of those studying education.
- males accounted for 85% of students studying engineering & technology, 77% of those studying architecture, building & planning and 69% of those studying computer science.

First year enrolment trends by mode, level of study and country of institution

The number of NI domiciled full-time undergraduate first year students at NI institutions has increased by 11% between 2000/01 and 2002/03 whilst at GB institutions they have increased by 5%.

Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions

Total enrolment trends

Total enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions have increased by 5% over the period 2000/01 to 2002/03, growing from 61,124 to 64,430.

Enrolments by mode and level of study

Of the 64,430 students enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions in 2002/03, 37,351 were enrolled on a full-time basis and 27,079 on a part-time basis. Undergraduate enrolments stood at 52,692, whilst there were 11,738 postgraduate enrolments.

Enrolments by domicile of student and level of study

In 2002/03, 89% of students enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions were from NI, 2% from GB, 6% from RoI and 3% from elsewhere. NI domiciled students at NI institutions accounted for 93% of all undergraduates and 72% of all postgraduates.

Enrolment trends by mode, level of study and domicile of student

Between 2000/01 and 2002/03 full-time undergraduate enrolments at NI institutions increased by 10% whilst part-time undergraduate enrolments decreased by 3%. Full-time and part-time postgraduate enrolments increased by 1% and 11% respectively during this period. Over the same period, students from NI enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions have increased by 5%, students from GB by 9%, students from RoI by 1% and students from elsewhere by 15%.

Enrolments by level of study and age

In 2002/03, 55% of students (of known age) on first degree courses at NI institutions were aged under 21 compared to 27% of other undergraduate students (of known age).

Enrolments by mode of study and subject of study

The most popular subject areas among full-time students at NI institutions in 2002/03 were business and administrative studies with 6,207 enrolments (17%) followed by subjects allied to medicine with 4,661 enrolments (12%). The same subject areas were the most popular for part-time students, with 7,057 (26%) studying business and administrative studies and 4,713 (17%) studying subjects allied to medicine.

Enrolments by gender and level of study

In 2002/03, females accounted for 61% of students on HE courses at NI institutions: 62% of undergraduates and 58% of postgraduates.

Enrolments by gender and subject of study

In 2002/03, of all enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions:

- females accounted for 85% of students studying subjects allied to medicine, 76% of those studying social studies and

74% of those studying education.

- males accounted for 85% of students studying engineering & technology, 77% of those studying architecture, building & planning and 67% of those studying computer science.

First year enrolment trends by mode, level of study and domicile of student

Between 2000/01 and 2002/03 full-time undergraduate first year enrolments at NI institutions increased by 10%. Over the same period, students from NI enrolled on HE courses at NI institutions have increased by 8%, students from GB by 2%, students from Rol by 6% and students from elsewhere by 2%.

Enrolments trends by institution, level and mode of study

At Queen's University Belfast there was an increase of 3% in total enrolments in the period 2000/01 to 2002/03. More specifically, undergraduate and postgraduate enrolments increased by 1% and 12% respectively. Over the same period full-time enrolments increased by 5%, with the proportion of part-time enrolments remaining the same.

At St. Mary's University College there was an increase of 17% in enrolments in the period 2000/01 to 2002/03, with undergraduate enrolments increasing by 19% and postgraduate enrolments by 9%. Over the same period full-time enrolments increased by 27% whilst part-time enrolments fell by 17%.

At Stranmillis University College enrolments have increased by 14% between 2000/01 and 2002/03, with undergraduate enrolments increasing by 14% and postgraduate enrolments by 16%. Over this period full-time enrolments increased by 21%, with the proportion of part-time enrolments remaining the same.

At the University of Ulster enrolments have increased by 9% between 2000/01 and 2002/03, with undergraduate and postgraduate enrolments increasing by 11% and 3% respectively. Over this period full-time enrolments increased by 13% and part-time enrolments by 2%.

Notes to Readers

General

1. The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) is the official agency for the collection of information on publicly funded Higher Education (HE) 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 HE statistics. HE institutions include all publicly-funded universities. HESA data relate to students in HE institutions in the UK but do not include students on HE courses at Further Education (FE) colleges in Northern Ireland (NI) or Great Britain (GB) nor at institutions in the Republic of Ireland (RoI).
2. Information on HE courses at FE colleges in NI is obtained from the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR), which is a statistical return collected by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL). This information is based on full year data except for figures relating to the Northern Ireland Hotel and Catering College (NIHCC) which are based on a snapshot of enrolments at 1st November of the relevant year. In addition, where these data have been used, they have been held at 2001/02 levels, as 2002/03 figures were not available at the time of going to press.
3. Information on HE courses at FE colleges in GB and at institutions in the RoI has been obtained from the various Education Departments responsible for collecting this information. As it has not been possible to obtain this information at the level of detail required for the various tables in this statistical bulletin, these data have been included in Tables 1(a) and 6(a) but excluded from Tables 1(b), 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6(b). In addition, where these data have been used, they have been held at 2001/02 levels, as 2002/03 figures were not available at the time of going to press.
4. The academic year runs from 1st August to 31st July.
5. HESA information relates to individual enrolments. Because a student can be enrolled on more than one programme of study, the number of enrolments may exceed the number of students.
6. Students referred to as NI domiciled are those whose permanent place of residence was in NI prior to enrolment on an HE course.

Statistical

Higher education definition

7. HE is defined as a course leading to a qualification above that of level 3 of the National Qualifications Framework, i.e. above A-level standard. This includes first degree and postgraduate study, higher national diploma and certificate courses and a number of professional qualifications.

Count of students

8. There have been recent changes in HE provision, in particular the increasing trend towards non-traditional academic year patterns (traditional academic year patterns being those in which the student commences each year of their course in September/October and completes the year in May/June). As a consequence of this, HESA/FESR data are now a count of enrolments across the entire academic year as opposed to a snapshot of enrolments on the 1st December/1st November (which was the basis of the student count in previous HE statistical publications published by the Department). The impact of this change within the 2002/03 academic year saw an increase of approximately 3,500 NI domiciled students studying HE in the UK and an increase of over 4,200 students enrolled on HE courses in NI.

First year students

9. First year students are based on the HESA standard registration population who commenced their programme of study in the reporting period relevant to the data collection year.

Level of courses

10. Level of course is defined by qualification aim;
 - (i) *Postgraduate courses* are those leading to higher degrees, diplomas and certificates (including postgraduate certificate of education (PGCE) and professional qualifications) which usually require a first degree as an entry qualification.
 - (ii) *First degree courses* include first degrees with or without eligibility to register to practise with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body, first degrees with qualified teacher status, enhanced first degrees, first degrees obtained concurrently with a diploma and intercalated first degrees.
 - (iii) *Other undergraduate courses* includes all HE courses not included in (ii) above, for example undergraduate diplomas and certificates, HNDs, HNCs and foundation degrees.

Mode of attendance

11. Mode of attendance distinguishes students studying full-time or part-time:
 - (i) Full-time students include all students studying full-time (for at least 24 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, full-time for less than 24 weeks, during evenings only, or on block release. Part-time also includes students writing up theses or on sabbatical.
 - (iii) Students who are categorised as dormant are not included in the tables.

The inclusion of students writing up theses or on sabbatical with the part-time mode of attendance is a change from the treatment of these students in previous years' publications. Previously these students were excluded.

Age

12. Age is as at 31st August within the relevant academic year.

Open University

13. In the tables the Open University is treated as an English institution as its administrative centre is located in England. This follows the standard UK statistical convention. However, most NI domiciled students enrolled at the Open University study in NI. The number of NI domiciled students studying with the Open University is presented in Table 7(b).

Changes to subject areas

14. There has been a change in the way in which subject areas are recorded. HESA and the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) have developed and adopted the Joint Academic Coding System (JACS) that was introduced in the 2002/03 academic year in which subjects are aggregated to 19 broad subject areas. Although the JACS subject areas look similar and are closely related to the previous method of coding subjects, the JACS system is not by any means identical, as the content of a number the subject areas has changed.
15. In addition to the move to the JACS coding system, a new procedure for apportioning students to subject areas was introduced by HESA in 2002/03. Under the previous coding system, students were allocated to a subject area which reflected the majority of their course. Where this was not possible students were allocated to a "combined" subject area. Under the new procedure, where a student's course covers more than one subject area, the headcount is divided in a way that reflects the pattern of the split programme. Depending on their academic content, enrolments have been assigned to the 19 subject areas according to the following rules:
 - (i) a programme in a single subject is allocated to its area.
 - (ii) if a combination of two subjects lies within one area, the programme is allocated to that area.
 - (iii) if a combination of subjects lies within more than one area, the programme is allocated to subject areas according to the following apportionment:
 - 50%:50% for a balanced two-way split;
 - 67%:33% for a major/minor two-way split;
 - 33%:33%:33% for a balanced three-way split.
 - (iv) all subject combinations containing initial teacher training (ITT) at undergraduate level which also have a subject recorded are apportioned 50% to 'Education' and the remaining 50% is further apportioned as shown in (iii)

above. Where no subject other than education is recorded or where the student is on a PGCE course, apportionment is 100% to 'Education'.

16. Any comparison between the JACS subject areas (2002/03 onwards) and the previous HESA subjects areas (2001/02 and earlier) should be viewed in the context of these changes.

Summary of key changes

17. The following is a summary of the key changes in the 2002/03 statistical bulletin:
 - HESA/FESR data are now a count of students/enrolments across the entire academic year as opposed to a snapshot of enrolments on the 1st December/1st November (paragraph 8).
 - A new common subject coding system (JACS) has been introduced for the 2002/03 academic year in which subjects are aggregated into 19 subject areas which look similar and are closely related to the previous method of coding subjects but which are not identical (paragraph 14).
 - A new procedure of apportionment has been introduced to allocate students to subject areas, by dividing each headcount in a way that reflects the pattern of a split programme (paragraph 15).
 - Students who are writing up theses or who are on sabbatical are now included in the part-time category (paragraph 11).
 - The detailed breakdown of NI domiciled enrolments in Tables 1(b), 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6(b) excludes those students studying HE courses at GB FE colleges and at institutions in Rol (paragraph 3).

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Tables

NI domiciled students on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland

Table 1(a) shows the number of Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students on higher education (HE) courses in the United Kingdom (UK) and Republic of Ireland (RoI) by mode of study, level of study, location of study and gender for first year students and all students for 2002/03.

Table 6(a) presents information on the total number of NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in the UK and RoI from 2000/01 to 2002/03.

NI domiciled students on higher education courses in the UK (excluding GB FE colleges)

Table 1(b) shows the number of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK by mode of study, level of study, location of study and gender for first year students and all students for 2002/03.

Table 2 gives details of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK by level of study, mode of study, gender and age for first year students and all students for 2002/03.

Table 3 presents information on NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK by mode of study, gender and subject area for first year students and all students for 2002/03.

Table 4 shows the number of NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in the UK by level of study, mode of study and location of institution for first year students from 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Table 5 gives details on the number of NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in the UK by level of study, mode of study and location of institution from 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Table 6(b) presents information on the number of NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses in the UK by type of institution, level of study and mode of study from 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Enrolments on higher education courses at Northern Ireland institutions

Table 7 shows enrolments on HE courses at NI Institutions by mode of study, level of study, domicile and gender for first year students and all students for 2002/03.

Table 8 sets out information on enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by level of study, mode of study, gender and age for first year students and all students for 2002/03.

Table 9 presents information on enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by mode of study, gender and subject area for first year students and all students for 2002/03.

Table 10 shows enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by level of study, mode of study and domicile for first year students from 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Table 11 gives details on enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by level of study, mode of study and domicile from 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Table 12 presents enrolments on HE courses at NI institutions by institution, level of study and mode of study from 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Table 1: Northern Ireland domiciled students on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ in the UK and Republic of Ireland, 2002/03.

(a) Total number of Northern Ireland domiciled students on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland by location of study, 2002/03.

All Years					
NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Rol	Total
57,465	11,919	5,637	481	1,088	76,590

(b) Northern Ireland domiciled students on higher education courses in the UK by mode of study, level of study, location of study and gender, 2002/03 (excludes GB FE colleges and Rol institutions).

			First Year Students					All Students				
			NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Total
First Degree	Full-time	Male	3,629	927	652	41	5,249	10,366	2,495	2,129	122	15,112
		Female	4,991	1,033	853	43	6,920	14,350	2,963	2,696	122	20,131
		Total	8,620	1,960	1,505	84	12,169	24,716	5,458	4,825	244	35,243
	Part-time	Male	483	28	7	2	520	1,489	134	45	6	1,674
		Female	1,142	55	12	0	1,209	3,104	168	46	12	3,330
		Total	1,625	83	19	2	1,729	4,593	302	91	18	5,004
	All First Degree	Male	4,112	955	659	43	5,769	11,855	2,629	2,174	128	16,786
		Female	6,133	1,088	865	43	8,129	17,454	3,131	2,742	134	23,461
		Total	10,245	2,043	1,524	86	13,898	29,309	5,760	4,916	262	40,247
Other Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	1,392	78	14	3	1,487	2,328	144	31	8	2,511
		Female	1,862	88	27	3	1,980	3,522	163	70	4	3,759
		Total	3,254	166	41	6	3,467	5,850	307	101	12	6,270
	Part-time	Male	3,770	583	14	5	4,372	4,742	1,671	22	26	6,461
		Female	6,933	767	19	9	7,728	9,095	1,862	29	44	11,030
		Total	10,703	1,350	33	14	12,100	13,837	3,533	51	70	17,491
	All Other Undergraduate	Male	5,162	661	28	8	5,859	7,070	1,815	53	34	8,972
		Female	8,795	855	46	12	9,708	12,617	2,025	99	48	14,789
		Total	13,957	1,516	74	20	15,567	19,687	3,840	152	82	23,761
All Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	5,021	1,005	666	44	6,736	12,694	2,639	2,160	130	17,623
		Female	6,853	1,121	880	46	8,900	17,872	3,126	2,766	126	23,890
		Total	11,874	2,126	1,546	90	15,636	30,566	5,765	4,926	256	41,513
	Part-time	Male	4,253	611	21	7	4,892	6,231	1,805	67	32	8,135
		Female	8,075	822	31	9	8,937	12,199	2,030	75	56	14,360
		Total	12,328	1,433	52	16	13,829	18,430	3,835	142	88	22,495
	All Undergraduate	Male	9,274	1,616	687	51	11,628	18,925	4,444	2,227	162	25,758
		Female	14,928	1,943	911	55	17,837	30,071	5,156	2,841	182	38,250
		Total	24,202	3,559	1,598	106	29,465	48,996	9,600	5,068	344	64,008
Postgraduate	Full-time	Male	638	293	82	24	1,037	1,163	410	137	27	1,737
		Female	1,012	452	103	14	1,581	1,645	541	144	18	2,348
		Total	1,650	745	185	38	2,618	2,808	951	281	45	4,085
	Part-time	Male	799	193	13	22	1,027	2,377	645	90	47	3,159
		Female	1,282	232	40	16	1,570	3,284	550	115	45	3,994
		Total	2,081	425	53	38	2,597	5,661	1,195	205	92	7,153
	All Postgraduate	Male	1,437	486	95	46	2,064	3,540	1,055	227	74	4,896
		Female	2,294	684	143	30	3,151	4,929	1,091	259	63	6,342
		Total	3,731	1,170	238	76	5,215	8,469	2,146	486	137	11,238
All Students	Full-time	Male	5,659	1,298	748	68	7,773	13,857	3,049	2,297	157	19,360
		Female	7,865	1,573	983	60	10,481	19,517	3,667	2,910	144	26,238
		Total	13,524	2,871	1,731	128	18,254	33,374	6,716	5,207	301	45,598
	Part-time	Male	5,052	804	34	29	5,919	8,608	2,450	157	79	11,294
		Female	9,357	1,054	71	25	10,507	15,483	2,580	190	101	18,354
		Total	14,409	1,858	105	54	16,426	24,091	5,030	347	180	29,648
	All Students	Male	10,711	2,102	782	97	13,692	22,465	5,499	2,454	236	30,654
		Female	17,222	2,627	1,054	85	20,988	35,000	6,247	3,100	245	44,592
		Total	27,933	4,729	1,836	182	34,680	57,465	11,746	5,554	481	75,246 ⁽²⁾

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses at NI and GB FE colleges and Rol institutions relates to 2001/02 (see Notes to Readers).

⁽²⁾ This figure excludes 256 students studying HE at GB FE colleges and 1,088 students studying HE in Rol. A breakdown of these students by level, mode of study and gender is not available. The total number of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK and Rol in 2002/03 was 76,590 (see Table 1(a)).

Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ in the UK by level of study, mode of study, gender and age, 2002/03.

		First Year Students									All Students								
		Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full- & Part-time		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
First Degree	Under 21	4,393	5,991	10,384	41	98	139	4,434	6,089	10,523	9,347	13,178	22,525	172	197	369	9,519	13,375	22,894
	21 -24	619	510	1,129	118	393	511	737	903	1,640	4,992	5,787	10,779	402	825	1,227	5,394	6,612	12,006
	25 and over	233	409	642	358	710	1,068	591	1,119	1,710	768	1,154	1,922	1,092	2,293	3,385	1,860	3,447	5,307
	Unknown	4	10	14	3	8	11	7	18	25	5	12	17	8	15	23	13	27	40
	Total	5,249	6,920	12,169	520	1,209	1,729	5,769	8,129	13,898	15,112	20,131	35,243	1,674	3,330	5,004	16,786	23,461	40,247
Other Undergraduate	Under 21	1,143	1,406	2,549	501	644	1,145	1,644	2,050	3,694	1,772	2,442	4,214	636	831	1,467	2,408	3,273	5,681
	21 -24	222	223	445	627	1,081	1,708	849	1,304	2,153	526	703	1,229	849	1,487	2,336	1,375	2,190	3,565
	25 and over	120	348	468	3,095	5,759	8,854	3,215	6,107	9,322	209	609	818	4,826	8,465	13,291	5,035	9,074	14,109
	Unknown	2	3	5	149	244	393	151	247	398	4	5	9	150	247	397	154	252	406
	Total	1,487	1,980	3,467	4,372	7,728	12,100	5,859	9,708	15,567	2,511	3,759	6,270	6,461	11,030	17,491	8,972	14,789	23,761
All Undergraduate	Under 21	5,536	7,397	12,933	542	742	1,284	6,078	8,139	14,217	11,119	15,620	26,739	808	1,028	1,836	11,927	16,648	28,575
	21 -24	841	733	1,574	745	1,474	2,219	1,586	2,207	3,793	5,518	6,490	12,008	1,251	2,312	3,563	6,769	8,802	15,571
	25 and over	353	757	1,110	3,453	6,469	9,922	3,806	7,226	11,032	977	1,763	2,740	5,918	10,758	16,676	6,895	12,521	19,416
	Unknown	6	13	19	152	252	404	158	265	423	9	17	26	158	262	420	167	279	446
	Total	6,736	8,900	15,636	4,892	8,937	13,829	11,628	17,837	29,465	17,623	23,890	41,513	8,135	14,360	22,495	25,758	38,250	64,008
Postgraduate	Under 21	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	3	5	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	3	5
	21 -24	671	1,123	1,794	106	196	302	777	1,319	2,096	1,026	1,520	2,546	332	401	733	1,358	1,921	3,279
	25 and over	361	455	816	911	1,363	2,274	1,272	1,818	3,090	706	822	1,528	2,814	3,574	6,388	3,520	4,396	7,916
	Unknown	4	1	5	9	10	19	13	11	24	4	4	8	12	18	30	16	22	38
	Total	1,037	1,581	2,618	1,027	1,570	2,597	2,064	3,151	5,215	1,737	2,348	4,085	3,159	3,994	7,153	4,896	6,342	11,238
All Students	Under 21	5,537	7,399	12,936	543	743	1,286	6,080	8,142	14,222	11,120	15,622	26,742	809	1,029	1,838	11,929	16,651	28,580
	21 -24	1,512	1,856	3,368	851	1,670	2,521	2,363	3,526	5,889	6,544	8,010	14,554	1,583	2,713	4,296	8,127	10,723	18,850
	25 and over	714	1,212	1,926	4,364	7,832	12,196	5,078	9,044	14,122	1,683	2,585	4,268	8,732	14,332	23,064	10,415	16,917	27,332
	Unknown	10	14	24	161	262	423	171	276	447	13	21	34	170	280	450	183	301	484
	Total	7,773	10,481	18,254	5,919	10,507	16,426	13,692	20,988	34,680	19,360	26,238	45,598	11,294	18,354	29,648	30,654	44,592	75,246 ⁽²⁾

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses at NI FE colleges relates to 2001/02 (see Notes to Readers).

⁽²⁾ This figure excludes 256 students studying HE at GB FE colleges and 1,088 students studying HE in RoI (see Notes to Readers). A breakdown of these students by level, mode of study, age and gender is not available. The total number of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK and RoI in 2002/03 was 76,590 (see Table 1(a)).

Table 3: Northern Ireland domiciled students on higher education courses ^{(1) (2)} in the UK by mode of study, gender and subject area, 2002/03.

	First Year Students									All Students								
	Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Medicine & Dentistry	161	284	445	16	53	69	177	337	514	737	1,068	1,805	128	136	264	865	1,204	2,069
Subjects Allied to Medicine	314	1,696	2,010	243	2,077	2,320	557	3,773	4,330	905	4,371	5,276	446	3,489	3,936	1,351	7,860	9,212
Biological Sciences	429	738	1,167	83	156	239	512	894	1,406	1,109	1,988	3,097	220	361	581	1,330	2,348	3,678
Veterinary Science	10	16	26	1	0	1	11	16	27	40	55	95	2	1	3	42	56	98
Agriculture & Related Subjects	42	58	99	19	39	58	60	97	157	131	159	290	76	95	171	207	253	460
Physical Sciences	314	323	637	52	32	84	366	355	721	817	749	1,566	145	109	255	963	858	1,821
Mathematical Sciences	444	173	617	476	602	1,078	920	775	1,695	757	442	1,198	640	699	1,339	1,397	1,141	2,538
Computer Science	1,035	359	1,394	222	199	420	1,256	558	1,814	2,755	1,063	3,818	568	416	984	3,323	1,478	4,802
Engineering & Technology	957	179	1,135	700	75	775	1,657	253	1,910	2,606	536	3,141	1,176	131	1,307	3,782	666	4,448
Architecture, Building & Planning	527	197	724	304	71	375	831	268	1,099	1,352	471	1,823	556	111	667	1,907	582	2,489
Social studies	478	1,107	1,585	393	1,447	1,840	871	2,555	3,426	1,190	2,728	3,918	739	2,570	3,309	1,929	5,299	7,227
Law	376	511	887	59	71	130	435	581	1,016	782	1,149	1,931	174	183	357	956	1,332	2,287
Business & Administrative Studies	1,194	1,875	3,068	1,347	2,622	3,969	2,541	4,496	7,037	2,825	4,730	7,556	2,459	4,513	6,973	5,285	9,243	14,528
Mass Communications and Documentation	176	282	458	62	46	108	238	328	566	367	627	994	93	104	198	461	731	1,192
Languages	245	637	882	547	740	1,286	791	1,377	2,168	617	1,753	2,370	705	935	1,641	1,323	2,688	4,011
Historical and Philosophical Studies	290	330	620	196	246	441	486	576	1,061	778	870	1,648	371	404	775	1,148	1,274	2,422
Creative Arts & Design	434	673	1,107	177	361	537	611	1,034	1,645	1,012	1,563	2,575	235	507	742	1,247	2,070	3,317
Education	337	1,022	1,359	388	823	1,211	725	1,845	2,570	550	1,859	2,410	706	1,530	2,236	1,257	3,389	4,646
Combined	12	22	33	636	848	1,484	648	870	1,517	29	58	88	1,853	2,059	3,912	1,882	2,117	4,000
Total	7,773	10,481	18,254	5,919	10,507	16,426	13,692	20,988	34,680	19,360	26,238	45,598	11,294	18,354	29,648	30,654	44,592	75,246

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses at NI FE colleges relates to 2001/02 (see Notes to Readers).

⁽²⁾ Due to some students being apportioned between different subject areas, individual figures have been rounded and the sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown. Care should be taken when comparing subject areas in 2002/03 with subject areas in 2001/02 and earlier (See Notes to Readers).

⁽³⁾ This figure excludes 256 students studying HE at GB FE colleges and 1,088 students studying HE in RoI (see Notes to Readers). A breakdown of these students by subject area, mode of study and gender is not available. The total number of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK and RoI in 2002/03 was 76,590 (see Table 1(a)).

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Table 4: Northern Ireland domiciled first year students enrolled on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ in the UK by level of study, mode of study and location of institution, 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Level and Year	Full-time					Part-time					Total				
	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Total
First Degree															
2000/01	7,438	1,947	1,308	97	10,790	1,674	65	12	7	1,758	9,112	2,012	1,320	104	12,548
2001/02	8,001	1,898	1,372	81	11,352	1,734	81	6	9	1,830	9,735	1,979	1,378	90	13,182
2002/03	8,620	1,960	1,505	84	12,169	1,625	83	19	2	1,729	10,245	2,043	1,524	86	13,898
Other Undergraduate															
2000/01	3,251	148	68	6	3,473	9,692	1,340	28	36	11,096	12,943	1,488	96	42	14,569
2001/02	3,312	135	45	8	3,500	10,758	1,498	37	24	12,317	14,070	1,633	82	32	15,817
2002/03	3,254	166	41	6	3,467	10,703	1,350	33	14	12,100	13,957	1,516	74	20	15,567
All Undergraduate															
2000/01	10,689	2,095	1,376	103	14,263	11,366	1,405	40	43	12,854	22,055	3,500	1,416	146	27,117
2001/02	11,313	2,033	1,417	89	14,852	12,492	1,579	43	33	14,147	23,805	3,612	1,460	122	28,999
2002/03	11,874	2,126	1,546	90	15,636	12,328	1,433	52	16	13,829	24,202	3,559	1,598	106	29,465
Postgraduate															
2000/01	1,827	635	175	49	2,686	2,094	444	85	29	2,652	3,921	1,079	260	78	5,338
2001/02	1,758	646	201	34	2,639	1,915	403	61	32	2,411	3,673	1,049	262	66	5,050
2002/03	1,650	745	185	38	2,618	2,081	425	53	38	2,597	3,731	1,170	238	76	5,215
Total															
2000/01	12,516	2,730	1,551	152	16,949	13,460	1,849	125	72	15,506	25,976	4,579	1,676	224	32,455 ⁽²⁾
2001/02	13,071	2,679	1,618	123	17,491	14,407	1,982	104	65	16,558	27,478	4,661	1,722	188	34,049 ⁽²⁾
2002/03	13,524	2,871	1,731	128	18,254	14,409	1,858	105	54	16,426	27,933	4,729	1,836	182	34,680 ⁽²⁾

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses at NI FE colleges in 2002/03 has been held at 2001/02 levels (see Notes to Readers).

⁽²⁾ These figures exclude students studying HE at GB FE colleges and students studying HE in RoI institutions (see Notes to Readers). A breakdown of these students by level, mode of study and location of institution is not available.

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Table 5: Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ in the UK by level of study, mode of study and location of institution, 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Level and Year	Full-time					Part-time					Total				
	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	Total
First Degree															
2000/01	21,432	5,680	5,029	316	32,457	4,602	228	56	25	4,911	26,034	5,908	5,085	341	37,368
2001/02	22,726	5,509	4,853	265	33,353	4,910	284	60	24	5,278	27,636	5,793	4,913	289	38,631
2002/03	24,716	5,458	4,825	244	35,243	4,593	302	91	18	5,004	29,309	5,760	4,916	262	40,247
Other Undergraduate															
2000/01	5,947	385	169	14	6,515	14,281	3,463	45	59	17,848	20,228	3,848	214	73	24,363
2001/02	5,948	309	121	13	6,391	14,054	3,584	56	70	17,764	20,002	3,893	177	83	24,155
2002/03	5,850	307	101	12	6,270	13,837	3,533	51	70	17,491	19,687	3,840	152	82	23,761
All Undergraduate															
2000/01	27,379	6,065	5,198	330	38,972	18,883	3,691	101	84	22,759	46,262	9,756	5,299	414	61,731
2001/02	28,674	5,818	4,974	278	39,744	18,964	3,868	116	94	23,042	47,638	9,686	5,090	372	62,786
2002/03	30,566	5,765	4,926	256	41,513	18,430	3,835	142	88	22,495	48,996	9,600	5,068	344	64,008
Postgraduate															
2000/01	2,842	889	264	58	4,053	5,443	1,185	235	71	6,934	8,285	2,074	499	129	10,987
2001/02	2,859	849	279	38	4,025	5,563	1,139	205	75	6,982	8,422	1,988	484	113	11,007
2002/03	2,808	951	281	45	4,085	5,661	1,195	205	92	7,153	8,469	2,146	486	137	11,238
Total															
2000/01	30,221	6,954	5,462	388	43,025	24,326	4,876	336	155	29,693	54,547	11,830	5,798	543	72,718 ⁽²⁾
2001/02	31,533	6,667	5,253	316	43,769	24,527	5,007	321	169	30,024	56,060	11,674	5,574	485	73,793 ⁽³⁾
2002/03	33,374	6,716	5,207	301	45,598	24,091	5,030	347	180	29,648	57,465	11,746	5,554	481	75,246 ⁽⁴⁾

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses at NI FE colleges in 2002/03 has been held at 2001/02 levels (see Notes to Readers).

⁽²⁾ This figure excludes 245 students studying HE at GB FE colleges and 1,085 students studying HE in Rol (see Notes to Readers). A breakdown of these students by level, mode of study and location of institution is not available. The total number of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK and Rol in 2000/01 was 74,048 (see Table 7(a)).

⁽³⁾ This figure excludes 256 students studying HE at GB FE colleges and 1,088 students studying HE in Rol (see Notes to Readers). A breakdown of these students by level, mode of study and location of institution is not available. The total number of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK and Rol in 2001/02 was 75,137 (see Table 7(a)).

⁽⁴⁾ This figure excludes 256 students studying HE at GB FE colleges and 1,088 students studying HE in Rol (see Notes to Readers). A breakdown of these students by level, mode of study and location of institution is not available. The total number of NI domiciled students on HE courses in the UK and Rol in 2002/03 was 76,590 (see Tables 1(a) & 7(a)).

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Table 6: Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ in the UK and Republic of Ireland, 2000/01 to 2002/03.

(a) Total number of Northern Ireland domiciled students on higher education courses ⁽²⁾ in the UK and Republic of Ireland, 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Year	Total
2000/01	74,048
2001/02	75,137
2002/03	76,590

(b) Northern Ireland domiciled students on higher education courses ⁽³⁾ in the UK by type of institution, level of study and mode of study, 2000/01 to 2002/03 (excludes GB FE colleges and Rol institutions).

Institution and Year	First Degree			Other Undergraduate			All Undergraduate			Postgraduate			Total		
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Northern Ireland Universities															
2000/01	19,787	3,591	23,378	2,569	5,394	7,963	22,356	8,985	31,341	2,802	5,014	7,816	25,158	13,999	39,157
2001/02	20,871	3,805	24,676	2,549	5,197	7,746	23,420	9,002	32,422	2,817	5,190	8,007	26,237	14,192	40,429
2002/03	22,716	3,499	26,215	2,451	5,041	7,492	25,167	8,540	33,707	2,760	5,241	8,001	27,927	13,781	41,708
Northern Ireland University Colleges															
2000/01	1,454	221	1,675	0	118	118	1,454	339	1,793	40	279	319	1,494	618	2,112
2001/02	1,662	208	1,870	0	129	129	1,662	337	1,999	42	262	304	1,704	599	2,303
2002/03	1,807	197	2,004	0	68	68	1,807	265	2,072	48	309	357	1,855	574	2,429
Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges															
2000/01	191	790	981	3,378	8,769	12,147	3,569	9,559	13,128	0	150	150	3,569	9,709	13,278
2001/02	193	897	1,090	3,399	8,728	12,127	3,592	9,625	13,217	0	111	111	3,592	9,736	13,328
2002/03	193	897	1,090	3,399	8,728	12,127	3,592	9,625	13,217	0	111	111	3,592	9,736	13,328
Great Britain Universities (excluding Open University)															
2000/01	11,025	309	11,334	568	588	1,156	11,593	897	12,490	1,210	1,065	2,275	12,803	1,962	14,765
2001/02	10,627	368	10,995	443	590	1,033	11,070	958	12,028	1,165	1,069	2,234	12,235	2,027	14,262
2002/03	10,527	411	10,938	420	544	964	10,947	955	11,902	1,276	1,122	2,398	12,223	2,077	14,300
Open University ⁽⁴⁾															
2000/01	0	0	0	0	2,979	2,979	0	2,979	2,979	1	426	427	1	3,405	3,406
2001/02	0	0	0	0	3,120	3,120	0	3,120	3,120	1	350	351	1	3,470	3,471
2002/03	0	0	0	0	3,110	3,110	0	3,110	3,110	1	370	371	1	3,480	3,481
Total															
2000/01	32,457	4,911	37,368	6,515	17,848	24,363	38,972	22,759	61,731	4,053	6,934	10,987	43,025	29,693	72,718
2001/02	33,353	5,278	38,631	6,391	17,764	24,155	39,744	23,042	62,786	4,025	6,982	11,007	43,769	30,024	73,793
2002/03	35,243	5,004	40,247	6,270	17,491	23,761	41,513	22,495	64,008	4,085	7,153	11,238	45,598	29,648	75,246

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses at NI and GB FE colleges and Rol institutions in 2002/03 has been held at 2001/02 levels (see Notes to Readers).

⁽²⁾ These figures include 245, 256 and 256 students enrolled at GB FE colleges and 1,085, 1,088 and 1,088 students enrolled in Rol in 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 respectively.

⁽³⁾ These figures exclude 245, 256 and 256 students enrolled at GB FE colleges and 1,085, 1,088 and 1,088 students enrolled in Rol in 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 respectively.

⁽⁴⁾ The Open University (OU) is treated as an English institution irrespective of where the student actually studies (see Notes to Readers).

Table 7: Enrolments on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ at Northern Ireland institutions by mode of study, level of study, domicile and gender, 2002/03.

			First Year Students						All Students					
			NI	GB	Republic of Ireland	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Republic of Ireland	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total
First Degree	Full-time	Male	3,629	40	179	17	76	3,941	10,366	93	532	27	170	11,188
		Female	4,991	57	305	13	116	5,482	14,350	172	933	28	224	15,707
		Total	8,620	97	484	30	192	9,423	24,716	265	1,465	55	394	26,895
	Part-time	Male	483	3	20	0	0	506	1,489	6	53	0	14	1,562
		Female	1,142	2	80	1	0	1,225	3,104	5	172	1	7	3,289
		Total	1,625	5	100	1	0	1,731	4,593	11	225	1	21	4,851
	All First Degree	Male	4,112	43	199	17	76	4,447	11,855	99	585	27	184	12,750
		Female	6,133	59	385	14	116	6,707	17,454	177	1,105	29	231	18,996
		Total	10,245	102	584	31	192	11,154	29,309	276	1,690	56	415	31,746
Other Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	1,392	2	71	2	6	1,473	2,328	3	105	5	6	2,447
		Female	1,862	3	118	15	19	2,017	3,522	5	250	17	21	3,815
		Total	3,254	5	189	17	25	3,490	5,850	8	355	22	27	6,262
	Part-time	Male	3,770	14	156	36	21	3,997	4,742	14	183	36	22	4,997
		Female	6,933	30	386	50	40	7,439	9,095	33	468	50	41	9,687
		Total	10,703	44	542	86	61	11,436	13,837	47	651	86	63	14,684
	All Other Undergraduate	Male	5,162	16	227	38	27	5,470	7,070	17	288	41	28	7,444
		Female	8,795	33	504	65	59	9,456	12,617	38	718	67	62	13,502
		Total	13,957	49	731	103	86	14,926	19,687	55	1,006	108	90	20,946
All Undergraduate	Full-time	Male	5,021	42	250	19	82	5,414	12,694	96	637	32	176	13,635
		Female	6,853	60	423	28	135	7,499	17,872	177	1,183	45	245	19,522
		Total	11,874	102	673	47	217	12,913	30,566	273	1,820	77	421	33,157
	Part-time	Male	4,253	17	176	36	21	4,503	6,231	20	236	36	36	6,559
		Female	8,075	32	466	51	40	8,664	12,199	38	640	51	48	12,976
		Total	12,328	49	642	87	61	13,167	18,430	58	876	87	84	19,535
	All Undergraduate	Male	9,274	59	426	55	103	9,917	18,925	116	873	68	212	20,194
		Female	14,928	92	889	79	175	16,163	30,071	215	1,823	96	293	32,498
		Total	24,202	151	1,315	134	278	26,080	48,996	331	2,696	164	505	52,692
Postgraduate	Full-time	Male	638	25	110	52	176	1,001	1,163	48	187	93	340	1,831
		Female	1,012	25	191	34	149	1,411	1,645	38	360	59	261	2,363
		Total	1,650	50	301	86	325	2,412	2,808	86	547	152	601	4,194
	Part-time	Male	799	53	106	9	34	1,001	2,377	188	299	43	233	3,140
		Female	1,282	150	197	9	21	1,659	3,284	363	572	45	140	4,404
		Total	2,081	203	303	18	55	2,660	5,661	551	871	88	373	7,544
	All Postgraduate	Male	1,437	78	216	61	210	2,002	3,540	236	486	136	573	4,971
		Female	2,294	175	388	43	170	3,070	4,929	401	932	104	401	6,767
		Total	3,731	253	604	104	380	5,072	8,469	637	1,418	240	974	11,738
All Students	Full-Time	Male	5,659	67	360	71	258	6,415	13,857	144	824	125	516	15,466
		Female	7,865	85	614	62	284	8,910	19,517	215	1,543	104	506	21,885
		Total	13,524	152	974	133	542	15,325	33,374	359	2,367	229	1,022	37,351
	Part-Time	Male	5,052	70	282	45	55	5,504	8,608	208	535	79	269	9,699
		Female	9,357	182	663	60	61	10,323	15,483	401	1,212	96	188	17,380
		Total	14,409	252	945	105	116	15,827	24,091	609	1,747	175	457	27,079
	All Students	Male	10,711	137	642	116	313	11,919	22,465	352	1,359	204	785	25,165
		Female	17,222	267	1,277	122	345	19,233	35,000	616	2,755	200	694	39,265
		Total	27,933	404	1,919	238	658	31,152	57,465	968	4,114	404	1,479	64,430

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on enrolments on HE courses at NI FE colleges relates to 2001/02 (see Notes to Readers).

Table 8: Enrolments on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ at Northern Ireland institutions by level of study, mode of study, gender and age, 2002/03.

		First Year Students									All Students								
		Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
First Degree	Under 21	3,265	4,627	7,892	42	105	147	3,307	4,732	8,039	6,944	10,309	17,253	135	196	331	7,079	10,505	17,584
	21 - 24	459	437	896	115	414	529	574	851	1,425	3,551	4,245	7,796	353	813	1,166	3,904	5,058	8,962
	25 and over	213	407	620	345	697	1,042	558	1,104	1,662	688	1,139	1,827	1,065	2,265	3,330	1,753	3,404	5,157
	Unknown	4	11	15	4	9	13	8	20	28	5	14	19	9	15	24	14	29	43
	Total	3,941	5,482	9,423	506	1,225	1,731	4,447	6,707	11,154	11,188	15,707	26,895	1,562	3,289	4,851	12,750	18,996	31,746
Other Undergraduate	Under 21	1,143	1,436	2,579	465	613	1,078	1,608	2,049	3,657	1,760	2,509	4,269	593	777	1,370	2,353	3,286	5,639
	21 - 24	208	234	442	582	983	1,565	790	1,217	2,007	484	701	1,185	750	1,303	2,053	1,234	2,004	3,238
	25 and over	120	343	463	2,801	5,591	8,392	2,921	5,934	8,855	199	599	798	3,504	7,352	10,856	3,703	7,951	11,654
	Unknown	2	4	6	149	252	401	151	256	407	4	6	10	150	255	405	154	261	415
	Total	1,473	2,017	3,490	3,997	7,439	11,436	5,470	9,456	14,926	2,447	3,815	6,262	4,997	9,687	14,684	7,444	13,502	20,946
All Undergraduate	Under 21	4,408	6,063	10,471	507	718	1,225	4,915	6,781	11,696	8,704	12,818	21,522	728	973	1,701	9,432	13,791	23,223
	21 - 24	667	671	1,338	697	1,397	2,094	1,364	2,068	3,432	4,035	4,946	8,981	1,103	2,116	3,219	5,138	7,062	12,200
	25 and over	333	750	1,083	3,146	6,288	9,434	3,479	7,038	10,517	887	1,738	2,625	4,569	9,617	14,186	5,456	11,355	16,811
	Unknown	6	15	21	153	261	414	159	276	435	9	20	29	159	270	429	168	290	458
	Total	5,414	7,499	12,913	4,503	8,664	13,167	9,917	16,163	26,080	13,635	19,522	33,157	6,559	12,976	19,535	20,194	32,498	52,692
Postgraduate	Under 21	10	9	19	2	2	4	12	11	23	10	9	19	2	2	4	12	11	23
	21 - 24	580	932	1,512	101	225	326	681	1,157	1,838	917	1,388	2,305	367	503	870	1,284	1,891	3,175
	25 and over	407	469	876	891	1,421	2,312	1,298	1,890	3,188	898	963	1,861	2,761	3,881	6,642	3,659	4,844	8,503
	Unknown	4	1	5	7	11	18	11	12	23	6	3	9	10	18	28	16	21	37
	Total	1,001	1,411	2,412	1,001	1,659	2,660	2,002	3,070	5,072	1,831	2,363	4,194	3,140	4,404	7,544	4,971	6,767	11,738
All Students	Under 21	4,418	6,072	10,490	509	720	1,229	4,927	6,792	11,719	8,714	12,827	21,541	730	975	1,705	9,444	13,802	23,246
	21 - 24	1,247	1,603	2,850	798	1,622	2,420	2,045	3,225	5,270	4,952	6,334	11,286	1,470	2,619	4,089	6,422	8,953	15,375
	25 and over	740	1,219	1,959	4,037	7,709	11,746	4,777	8,928	13,705	1,785	2,701	4,486	7,330	13,498	20,828	9,115	16,199	25,314
	Unknown	10	16	26	160	272	432	170	288	458	15	23	38	169	288	457	184	311	495
	Total	6,415	8,910	15,325	5,504	10,323	15,827	11,919	19,233	31,152	15,466	21,885	37,351	9,699	17,380	27,079	25,165	39,265	64,430

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on enrolments on HE courses at NI FE colleges relates to 2001/02 (see Notes to Readers).

Table 9: Enrolments on higher education courses ^{(1) (2)} at Northern Ireland institutions by mode of study, gender and subject area, 2002/03.

	First Year Students									All Students								
	Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time			Full-time			Part-time			Full-time & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Medicine & Dentistry	102	166	268	12	42	54	114	208	322	510	673	1,183	118	117	234	628	790	1,417
Subjects Allied to Medicine	267	1,566	1,833	311	2,318	2,628	577	3,884	4,461	714	3,948	4,661	659	4,055	4,713	1,372	8,002	9,375
Biological Sciences	271	587	858	79	154	234	351	742	1,092	739	1,604	2,343	189	352	541	928	1,956	2,884
Veterinary Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture & Related Subjects	46	65	111	25	55	80	71	120	191	112	143	255	79	112	191	191	255	446
Physical Sciences	262	277	539	57	49	106	319	327	646	649	632	1,281	170	162	332	819	795	1,614
Mathematical Sciences	404	153	556	476	602	1,078	880	755	1,634	651	380	1,030	631	701	1,331	1,281	1,080	2,361
Computer Science	914	345	1,259	237	210	447	1,151	555	1,706	2,490	1,059	3,549	612	452	1,064	3,102	1,511	4,613
Engineering & Technology	938	172	1,111	700	77	777	1,638	249	1,887	2,387	477	2,865	1,199	137	1,335	3,586	614	4,200
Architecture, Building & Planning	458	171	628	295	74	369	753	245	997	1,109	389	1,498	538	114	652	1,647	503	2,150
Social studies	408	1,062	1,470	385	1,523	1,908	793	2,585	3,378	968	2,522	3,490	707	2,646	3,354	1,676	5,168	6,844
Law	228	370	597	54	69	123	282	439	720	486	812	1,298	160	195	355	646	1,007	1,653
Business & Administrative Studies	1,005	1,698	2,703	1,391	2,708	4,099	2,396	4,406	6,802	2,135	4,072	6,207	2,447	4,611	7,057	4,582	8,682	13,264
Mass Communications and Documentation	147	257	404	60	35	94	207	292	499	288	531	819	79	57	137	368	588	956
Languages	190	523	713	608	863	1,471	797	1,386	2,184	464	1,350	1,814	770	1,077	1,846	1,234	2,426	3,660
Historical and Philosophical Studies	259	295	554	190	253	443	449	548	998	658	730	1,387	357	408	765	1,014	1,138	2,152
Creative Arts & Design	342	556	899	186	383	569	528	939	1,467	763	1,237	2,000	246	548	794	1,009	1,785	2,793
Education	172	642	814	357	716	1,073	529	1,358	1,887	340	1,317	1,657	615	1,337	1,952	955	2,655	3,609
Combined	2	4	6	83	192	275	85	196	281	3	10	13	124	301	425	127	311	438
Total	6,415	8,910	15,325	5,504	10,323	15,827	11,919	19,233	31,152	15,466	21,885	37,351	9,699	17,380	27,079	25,165	39,265	64,430

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on enrolments on HE courses at NI FE colleges relates to 2001/02 (see Notes to Readers).

⁽²⁾ Due to some students being apportioned between different subject areas, individual figures have been rounded and the sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown. Care should be taken when comparing subject areas in 2002/03 with subject areas in 2001/02 and earlier (See Notes to Readers).

COMPARISON OF YEARS 2000/01 TO 2002/03

Table 10: First year enrolments on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ at Northern Ireland institutions by level of study, mode of study and domicile, 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Level and Year	Full-time						Part-time						Total						
	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	
First Degree																			
2000/01	7,438	87	441	27	127	8,120	1,674	1	78	1	2	1,756	9,112	88	519	28	129	9,876	
2001/02	8,001	103	474	14	142	8,734	1,734	0	106	0	3	1,843	9,735	103	580	14	145	10,577	
2002/03	8,620	97	484	30	192	9,423	1,625	5	100	1	0	1,731	10,245	102	584	31	192	11,154	
Other Undergraduate																			
2000/01	3,251	4	213	10	92	3,570	9,692	100	517	39	80	10,428	12,943	104	730	49	172	13,998	
2001/02	3,312	4	206	8	66	3,596	10,758	78	529	25	95	11,485	14,070	82	735	33	161	15,081	
2002/03	3,254	5	189	17	25	3,490	10,703	44	542	86	61	11,436	13,957	49	731	103	86	14,926	
All Undergraduate																			
2000/01	10,689	91	654	37	219	11,690	11,366	101	595	40	82	12,184	22,055	192	1,249	77	301	23,874	
2001/02	11,313	107	680	22	208	12,330	12,492	78	635	25	98	13,328	23,805	185	1,315	47	306	25,658	
2002/03	11,874	102	673	47	217	12,913	12,328	49	642	87	61	13,167	24,202	151	1,315	134	278	26,080	
Postgraduate																			
2000/01	1,827	44	357	82	307	2,617	2,094	160	197	20	95	2,566	3,921	204	554	102	402	5,183	
2001/02	1,758	50	322	76	313	2,519	1,915	175	314	17	74	2,495	3,673	225	636	93	387	5,014	
2002/03	1,650	50	301	86	325	2,412	2,081	203	303	18	55	2,660	3,731	253	604	104	380	5,072	
Total																			
2000/01	12,516	135	1,011	119	526	14,307	13,460	261	792	60	177	14,750	25,976	396	1,803	179	703	29,057	
2001/02	13,071	157	1,002	98	521	14,849	14,407	253	949	42	172	15,823	27,478	410	1,951	140	693	30,672	
2002/03	13,524	152	974	133	542	15,325	14,409	252	945	105	116	15,827	27,933	404	1,919	238	658	31,152	

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on enrolments on HE courses at NI FE colleges in 2002/03 has been held at 2001/02 levels (see Notes to Readers).

COMPARISON OF YEARS 2000/01 TO 2002/03

Table 11: Enrolments on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ at Northern Ireland institutions by level of study, mode of study and domicile, 2000/01 to 2002/03.

Level and Year	Full-time						Part-time						Total						
	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	NI	GB	Rol	Other EU	Other O'seas	Total	
First Degree																			
2000/01	21,432	239	1,559	76	305	23,611	4,602	6	209	2	7	4,826	26,034	245	1,768	78	312	28,437	
2001/02	22,726	249	1,420	38	328	24,761	4,910	6	243	20	20	5,199	27,636	255	1,663	58	348	29,960	
2002/03	24,716	265	1,465	55	394	26,895	4,593	11	225	1	21	4,851	29,309	276	1,690	56	415	31,746	
Other Undergraduate																			
2000/01	5,947	6	408	12	93	6,466	14,281	119	700	49	91	15,240	20,228	125	1,108	61	184	21,706	
2001/02	5,948	8	395	13	70	6,434	14,054	81	636	25	96	14,892	20,002	89	1,031	38	166	21,326	
2002/03	5,850	8	355	22	27	6,262	13,837	47	651	86	63	14,684	19,687	55	1,006	108	90	20,946	
All Undergraduate																			
2000/01	27,379	245	1,967	88	398	30,077	18,883	125	909	51	98	20,066	46,262	370	2,876	139	496	50,143	
2001/02	28,674	257	1,815	51	398	31,195	18,964	87	879	45	116	20,091	47,638	344	2,694	96	514	51,286	
2002/03	30,566	273	1,820	77	421	33,157	18,430	58	876	87	84	19,535	48,996	331	2,696	164	505	52,692	
Postgraduate																			
2000/01	2,842	89	588	148	498	4,165	5,443	427	596	82	268	6,816	8,285	516	1,184	230	766	10,981	
2001/02	2,859	91	562	136	540	4,188	5,563	485	808	86	307	7,249	8,422	576	1,370	222	847	11,437	
2002/03	2,808	86	547	152	601	4,194	5,661	551	871	88	373	7,544	8,469	637	1,418	240	974	11,738	
Total																			
2000/01	30,221	334	2,555	236	896	34,242	24,326	552	1,505	133	366	26,882	54,547	886	4,060	369	1,262	61,124	
2001/02	31,533	348	2,377	187	938	35,383	24,527	572	1,687	131	423	27,340	56,060	920	4,064	318	1,361	62,723	
2002/03	33,374	359	2,367	229	1,022	37,351	24,091	609	1,747	175	457	27,079	57,465	968	4,114	404	1,479	64,430	

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on enrolments on HE courses at NI FE colleges in 2002/03 has been held at 2001/02 levels (see Notes to Readers).

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Table 12: Enrolments on higher education courses ⁽¹⁾ at Northern Ireland institutions by institution, level of study and mode of study, 2000/01 to 2002/03.

NI Institution and Year	First Degree			Other Undergraduate			All Undergraduate			Postgraduate			Total		
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Queen's University Belfast															
2000/01	10,193	1,489	11,682	1,452	4,458	5,910	11,645	5,947	17,592	2,011	2,644	4,655	13,656	8,591	22,247
2001/02	10,652	1,588	12,240	1,586	4,328	5,914	12,238	5,916	18,154	2,042	3,070	5,112	14,280	8,986	23,266
2002/03	11,160	1,387	12,547	1,240	3,970	5,210	12,400	5,357	17,757	1,964	3,253	5,217	14,364	8,610	22,974
St. Mary's University College															
2000/01	734	4	738	0	70	70	734	74	808	10	152	162	744	226	970
2001/02	830	9	839	0	24	24	830	33	863	14	143	157	844	176	1,020
2002/03	931	19	950	0	8	8	931	27	958	17	160	177	948	187	1,135
Stranmillis University College															
2000/01	788	220	1,008	0	48	48	788	268	1,056	37	128	165	825	396	1,221
2001/02	918	204	1,122	0	106	106	918	310	1,228	35	121	156	953	431	1,384
2002/03	957	181	1,138	0	61	61	957	242	1,199	40	152	192	997	394	1,391
University of Ulster															
2000/01	11,703	2,310	14,013	1,365	1,689	3,054	13,068	3,999	17,067	2,107	3,732	5,839	15,175	7,731	22,906
2001/02	12,166	2,471	14,637	1,184	1,460	2,644	13,350	3,931	17,281	2,097	3,799	5,896	15,447	7,730	23,177
2002/03	13,652	2,337	15,989	1,358	1,671	3,029	15,010	4,008	19,018	2,173	3,863	6,036	17,183	7,871	25,054
NI Further Education Colleges															
2000/01	193	803	996	3,649	8,975	12,624	3,842	9,778	13,620	0	160	160	3,842	9,938	13,780
2001/02	195	927	1,122	3,664	8,974	12,638	3,859	9,901	13,760	0	116	116	3,859	10,017	13,876
2002/03	195	927	1,122	3,664	8,974	12,638	3,859	9,901	13,760	0	116	116	3,859	10,017	13,876
Total															
2000/01	23,611	4,826	28,437	6,466	15,240	21,706	30,077	20,066	50,143	4,165	6,816	10,981	34,242	26,882	61,124
2001/02	24,761	5,199	29,960	6,434	14,892	21,326	31,195	20,091	51,286	4,188	7,249	11,437	35,383	27,340	62,723
2002/03	26,895	4,851	31,746	6,262	14,684	20,946	33,157	19,535	52,692	4,194	7,544	11,738	37,351	27,079	64,430

Footnotes

⁽¹⁾ Information on enrolments on HE courses at NI FE colleges in 2002/03 has been held at 2001/02 levels (see Notes to Readers).