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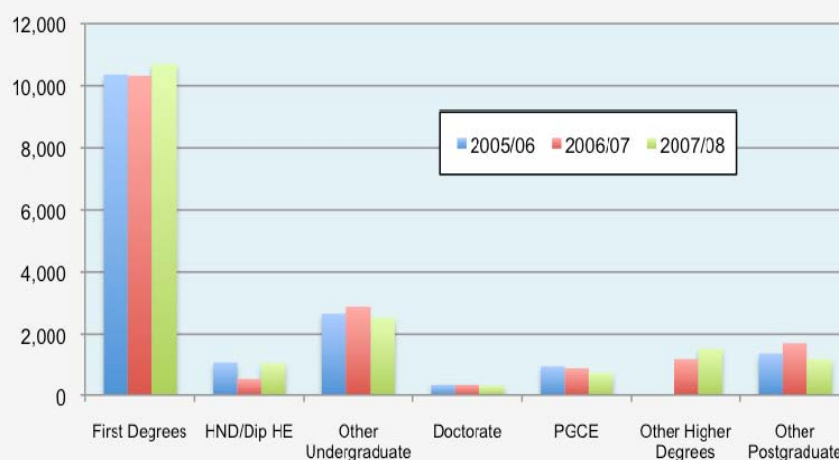
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This statistical bulletin has been produced by the Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland (NI), using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

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 (HEIs) in NI for the academic year 2007/08.

**Chart 1 - NI domiciled students gaining qualifications
at UK HEIs 2005/06 - 2007/08**



NI domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at UK Higher Education institutions

Level of study

(Table 1 & Annex A)

In 2007/08, 18,010 HE qualifications were obtained by NI domiciled students at UK HEIs, an increase of 1% from 2006/07; of these 3,745 were at postgraduate level, 10,715 were at first degree level and 3,550 were at other undergraduate level.

Classification of first degree

(Table 3, Annex A & Chart 2)

In 2007/08, 60% of NI domiciled first degree graduates achieved either first class or upper second class honours degrees, compared to 59% in 2006/07.

Country of study

(Table 1 & Annex C)

In 2007/08, 70% of NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK HEIs studied at NI HEIs.

Mode of study

(Table 1)

In 2007/08, 27% of NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications and 47% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications, gained their awards through part-time study.

Level of study by gender

(Table 1 & Chart 3)

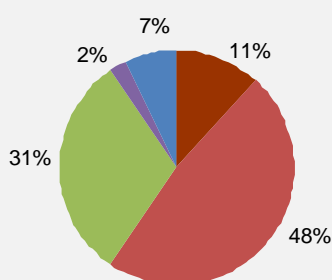
In 2007/08, 62% of NI domiciled students attaining undergraduate qualifications and 60% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female.

Subject group by level of study

(Tables 2 & 3)

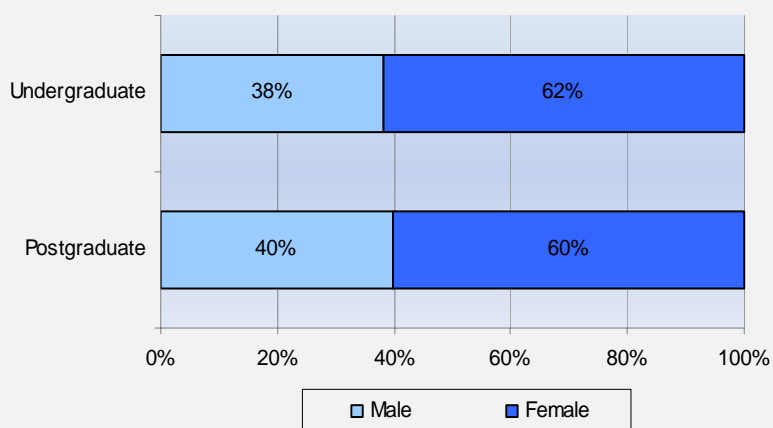
The most popular subject areas for NI domiciled first degree graduates in 2007/08 were Subjects Allied to Medicine (13%), Business and Administrative Studies (13%) and Social Studies (11%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education (32%), Business and Administrative Studies (12%) and Subjects Allied to Medicine (11%).

Chart 2 - Classification of First Degree 2007/08



■ 1st ■ 2.1 ■ 2.2 ■ 3rd/4th ■ Pass/ Unclassified

Chart 3 - Level of qualification obtained by gender 2007/08



■ Male ■ Female

Students gaining Higher Education qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions¹

Level of study

(Table 4 & Annex B)

In 2007/08, 14,585 Higher Education qualifications were obtained at NI Higher Education institutions, an increase of 1% from 2006/07; of these 3,545 were at postgraduate level, 8,240 were at first degree level and 2,800 were at other undergraduate level.

Classification of first degree

(Table 6, Annex B & Chart 4)

In 2007/08, 63% of first degree graduates from NI Higher Education institutions achieved either first class or upper second class honours degrees. The figure for 2006/07 was also 63%.

Mode of study

(Table 4)

In 2007/08, 28% of students at NI Higher Education institutions gaining undergraduate qualifications and 53% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications gained their awards through part-time study.

Level of study by Gender

(Table 4 & Chart 5)

In 2007/08, 64% of students attaining undergraduate qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions and 60% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female.

Subject group by level of study

(Tables 5 & 6)

The most popular subjects for first degree graduates from NI Higher Education institutions were Subjects Allied to Medicine (14%), Business and Administrative Studies (14%), and Social Studies (11%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education (23%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (16%) and Business and Administrative Studies (13%).

Chart 4 - Classification of First Degree 2007/08

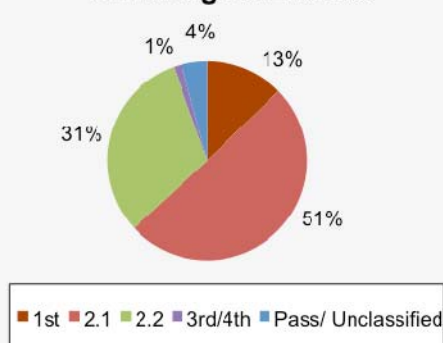
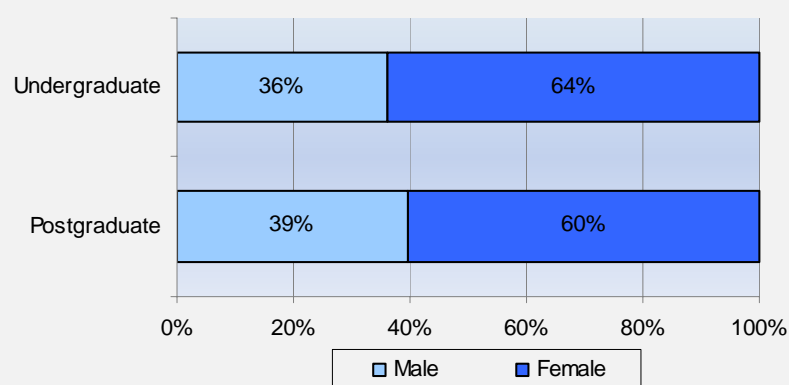


Chart 5 - Level of qualification obtained by gender 2007/08



¹ Includes the NI Universities and University Colleges only. The Open University is treated as a wholly English institution (see notes to readers).

Notes to Readers

1. The data presented in this bulletin are based on the 2007/08 Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) student record. 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. In 2006/07, an institution in NI made a change to their reporting practice with regards to qualifiers from taught postgraduate courses. This means that the number of qualifiers from postgraduate courses in 2007/08 cannot therefore be compared with previous years.

The table below compares the published figures for other higher degrees at NI Higher Education institutions against what the figures would have been if they had been adjusted to ensure consistency in reporting practice.

	2005/06	2006/07
Other higher degree (published figures)	2,175	1,220
Other higher degree (adjusted to ensure consistency in reporting practice)	1,803	1,814

3. Higher Education students are those students on courses that are of a standard that is higher than the Advanced Level of the General Certificate of Education, the Higher Grade of the Scottish Certificate of Education, GNVQ/NVQ level 3 or the BTEC or SCOTVEC National Certificate/Diploma. This includes postgraduate study, first degree, Higher National Diploma and Certificate courses and a number of professional qualifications.
4. Figures for 2007/08 reported in this bulletin are counts of student enrolments associated with the award of an HE qualification during the period 1 August 2007 to 31 July 2008 inclusive.
5. Level of course.
 - (i) Postgraduate programmes of study are those leading to higher degrees, diplomas and certificates (including Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and professional qualifications) and usually require that entrants are already qualified to degree level (i.e. already qualified at level 6 of the QCA National Qualifications Framework).
 - (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 with or without eligibility to register to practice with a health or social care or veterinary statutory regulatory body, first degrees with qualified teacher status (QTS)/registration with the General Teaching Council (GTC), enhanced first degrees, first degrees obtained concurrently with a diploma and intercalated first degrees.
- (v) Foundation degrees were first introduced in September 2001. They are vocational higher education qualifications and are at level 5 of the QCA National Qualifications Framework.
- (vi) Other undergraduate includes qualification aims below degree level, such as 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, other undergraduate diplomas and certificates including post registration health and social care courses, other formal HE qualifications of less than degree standard, institutional undergraduate credit and no formal undergraduate qualifications.

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 and those on a study related year out of their institution. During that time students are normally expected to undertake periods of study, tuition or work experience which amount to an average of at least 21 hours per week. 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, studying full-time on courses lasting less than 24 weeks, on block release, or studying during the evenings only. Awards from dormant status, those writing up theses and on sabbatical 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 and aegrotat qualifications 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. The field 'gender' has changed to be consistent with the MIAP common data definitions coding frame. Students of 'indeterminate gender' are now included in total figures but not in separate breakdowns. 'Indeterminate' means unable to be classified as either male or female and is not related in any way to trans-gender.
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 2007/08

			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	85	220	305	90	80	170	475	2,615	20	100	120	2,735	3,210
		Female	90	220	310	250	155	405	715	4,165	260	55	315	4,480	5,190
		Total	175	440	615	340	235	575	1,190	6,780	280	155	435	7,215	8,400
	Part-time	Male	35	260	295	0	220	220	515	265	305	285	590	855	1,370
		Female	40	340	380	0	445	445	825	465	295	1,270	1,565	2,030	2,855
		Total	75	600	675	0	660	665	1,340	735	595	1,555	2,150	2,885	4,225
	Total	Male	120	480	600	90	300	390	990	2,880	325	385	705	3,590	4,580
		Female	130	560	690	250	600	850	1,540	4,630	550	1,325	1,880	6,510	8,045
		Total	250	1,040	1,290	340	895	1,235	2,525	7,515	875	1,710	2,585	10,100	12,625
England	Full-time	Male	20	90	110	75	40	115	225	815	40	65	105	920	1,145
		Female	15	100	115	240	35	275	390	1,075	45	60	100	1,180	1,570
		Total	30	190	225	315	75	390	615	1,890	85	125	210	2,100	2,715
	Part-time	Male	5	90	95	10	65	75	170	130	15	260	275	405	570
		Female	5	80	85	20	90	110	190	180	30	310	340	520	710
		Total	10	170	180	30	155	180	360	310	45	570	615	925	1,285
	Total	Male	20	180	205	85	105	190	395	945	55	325	380	1,325	1,720
		Female	20	180	200	260	125	380	580	1,255	75	370	445	1,700	2,280
		Total	40	365	405	345	230	570	975	2,200	130	695	825	3,025	4,000
Scotland	Full-time	Male	10	35	45	10	10	20	65	400	20	45	65	460	525
		Female	5	40	45	25	10	35	80	515	20	45	65	575	660
		Total	15	75	90	35	20	55	145	910	40	85	125	1,040	1,185
	Part-time	Male	0	10	10	0	5	5	15	10	0	5	5	15	30
		Female	0	10	10	0	20	20	30	10	0	0	0	10	40
		Total	0	20	20	0	20	20	40	15	5	5	10	25	65
	Total	Male	10	45	55	10	15	25	80	405	25	45	70	475	555
		Female	10	45	55	25	30	55	110	520	20	45	65	585	700
		Total	20	90	110	35	45	80	190	930	45	90	135	1,065	1,255
Wales	Full-time	Male	0	0	5	5	5	10	15	30	0	0	0	35	50
		Female	0	5	5	5	5	10	15	40	0	0	0	40	55
		Total	0	10	10	15	5	20	30	70	0	5	5	75	105
	Part-time	Male	0	10	10	0	5	5	15	0	0	5	5	5	15
		Female	0	5	5	0	5	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
		Total	0	15	15	0	10	10	25	0	0	5	5	5	30
	Total	Male	0	10	10	5	10	15	25	30	0	5	5	35	65
		Female	0	10	10	5	10	15	25	40	0	0	0	40	70
		Total	0	20	25	15	15	30	55	75	0	5	5	80	135
All Students	Full-time	Male	115	350	465	180	135	315	780	3,860	85	210	290	4,155	4,930
		Female	110	365	475	525	200	725	1,200	5,795	320	160	480	6,275	7,475
		Total	225	715	940	705	335	1,040	1,980	9,655	405	365	770	10,430	12,405
	Part-time	Male	40	365	410	10	290	300	710	405	320	550	870	1,275	1,985
		Female	45	435	480	20	555	575	1,055	655	325	1,585	1,905	2,560	3,620
		Total	85	805	890	30	850	880	1,765	1,060	645	2,135	2,780	3,835	5,605
	Total	Male	155	715	870	190	425	615	1,485	4,265	405	760	1,165	5,430	6,915
		Female	155	800	955	545	760	1,300	2,260	6,450	645	1,740	2,385	8,835	11,095
		Total	310	1,520	1,825	735	1,185	1,920	3,745	10,715	1,050	2,500	3,550	14,265	18,010

Note: Included above are 715 NI domiciled students who gained qualifications (110 Postgraduate awards, 210 First Degrees and 395 Other Undergraduate awards) at the Open University (see notes to readers).

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Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and gender 2007/08

		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	25	10	15	0	5	35	0	5	20	0	10	0	5	0	0	10	10	0	0	155
	Female	20	10	25	0	5	35	0	5	5	0	10	0	10	0	5	5	10	5	0	155
	Total	45	20	40	0	10	70	0	10	25	0	20	5	10	0	10	15	20	5	0	310
Other Higher Degrees	Male	10	35	25	0	10	30	0	35	50	35	90	30	165	20	35	55	30	45	5	715
	Female	10	95	50	0	10	25	0	20	10	30	85	40	175	30	45	30	45	90	10	800
	Total	20	130	75	0	20	55	5	55	65	65	175	70	345	55	80	90	75	135	15	1,520
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	0	190
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	545	0	545
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	735	0	735
Other Postgraduate	Male	5	45	5	0	0	15	0	5	15	45	20	80	45	5	5	0	0	125	0	425
	Female	15	220	10	0	0	15	0	5	5	30	60	115	45	20	5	5	5	210	0	760
	Total	20	270	15	0	0	30	0	5	25	75	75	200	90	25	10	5	5	335	0	1,185
All Postgraduate	Male	40	90	50	0	15	80	5	45	90	80	120	115	215	30	40	70	45	360	5	1,485
	Female	45	325	85	0	15	75	0	25	25	60	155	155	230	50	60	40	55	845	10	2,260
	Total	80	415	135	5	30	155	5	70	115	140	275	275	445	80	95	110	100	1,210	15	3,745
First Degree	Male	140	270	325	5	25	195	75	410	450	385	350	225	535	105	175	240	225	90	45	4,265
	Female	255	1,120	565	15	60	200	70	140	95	120	795	370	830	170	415	250	355	565	60	6,450
	Total	395	1,390	890	20	90	395	140	550	545	505	1,140	595	1,365	270	585	490	580	660	100	10,715
HND/DipHE	Male	0	40	5	0	0	0	0	10	5	5	20	0	35	0	0	0	5	270	0	405
	Female	0	340	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	65	0	5	0	5	175	0	645
	Total	0	385	10	0	0	5	0	10	5	5	65	0	100	5	5	5	10	445	0	1,050
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	75	45	0	5	20	10	80	55	40	65	15	185	15	25	15	10	95	5	760
	Female	15	985	20	0	5	20	5	20	10	25	150	10	235	5	50	20	20	140	5	1,740
	Total	15	1,060	65	0	10	40	15	100	65	65	210	30	420	20	75	35	25	235	10	2,500
All Undergraduate	Male	140	385	375	5	30	215	85	505	510	425	430	240	750	115	200	260	240	460	50	5,430
	Female	270	2,445	590	15	70	225	75	160	105	150	985	385	1,130	175	470	270	380	875	65	8,835
	Total	415	2,830	965	20	100	440	155	660	615	575	1,415	625	1,885	295	670	530	620	1,335	115	14,265
Total	Male	180	475	425	10	45	295	90	545	600	510	550	355	965	145	240	330	285	820	55	6,915
	Female	315	2,770	670	15	85	300	75	185	130	210	1,140	540	1,360	225	525	310	435	1,725	75	11,095
	Total	495	3,245	1,095	25	125	595	165	730	730	715	1,690	895	2,330	370	765	640	720	2,545	130	18,010

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Table 3: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining first degrees at UK Higher Education Institutions by subject area, degree classification and gender 2007/08

		Degree Classification					Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass/Unclassified	
Medicine & dentistry	Male	0	5	0	0	135	140
	Female	5	5	0	0	245	255
	Total	5	10	0	0	380	395
Subjects allied to medicine	Male	35	135	80	5	15	270
	Female	215	640	220	15	35	1,120
	Total	250	775	300	15	45	1,390
Biological sciences	Male	20	160	115	20	10	325
	Female	65	290	185	15	10	565
	Total	80	450	300	35	20	890
Veterinary science	Male	0	0	0	0	5	5
	Female	0	0	0	0	15	15
	Total	0	0	0	0	20	20
Agriculture & related subjects	Male	0	15	10	0	0	25
	Female	5	35	20	0	0	60
	Total	10	50	30	0	0	90
Physical sciences	Male	25	65	85	10	10	195
	Female	25	105	65	0	5	200
	Total	45	170	150	15	15	395
Mathematical sciences	Male	25	20	15	10	5	75
	Female	25	25	15	5	0	70
	Total	55	40	35	10	5	140
Computer science	Male	60	170	150	10	20	410
	Female	30	60	45	0	0	140
	Total	90	230	195	15	20	550
Engineering & technology	Male	90	170	135	15	40	450
	Female	20	40	25	0	5	95
	Total	110	210	160	15	45	545
Architecture, building & planning	Male	30	160	155	10	30	385
	Female	20	65	35	0	5	120
	Total	50	220	190	10	35	505
Social studies	Male	20	180	120	15	10	350
	Female	50	390	315	30	15	795
	Total	70	570	435	45	25	1,140
Law	Male	15	120	80	5	5	225
	Female	20	220	120	5	5	370
	Total	35	340	200	10	10	595
Business & administrative studies	Male	40	260	205	15	10	535
	Female	95	445	280	5	5	830
	Total	135	705	485	25	15	1,365
Mass communications and documentation	Male	10	60	30	5	0	105
	Female	20	80	65	0	0	170
	Total	30	140	95	5	5	270
Languages	Male	25	95	55	0	0	175
	Female	40	235	135	5	0	415
	Total	60	325	190	5	0	585
Historical and philosophical studies	Male	15	125	85	10	5	240
	Female	15	135	85	10	0	250
	Total	35	265	170	15	5	490
Creative arts & design	Male	45	110	65	5	5	225
	Female	40	195	115	0	5	355
	Total	85	305	175	5	5	580
Education	Male	10	45	15	5	15	90
	Female	65	330	150	10	15	565
	Total	75	375	165	15	30	660
Combined	Male	0	5	0	0	35	45
	Female	0	5	5	0	45	60
	Total	0	10	5	0	85	100
All First Degrees	Male	475	1,895	1,400	140	355	4,265
	Female	750	3,300	1,885	105	410	6,450
	Total	1,230	5,190	3,285	245	760	10,715

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Table 4: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, domicile, mode of study and gender 2007/08

			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	85	220	305	90	80	170	475	2,615	20	100	120	2,735	3,210	
		Female	90	220	310	250	155	405	715	4,165	260	55	315	4,480	5,190	
		Total	175	440	615	340	235	575	1,190	6,780	280	155	435	7,215	8,400	
	Part-time	Male	35	260	295	0	220	220	515	265	305	285	590	855	1,370	
		Female	40	340	380	0	445	445	825	465	295	1,270	1,565	2,030	2,855	
		Total	75	600	675	0	660	665	1,340	735	595	1,555	2,150	2,885	4,225	
	Total	Male	120	480	600	90	300	390	990	2,880	325	385	705	3,590	4,580	
		Female	130	560	690	250	600	850	1,540	4,630	550	1,325	1,880	6,510	8,045	
		Total	250	1,040	1,290	340	895	1,235	2,525	7,515	875	1,710	2,585	10,100	12,625	
Great Britain	Full-time	Male	5	5	10	0	0	0	10	30	0	0	0	30	40	
		Female	5	5	15	0	0	0	15	50	0	0	0	50	65	
		Total	15	15	25	0	0	0	25	80	0	0	0	80	110	
	Part-time	Male	0	35	35	0	20	20	55	0	0	0	0	55	60	
		Female	0	70	70	0	40	40	110	0	0	15	15	125	125	
		Total	5	105	105	0	60	60	165	0	0	15	15	150	180	
	Total	Male	5	40	50	0	20	20	70	30	0	5	5	30	100	
		Female	10	75	85	0	40	40	125	55	0	15	15	65	190	
		Total	15	115	130	0	60	60	190	80	0	15	15	100	290	
Republic of Ireland	Full-time	Male	5	45	50	5	10	15	60	145	0	5	5	155	215	
		Female	20	90	110	15	10	30	135	215	5	10	15	230	365	
		Total	20	135	155	20	20	40	200	360	5	15	20	385	580	
	Part-time	Male	10	70	80	0	15	15	95	25	5	45	45	70	165	
		Female	15	110	120	0	45	45	170	45	10	100	105	150	320	
		Total	20	180	200	0	60	60	260	70	10	140	155	220	485	
	Total	Male	10	115	130	5	25	25	155	170	5	50	55	225	380	
		Female	30	200	230	15	60	75	305	260	15	110	120	380	685	
		Total	45	315	360	20	80	100	460	430	20	155	175	605	1,065	
Other EU	Full-time	Male	5	15	20	0	0	0	20	30	0	0	0	30	50	
		Female	15	15	25	0	0	0	25	10	0	0	0	10	35	
		Total	20	25	45	0	0	0	45	40	0	0	0	45	90	
	Part-time	Male	5	10	15	0	15	15	30	0	0	0	0	30	30	
		Female	0	10	10	0	5	5	15	0	0	5	5	5	20	
		Total	5	20	25	0	20	20	45	0	0	5	5	5	50	
	Total	Male	10	25	35	0	15	15	50	30	0	0	0	30	80	
		Female	15	25	35	0	5	5	40	10	0	5	5	15	55	
		Total	25	45	70	0	20	20	90	40	0	5	5	50	135	
Other Overseas	Full-time	Male	45	60	105	0	5	5	110	90	0	5	5	95	200	
		Female	25	80	105	0	5	5	110	80	0	0	5	85	195	
		Total	70	140	210	0	10	10	220	170	0	5	10	175	395	
	Part-time	Male	10	15	25	0	5	5	30	5	0	0	0	5	35	
		Female	5	15	20	0	5	5	25	0	0	10	10	10	35	
		Total	15	30	45	0	10	10	55	5	0	10	10	15	75	
	Total	Male	55	75	130	0	10	10	140	90	0	5	5	100	240	
		Female	30	95	125	0	10	10	135	80	5	10	15	95	230	
		Total	85	170	255	0	20	20	275	175	5	15	20	190	470	
All Students	Full-time	Male	145	345	490	95	95	185	675	2,910	20	110	130	3,045	3,720	
		Female	155	410	565	265	170	435	1,000	4,520	265	65	335	4,855	5,855	
		Total	300	755	1,055	360	265	625	1,675	7,430	290	175	465	7,895	9,575	
	Part-time	Male	60	390	450	0	275	275	725	295	305	330	640	930	1,655	
		Female	60	545	605	0	540	540	1,140	515	305	1,395	1,700	2,210	3,355	
		Total	120	935	1,055	0	810	815	1,865	810	610	1,725	2,335	3,145	5,010	
	Total	Male	205	740	940	95	370	460	1,400	3,205	330	440	770	3,975	5,375	
		Female	215	955	1,165	270	705	975	2,140	5,035	570	1,460	2,030	7,065	9,210	
		Total	415	1,690	2,110	360	1,075	1,435	3,545	8,240	900	1,900	2,800	11,040	14,585	

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Table 5: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and gender 2007/08

		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	25	10	10	0	5	35	5	15	35	0	15	0	5	0	0	15	20	0	0	205
	Female	30	5	25	0	5	55	0	5	10	0	20	5	10	0	5	10	15	5	0	215
	Total	55	15	35	0	10	90	5	25	45	0	35	5	15	0	10	25	35	10	0	415
Other Higher Degrees	Male	5	60	20	0	10	45	0	40	80	25	70	30	170	20	30	50	30	40	10	740
	Female	10	205	35	0	10	30	0	25	20	35	90	60	200	30	55	20	40	85	10	955
	Total	10	265	55	0	20	75	0	65	100	60	160	85	375	50	85	70	75	125	20	1,690
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	95
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	270	0	270
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	360	0	360
Other Postgraduate	Male	0	55	0	0	0	20	0	0	25	35	20	45	25	5	5	0	5	130	0	370
	Female	0	240	10	0	0	15	0	0	10	25	45	85	45	20	5	0	0	205	0	705
	Total	0	295	10	0	0	35	0	0	35	65	65	130	70	20	10	0	5	335	0	1,075
All Postgraduate	Male	30	125	30	0	15	100	5	55	140	65	105	75	205	25	35	65	55	265	10	1,400
	Female	40	455	70	0	20	100	0	35	40	60	155	145	255	50	65	30	55	565	10	2,140
	Total	70	580	100	0	35	200	5	90	180	125	260	220	455	75	100	95	110	825	20	3,545
First Degree	Male	80	195	225	0	20	135	45	345	405	310	235	170	430	65	130	195	155	65	0	3,205
	Female	140	980	440	0	55	145	50	130	80	95	675	255	710	135	310	175	250	400	5	5,035
	Total	220	1,175	665	0	75	280	95	475	490	405	910	420	1,140	195	435	370	405	470	5	8,240
HND/DipHE	Male	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	20	0	0	0	0	270	0	330
	Female	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	65	0	0	0	0	170	0	570
	Total	0	325	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	90	0	0	0	0	440	0	900
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	70	10	0	0	5	5	55	30	30	25	0	175	0	15	0	0	20	0	440
	Female	15	1,005	0	0	5	5	0	10	5	25	25	0	220	0	45	0	5	90	0	1,460
	Total	15	1,070	15	0	5	10	5	70	35	50	45	0	395	0	60	0	10	110	5	1,900
All Undergraduate	Male	80	290	235	0	20	140	50	400	435	335	270	170	630	65	145	195	155	355	5	3,975
	Female	155	2,285	445	0	60	150	50	140	85	120	735	255	995	135	350	175	260	665	5	7,065
	Total	235	2,575	680	0	80	290	100	545	520	455	1,005	420	1,625	200	495	370	415	1,020	10	11,040
Total	Male	110	415	265	0	40	240	50	455	575	400	375	240	830	90	180	260	210	620	10	5,375
	Female	195	2,735	515	0	80	250	50	175	125	180	890	400	1,250	185	415	205	315	1,225	15	9,210
	Total	305	3,150	780	0	115	490	100	630	700	580	1,265	640	2,080	275	600	465	525	1,845	30	14,585

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Table 6: Students gaining first degrees at NI Higher Education Institutions by subject area, degree classification and gender 2007/08

		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	80	80
	Female	0	0	0	0	140	140
	Total	0	0	0	0	220	220
Subjects allied to medicine	Male	30	105	60	0	5	195
	Female	205	580	175	5	15	980
	Total	235	685	235	5	15	1,175
Biological sciences	Male	15	120	80	10	0	225
	Female	55	230	145	10	0	440
	Total	75	350	225	20	0	665
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	15	5	0	0	20
	Female	5	35	15	0	0	55
	Total	5	50	20	0	0	75
Physical sciences	Male	15	45	65	5	0	135
	Female	20	70	55	0	0	145
	Total	35	120	120	5	0	280
Mathematical sciences	Male	15	10	15	5	0	45
	Female	20	15	10	0	0	50
	Total	35	25	30	5	0	95
Computer science	Male	60	150	130	10	0	345
	Female	25	55	50	0	0	130
	Total	85	205	180	10	0	475
Engineering & technology	Male	80	135	125	10	55	405
	Female	20	30	25	0	5	80
	Total	100	165	150	10	60	490
Architecture, building & planning	Male	30	135	125	0	15	310
	Female	15	50	30	0	0	95
	Total	45	190	155	0	15	405
Social studies	Male	20	120	85	5	5	235
	Female	50	340	265	15	0	675
	Total	70	460	350	25	5	910
Law	Male	10	90	65	0	0	170
	Female	10	145	95	0	0	255
	Total	25	235	160	0	0	420
Business & administrative studies	Male	35	235	160	5	0	430
	Female	80	390	235	5	0	710
	Total	115	630	390	5	0	1,140
Mass communications and documentation	Male	5	40	15	0	0	65
	Female	20	65	50	0	0	135
	Total	25	105	65	0	0	195
Languages	Male	15	70	40	0	0	130
	Female	30	155	120	0	0	310
	Total	45	225	160	5	0	435
Historical and philosophical studies	Male	15	105	70	5	0	195
	Female	15	90	65	10	0	175
	Total	30	195	135	15	0	370
Creative arts & design	Male	35	80	40	0	0	155
	Female	30	140	85	0	0	250
	Total	60	220	125	0	0	405
Education	Male	10	35	5	0	10	65
	Female	55	265	70	0	10	400
	Total	70	300	75	5	20	470
Combined	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	5
All First Degrees	Male	395	1,485	1,095	60	170	3,205
	Female	660	2,665	1,490	50	170	5,035
	Total	1,050	4,155	2,585	110	340	8,240

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Annex A: NI domiciled students gaining Qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK 2005/06 – 2007/08

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Doctorate	335	335	310
Other Higher Degrees	1,725*	1,185*	1,520*
PGCE	940	880	735
Other Postgraduate	1,365	1,705	1,185
All Postgraduate qualifications	4,365*	4,110*	3,745*
First Degrees	10,365	10,330	10,715
of which			
<i>First</i>	1,210	1,180	1,230
<i>Upper Second</i>	4,960	4,940	5,190
<i>Lower Second</i>	3,100	3,195	3,285
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	265	225	245
<i>Pass/unclassified</i>	830	790	760
Other Undergraduate qualifications	3,695	3,390	3,550
All Undergraduate qualifications	14,060	13,715	14,265
Total	18,425*	17,825*	18,010*

Annex B: Students gaining Qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in NI 2005/06 – 2007/08

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Doctorate	430	420	415
Other Higher Degrees	2,175*	1,220*	1,690*
PGCE	435	425	360
Other Postgraduate	1,255	1,535	1,075
All Postgraduate qualifications	4,295*	3,595*	3,545*
First Degrees	8,020	8,250	8,240
of which			
<i>First</i>	1,040	1,035	1,050
<i>Upper Second</i>	4,060	4,130	4,155
<i>Lower Second</i>	2,490	2,615	2,585
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	115	100	110
<i>Pass/unclassified</i>	315	375	340
Other Undergraduate qualifications	3,135	2,590	2,800
All Undergraduate qualifications	11,155	10,840	11,040
Total	15,450*	14,435*	14,585*

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Annex C: NI domiciled students gaining Qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by location of study 2005/06 – 2007/08

		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
N Ireland	Doctorate	265	265	250
	Other Higher Degrees	1,305*	745*	1,040*
	PGCE	400	400	340
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	1,010	1,200	895
	All Postgraduate qualifications	2,980*	2,610*	2,525*
	First Degree	7,230	7,375	7,515
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	2,920	2,415	2,585
	All Undergraduate qualifications	10,150	9,790	10,100
	Total	13,130*	12,400*	12,625*
England	Doctorate	50	55	40
	Other Higher Degrees	305	335	365
	PGCE	480	425	345
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	270	420	230
	All Postgraduate qualifications	1,105	1,235	975
	First Degree	1,925	1,920	2,200
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	650	850	825
	All Undergraduate qualifications	2,575	2,770	3,025
	Total	3,680	4,005	4,000
Scotland	Doctorate	20	20	20
	Other Higher Degrees	90	85	90
	PGCE	45	45	35
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	70	55	45
	All Postgraduate qualifications	225	200	190
	First Degree	1,140	960	930
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	125	120	135
	All Undergraduate qualifications	1,270	1,080	1,065
	Total	1,495	1,280	1,255
Wales	Doctorate	0	0	0
	Other Higher Degrees	25	20	20
	PGCE	15	15	15
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	15	30	15
	All Postgraduate qualifications	55	65	55
	First Degree	65	70	75
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	5	5	5
	All Undergraduate qualifications	70	75	80
	Total	120	140	135

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