

# Statistical Bulletin

## Qualifications gained at UK Higher Education Institutions: Northern Ireland Analysis 2008/09

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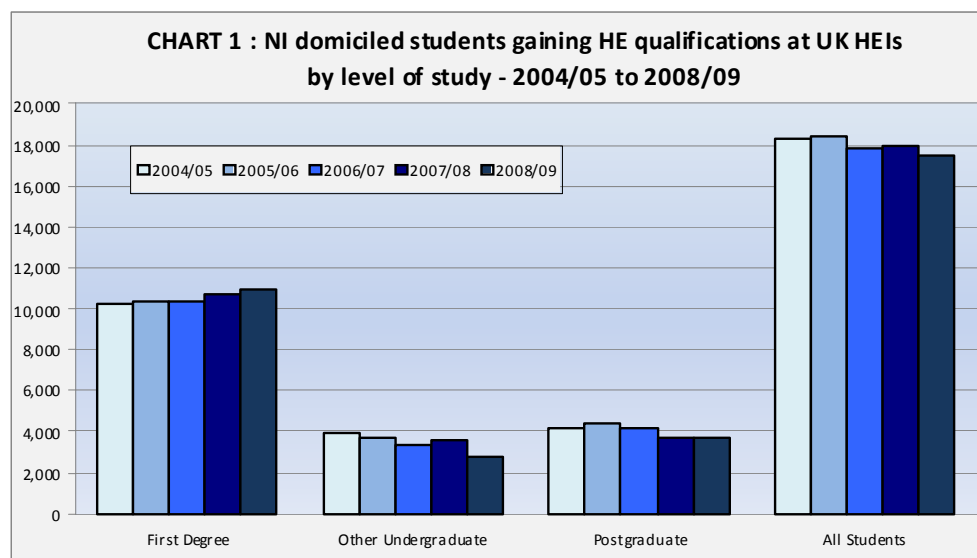
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This statistical bulletin has been produced by the Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland (NI), using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

It provides details of Higher Education (HE) qualifications gained by NI domiciled students at UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and details of all students gaining HE qualifications at NI HEIs in the academic year 2008/09.

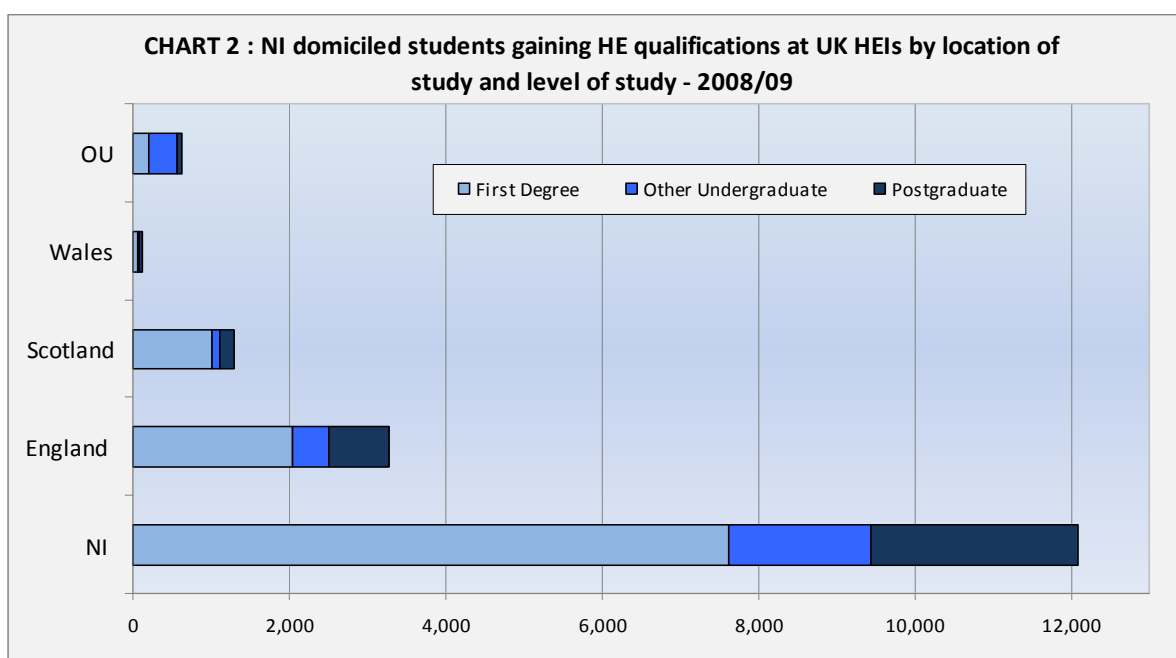


## KEY POINTS

### Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining Higher Education qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions (Tables 1 to 4)

#### Level of study (Table 1, Chart 2)

- In 2008/09, 17,440 HE qualifications were obtained by NI domiciled students at UK HEIs. Of those, 10,925 obtained a 'First degree' qualification, 2,765 an 'Other undergraduate' qualification and 3,745 obtained a 'Postgraduate' qualification.



Of those 10,925 students attaining a **First degree** qualification:

- Gender - 60% were female and 40% were male.
- Mode of study - The majority, 90%, were enrolled on a full-time basis, with 10% enrolled part-time.
- Location of study - 70% studied at a NI HEI, 28% at a GB HEI and 2% through the Open University.

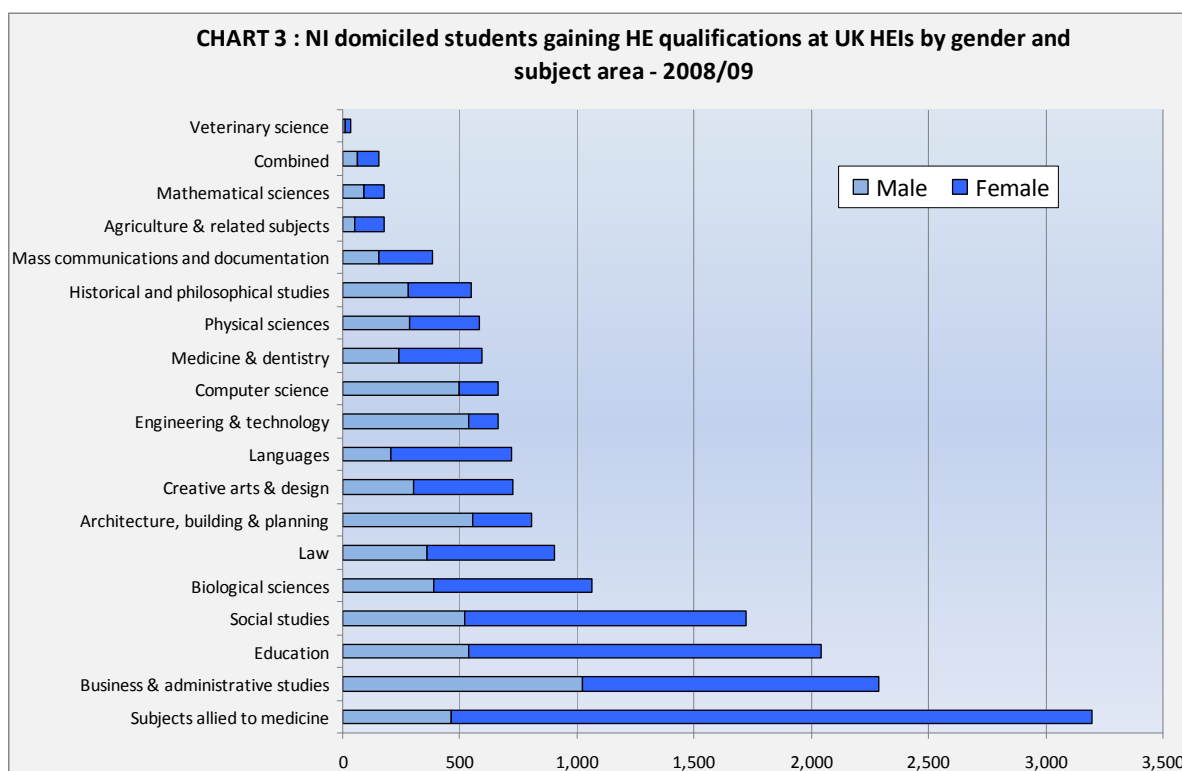
Of those 2,765 students attaining an **Other Undergraduate** qualification:

- Gender - 70% were female and 30% were male.
- Mode of study - 24% were enrolled on a full-time basis, with 76% enrolled part-time.
- Location of study - 66% studied at a NI HEI, 21% at a GB HEI and 13% through the Open University.

Of those 3,745 students attaining a **Postgraduate** qualification:

- Gender - 63% were female and 37% were male.
- Mode of study - 55% were enrolled on a full-time basis, with 45% enrolled part-time.
- Location of study - 71% studied at a NI HEI, 27% at a GB HEI and 2% through the Open University.

### Subject of Study (Table 2, Chart 3)

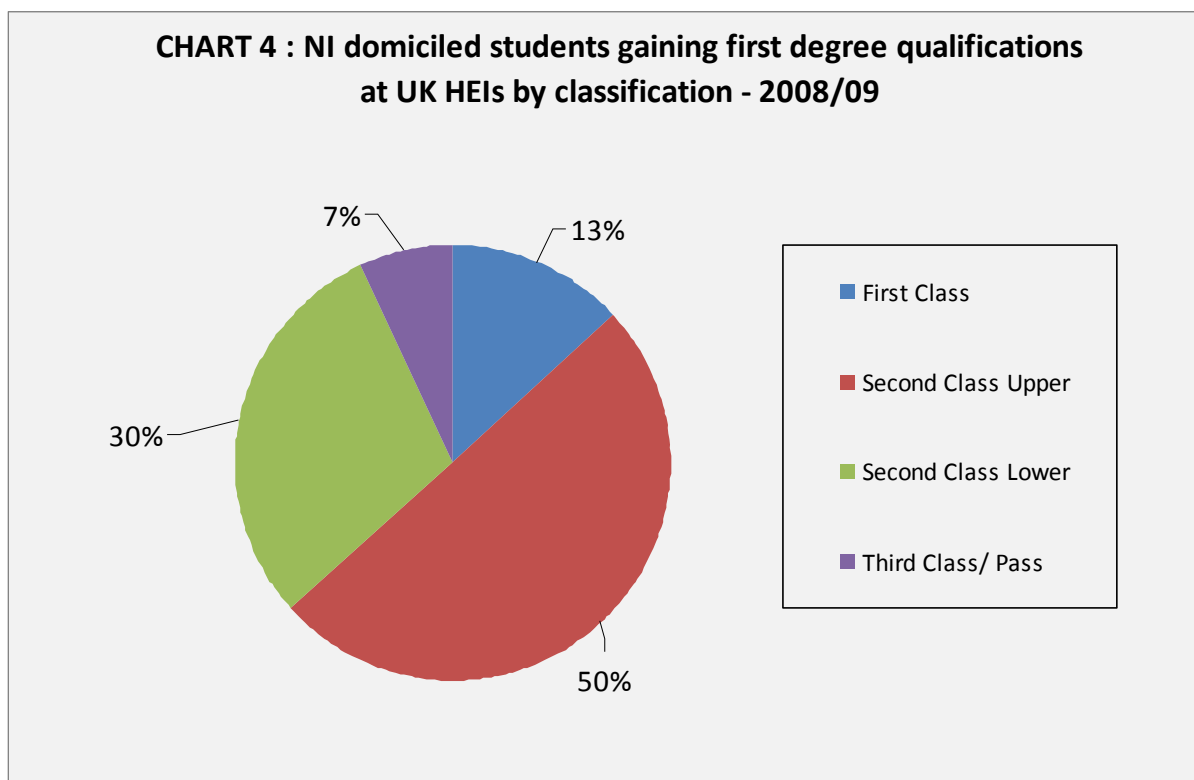


- The most popular subject groups for those attaining a **First degree** qualification were 'subjects allied to medicine' (15%), 'business and administrative studies' (13%) and 'social studies' (11%).

- For those attaining an **Other Undergraduate** qualification, the three most popular subject groups were 'subjects allied to medicine' (41%), 'business and administrative studies' (16%) and 'education' (12%).
- For those NI domiciled students attaining a **Postgraduate** qualification, the three most popular subject groups were 'education' (29%), 'subjects allied to medicine' (11%) and 'business and administrative studies' (10%).
- **Females** were most likely to have obtained a qualification in 'subjects allied to medicine' (25%), 'education' (14%) or 'business and administrative studies' (12%).
- The most popular subjects for **male** qualifiers were 'business and administrative studies' (16%), 'architecture, building & planning' (8%), 'engineering & technology' (8%), 'education' (8%), 'social studies' (8%) and computer science (8%).

#### Classification of first degree<sup>1</sup> (Table 3, Chart 4)

- In 2008/09, 63% of NI domiciled first degree graduates (excluding those attaining an unclassified first degree) achieved either a first class or upper second class honours degree.
- Females (66%) were more likely than males (60%) to achieve a first class or upper second class honours degree.



1. See notes to readers part 8.

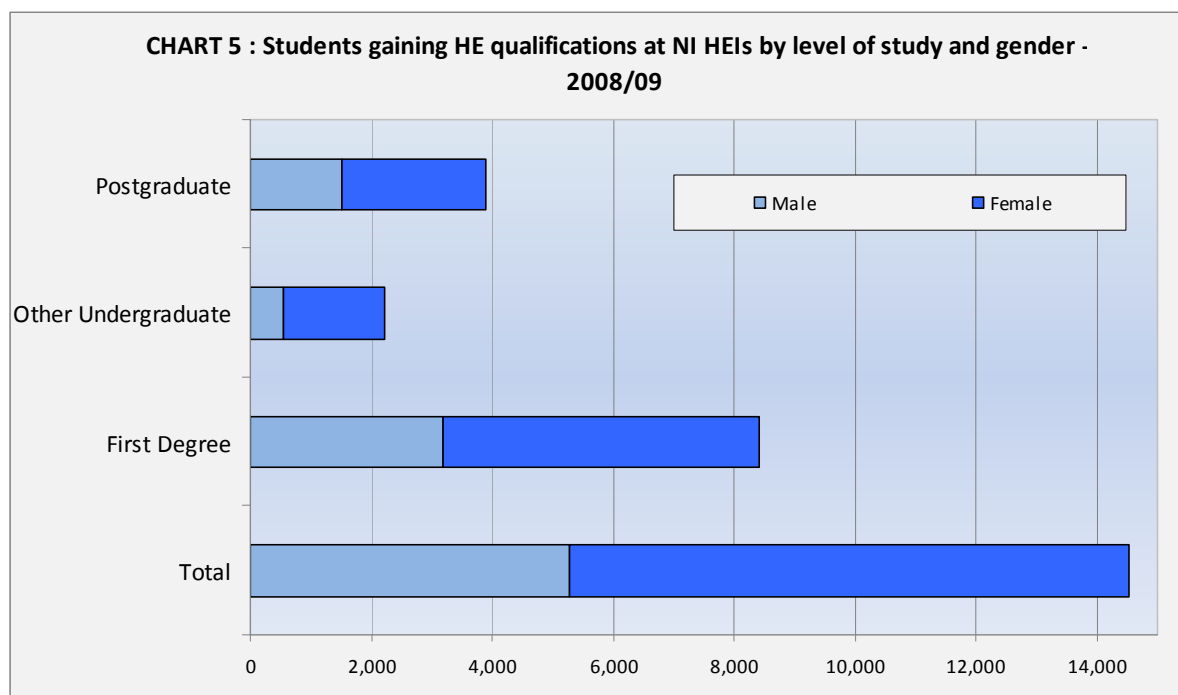
### **Change over time (Table 4, Chart 1)**

- Between 2004/05 and 2008/09 the number of qualifications obtained by NI domiciled students at UK HEIs has fallen from 18,305 to 17,440, a decrease of 5%. Over this period, the number of qualification obtained by those studying full-time has increased by 4%, while qualification obtained by those studying part-time has decreased by 21%.
- Between 2007/08 and 2008/09 there has been a 3% decrease in the number of qualifications obtained by NI domiciled students at UK HEIs, falling from 18,010 to 17,440. Over the same period the number of qualification obtained by those studying full-time has increased by 1%, while qualification obtained by those studying part-time has decreased by 12%.

## Students gaining Higher Education qualifications at Northern Ireland Higher Education Institutions (Tables 5 to 8)

### Level of study (Table 5, Chart 5)

- In 2008/09, 14,525 HE qualifications were obtained by students at NI HEIs. Of those, 8,425 obtained a 'First degree' qualification, 2,210 an 'Other undergraduate' qualification and 3,890 obtained a 'Postgraduate' qualification.



Of those 8,425 students attaining a **First degree** qualification:

- Gender - 62% were female and 38% were male.
- Mode of study - The majority, 89%, were enrolled on a full-time basis, with 11% enrolled part-time.
- Domicile - 90% were from NI, 5% from ROI, 1% from GB and 3% from either other EU or Non EU countries.

Of those 2,210 students attaining an **Other Undergraduate** qualification:

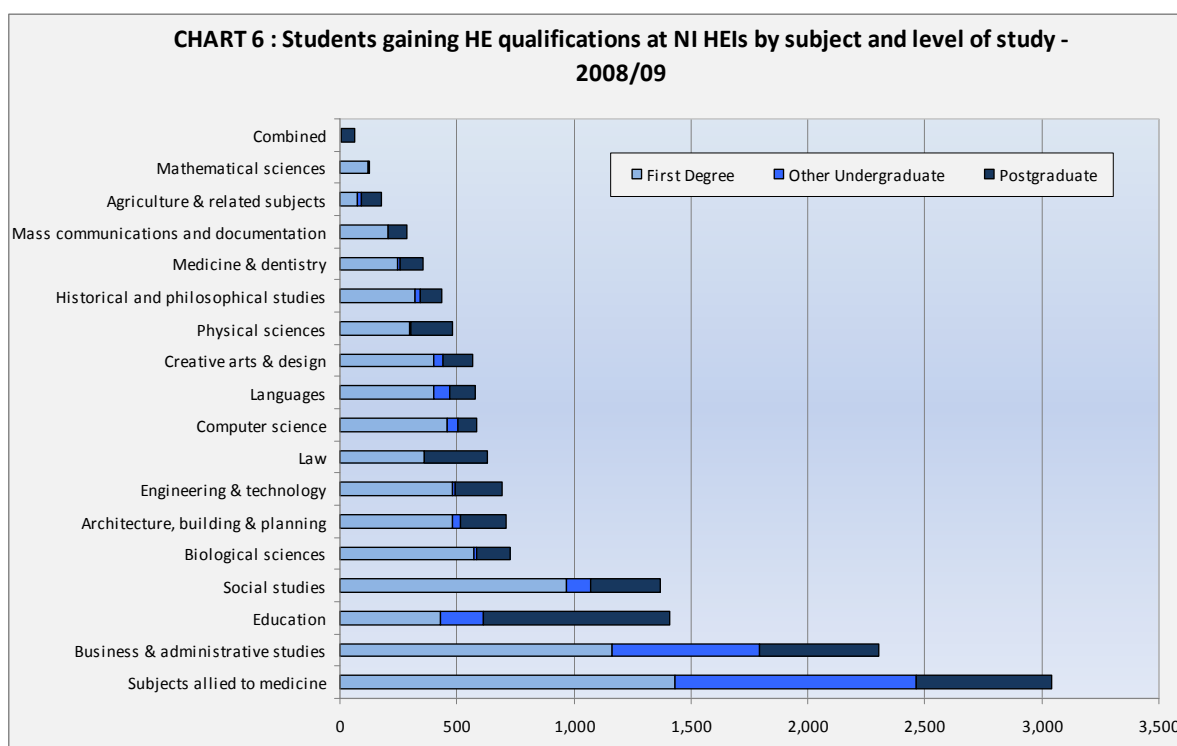
- Gender - 75% were female and 25% were male.
- Mode of study - 16% were enrolled on a full-time basis, with 84% enrolled part-time.
- Domicile - 83% were from NI, 13% from ROI, 4% from GB and 1% from either other EU or Non EU countries.

Of those 3,890 students attaining a **Postgraduate** qualification:

- Gender - 61% were female and 39% were male.
- Mode of study - 51% were enrolled on a full-time basis, with 49% part-time.
- Domicile - 68% were from NI, 14% from ROI, 6% from GB and 12% from either other EU or Non EU countries.

### Subject of Study (Table 6, Chart 6)

- The most popular subject groups for those attaining a **First degree** qualification were 'subjects allied to medicine' (17%), 'business and administrative studies' (14%) and 'social studies' (11%).
- For those attaining an **Other Undergraduate** qualification, the three most popular subject groups were 'subjects allied to medicine' (47%), 'business and administrative studies' (29%) and 'education' (8%).
- For those students attaining a **Postgraduate** qualification, the three most popular subject groups were 'education' (21%), 'subjects allied to medicine' (15%) and 'business and administrative studies' (13%).

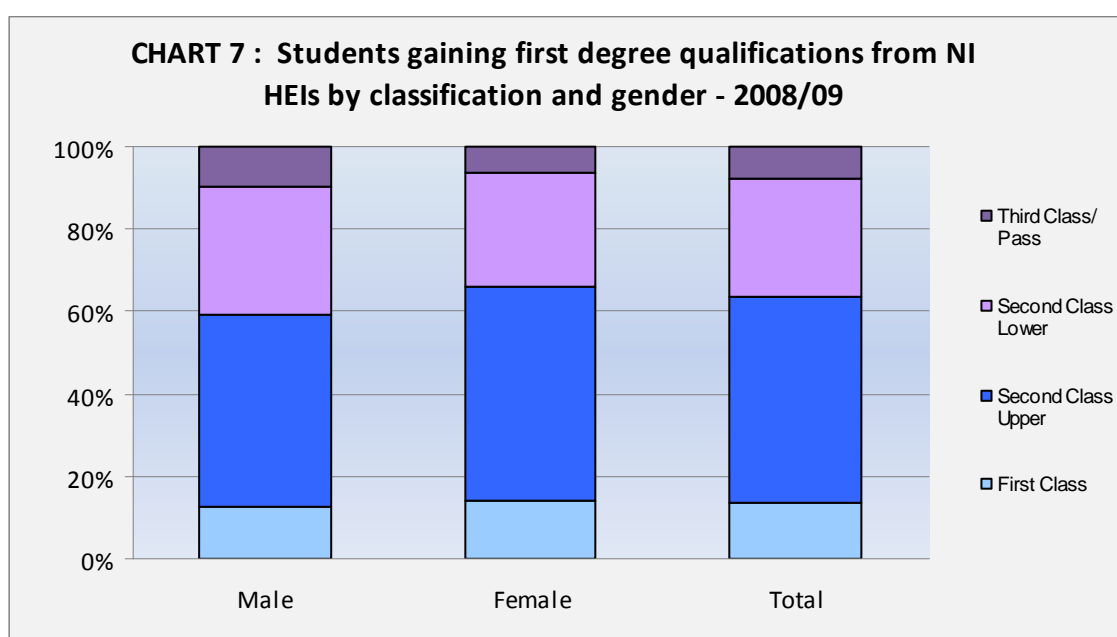


- **Females** were most likely to have obtained a qualification in 'subjects allied to medicine' (28%), 'business and administrative studies' (15%), 'education' (11%) or 'social studies' (11%).

- The most popular subjects for **male** qualifiers were 'Business and administrative studies' (18%), 'Engineering & technology' (10%) and 'Architecture, building & planning' (9%).

### Classification of first degree<sup>1</sup> (Table 7, Chart 7)

- In 2008/09, 63% of first degree graduates from NI HEIs (excluding those attaining an unclassified first degree) achieved either a first class or upper second class honours degree.
- Females (66%) were more likely than males (59%) to achieve a first class or upper second class honours degree.



### Change over time (Table 8)

- Between 2004/05 and 2008/09 the number of qualifications obtained by students at NI HEIs has fallen from 15,265 to 14,525, a decrease of 5%. Over this period, the number of qualification obtained by those studying full-time has increased by 2%, while qualification obtained by those studying part-time has decreased by 16%.
- The number of qualifications obtained by students at NI HEIs fell from 14,585 to 14,525 between 2007/08 and 2008/09, showing no percentage change. Over the same period, the number of qualification obtained by those studying full-time has increased by 3%, while qualification obtained by those studying part-time has decreased by 7%.

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**Notes to Readers**

**General**

- 1. The data presented in this bulletin are based on the 2008/09 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 2006/07 cannot therefore be compared with other 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. In 2008/09, an institution in NI mis-coded 535 'other undergraduate' qualifiers as having gained no HE qualification, when in fact they had gained an HE qualification. The error has been corrected for the data used in this bulletin, however, care must be taken when comparing 2008/09 data with data supplied by HESA. This error was not identified until after the HESA reporting deadline and therefore has not been corrected for HESA publications.
- 4. Figures for 2008/09 reported in this bulletin are counts of student enrolments associated with the award of an HE qualification during the period 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2009 inclusive.

## Definitions

### 5. Higher education

Higher Education students for the purpose of HESA's data collection are those students on courses for which the level of instruction is above that of level 3 of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) National Qualifications Framework (NQF) (e.g. courses at the level of Certificate of HE and above).

### 6. Level of qualification obtained.

- (i) Postgraduate programmes of study are those leading to higher degrees, diplomas and certificates (including Postgraduate Certificate of 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 a General Teaching Council (GTC), enhanced first degrees, first degrees obtained concurrently with a diploma and intercalated first degrees.
- (v) Other undergraduate includes qualification aims equivalent to and below first degree level, such as Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), foundation degrees, diplomas in HE with eligibility to register to practice with a Health or Social Care or veterinary statutory 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.

### 7. Mode of study - qualifications obtained

- (i) Full-time students are those whose study was recorded as full-time (as described above), and also includes awards from dormant and writing-up status where the student's mode of study was previously full-time.
- (ii) Part-time students are those whose study was recorded as part-time (as described above), and also includes awards from dormant and writing-up

status where the student's mode of study was previously part-time, and awards given to those on sabbatical.

#### 8. Classification of first degrees

The classification of an undergraduate degree indicates the qualification class that the student obtained. Certain qualifications obtained at first degree level are not subject to classification of the award, notably medical and general degrees. These, together with ordinary degrees and aegrotat qualifications, have been included within the unclassified category. Third class honours, fourth class honours and the pass category have been aggregated. Lower second and undivided second class honours have been aggregated.

From 2008/09 The percentage calculations included in this bulletin are expressed excluding unclassified first degrees from the denominator. Therefore caution must be exercised when comparing percentages from previous year's bulletins.

#### 9. Domicile

Domicile refers to a student's permanent place of residence prior to enrolment on an HE course. Student enrolments recorded with domicile UK region unknown, Channel Islands and Isle of Man are included in the GB category for the purposes of this bulletin.

#### 10. Gender

From 2007/08, the field 'gender' changed to be consistent with the Aligned Data Definitions adopted by the Information Standards Board for education, skills, and children's services. Students of 'indeterminate gender' are included in total figures but not in separate breakdowns.

#### 11. Rounding

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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 2008/09**

			Undergraduate (UG)			Postgraduate (PG)					Total	
			First Degree	Other UG	All UG	Higher Degrees		Other Postgraduate		All PG		
						Doctorate	Other Higher Degrees	PGCE	Other PG			
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	2,560	100	2,660	90	255	85	100	530	3,190	
		Female	4,250	225	4,475	95	325	200	195	815	5,290	
		Total	6,810	325	7,135	185	580	285	295	1,345	8,480	
	Part-time	Male	280	330	610	35	175	0	210	425	1,035	
		Female	530	1,175	1,700	35	275	0	570	880	2,585	
		Total	810	1,500	2,310	75	455	0	780	1,310	3,620	
	Total	Male	2,840	430	3,270	125	430	90	315	955	4,230	
		Female	4,780	1,395	6,175	130	605	200	760	1,695	7,870	
		Total	7,620	1,830	9,445	255	1,035	290	1,075	2,655	12,100	
England	Full-time	Male	895	100	995	30	80	75	25	210	1,205	
		Female	1,045	140	1,185	20	100	190	40	345	1,530	
		Total	1,940	240	2,180	50	185	260	60	555	2,735	
	Part-time	Male	30	120	150	5	45	0	30	85	230	
		Female	65	100	170	0	45	10	85	140	310	
		Total	100	220	320	5	90	10	115	225	540	
	Total	Male	925	220	1,145	35	125	75	55	295	1,435	
		Female	1,115	240	1,355	20	145	200	120	485	1,840	
		Total	2,040	460	2,500	55	275	275	175	780	3,280	
Scotland	Full-time	Male	435	50	485	10	30	5	10	60	545	
		Female	545	40	585	5	40	30	5	80	665	
		Total	980	90	1,070	15	75	30	15	140	1,210	
	Part-time	Male	15	5	20	0	10	0	15	30	50	
		Female	10	10	15	0	10	0	15	30	45	
		Total	25	15	35	0	25	0	35	60	95	
	Total	Male	450	60	505	15	45	5	30	90	595	
		Female	550	50	600	5	55	30	20	110	710	
		Total	1,000	105	1,105	20	95	30	50	195	1,305	
Wales	Full-time	Male	30	5	35	0	5	5	0	10	45	
		Female	40	5	40	0	5	10	0	15	55	
		Total	70	10	75	0	10	15	0	25	100	
	Part-time	Male	0	5	5	0	5	0	10	15	20	
		Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	
		Total	0	5	5	0	10	0	10	20	30	
	Total	Male	30	10	40	0	10	5	10	25	70	
		Female	40	5	40	0	5	10	5	20	60	
		Total	70	15	85	0	20	15	15	45	130	
Open University	Full-time	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Part-time	Male	95	115	210	0	20	0	15	35	250	
		Female	105	240	345	0	20	0	15	35	380	
		Total	200	355	555	0	40	0	30	70	625	
	Total	Male	95	115	210	0	20	0	15	35	250	
		Female	105	240	345	0	20	0	15	35	380	
		Total	200	355	555	0	40	0	30	70	625	
All Students	Full-time	Male	3,920	260	4,180	130	370	170	135	810	4,990	
		Female	5,880	405	6,285	115	475	425	235	1,255	7,535	
		Total	9,795	665	10,460	250	845	595	375	2,065	12,525	
	Part-time	Male	420	575	995	45	260	0	285	590	1,590	
		Female	710	1,525	2,230	40	355	10	685	1,090	3,325	
		Total	1,130	2,100	3,230	80	615	15	970	1,685	4,915	
	Total	Male	4,340	835	5,175	175	630	170	420	1,400	6,575	
		Female	6,585	1,930	8,515	155	830	435	925	2,345	10,860	
		Total	10,925	2,765	13,690	330	1,460	610	1,345	3,745	17,440	

Source : HESA

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**Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and gender 2008/09**

		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
First Degree	Male	195	275	305	10	25	185	75	380	420	415	335	205	640	115	145	215	230	115	55	4,340
	Female	285	1,380	535	20	75	215	75	130	95	145	845	340	800	155	400	205	345	505	45	6,585
	Total	480	1,655	840	30	100	400	150	510	515	560	1,180	545	1,440	270	540	425	575	620	95	10,925
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	105	30	0	5	20	10	65	35	40	80	30	205	15	35	15	25	130	0	835
	Female	15	1,020	35	0	20	20	5	15	5	20	185	20	250	5	40	20	30	215	5	1,930
	Total	15	1,125	65	0	20	40	15	80	40	60	265	50	455	20	75	35	55	340	5	2,765
All Undergraduate	Male	195	380	335	10	30	210	80	445	455	455	415	235	845	125	175	230	255	240	55	5,175
	Female	300	2,400	570	20	90	235	80	145	100	170	1,030	360	1,050	165	440	225	375	715	45	8,515
	Total	495	2,780	905	30	120	440	165	590	560	620	1,445	590	1,900	290	615	460	625	960	100	13,690
Doctorate	Male	30	5	20	0	0	25	5	10	25	0	15	0	0	0	10	5	10	5	0	175
	Female	25	10	30	0	0	25	0	5	5	0	15	5	5	0	10	10	5	5	0	155
	Total	50	15	50	0	5	50	5	15	30	0	30	5	5	0	20	20	15	10	0	330
Other Higher Degrees	Male	10	20	25	0	20	25	5	30	45	55	65	55	140	20	20	45	35	25	0	630
	Female	15	90	60	0	35	20	0	10	10	40	70	65	160	45	60	25	45	70	0	830
	Total	25	110	85	0	50	50	5	40	55	100	135	120	300	65	80	70	80	95	0	1,460
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	0	170
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	435	0	435
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	610	0	610
Other Postgraduate	Male	5	55	5	0	5	25	0	10	10	40	25	75	35	10	0	0	5	100	10	420
	Female	15	240	15	0	0	15	0	10	5	45	85	110	50	15	0	0	5	270	45	925
	Total	20	295	20	0	5	40	0	20	15	85	110	190	85	25	0	0	10	370	50	1,345
All Postgraduate	Male	45	80	50	0	25	75	10	50	80	100	105	130	180	30	30	50	45	300	10	1,400
	Female	55	335	105	0	35	65	5	20	25	85	170	180	215	60	70	35	55	785	45	2,345
	Total	100	415	160	0	60	140	15	70	105	180	275	310	390	90	100	90	100	1,085	50	3,745
Total	Male	240	460	390	10	50	285	90	500	540	555	520	365	1,025	155	205	285	300	540	65	6,575
	Female	355	2,735	675	20	130	300	85	160	125	250	1,205	540	1,265	225	510	265	425	1,505	90	10,860
	Total	595	3,195	1,060	30	180	585	175	660	660	805	1,720	905	2,290	380	720	550	730	2,045	155	17,440

Source : HESA

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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 2008/09**

		Degree Classification					Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper division	Second class, lower division	Third class/ Pass	Unclassified	
Medicine & dentistry	Male	5	5	5	80	100	195
	Female	10	10	0	120	145	285
	Total	10	15	5	200	245	480
Subjects allied to medicine	Male	40	135	75	10	10	275
	Female	255	695	320	65	40	1,380
	Total	295	830	395	80	50	1,655
Biological sciences	Male	30	140	110	15	15	305
	Female	65	285	155	20	10	535
	Total	100	425	260	35	25	840
Veterinary science	Male	0	0	0	0	10	10
	Female	5	0	0	0	15	20
	Total	5	5	0	0	20	30
Agriculture & related subjects	Male	0	10	5	0	5	25
	Female	10	40	15	5	0	75
	Total	10	55	25	5	5	100
Physical sciences	Male	25	75	70	10	5	185
	Female	30	105	65	10	5	215
	Total	60	180	135	20	10	400
Mathematical sciences	Male	20	25	15	10	0	75
	Female	20	25	25	5	0	75
	Total	40	50	40	20	0	150
Computer science	Male	60	155	130	30	10	380
	Female	20	55	45	10	0	130
	Total	75	210	175	40	10	510
Engineering & technology	Male	90	175	95	45	10	420
	Female	25	45	15	5	0	95
	Total	120	220	110	50	15	515
Architecture, building & planning	Male	30	195	135	45	10	415
	Female	15	70	45	10	5	145
	Total	45	265	180	55	15	560
Social studies	Male	35	165	115	10	5	335
	Female	60	445	300	40	0	845
	Total	100	610	410	50	10	1,180
Law	Male	10	115	70	5	5	205
	Female	20	215	95	5	5	340
	Total	30	330	165	10	10	545
Business & administrative studies	Male	55	300	235	40	10	640
	Female	95	445	235	20	5	800
	Total	150	740	470	65	15	1,440
Mass communications and documentation	Male	10	60	40	10	0	115
	Female	15	95	45	5	0	155
	Total	25	155	85	10	0	270
Languages	Male	20	80	40	0	0	145
	Female	40	215	120	20	5	400
	Total	60	290	160	20	10	540
Historical and philosophical studies	Male	25	105	75	15	0	215
	Female	15	115	65	10	5	205
	Total	40	215	140	25	5	425
Creative arts & design	Male	40	115	70	5	0	230
	Female	45	170	110	15	5	345
	Total	85	285	180	20	5	575
Education	Male	15	65	25	10	0	115
	Female	100	255	130	15	5	505
	Total	115	320	155	25	10	620
Combined	Male	0	5	0	5	40	55
	Female	0	5	0	0	35	45
	Total	0	5	5	10	80	95
All First Degrees	Male	515	1,930	1,305	355	235	4,340
	Female	850	3,285	1,785	375	290	6,585
	Total	1,365	5,215	3,090	730	525	10,925

Source : HESA

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**Table 4: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions by qualification obtained, level of study and location of study - 2004/05 to 2008/09**

Level and Year	Full-time						Part-time						Total						
	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	OU <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	OU <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	NI	England	Scotland	Wales	OU <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
First Degree	2004/05	6,410	1,380	1,100	55	0	8,945	950	60	35	5	215	1,270	7,360	1,445	1,130	60	215	10,215
	2005/06	6,415	1,585	1,105	55	0	9,160	820	85	35	5	255	1,205	7,230	1,670	1,140	65	255	10,365
	2006/07	6,665	1,640	940	65	0	9,310	710	80	20	5	200	1,015	7,375	1,720	960	70	200	10,330
	2007/08	6,780	1,890	910	70	0	9,655	735	100	15	0	210	1,060	7,515	1,990	930	75	210	10,715
	2008/09	6,810	1,940	980	70	0	9,795	810	100	25	0	200	1,130	7,620	2,040	1,000	70	200	10,925
Other Undergraduate	2004/05	555	145	80	5	0	790	2,370	185	10	0	550	3,110	2,925	330	90	5	550	3,895
	2005/06	590	160	115	5	0	870	2,325	165	10	0	325	2,830	2,920	325	125	5	325	3,695
	2006/07	565	180	110	5	0	860	1,850	250	10	0	415	2,525	2,415	435	120	5	415	3,390
	2007/08	435	210	125	5	0	770	2,150	235	10	5	380	2,780	2,585	445	135	5	380	3,550
	2008/09	325	240	90	10	0	665	1,500	220	15	5	355	2,100	1,830	460	105	15	355	2,765
All Undergraduate	2004/05	6,965	1,530	1,180	60	0	9,730	3,320	245	45	5	765	4,380	10,285	1,775	1,220	70	765	14,110
	2005/06	7,005	1,745	1,220	60	0	10,030	3,145	250	45	10	580	4,030	10,150	1,995	1,270	70	580	14,060
	2006/07	7,230	1,825	1,050	70	0	10,175	2,560	330	30	5	620	3,545	9,790	2,155	1,080	75	620	13,715
	2007/08	7,215	2,100	1,040	75	0	10,430	2,885	330	25	5	590	3,835	10,100	2,435	1,065	80	590	14,265
	2008/09	7,135	2,180	1,070	75	0	10,460	2,310	320	35	5	555	3,230	9,445	2,500	1,105	85	555	13,690
Postgraduate	2004/05	1,430	700	170	30	0	2,330	1,500	170	45	20	130	1,865	2,935	870	215	50	130	4,195
	2005/06	1,575	735	180	25	0	2,515	1,405	270	45	25	100	1,850	2,980	1,005	225	55	100	4,365
	2006/07	1,165	705	165	30	0	2,065	1,445	400	40	30	130	2,045	2,610	1,105	200	65	130	4,110
	2007/08	1,190	615	145	30	0	1,980	1,340	235	40	25	125	1,765	2,525	850	190	55	125	3,745
	2008/09	1,345	555	140	25	0	2,065	1,310	225	60	20	70	1,685	2,655	780	195	45	70	3,745
Total	2004/05	8,395	2,225	1,345	90	0	12,060	4,820	415	85	30	895	6,245	13,215	2,640	1,435	120	895	18,305
	2005/06	8,580	2,480	1,400	85	0	12,545	4,550	525	95	35	680	5,880	13,130	3,000	1,495	120	680	18,425
	2006/07	8,395	2,530	1,215	100	0	12,235	4,005	730	70	35	750	5,585	12,400	3,255	1,280	140	750	17,825
	2007/08	8,400	2,715	1,185	105	0	12,405	4,225	570	65	30	715	5,605	12,625	3,285	1,255	135	715	18,010
	2008/09	8,480	2,735	1,210	100	0	12,525	3,620	540	95	30	625	4,915	12,100	3,280	1,305	130	625	17,440

Source : HESA

Notes

<sup>(1)</sup> Open University

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Table 5: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, domicile, mode of study and gender 2008/09

			Undergraduate (UG)			Postgraduate (PG)					Total	
			First Degree	Other UG	All UG	Higher Degrees		Other Postgraduate		All PG		
						Doctorate	Other Higher Degrees	PGCE	Other PG			
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	2,560	100	2,660	90	255	85	100	530	3,190	
		Female	4,250	225	4,475	95	325	200	195	815	5,290	
		Total	6,810	325	7,135	185	580	285	295	1,345	8,480	
	Part-time	Male	280	330	610	35	175	0	210	425	1,035	
		Female	530	1,175	1,700	35	275	0	570	880	2,585	
		Total	810	1,500	2,310	75	455	0	780	1,310	3,620	
	Total	Male	2,840	430	3,270	125	430	90	315	955	4,230	
		Female	4,780	1,395	6,175	130	605	200	760	1,695	7,870	
		Total	7,620	1,830	9,445	255	1,035	290	1,075	2,655	12,100	
	Great Britain	Full-time	Male	45	0	45	10	15	5	0	30	75
Female			60	0	60	10	10	0	0	15	75	
Total			100	0	100	20	25	5	5	50	150	
Part-time		Male	0	30	30	5	30	0	40	75	105	
		Female	5	50	50	0	30	0	75	105	160	
		Total	5	80	85	5	60	0	115	180	265	
Total		Male	45	30	75	15	50	5	40	105	180	
		Female	60	50	110	10	40	0	75	125	235	
		Total	105	80	185	25	85	5	115	230	415	
Republic of Ireland		Full-time	Male	155	10	165	10	80	0	10	105	265
	Female		240	10	250	10	110	15	10	145	395	
	Total		395	20	415	20	195	15	20	250	660	
	Part-time	Male	20	85	105	10	50	0	55	110	215	
		Female	40	190	230	10	100	0	85	195	430	
		Total	65	275	335	20	150	0	140	310	645	
	Total	Male	175	90	270	20	130	0	65	215	485	
		Female	280	200	480	25	215	15	90	340	825	
		Total	460	290	750	40	345	15	160	555	1,305	
	Other EU	Full-time	Male	25	0	25	10	15	0	0	25	45
Female			10	0	10	10	15	0	0	30	35	
Total			30	0	30	20	30	0	0	50	80	
Part-time		Male	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	15	20	
		Female	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	15	15	
		Total	0	0	5	10	15	0	10	30	35	
Total		Male	25	0	25	15	20	0	5	40	65	
		Female	10	0	10	15	25	0	0	40	55	
		Total	35	0	35	30	45	0	10	80	115	
Non EU		Full-time	Male	95	5	100	40	125	0	10	175	275
	Female		105	0	105	25	90	0	10	125	230	
	Total		200	5	205	65	215	0	15	295	500	
	Part-time	Male	0	5	5	15	15	0	5	35	40	
		Female	5	5	10	10	20	0	5	35	45	
		Total	5	5	15	25	35	0	10	70	85	
	Total	Male	95	10	105	55	140	0	15	210	315	
		Female	110	5	115	35	110	0	15	160	275	
		Total	205	15	220	90	250	0	30	370	585	
	All Students	Full-time	Male	2,875	115	2,990	160	485	90	125	860	3,850
Female			4,660	235	4,895	150	550	215	210	1,125	6,025	
Total			7,535	350	7,885	310	1,040	305	335	1,990	9,875	
Part-time		Male	305	445	750	65	280	0	320	665	1,415	
		Female	580	1,415	1,995	65	435	0	735	1,235	3,230	
		Total	885	1,860	2,750	130	715	0	1,050	1,900	4,650	
Total		Male	3,180	560	3,740	225	765	95	440	1,525	5,270	
		Female	5,240	1,650	6,895	215	985	215	945	2,360	9,255	
		Total	8,425	2,210	10,635	440	1,755	310	1,385	3,890	14,525	

Source : HESA

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**Table 6: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject area and gender 2008/09**

		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
First Degree	Male	100	215	180	0	10	135	55	330	380	355	235	135	460	85	95	170	150	85	5	3,180
	Female	145	1,220	390	0	60	160	65	125	105	125	730	225	705	125	305	155	250	345	0	5,240
	Total	245	1,435	570	0	75	295	120	455	485	480	965	365	1,160	210	405	325	400	430	5	8,425
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	90	10	0	5	5	0	35	5	20	40	0	245	0	25	10	15	55	0	560
	Female	15	940	5	0	15	5	0	10	0	15	65	0	385	0	40	15	25	130	0	1,650
	Total	15	1,030	10	0	15	10	0	45	5	35	105	0	630	0	65	20	40	180	0	2,210
All Undergraduate	Male	100	305	190	0	15	140	55	365	385	375	275	135	705	85	120	175	165	140	5	3,740
	Female	155	2,160	395	0	75	165	65	135	105	140	795	225	1,085	125	350	170	275	475	0	6,895
	Total	260	2,465	585	0	90	305	120	505	490	515	1,070	365	1,790	210	470	345	440	615	5	10,635
Doctorate	Male	45	10	15	0	0	30	0	20	30	0	25	0	5	0	10	5	20	5	0	225
	Female	30	10	30	0	5	45	0	5	10	0	30	5	5	0	10	10	10	10	0	215
	Total	75	20	50	0	5	75	0	25	45	0	50	5	10	0	20	15	30	15	0	440
Other Higher Degrees	Male	10	50	15	0	20	25	0	30	95	70	55	40	215	20	25	45	40	20	0	765
	Female	10	160	60	0	35	20	0	10	30	45	90	75	205	35	70	25	50	60	0	985
	Total	20	205	75	0	60	45	0	40	125	115	140	115	420	55	95	70	90	80	0	1,755
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	215	0	215
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	0	310
Other Postgraduate	Male	0	65	5	0	20	30	0	10	20	35	30	60	30	5	0	0	0	115	10	440
	Female	0	280	15	0	5	25	0	10	15	45	75	85	50	20	0	0	0	280	50	945
	Total	0	345	20	0	20	55	0	20	35	80	105	150	80	25	0	0	5	395	60	1,385
All Postgraduate	Male	55	125	35	0	40	85	0	60	145	105	105	105	250	25	35	55	60	230	10	1,525
	Female	40	450	105	0	45	90	0	25	55	90	195	165	260	55	75	35	65	565	50	2,360
	Total	95	575	145	0	85	175	0	85	200	195	300	270	510	80	110	90	125	800	60	3,890
Total	Male	155	430	225	0	55	225	55	425	535	480	380	240	955	110	155	230	230	370	15	5,270
	Female	200	2,610	500	0	120	255	65	160	160	230	990	390	1,345	180	425	205	340	1,040	50	9,255
	Total	355	3,040	725	0	175	480	125	585	690	710	1,370	630	2,300	290	580	435	565	1,410	65	14,525

Source : HESA

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**Table 7: Students gaining first degrees at NI Higher Education Institutions by subject area, degree classification and gender 2008/09**

		Degree Classification					Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper division	Second class, lower division	Third class/ Pass	Unclassified	
Medicine & dentistry	Male	0	0	0	90	5	100
	Female	0	0	0	130	15	145
	Total	0	0	0	220	20	245
Subjects allied to medicine	Male	30	110	60	10	0	215
	Female	245	615	270	65	30	1,220
	Total	275	720	330	75	30	1,435
Biological sciences	Male	20	100	55	5	0	180
	Female	55	225	105	5	0	390
	Total	75	325	160	10	0	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	0	0	0	10
	Female	10	35	15	0	0	60
	Total	10	45	15	0	0	75
Physical sciences	Male	20	60	50	5	0	135
	Female	25	75	50	5	0	160
	Total	45	135	100	15	0	295
Mathematical sciences	Male	15	15	15	10	0	55
	Female	20	15	20	5	0	65
	Total	35	35	35	15	0	120
Computer science	Male	50	145	110	25	0	330
	Female	15	55	45	10	0	125
	Total	70	200	155	35	0	455
Engineering & technology	Male	80	150	90	60	0	380
	Female	25	50	25	10	0	105
	Total	100	200	110	70	0	485
Architecture, building & planning	Male	25	170	115	45	0	355
	Female	10	65	45	5	0	125
	Total	35	230	165	50	0	480
Social studies	Male	20	120	80	10	0	235
	Female	55	385	260	30	0	730
	Total	80	505	340	40	0	965
Law	Male	5	75	50	5	0	135
	Female	10	145	65	5	0	225
	Total	20	220	120	10	0	365
Business & administrative studies	Male	45	220	170	20	0	460
	Female	85	390	210	20	0	705
	Total	130	610	380	40	0	1,160
Mass communications and documentation	Male	10	45	25	5	0	85
	Female	15	80	30	0	0	125
	Total	25	125	55	5	0	210
Languages	Male	10	50	30	0	0	95
	Female	25	165	105	15	0	305
	Total	35	215	135	15	0	405
Historical and philosophical studies	Male	15	75	65	10	0	170
	Female	10	90	50	5	0	155
	Total	30	165	110	15	0	325
Creative arts & design	Male	30	75	45	0	0	150
	Female	35	120	85	10	0	250
	Total	65	195	130	10	0	400
Education	Male	10	60	10	5	0	85
	Female	80	195	70	5	0	345
	Total	90	250	80	10	0	430
Combined	Male	0	0	0	5	0	5
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	5	0	5
All First Degrees	Male	395	1,485	980	315	10	3,180
	Female	730	2,700	1,445	320	45	5,240
	Total	1,125	4,185	2,425	635	55	8,425

Source : HESA

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**Table 8: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualification obtained, level of study and domicile - 2004/05 to 2008/09**

Level and Year	Full-time						Part-time						Total						
	NI	GB	ROI	Other EU	Non EU	Total	NI	GB	ROI	Other EU	Non EU	Total	NI	GB	ROI	Other EU	Non EU	Total	
First Degree	2004/05	6,410	65	425	15	140	7,055	950	5	50	20	10	1,035	7,360	70	475	35	150	8,090
	2005/06	6,415	65	450	15	170	7,110	820	5	80	5	0	910	7,230	70	530	20	170	8,020
	2006/07	6,665	85	440	40	230	7,460	710	0	70	0	5	790	7,375	85	515	40	235	8,250
	2007/08	6,780	80	360	40	170	7,430	735	0	70	0	5	810	7,515	80	430	40	175	8,240
	2008/09	6,810	100	395	30	200	7,535	810	5	65	0	5	885	7,620	105	460	35	205	8,425
Other Undergraduate	2004/05	555	0	25	20	0	605	2,370	25	125	5	10	2,535	2,925	30	150	25	10	3,135
	2005/06	590	0	20	5	5	620	2,325	55	120	5	10	2,515	2,920	55	140	5	15	3,135
	2006/07	565	0	20	5	10	600	1,850	0	125	5	5	1,985	2,415	5	150	10	10	2,590
	2007/08	435	0	20	0	10	465	2,150	15	155	5	10	2,335	2,585	15	175	5	20	2,800
	2008/09	325	0	20	0	5	350	1,500	80	275	0	5	1,860	1,830	80	290	0	15	2,210
All Undergraduate	2004/05	6,965	65	450	40	140	7,660	3,320	35	170	25	25	3,570	10,285	100	620	60	160	11,230
	2005/06	7,005	65	465	20	175	7,730	3,145	60	200	10	10	3,425	10,150	125	670	25	190	11,155
	2006/07	7,230	85	465	45	235	8,060	2,560	5	200	5	10	2,780	9,790	90	660	50	245	10,840
	2007/08	7,215	80	385	45	175	7,895	2,885	15	220	5	15	3,145	10,100	100	605	50	190	11,040
	2008/09	7,135	100	415	30	205	7,885	2,310	85	335	5	15	2,750	9,445	185	750	35	220	10,635
Postgraduate <sup>(2)</sup>	2004/05	1,430	30	265	50	265	2,045	1,500	150	225	15	100	1,990	2,935	180	490	65	370	4,035
	2005/06	1,575	30	365	60	310	2,345	1,405	165	260	25	95	1,950	2,980	195	625	85	405	4,295
	2006/07	1,165	30	165	50	225	1,635	1,445	190	235	40	50	1,960	2,610	220	400	90	275	3,595
	2007/08	1,190	25	200	45	220	1,675	1,340	165	260	45	55	1,865	2,525	190	460	90	275	3,545
	2008/09	1,345	50	250	50	295	1,990	1,310	180	310	30	70	1,900	2,655	230	555	80	370	3,890
Total <sup>(2)</sup>	2004/05	8,395	95	715	85	405	9,705	4,820	180	395	40	125	5,560	13,215	280	1,110	125	530	15,265
	2005/06	8,580	95	835	80	485	10,075	4,550	225	460	35	105	5,375	13,130	320	1,295	110	595	15,450
	2006/07	8,395	115	630	95	465	9,695	4,005	195	435	45	60	4,735	12,400	310	1,065	140	520	14,435
	2007/08	8,400	110	580	90	395	9,575	4,225	180	485	50	75	5,010	12,625	290	1,065	135	470	14,585
	2008/09	8,480	150	660	80	500	9,875	3,620	265	645	35	85	4,650	12,100	415	1,305	115	585	14,525

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