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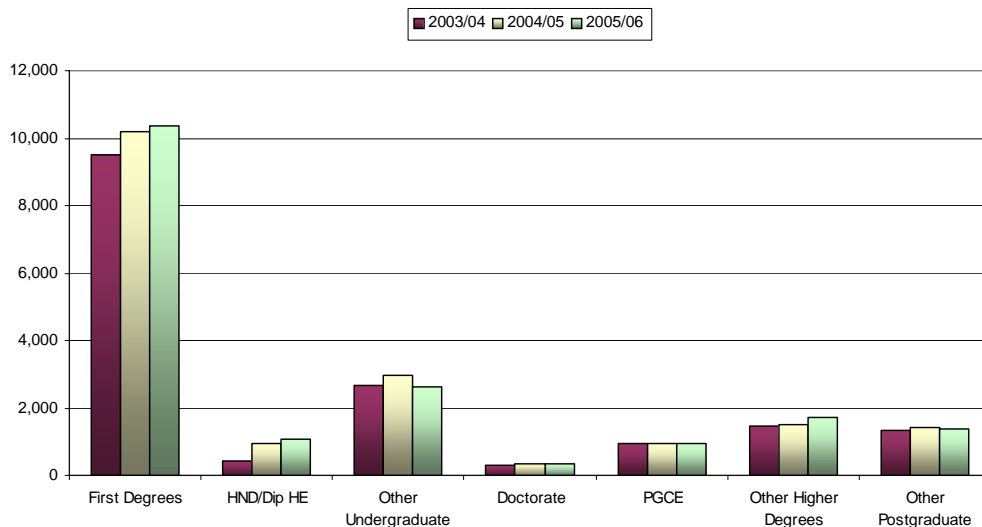
Students gaining Higher Education Qualifications: Northern Ireland 2005/06

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This statistical bulletin has been produced by the Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland (NI), using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

It provides details of qualifications gained by NI domiciled students on higher education (HE) courses in the United Kingdom (UK) and details of all students gaining qualifications at HE institutions in NI for the academic year 2005/06.

NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions 2003/04 – 2005/06



NI domiciled students gaining Higher Education Qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions

Level of study	Between 2003/04 and 2005/06, the number of higher degrees (including doctorates) awarded increased by 17% and other postgraduate (including PGCE) qualifications increased by 2%. Over the same period the number of first degrees awarded increased by 9% and other undergraduate awards increased by 19%.
Classification of first degree	The number of NI domiciled students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees increased by 18% from 5,235 in 2003/04 to 6,170 in 2005/06.
Country of study	Between 2003/04 and 2005/06, NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions rose by 12% and the number gaining undergraduate qualifications at GB Higher Education institutions increased by 11%. Over the same period, there was an increase of 7% in the number of NI domiciled students gaining postgraduate qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions and an increase of 11% in the number of NI domiciled students gaining postgraduate qualifications at GB Higher Education institutions.
Mode of study	In 2005/06, 29% of NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications and 42% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications gained their awards through part-time study.
Level of study by gender	In 2005/06, 64% of NI domiciled students attaining undergraduate qualifications and 59% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female.
Subject group by level of study	The most popular subjects for NI domiciled first degree graduates in 2005/06 were Business and Administrative Studies (15%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (14%) and Social Studies (10%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education (33%), Business and Administrative Studies (15%) and Subjects Allied to Medicine (9%).
Classification of first degree by gender	In 2005/06, 63% of NI domiciled female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 55% of male first degree graduates.

Classification of first degree by subject group	In 2005/06, 92% of NI domiciled first degree graduates attained honours degrees. The majority of NI domiciled graduates from Veterinary Science and Medicine & Dentistry received pass/unclassified degrees ¹ .
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Students gaining Higher Education Qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions²

Level of study	Between 2003/04 and 2005/06, the number of higher degrees (including doctorates) awarded at the NI Higher Education institutions increased by 16%. Other postgraduate (including PGCE) qualifications increased by 4% with first degree qualifications increasing by 8%. Over the same period the number of other undergraduate awards increased by 22%.
Classification of first degree	The number of students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees increased by 19%, from 4,275 in 2003/04 to 5,100 in 2005/06.
Mode of study	In 2005/06, 31% of students at NI Higher Education institutions gaining undergraduate qualifications and 45% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications, gained their awards through part-time study.
Level of study by gender	In 2005/06, 66% of students attaining undergraduate qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions and 59% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female.
Subject group by level of study	The most popular subjects for first degree graduates from NI Higher Education institutions were Subjects Allied to Medicine (16%), Business and Administrative Studies (16%), and Social Studies (11%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education (21%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (16%) and Business and Administrative Studies (15%).
Classification of first degree by gender	In 2005/06, 66% of female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 59% of male first degree graduates.

¹ Certain qualifications obtained at first degree level are not subject to classification of award, notably medical and general degrees. (see notes to readers).

² Includes the NI Universities and University Colleges only. The Open University is treated as a wholly English institution (see notes to readers).

Classification of first degree by subject group

All first degree qualifiers in Agriculture and related subjects, Law, Mass Communications and Documentation and Languages attained honours degrees. The majority of first degree graduates in Medicine & Dentistry received pass/unclassified degrees³.

³ Certain qualifications obtained at first degree level are not subject to classification of award, notably medical and general degrees(see notes to readers).

Tables

NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions (Includes Open University)

Table 1 details NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education institutions by qualifications obtained, location of study, mode of study and gender for 2005/06.

Table 2 gives details of NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and gender for 2005/06.

Table 3 presents information on NI domiciled students gaining first degrees at UK Higher Education institutions by subject area, degree classification and gender for 2005/06.

Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions (Excludes Open University)

Table 4 shows the number of students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions by qualifications obtained, domicile, mode of study and gender for 2005/06.

Table 5 gives details of students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and gender for 2005/06.

Table 6 presents information on students gaining first degrees at NI Higher Education institutions by subject area, degree classification and gender for 2005/06.

Tables providing comparisons between 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06

Annex A compares NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in the UK in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06.

Annex B compares students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in NI in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06.

Annex C compares NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education institutions in the UK by location of study in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06.

Notes to Readers

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. HESA data do not include HE qualifications obtained at FE colleges in NI or GB, or at institutions in the Republic of Ireland.
2. Higher Education courses are defined as those courses leading to a qualification above A-level standard. This includes postgraduate study, first degree, Higher National Diploma and Certificate courses and a number of professional qualifications.
3. Figures for 2005/06 reported in this bulletin are counts of student enrolments associated with the award of an HE qualification during the period 1 August 2005 to 31 July 2006 inclusive.
4. Level of course.
 - (i) Postgraduate courses are those leading to higher degrees, diplomas and certificates (including Postgraduate Certificates of Education (PGCE) and professional qualifications) which usually require a first degree as an entry qualification.
 - (ii) Higher degrees include doctorates, masters degrees and higher bachelors degrees.
 - (iii) Other postgraduate includes postgraduate diplomas, certificates and professional qualifications and PGCE.
 - (iv) First degree includes first degrees, first degrees with eligibility to register to practice (doctor/dentist/veterinary surgeon), 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. foundation degrees, diplomas in HE with eligibility to register to practice with a Health or Social Care regulatory body, Higher National Diploma (HND), Higher National Certificate (HNC), Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE), Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE), foundation courses at HE level, NVQ/SVQ levels 4 and 5, post-degree diplomas and certificates at undergraduate level, professional qualifications at undergraduate level and undergraduate certificates.
5. Mode of study 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. Awards from dormant status and those writing-up theses are also included where a student's mode of study was previously full-time.

- (ii) Part-time students include those studying part-time, on block release, during evenings only or full-time for less than 24 weeks. Awards from dormant status and those writing up theses are also included where a student's mode of study was previously part-time.
6. Certain qualifications obtained at first degree level are not subject to classification of award, notably medical and general degrees. These, together with ordinary degrees, have been included within the pass/unclassified category. Third and fourth class honours have been grouped together. Lower second and undivided second class honours have also been aggregated and are shown as second class, lower division in the tables in this publication.
 7. In the tables the Open University is treated as an English institution, as the administrative centre is located in England. 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 is presented in the footnote to table 1.
 8. **Changes to classification of subject areas in 2002/03**

Subject area groupings have changed from those used in 2001/02 and before. HESA and the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) developed a common subject coding system (JACS), which was introduced for the 2002/03 academic year, in which qualifications obtained were aggregated to 19 broad subject areas. Although the new subject areas look similar and are closely related to the previous subject areas, the new system is not by any means identical, as the subject areas within each group may have changed.

In addition a new procedure for apportioning students to subject areas was also introduced in 2002/03. Under the previous system, students were allocated to a subject area which reflected the majority of their course. When this was not possible they were allocated to the combined subject area.

Under this procedure, where a student's course covers more than one subject area, each headcount is divided in a way that reflects the pattern of a split programme. Depending on their academic content, qualifications are 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 subjects lies within more than one area, the qualification 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 at undergraduate level who 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'.

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.

9. To prevent the identification of individuals, figures in the attached tables have been rounded to the nearest 5, with 0, 1 & 2 rounded to 0. Due to this rounding the sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown.

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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 gender 2005/06

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate					Total	
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All PG	First Degree	Other Undergraduate				All UG
			Doctorate	Other Higher Degrees	All	PGCE	Other PG	All			HND/ DipHE	Other UG	All		
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	95	270	365	110	150	260	625	2,400	40	135	175	2,580	3,205
		Female	95	360	455	285	210	495	950	4,010	260	155	415	4,425	5,375
		Total	190	625	815	400	360	760	1,575	6,415	300	295	590	7,005	8,580
	Part-time	Male	45	280	325	0	250	255	580	285	260	250	510	795	1,375
		Female	30	400	430	0	395	395	825	535	355	1,465	1,815	2,350	3,175
		Total	75	680	755	0	650	650	1,405	820	615	1,715	2,325	3,145	4,550
	Total	Male	140	550	690	110	405	515	1,205	2,685	300	385	685	3,375	4,575
		Female	125	760	885	290	605	895	1,775	4,545	610	1,620	2,230	6,775	8,555
Total		265	1,305	1,570	400	1,010	1,410	2,980	7,230	910	2,010	2,920	10,150	13,130	
England	Full-time	Male	25	85	110	140	50	190	300	670	25	50	75	750	1,045
		Female	15	75	90	315	30	345	435	915	45	35	80	995	1,430
		Total	40	160	200	455	80	535	735	1,585	70	90	160	1,745	2,480
	Part-time	Male	5	75	80	10	90	100	180	160	10	190	205	365	545
		Female	5	70	75	15	100	115	190	180	10	275	285	470	660
		Total	10	145	155	30	190	215	370	340	20	470	490	830	1,200
	Total	Male	30	160	190	150	140	290	480	830	35	245	280	1,110	1,590
		Female	20	145	165	330	130	460	625	1,095	55	315	370	1,465	2,090
Total		50	305	355	480	270	750	1,105	1,925	90	555	650	2,575	3,680	
Scotland	Full-time	Male	15	30	45	10	15	20	65	450	25	40	65	510	580
		Female	5	45	50	40	25	60	115	655	30	25	50	710	820
		Total	20	80	95	45	35	80	180	1,105	55	60	115	1,220	1,400
	Part-time	Male	0	5	10	0	10	10	20	15	5	0	5	20	40
		Female	0	5	5	0	20	20	30	20	0	5	5	25	55
		Total	5	10	15	0	35	35	45	35	5	5	10	45	95
	Total	Male	15	40	55	10	25	30	85	465	30	40	70	530	615
		Female	10	50	60	40	45	85	140	680	30	25	60	735	875
Total		20	90	110	45	70	115	225	1,140	60	65	125	1,270	1,495	
Wales	Full-time	Male	0	5	5	5	0	10	15	25	0	0	0	25	40
		Female	0	5	5	5	5	10	15	35	0	0	0	35	50
		Total	0	10	10	10	5	15	25	55	0	0	5	60	85
	Part-time	Male	0	5	10	0	5	5	15	15	5	0	0	5	15
		Female	0	10	10	0	5	5	15	5	0	0	0	5	20
		Total	0	15	15	0	10	10	25	5	0	0	0	10	35
	Total	Male	0	10	15	5	5	15	25	30	0	0	0	30	55
		Female	0	10	10	10	5	15	25	35	0	0	5	40	65
Total		0	25	25	15	15	30	55	65	0	0	5	70	120	
All Students	Full-time	Male	130	390	520	265	215	480	1,000	3,545	90	225	320	3,865	4,865
		Female	115	485	600	645	265	915	1,515	5,615	330	220	550	6,165	7,680
		Total	250	875	1,125	910	485	1,395	2,515	9,160	425	445	870	10,030	12,545
	Part-time	Male	55	370	420	15	355	370	790	465	275	445	715	1,180	1,975
		Female	35	480	515	20	520	540	1,055	740	365	1,745	2,110	2,850	3,910
		Total	90	850	940	30	880	910	1,850	1,205	640	2,185	2,830	4,030	5,880
	Total	Male	185	760	945	275	575	850	1,795	4,010	365	670	1,035	5,045	6,840
		Female	150	965	1,115	665	790	1,455	2,570	6,355	700	1,965	2,660	9,015	11,585
Total		335	1,725	2,060	940	1,365	2,305	4,365	10,365	1,065	2,630	3,695	14,060	18,425	

Note: Included above are 680 NI domiciled students who gained qualifications (100 Postgraduate awards, 255 First Degrees and 325 Other Undergraduate awards) at the Open University (see notes to readers).

Figures in the table have been rounded to the nearest 5. The sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown.

Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and gender 2005/06

		Medicine & dentistry	Subjects allied to medicine	Biological sciences	Veterinary science	Agriculture & related subjects	Physical sciences	Mathematical sciences	Computer science	Engineering & technology	Architecture, building & planning	Social studies	Law	Business & administrative studies	Mass communications and documentation	Languages	Historical and philosophical studies	Creative arts & design	Education	Combined	Total
Doctorate	Male	35	5	25	0	0	25	5	10	25	0	10	5	5	0	10	15	0	5	0	185
	Female	20	30	20	0	10	20	0	5	10	0	10	5	5	0	10	5	0	10	0	150
	Total	55	35	45	0	10	45	5	15	30	5	20	5	15	0	20	20	5	15	0	335
Other Higher Degrees	Male	10	25	30	0	5	20	5	70	55	25	60	30	200	20	35	60	50	65	0	760
	Female	20	95	55	0	10	30	0	40	10	25	95	50	230	60	50	30	50	115	0	965
	Total	30	120	85	0	15	50	5	110	65	45	155	80	435	80	85	90	95	180	0	1,725
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	275	0	275
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	665	0	665
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	940	0	940
Other Postgraduate	Male	5	55	5	0	0	15	0	35	15	75	25	100	105	15	5	5	15	100	0	575
	Female	5	185	10	0	0	10	0	15	10	50	55	115	100	30	5	5	10	190	0	790
	Total	10	235	15	0	0	25	0	55	20	125	80	215	205	45	5	10	25	290	0	1,365
All Postgraduate	Male	50	85	55	0	5	60	10	115	90	100	95	135	315	40	45	80	60	445	0	1,795
	Female	45	305	85	0	15	55	0	60	30	75	160	170	335	90	65	40	60	975	0	2,570
	Total	95	390	140	0	25	115	10	175	120	175	255	305	650	125	115	120	125	1,420	0	4,365
First Degree	Male	135	210	255	10	15	185	70	490	390	295	350	215	600	70	135	200	200	100	75	4,010
	Female	225	1,195	495	15	60	205	65	175	80	105	705	340	950	125	410	245	365	515	75	6,355
	Total	360	1,410	755	20	75	395	135	665	470	400	1,055	555	1,555	200	545	445	565	615	150	10,365
HND/DipHE	Male	0	30	5	0	5	0	0	5	5	5	25	0	30	0	0	5	0	245	0	365
	Female	0	345	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	65	0	0	5	5	190	0	700
	Total	0	375	10	0	5	0	0	5	5	5	105	0	95	5	5	5	5	435	0	1,065
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	100	15	0	5	25	5	100	50	5	60	15	140	5	25	10	50	55	5	670
	Female	30	1,180	20	0	5	15	10	45	5	5	140	15	205	5	45	20	90	120	5	1,965
	Total	30	1,275	35	0	10	45	15	145	50	10	200	25	345	10	70	35	140	180	10	2,630
All Undergraduate	Male	140	340	280	10	25	215	75	590	440	310	435	230	770	75	160	215	250	405	80	5,045
	Female	255	2,720	520	15	65	225	75	225	85	110	925	350	1,225	135	460	265	460	830	80	9,015
	Total	390	3,060	800	20	90	440	150	815	530	415	1,360	580	1,990	210	620	485	715	1,230	160	14,060
Total	Male	190	425	335	10	35	275	85	705	530	410	530	365	1,085	115	210	295	315	850	80	6,840
	Female	300	3,025	605	15	85	280	75	285	115	180	1,085	525	1,560	220	525	305	525	1,800	85	11,585
	Total	490	3,455	940	20	115	555	160	990	645	590	1,615	885	2,640	335	735	605	835	2,650	165	18,425

Note: Due to some students being apportioned to 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 2005/06 with subject areas in 2001/02 and earlier (see notes to readers).

Table 3: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining first degrees at UK Higher Education Institutions by subject area, degree classification and gender 2005/06

		Degree Classification					Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass/Unclassified	
Medicine & dentistry	Male	0	0	0	0	135	135
	Female	5	10	0	0	205	225
	Total	5	15	5	0	340	360
Subjects allied to medicine	Male	35	100	70	5	5	210
	Female	210	665	255	15	55	1,195
	Total	245	760	325	20	60	1,410
Biological sciences	Male	15	105	120	10	10	255
	Female	40	280	160	10	5	495
	Total	55	380	280	20	15	755
Veterinary science	Male	0	0	0	0	5	10
	Female	0	0	0	0	15	15
	Total	0	0	0	0	20	20
Agriculture & related subjects	Male	0	10	5	0	0	15
	Female	5	30	20	0	0	60
	Total	5	40	25	0	5	75
Physical sciences	Male	25	65	75	15	5	185
	Female	20	95	75	15	5	205
	Total	45	160	145	30	15	395
Mathematical sciences	Male	20	30	20	0	5	70
	Female	20	15	15	10	5	65
	Total	40	45	35	10	5	135
Computer science	Male	70	225	155	20	25	490
	Female	25	85	55	5	5	175
	Total	95	305	210	25	25	665
Engineering & technology	Male	90	145	100	15	40	390
	Female	20	30	20	0	15	80
	Total	110	180	115	15	55	470
Architecture, building & planning	Male	30	115	115	10	25	295
	Female	10	55	30	0	5	105
	Total	40	170	145	10	30	400
Social studies	Male	20	175	130	15	10	350
	Female	55	340	280	20	10	705
	Total	75	515	410	35	20	1,055
Law	Male	15	130	60	5	5	215
	Female	20	210	100	10	0	340
	Total	30	340	160	15	5	555
Business & administrative studies	Male	45	290	225	20	25	600
	Female	115	530	270	10	25	950
	Total	160	820	495	30	50	1,555
Mass communications and documentation	Male	15	30	20	0	0	70
	Female	15	75	30	5	0	125
	Total	30	110	50	5	5	200
Languages	Male	25	65	45	5	0	135
	Female	50	210	135	5	10	410
	Total	75	270	185	10	10	545
Historical and philosophical studies	Male	15	115	65	5	5	200
	Female	20	125	80	10	5	245
	Total	35	240	145	15	10	445
Creative arts & design	Male	30	85	75	5	5	200
	Female	50	170	130	5	5	365
	Total	85	260	200	10	10	565
Education	Male	15	40	35	5	5	100
	Female	65	295	130	10	15	515
	Total	80	335	165	20	20	615
Combined	Male	0	5	5	0	65	75
	Female	0	10	0	0	65	75
	Total	0	15	5	5	125	150
All First Degrees	Male	465	1,730	1,310	135	375	4,010
	Female	750	3,230	1,790	130	455	6,355
	Total	1,210	4,960	3,100	265	830	10,365

Note: Due to some students being apportioned to 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 2005/06 with subject areas in 2001/02 and earlier (see notes to readers).

Table 4: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, domicile, mode of study and gender 2005/06

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate					Total	
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All PG	First Degree	Other Undergraduate				
			Doctorate	Other Higher Degrees		PGCE	Other PG				HND/DipHE	Other UG			All UG
				All	PGCE		Other PG	All				All			
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	95	270	365	110	150	260	625	2,400	40	135	175	2,580	3,205
		Female	95	360	455	285	210	495	950	4,010	260	155	415	4,425	5,375
		Total	190	625	815	400	360	760	1,575	6,415	300	295	590	7,005	8,580
	Part-time	Male	45	280	325	0	250	255	580	285	260	250	510	795	1,375
		Female	30	400	430	0	395	395	825	535	355	1,465	1,815	2,350	3,175
		Total	75	680	755	0	650	650	1,405	820	615	1,715	2,325	3,145	4,550
	Total	Male	140	550	690	110	405	515	1,205	2,685	300	385	685	3,375	4,575
		Female	125	760	885	290	605	895	1,775	4,545	610	1,620	2,230	6,775	8,555
		Total	265	1,305	1,570	400	1,010	1,410	2,980	7,230	910	2,010	2,920	10,150	13,130
Great Britain	Full-time	Male	5	5	10	0	0	0	15	20	0	0	0	20	30
		Female	10	5	15	0	5	5	20	45	0	0	0	45	65
		Total	15	10	25	0	5	10	30	65	0	0	0	65	95
	Part-time	Male	5	15	20	0	25	25	45	0	0	20	20	20	65
		Female	0	55	60	0	60	60	120	5	0	35	35	40	160
		Total	5	70	80	0	85	85	165	5	0	55	55	60	225
	Total	Male	10	20	30	0	25	25	55	20	0	20	20	40	95
		Female	10	60	70	0	65	70	140	50	0	35	35	85	225
		Total	25	80	105	0	90	95	195	70	0	55	55	125	320
Republic of Ireland	Full-time	Male	10	110	120	5	15	15	140	185	0	5	5	185	325
		Female	30	150	180	30	25	50	230	265	5	5	15	280	510
		Total	40	255	300	30	35	70	365	450	10	10	20	465	835
	Part-time	Male	10	75	85	0	20	20	105	20	0	30	30	50	155
		Female	5	110	115	0	40	40	155	60	5	85	90	150	305
		Total	15	185	200	0	60	60	260	80	5	115	120	200	460
	Total	Male	25	185	205	5	35	35	240	200	0	35	35	240	480
		Female	35	260	295	30	60	90	385	325	15	90	105	430	815
		Total	60	440	500	30	95	125	625	530	15	125	140	670	1,295
Other EU	Full-time	Male	10	20	30	0	0	0	30	10	0	5	5	15	45
		Female	5	25	25	0	0	0	25	5	0	0	0	5	35
		Total	15	45	60	0	0	0	60	15	0	5	5	20	80
	Part-time	Male	0	5	5	0	5	5	10	5	0	0	0	5	15
		Female	0	10	10	0	5	5	15	0	0	0	0	5	20
		Total	5	15	20	0	10	10	25	5	0	5	5	10	35
	Total	Male	10	25	35	0	5	5	40	15	0	5	5	15	60
		Female	5	35	40	0	5	5	45	10	0	0	0	10	55
		Total	20	60	75	0	10	10	85	20	0	5	5	25	110
Other Overseas	Full-time	Male	30	130	160	0	10	10	170	80	0	0	0	85	255
		Female	20	115	135	0	5	5	140	90	0	5	5	95	235
		Total	50	245	295	0	15	15	310	170	0	5	5	175	485
	Part-time	Male	10	30	40	0	20	20	60	0	0	5	5	5	65
		Female	0	15	20	0	15	15	35	0	0	5	5	5	40
		Total	15	45	60	0	35	35	95	0	0	10	10	10	105
	Total	Male	45	160	200	0	30	30	230	85	0	5	5	90	320
		Female	20	130	150	0	20	20	175	90	0	10	10	100	275
		Total	65	290	355	0	50	50	405	170	0	15	15	190	595
All Students	Full-time	Male	155	535	690	115	175	290	980	2,695	40	145	185	2,880	3,860
		Female	160	650	805	315	245	560	1,365	4,415	265	170	435	4,850	6,215
		Total	315	1,180	1,495	430	420	850	2,345	7,110	305	315	620	7,730	10,075
	Part-time	Male	75	400	480	0	320	320	800	310	260	305	565	875	1,675
		Female	40	595	635	0	515	515	1,150	600	360	1,590	1,950	2,550	3,705
		Total	115	995	1,110	0	835	840	1,950	910	620	1,895	2,515	3,425	5,375
	Total	Male	230	935	1,165	115	495	610	1,775	3,005	300	450	750	3,755	5,530
		Female	200	1,240	1,440	315	760	1,075	2,515	5,015	625	1,760	2,385	7,400	9,920
		Total	430	2,175	2,605	435	1,255	1,690	4,295	8,020	925	2,210	3,135	11,155	15,450

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Table 5: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and gender 2005/06

		Medicine & dentistry	Subjects allied to medicine	Biological sciences	Veterinary science	Agriculture & related subjects	Physical sciences	Mathematical sciences	Computer science	Engineering & technology	Architecture, building & planning	Social studies	Law	Business & administrative studies	Mass communications and documentation	Languages	Historical and philosophical studies	Creative arts & design	Education	Total
Doctorate	Male	35	15	25	0	5	35	0	15	35	5	15	5	10	0	10	15	5	5	230
	Female	25	50	20	0	10	20	0	5	15	5	15	5	10	0	15	5	0	5	200
	Total	65	65	45	0	10	55	0	20	45	10	30	5	15	0	25	20	5	15	430
Other Higher Degrees	Male	5	55	40	0	10	15	0	80	115	25	70	25	255	25	35	55	50	70	935
	Female	15	230	75	0	15	25	0	45	30	30	105	70	265	65	60	35	55	125	1,240
	Total	15	285	110	0	25	40	0	130	150	55	175	95	520	90	95	90	105	200	2,175
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	115
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	315
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	435	435
Other Postgraduate	Male	0	90	0	0	0	20	0	30	15	75	15	65	60	15	5	0	5	100	495
	Female	0	240	5	0	0	15	0	20	10	60	55	95	60	20	5	5	5	170	760
	Total	0	325	5	0	0	35	0	50	20	135	70	160	120	30	5	5	15	270	1,255
All Postgraduate	Male	40	160	65	0	15	70	0	130	165	110	100	90	325	40	45	70	60	295	1,775
	Female	40	515	95	0	25	60	0	70	55	90	170	170	330	85	80	40	65	620	2,515
	Total	80	675	160	0	40	130	0	200	215	200	275	260	655	125	125	110	125	915	4,295
First Degree	Male	85	175	185	0	20	145	45	435	350	220	250	135	465	45	100	160	130	55	3,005
	Female	125	1,085	385	0	50	155	50	155	60	90	595	230	795	75	300	205	260	400	5,015
	Total	210	1,260	570	0	70	305	100	595	410	310	850	365	1,260	120	400	365	390	455	8,020
HND/DipHE	Male	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	245	300
	Female	0	305	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	60	0	0	5	0	190	625
	Total	0	330	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	75	0	0	5	0	435	925
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	80	5	0	0	5	0	60	40	0	25	0	145	0	25	5	45	20	450
	Female	30	1,130	10	0	5	10	0	40	5	0	55	0	245	0	55	5	85	85	1,760
	Total	30	1,210	20	0	5	15	0	100	40	0	80	0	385	0	80	10	130	105	2,210
All Undergraduate	Male	85	280	190	0	20	150	45	500	390	220	290	135	625	45	130	165	175	315	3,755
	Female	155	2,520	395	0	60	165	50	195	65	90	715	230	1,100	75	355	215	345	680	7,400
	Total	240	2,800	585	0	75	320	100	695	450	310	1,005	365	1,720	120	480	375	515	995	11,155
Total	Male	125	440	255	0	35	220	50	630	555	330	390	225	945	80	175	235	235	610	5,530
	Female	195	3,035	495	0	85	225	50	265	115	180	890	395	1,430	160	435	255	410	1,295	9,920
	Total	320	3,475	750	0	115	450	100	895	670	510	1,280	625	2,375	240	610	490	640	1,910	15,450

Note: Due to some students being apportioned to 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 2005/06 with subject areas in 2001/02 and earlier (see notes to readers).

Table 6: Students gaining first degrees at NI Higher Education Institutions by subject area, degree classification and gender 2005/06

		Degree Classification					Total
		First class honours	2nd class, upper division	2nd class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass/Unclassified	
Medicine & dentistry	Male	0	0	0	0	85	85
	Female	0	5	0	0	120	125
	Total	0	5	0	0	205	210
Subjects allied to medicine	Male	30	85	50	5	5	175
	Female	205	625	220	5	25	1,085
	Total	240	710	270	10	25	1,260
Biological sciences	Male	15	80	85	5	0	185
	Female	40	215	125	0	0	385
	Total	55	295	205	5	5	570
Veterinary science	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture & related subjects	Male	0	10	10	0	0	20
	Female	5	25	20	0	0	50
	Total	5	35	30	0	0	70
Physical sciences	Male	25	50	60	10	0	145
	Female	10	70	65	5	0	155
	Total	35	125	125	15	0	305
Mathematical sciences	Male	10	15	20	0	0	45
	Female	20	15	15	5	0	50
	Total	30	30	30	5	5	100
Computer science	Male	65	210	140	20	0	435
	Female	25	70	55	0	0	155
	Total	95	285	195	20	0	595
Engineering & technology	Male	85	140	85	5	30	350
	Female	20	25	15	0	5	60
	Total	105	165	100	5	35	410
Architecture, building & planning	Male	25	100	80	0	10	220
	Female	10	50	25	0	0	90
	Total	35	150	110	0	15	310
Social studies	Male	15	130	95	5	5	250
	Female	40	305	230	15	5	595
	Total	55	435	330	20	10	850
Law	Male	10	85	40	0	0	135
	Female	15	140	75	0	0	230
	Total	25	220	115	5	0	365
Business & administrative studies	Male	45	235	180	5	0	465
	Female	110	455	225	5	0	795
	Total	150	685	405	10	5	1,260
Mass communications and documentation	Male	15	20	10	0	0	45
	Female	15	45	20	0	0	75
	Total	25	65	30	0	0	120
Languages	Male	10	45	45	0	0	100
	Female	30	145	125	0	0	300
	Total	40	185	170	5	0	400
Historical and philosophical studies	Male	10	95	55	5	0	160
	Female	15	95	85	5	5	205
	Total	25	190	140	5	5	365
Creative arts & design	Male	20	60	45	0	5	130
	Female	40	130	90	0	0	260
	Total	60	190	140	0	5	390
Education	Male	15	25	15	0	0	55
	Female	55	260	85	0	5	400
	Total	65	285	100	5	5	455
All First Degrees	Male	390	1,380	1,020	70	145	3,005
	Female	655	2,680	1,470	45	170	5,015
	Total	1,040	4,060	2,490	115	315	8,020

Note: Due to some students being apportioned to 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 2005/06 with subject areas in 2001/02 and earlier (see notes to readers).

Annex A: NI domiciled students gaining Qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK 2003/04 – 2005/06

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Doctorate	290	340	335
Other Higher Degrees	1,465	1,490	1,725
PGCE	945	925	940
Other Postgraduate	1,325	1,440	1,365
All Postgraduate qualifications	4,025	4,195	4,365
First Degrees	9,510	10,215	10,365
of which			
<i>First</i>	925	1,210	1,210
<i>Upper Second</i>	4,310	4,865	4,960
<i>Lower Second</i>	3,010	3,085	3,100
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	240	240	265
<i>Pass/unclassified</i>	1,025	815	830
Other Undergraduate qualifications	3,105	3,895	3,695
All Undergraduate qualifications	12,615	14,110	14,060
Total	16,640	18,305	18,425

Annex B: Students gaining Qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in NI 2003/04 – 2005/06

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Doctorate	350	405	430
Other Higher Degrees	1,895	1,820	2,175
PGCE	450	450	435
Other Postgraduate	1,170	1,360	1,255
All Postgraduate qualifications	3,870	4,035	4,295
First Degrees	7,410	8,090	8,020
of which			
<i>First</i>	805	1,045	1,040
<i>Upper Second</i>	3,470	4,070	4,060
<i>Lower Second</i>	2,335	2,490	2,490
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	115	130	115
<i>Pass/unclassified</i>	685	355	315
Other Undergraduate qualifications	2,580	3,135	3,135
All Undergraduate qualifications	9,990	11,230	11,155
Total	13,860	15,265	15,450

Note: To prevent the identification of individuals in this table all numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5, with 0, 1 & 2 rounded to 0. Due to rounding the sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown.

Annex C: NI domiciled students gaining Qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by location of study 2003/04 – 2005/06

		2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
N Ireland	Doctorate	225	265	265
	Other Higher Degrees	1,115	1,110	1,305
	PGCE	410	410	400
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	985	1,150	1,010
	All Postgraduate qualifications	2,775	2,935	2,980
	First Degree	6,715	7,360	7,230
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	2,380	2,925	2,920
	All Undergraduate qualifications	9,090	10,285	10,150
Total	11,865	13,215	13,130	
England	Doctorate	45	45	50
	Other Higher Degrees	230	285	305
	PGCE	490	470	480
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	245	200	270
	All Postgraduate qualifications	1,015	1,000	1,105
	First Degree	1,680	1,660	1,925
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	635	880	650
	All Undergraduate qualifications	2,315	2,540	2,575
Total	3,330	3,535	3,680	
Scotland	Doctorate	15	30	20
	Other Higher Degrees	75	75	90
	PGCE	25	30	45
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	80	75	70
	All Postgraduate qualifications	195	215	225
	First Degree	1,050	1,130	1,140
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	80	90	125
	All Undergraduate qualifications	1,130	1,220	1,270
Total	1,330	1,435	1,495	
Wales	Doctorate	0	0	0
	Other Higher Degrees	10	20	25
	PGCE	15	15	15
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	15	10	15
	All Postgraduate qualifications	40	50	55
	First Degree	65	60	65
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	10	5	5
	All Undergraduate qualifications	75	70	70
Total	115	120	120	

Note: To prevent the identification of individuals all numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5, with 0, 1 & 2 rounded to 0. Due to rounding the sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown.