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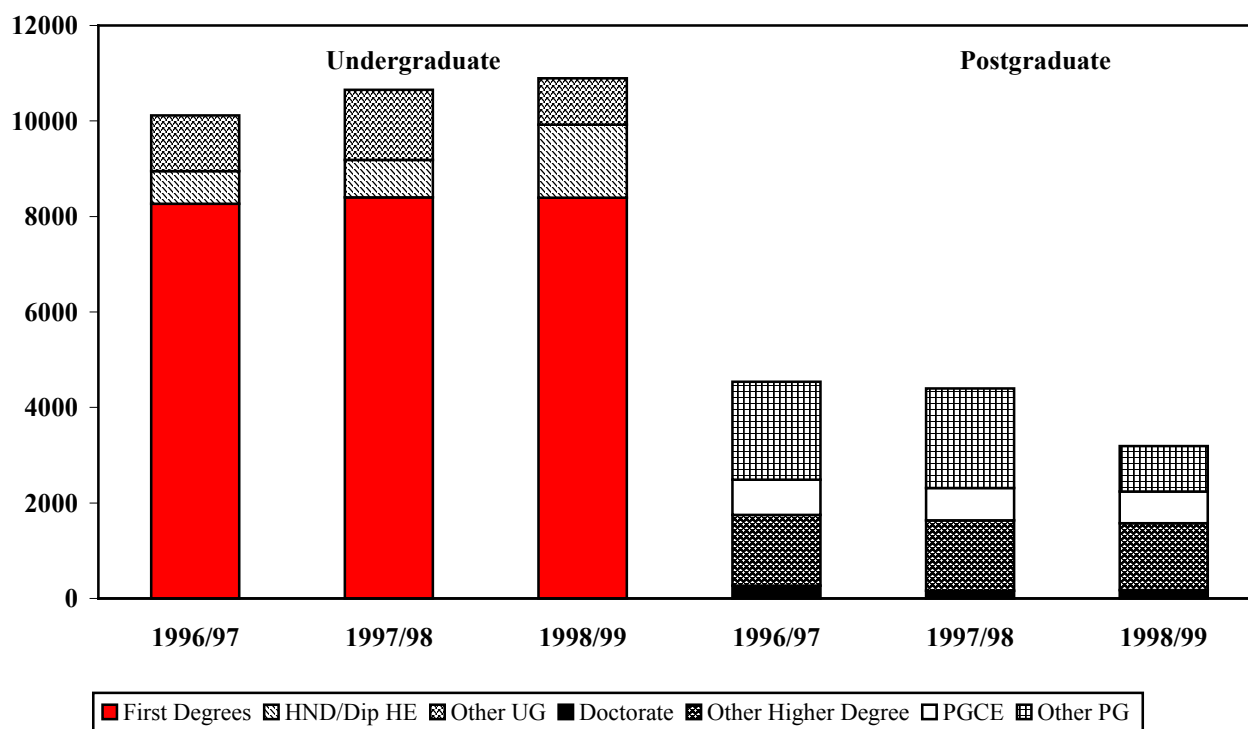
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## Students gaining Higher Education qualifications: Northern Ireland 1998/99

### Introduction

This Press Release has been produced by the Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment (DHFETE) using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). It gives details of qualifications obtained by Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students on Higher Education courses at Higher Education institutions in the UK and details of all students on Higher Education courses at Higher Education institutions in NI for the academic year 1998/99.

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



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## NI domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at UK HE institutions

- Between 1996/97 and 1998/99, the number of first degrees increased by 2%, and other undergraduate awards (including HND and Dip HE) by 35%<sup>1</sup> whereas higher degrees awarded decreased by 10%.
- The number of NI domiciled students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees increased by 12% from 4,012 in 1996/97 to 4,492 in 1998/99.
- Between 1996/97 and 1998/99, NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications at NI HE institutions rose by 13% compared to a decrease of 2% for those attending GB HE institutions. Over the same period, there was a decline of 4% in the numbers of NI domiciled students gaining postgraduate qualifications at GB HE institutions<sup>2</sup>.
- In 1998/99, 21% of NI domiciled students gaining undergraduate qualifications and 54% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications gained their awards through part-time study<sup>3</sup>.
- In 1998/99, 62% of NI domiciled students attaining undergraduate qualifications and 53% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female.
- The most popular subjects for NI domiciled first degree graduates were Business and Administrative Studies (16%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (10%) and Social Studies (8%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education and Leisure (35%), Business and Administrative Studies (13%) and Social Studies (6%).
- In 1998/99, 58% of female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 48% of male first degree graduates. Conversely, 11% of male first degree graduates attained pass or unclassified degrees compared to 9% of female graduates.
- A large proportion of NI domiciled first degree graduates in Medicine and Dentistry (95%), Veterinary Science (87%) (see Notes to Editors), Engineering and Technology (16%), Information Technology (11%) and Architecture (9%) received pass or unclassified degrees. Conversely, over 99% of NI first degree graduates in Law, Languages and Related Disciplines and Humanities attained honours degrees.

<sup>1</sup> Includes the NI Universities and Colleges of Education only.

<sup>2</sup> It appears that students receiving interim awards on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses in 1996/97 were not recorded by the University of Ulster. From 1998/99 onwards, the University of Ulster no longer confers interim awards to students on these linked courses.

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## Students gaining HE qualifications at NI HE institutions<sup>1</sup>

- Between 1996/97 and 1998/99, the number of first degrees awarded at the NI Higher Education institutions increased by 3%, and other undergraduate awards (including HND and Dip HE) by 66%<sup>2</sup> whereas higher degrees awarded declined by 16%.
- The number of students achieving either first class or upper second class honours degrees grew by 14% from 3,413 in 1996/97 to 3,878 in 1998/99.
- In 1998/99, 23% of students at NI Higher Education institutions gaining undergraduate qualifications and 58% of those attaining postgraduate qualifications, gained their awards through part-time study<sup>3</sup>.
- In 1998/99, 65% of students attaining undergraduate qualifications at NI Higher Education institutions and 54% of those gaining postgraduate qualifications were female. Of those graduating with higher degrees, 51% were male.
- The most popular subjects for first degree graduates from NI Higher Education institutions were Business and Administrative Studies (16%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (12%), Social Studies (8%) and Biological Sciences (8%). The most popular subject areas for postgraduate qualifiers were Education (29%), Business and Administrative Studies (14%), Subjects Allied to Medicine (8%) and Social Studies (8%).
- In 1998/99, 64% of female first degree graduates gained either first class honours or upper second class honours degrees compared to 53% of male first degree graduates. Conversely, 9% of male first degree graduates attained pass or unclassified degrees compared to 4% of female graduates.
- A large proportion of first degree graduates in Medicine and Dentistry (see Notes to Editors) (98%), Engineering and Technology (16%), Information Technology (9%) and Mathematical Sciences and Informatics (8%) received pass or unclassified degrees. Conversely, all first degree qualifiers in Agriculture and related subjects, Law, Languages and Related Disciplines, Mass Communication and Documentation and Education and Leisure attained honours degrees.

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## Tables

Table 1 shows, for 1998/99, the numbers of NI domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at HE institutions in the UK by qualifications obtained, mode of study, location of study and sex.

Table 2 gives, for 1998/99, details of NI domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at HE institutions in the UK by qualifications obtained, subject group, and sex.

Table 3 presents information for 1998/99 on NI domiciled first degree graduates at UK Higher Education institutions by degree classification, sex and subject group.

Table 4 shows, for 1998/99, the number of students gaining HE qualifications at NI HE institutions by qualifications obtained, mode of study, domicile and sex.

Table 5 gives, for 1998/99, details on students gaining HE qualifications at NI HE institutions by qualifications obtained, subject group and sex.

Table 6 presents information for 1998/99 on first degree graduates who were on HE courses at NI HE institutions by degree classification, sex and subject group.

The Annex compares 1996/97, 1997/98 and 1998/99 information on NI domiciled students attaining Higher Education qualifications at UK HE institutions and qualifications attained on Higher Education courses at NI HE institutions.

## Notes to Editors

1. The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) is the official agency for the collection of information on publicly funded Higher Education institutions in the UK. It was set up in 1993 following the White Paper 'Higher Education: a new framework', which called for more coherence in Higher Education statistics. Higher Education institutions include all publicly-funded universities (including the former polytechnics). HESA data do not include enrolments at FE colleges in NI or GB nor enrolments at institutions in the Republic of Ireland.
2. Higher education is defined as a course leading to a qualification above A-level standard. This includes first degree and postgraduate study, BTEC Higher National Diploma and Certificate courses and a number of professional qualifications.
3. Figures for 1998/99 reported in this Press Release are counts of student enrolments associated with the award of an HE qualification during the period 1 August 1998 to 31 July 1999.
4. Level of course.
  - (i) Postgraduate courses are those leading to higher degrees, diplomas and certificates (including PGCE and professional qualifications) which usually require a first degree as an entry qualification.
  - (ii) Higher degrees include doctorates, masters degrees and higher bachelor degrees.
  - (iii) Other postgraduate includes postgraduate diplomas, certificates and professional qualifications, PGCE and institutional postgraduate credit.
  - (iv) First degrees include first degrees, 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. undergraduate diplomas and certificates.
5. Mode of attendance distinguishes students studying full-time or part-time and other.
  - (i) Full-time students include all students studying full-time (for more than 18 weeks in the academic year), students on thick or thin sandwich courses, and those on a study-related year out of their institution.
  - (ii) Part-time students include those studying part-time, on block release, during evenings only, or full-time for less than 18 weeks. Students writing up theses or on sabbatical are included in the figures, in the 'Part-time and other' category.
6. Qualifications obtained have been aggregated to 19 broad subject areas. Depending on their academic content, qualifications have been 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 two subjects lies within more than one area, with a major or minor split, the qualification is allocated to the area relating to the major part of the study.
- (iv) if a combination of two subjects lies within more than one area, with an equal split, the qualification is allocated to the Combined area.
- (v) all subject combinations (major or minor) containing Initial Teacher Training (ITT) are included in the Education subject area.

7. Certain qualifications obtained at first degree level are not subject to classification of award, notably medical and general degrees. These, together with ordinary and Aegrotat classifications (whether to honours or pass) have been included within the unclassified category. Third and fourth class honours have been grouped together. Lower second and undivided second class honours have also been aggregated.

8. In the tables the Open University is treated as an English institution.

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Table 1: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining HE qualifications at UK Higher education institutions by qualifications obtained, location of study, mode of study and sex 1998/99

			Postgraduate						Undergraduate						Total
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate			All	First Degree	Other Undergraduate			All	
			Other Higher			PGCE	Other PG	All			HND/Dip HE	Other UG	All		
			Doctorate	Degrees	All										
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	5	145	150	98	138	236	386	1936	204	70	274	2210	2596
		Female	2	156	158	224	114	338	496	2797	535	132	667	3464	3960
		Total	7	301	308	322	252	574	882	4733	739	202	941	5674	6556
	Part-time & other	Male	63	383	446	0	194	194	640	218	40	151	191	409	1049
		Female	50	385	435	0	275	275	710	445	595	357	952	1397	2107
		Total	113	768	881	0	469	469	1350	663	635	508	1143	1806	3156
	Total	Male	68	528	596	98	332	430	1026	2154	244	221	465	2619	3645
		Female	52	541	593	224	389	613	1206	3242	1130	489	1619	4861	6067
		Total	120	1069	1189	322	721	1043	2232	5396	1374	710	2084	7480	9712
England	Full-time	Male	2	50	52	101	27	128	180	652	39	15	54	706	886
		Female	2	54	56	161	29	190	246	857	53	20	73	930	1176
		Total	4	104	108	262	56	318	426	1509	92	35	127	1636	2062
	Part-time & other	Male	21	77	98	3	70	73	171	145	7	99	106	251	422
		Female	15	69	84	5	36	41	125	101	4	119	123	224	349
		Total	36	146	182	8	106	114	296	246	11	218	229	475	771
	Total	Male	23	127	150	104	97	201	351	797	46	114	160	957	1308
		Female	17	123	140	166	65	231	371	958	57	139	196	1154	1525
		Total	40	250	290	270	162	432	722	1755	103	253	356	2111	2833
Scotland	Full-time	Male	0	25	25	10	20	30	55	495	15	4	19	514	569
		Female	1	28	29	33	13	46	75	636	29	5	34	670	745
		Total	1	53	54	43	33	76	130	1131	44	9	53	1184	1314
	Part-time & other	Male	4	15	19	0	11	11	30	5	2	0	2	7	37
		Female	6	9	15	0	9	9	24	10	0	1	1	11	35
		Total	10	24	34	0	20	20	54	15	2	1	3	18	72
	Total	Male	4	40	44	10	31	41	85	500	17	4	21	521	606
		Female	7	37	44	33	22	55	99	646	29	6	35	681	780
		Total	11	77	88	43	53	96	184	1146	46	10	56	1202	1386
Wales	Full-time	Male	0	2	2	13	5	18	20	39	6	0	6	45	65
		Female	0	2	2	16	3	19	21	52	4	0	4	56	77
		Total	0	4	4	29	8	37	41	91	10	0	10	101	142
	Part-time & other	Male	0	3	3	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	8
		Female	1	3	4	0	1	1	5	3	0	0	0	3	8
		Total	1	6	7	0	2	2	9	3	0	0	0	3	12
	Total	Male	0	5	5	13	6	19	24	39	6	0	6	45	69
		Female	1	5	6	16	4	20	26	55	4	0	4	59	85
		Total	1	10	11	29	10	39	50	94	10	0	10	104	154
All Students	Full-time	Male	7	222	229	222	190	412	641	3122	264	89	353	3475	4116
		Female	5	240	245	434	159	593	838	4342	621	157	778	5120	5958
		Total	12	462	474	656	349	1005	1479	7464	885	246	1131	8595	10074
	Part-time & other	Male	88	478	566	3	276	279	845	368	49	250	299	667	1512
		Female	72	466	538	5	321	326	864	559	599	477	1076	1635	2499
		Total	160	944	1104	8	597	605	1709	927	648	727	1375	2302	4011
	Total	Male	95	700	795	225	466	691	1486	3490	313	339	652	4142	5628
		Female	77	706	783	439	480	919	1702	4901	1220	634	1854	6755	8457
		Total	172	1406	1578	664	946	1610	3188	8391	1533	973	2506	10897	14085

Table 2: Northern Ireland domiciled students gaining qualifications at UK Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject of study and sex 1998/99

		Medicine & Dentistry	Subjects allied to Medicine	Biological Sciences	Veterinary Science	Agriculture & Related Subjects	Physical Sciences	Mathematical Sciences & Informatics	Information technology	Engineering & Technology	Architecture	Social Studies	Law	Business & Administrative Studies	Mass Communication & Documentation	Languages & Related Disciplines	Humanities	Creative Arts & Design	Education & Leisure	Combined	Total
Doctorate	Male	8	1	13	0	6	18	1	4	20	1	7	0	3	3	3	5	1	0	1	95
	Female	16	10	10	3	4	9	0	2	4	0	7	1	1	0	5	3	0	2	0	77
	Total	24	11	23	3	10	27	1	6	24	1	14	1	4	3	8	8	1	2	1	172
Other Higher Degrees	Male	5	21	17	1	11	14	6	60	95	27	43	32	176	15	21	13	7	83	53	700
	Female	8	69	25	0	17	13	10	34	20	6	87	21	120	22	42	11	16	132	53	706
	Total	13	90	42	1	28	27	16	94	115	33	130	53	296	37	63	24	23	215	106	1406
PGCE	Male	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	224	0	225
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	439	0	439
	Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	663	0	664
Other Postgraduate	Male	13	5	3	0	3	5	1	30	11	79	12	60	56	20	5	4	3	102	54	466
	Female	13	45	1	0	2	21	0	13	1	24	48	61	50	17	9	0	6	129	40	480
	Total	26	50	4	0	5	26	1	43	12	103	60	121	106	37	14	4	9	231	94	946
All Postgraduate	Male	26	27	34	1	20	37	8	94	126	107	62	92	235	38	29	22	11	409	108	1486
	Female	37	124	36	3	23	43	10	49	25	30	142	83	171	39	56	14	22	702	93	1702
	Total	63	151	70	4	43	80	18	143	151	137	204	175	406	77	85	36	33	1111	201	3188
First Degree	Male	134	161	170	22	47	169	58	211	371	274	257	124	497	79	94	157	145	105	415	3490
	Female	197	667	346	16	51	197	60	49	69	86	417	182	869	122	314	158	222	360	519	4901
	Total	331	828	516	38	98	366	118	260	440	360	674	306	1366	201	408	315	367	465	934	8391
HND/DipHE	Male	0	62	5	0	7	2	4	68	40	3	36	2	68	1	0	0	7	0	8	313
	Female	0	962	15	0	5	4	9	19	4	5	65	0	114	3	0	0	9	4	2	1220
	Total	0	1024	20	0	12	6	13	87	44	8	101	2	182	4	0	0	16	4	10	1533
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	1	1	0	5	8	1	39	17	3	67	11	21	0	3	3	44	4	111	339
	Female	0	14	0	0	4	9	0	37	0	1	202	16	63	1	12	6	91	8	170	634
	Total	0	15	1	0	9	17	1	76	17	4	269	27	84	1	15	9	135	12	281	973
All Undergraduate	Male	134	224	176	22	59	179	63	318	428	280	360	137	586	80	97	160	196	109	534	4142
	Female	197	1643	361	16	60	210	69	105	73	92	684	198	1046	126	326	164	322	372	691	6755
	Total	331	1867	537	38	119	389	132	423	501	372	1044	335	1632	206	423	324	518	481	1225	10897
Total	Male	160	251	210	23	79	216	71	412	554	387	422	229	821	118	126	182	207	518	642	5628
	Female	234	1767	397	19	83	253	79	154	98	122	826	281	1217	165	382	178	344	1074	784	8457
	Total	394	2018	607	42	162	469	150	566	652	509	1248	510	2038	283	508	360	551	1592	1426	14085

**Table 3: NI domiciled students gaining First Degrees at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by subject, degree classification and sex 1998/99**

		Degree Classification						Total
		First class honours	Second class, upper Division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass	Unclassified	
Medicine & Dentistry	Male	3	4	0	0	77	50	134
	Female	2	9	0	0	92	94	197
	Total	5	13	0	0	169	144	331
Subjects allied to Medicine	Male	18	86	48	5	1	3	161
	Female	70	368	192	12	7	18	667
	Total	88	454	240	17	8	21	828
Biological Sciences	Male	26	87	48	5	4	0	170
	Female	32	202	101	7	1	3	346
	Total	58	289	149	12	5	3	516
Veterinary Science	Male	0	1	1	0	4	16	22
	Female	0	3	0	0	3	10	16
	Total	0	4	1	0	7	26	38
Agriculture & Related Subjects	Male	0	23	19	2	0	3	47
	Female	2	24	19	1	1	4	51
	Total	2	47	38	3	1	7	98
Physical Sciences	Male	15	61	69	12	8	4	169
	Female	16	99	64	10	5	3	197
	Total	31	160	133	22	13	7	366
Mathematical Sciences & Informatics	Male	16	19	10	9	4	0	58
	Female	12	20	20	5	3	0	60
	Total	28	39	30	14	7	0	118
Information Technology	Male	34	59	81	12	17	8	211
	Female	7	30	8	0	3	1	49
	Total	41	89	89	12	20	9	260
Engineering & Technology	Male	38	113	147	17	46	10	371
	Female	5	22	24	5	6	7	69
	Total	43	135	171	22	52	17	440
Architecture	Male	16	109	113	11	7	18	274
	Female	6	34	39	1	1	5	86
	Total	22	143	152	12	8	23	360
Social Studies	Male	5	118	117	11	3	3	257
	Female	15	192	177	18	5	10	417
	Total	20	310	294	29	8	13	674
Law	Male	4	72	47	0	0	1	124
	Female	4	125	52	0	0	1	182
	Total	8	197	99	0	0	2	306
Business & Administrative Studies	Male	20	200	226	13	6	32	497
	Female	54	461	294	15	4	41	869
	Total	74	661	520	28	10	73	1366
Mass Communication & Documentation	Male	4	43	30	2	0	0	79
	Female	7	59	50	1	0	5	122
	Total	11	102	80	3	0	5	201
Languages & Related Disciplines	Male	10	51	29	3	1	0	94
	Female	21	185	103	3	0	2	314
	Total	31	236	132	6	1	2	408
Humanities	Male	15	88	49	4	1	0	157
	Female	5	97	54	1	0	1	158
	Total	20	185	103	5	1	1	315
Creative Arts & Design	Male	11	62	52	8	2	10	145
	Female	22	104	87	3	1	5	222
	Total	33	166	139	11	3	15	367
Education & Leisure	Male	9	48	40	5	0	3	105
	Female	30	224	84	17	0	5	360
	Total	39	272	124	22	0	8	465
Combined	Male	37	147	148	26	16	41	415
	Female	32	220	175	10	39	43	519
	Total	69	367	323	36	55	84	934
All First Degrees	Male	281	1391	1274	145	197	202	3490
	Female	342	2478	1543	109	171	258	4901
	Total	623	3869	2817	254	368	460	8391

Table 4: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher education institutions by qualification obtained, domicile, mode of study and sex 1998/99

			Postgraduate						All	First Degree	Undergraduate			All	Total	
			Higher Degrees			Other Postgraduate					HND/Dip	Other Undergraduate				
			Doctorate	Other		PGCE	Other PG					HE	Other UG			
				Higher	All		All	All								
Northern Ireland	Full-time	Male	5	145	150	98	138	236	386	1936	204	70	274	2210	2596	
		Female	2	156	158	224	114	338	496	2797	535	132	667	3464	3960	
		Total	7	301	308	322	252	574	882	4733	739	202	941	5674	6556	
	Part-time & other	Male	63	383	446	0	194	194	640	218	40	151	191	409	1049	
		Female	50	385	435	0	275	275	710	445	595	357	952	1397	2107	
		Total	113	768	881	0	469	469	1350	663	635	508	1143	1806	3156	
	Total	Male	68	528	596	98	332	430	1026	2154	244	221	465	2619	3645	
		Female	52	541	593	224	389	613	1206	3242	1130	489	1619	4861	6067	
		Total	120	1069	1189	322	721	1043	2232	5396	1374	710	2084	7480	9712	
	Great Britain	Full-time	Male	1	4	5	1	2	3	8	35	2	0	2	37	45
Female			0	6	6	3	1	4	10	57	0	0	0	57	67	
Total			1	10	11	4	3	7	18	92	2	0	2	94	112	
Part-time & other		Male	11	8	19	0	13	13	32	2	0	1	1	3	35	
		Female	6	13	19	0	19	19	38	0	23	0	23	23	61	
		Total	17	21	38	0	32	32	70	2	23	1	24	26	96	
Total		Male	12	12	24	1	15	16	40	37	2	1	3	40	80	
		Female	6	19	25	3	20	23	48	57	23	0	23	80	128	
		Total	18	31	49	4	35	39	88	94	25	1	26	120	208	
Republic of Ireland		Full-time	Male	3	49	52	2	15	17	69	325	36	7	43	368	437
	Female		2	59	61	18	18	36	97	479	105	9	114	593	690	
	Total		5	108	113	20	33	53	166	804	141	16	157	961	1127	
	Part-time & other	Male	14	33	47	0	7	7	54	13	0	28	28	41	95	
		Female	10	45	55	0	8	8	63	31	13	91	104	135	198	
		Total	24	78	102	0	15	15	117	44	13	119	132	176	293	
	Total	Male	17	82	99	2	22	24	123	338	36	35	71	409	532	
		Female	12	104	116	18	26	44	160	510	118	100	218	728	888	
		Total	29	186	215	20	48	68	283	848	154	135	289	1137	1420	
	Other EU	Full-time	Male	0	7	7	0	1	1	8	7	2	1	3	10	18
Female			0	0	0	1	0	1	1	11	5	0	5	16	17	
Total			0	7	7	1	1	2	9	18	7	1	8	26	35	
Part-time & other		Male	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	
		Female	1	0	1	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	
		Total	3	1	4	0	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Total		Male	2	8	10	0	1	1	11	7	2	1	3	10	21	
		Female	1	0	1	1	2	3	4	11	5	0	5	16	20	
		Total	3	8	11	1	3	4	15	18	7	1	8	26	41	
Other Overseas		Full-time	Male	2	45	47	0	2	2	49	70	1	3	4	74	123
	Female		1	24	25	2	2	4	29	66	1	0	1	67	96	
	Total		3	69	72	2	4	6	78	136	2	3	5	141	219	
	Part-time & other	Male	9	4	13	0	0	0	13	2	0	1	1	3	16	
		Female	2	5	7	0	0	0	7	1	0	1	1	2	9	
		Total	11	9	20	0	0	0	20	3	0	2	2	5	25	
	Total	Male	11	49	60	0	2	2	62	72	1	4	5	77	139	
		Female	3	29	32	2	2	4	36	67	1	1	2	69	105	
		Total	14	78	92	2	4	6	98	139	2	5	7	146	244	
	All Students	Full-time	Male	11	250	261	101	158	259	520	2373	245	81	326	2699	3219
Female			5	245	250	248	135	383	633	3410	646	141	787	4197	4830	
Total			16	495	511	349	293	642	1153	5783	891	222	1113	6896	8049	
Part-time & other		Male	99	429	528	0	214	214	742	235	40	181	221	456	1198	
		Female	69	448	517	0	304	304	821	477	631	449	1080	1557	2378	
		Total	168	877	1045	0	518	518	1563	712	671	630	1301	2013	3576	
Total		Male	110	679	789	101	372	473	1262	2608	285	262	547	3155	4417	
		Female	74	693	767	248	439	687	1454	3887	1277	590	1867	5754	7208	
		Total	184	1372	1556	349	811	1160	2716	6495	1562	852	2414	8909	11625	

Table 5: Students gaining qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions by qualifications obtained, subject of study and sex 1998/99

		Medicine & Dentistry	Subjects allied to Medicine	Biological Sciences	Veterinary Science	Agriculture & Related Subjects	Physical Sciences	Mathematical Sciences & Informatics	Information Technology	Engineering & Technology	Architecture	Social Studies	Law	Business & Administrative Studies	Mass Communication & Documentation	Languages & Related Disciplines	Humanities	Creative Arts & Design	Education & Leisure	Combined	Total
Doctorate	Male	6	4	6	0	6	30	1	7	19	1	9	0	3	3	5	6	2	0	2	110
	Female	12	7	8	2	4	10	1	2	6	0	13	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	0	74
	Total	18	11	14	2	10	40	2	9	25	1	22	1	4	3	8	8	2	2	2	184
Other Higher Degrees	Male	4	29	15	0	9	5	4	74	127	14	41	29	164	19	21	9	4	83	28	679
	Female	2	88	30	0	16	7	6	37	21	3	93	22	118	28	47	10	14	132	19	693
	Total	6	117	45	0	25	12	10	111	148	17	134	51	282	47	68	19	18	215	47	1372
PGCE	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	101
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	0	248
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	349	0	349
Other Postgraduate	Male	12	22	2	0	3	3	0	27	7	58	10	46	53	18	6	4	1	88	12	372
	Female	13	68	0	0	2	19	0	17	1	23	40	49	42	14	10	0	1	123	17	439
	Total	25	90	2	0	5	22	0	44	8	81	50	95	95	32	16	4	2	211	29	811
All Postgraduate	Male	22	55	23	0	18	38	5	108	153	73	60	75	220	40	32	19	7	272	42	1262
	Female	27	163	38	2	22	36	7	56	28	26	146	72	161	42	60	12	15	505	36	1454
	Total	49	218	61	2	40	74	12	164	181	99	206	147	381	82	92	31	22	777	78	2716
First Degree	Male	90	129	144	0	30	139	45	188	377	185	201	65	345	71	72	133	106	82	206	2608
	Female	103	672	358	0	43	172	52	44	57	65	321	104	675	106	250	126	175	267	297	3887
	Total	193	801	502	0	73	311	97	232	434	250	522	169	1020	177	322	259	281	349	503	6495
HND/DipHE	Male	0	66	5	0	0	2	3	68	37	0	24	0	53	0	0	0	6	0	21	285
	Female	0	1056	11	0	0	4	9	19	2	3	58	0	103	1	0	0	8	0	3	1277
	Total	0	1122	16	0	0	6	12	87	39	3	82	0	156	1	0	0	14	0	24	1562
Other Undergraduate	Male	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	41	12	0	74	8	39	0	4	2	49	3	20	262
	Female	0	4	0	0	3	9	0	43	0	0	247	4	88	2	10	2	94	7	77	590
	Total	0	4	0	0	8	14	0	84	12	0	321	12	127	2	14	4	143	10	97	852
All Undergraduate	Male	90	195	149	0	35	146	48	297	426	185	299	73	437	71	76	135	161	85	247	3155
	Female	103	1732	369	0	46	185	61	106	59	68	626	108	866	109	260	128	277	274	377	5754
	Total	193	1927	518	0	81	331	109	403	485	253	925	181	1303	180	336	263	438	359	624	8909
Total	Male	112	250	172	0	53	184	53	405	579	258	359	148	657	111	108	154	168	357	289	4417
	Female	130	1895	407	2	68	221	68	162	87	94	772	180	1027	151	320	140	292	779	413	7208
	Total	242	2145	579	2	121	405	121	567	666	352	1131	328	1684	262	428	294	460	1136	702	11625

**Table 6: Students gaining First Degrees at NI Higher Education Institutions by subject, degree classification and sex 1998/99**

		Degree Classification						
		First class honours	Second class, upper Division	Second class, lower division	Third/Fourth class honours	Pass	Unclassified	Total
Medicine & Dentistry	Male	2	0	0	0	82	6	90
	Female	2	0	0	0	91	10	103
	Total	4	0	0	0	173	16	193
Subjects allied to Medicine	Male	16	70	39	4	0	0	129
	Female	74	408	176	6	7	1	672
	Total	90	478	215	10	7	1	801
Biological Sciences	Male	23	87	31	1	2	0	144
	Female	31	228	94	3	1	1	358
	Total	54	315	125	4	3	1	502
Veterinary Science	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture & Related Subjects	Male	0	17	12	1	0	0	30
	Female	3	23	17	0	0	0	43
	Total	3	40	29	1	0	0	73
Physical Sciences	Male	12	54	56	10	7	0	139
	Female	13	90	56	7	6	0	172
	Total	25	144	112	17	13	0	311
Mathematical Sciences & Informatics	Male	16	12	9	3	5	0	45
	Female	10	17	16	6	3	0	52
	Total	26	29	25	9	8	0	97
Information Technology	Male	31	57	70	11	17	2	188
	Female	6	29	6	0	3	0	44
	Total	37	86	76	11	20	2	232
Engineering & Technology	Male	45	121	136	15	59	1	377
	Female	6	20	19	3	9	0	57
	Total	51	141	155	18	68	1	434
Architecture	Male	10	94	68	1	7	5	185
	Female	6	31	27	1	0	0	65
	Total	16	125	95	2	7	5	250
Social Studies	Male	6	100	84	6	5	0	201
	Female	13	176	124	5	3	0	321
	Total	19	276	208	11	8	0	522
Law	Male	1	32	32	0	0	0	65
	Female	2	65	37	0	0	0	104
	Total	3	97	69	0	0	0	169
Business & Administrative Studies	Male	24	174	143	1	1	2	345
	Female	49	397	225	3	1	0	675
	Total	73	571	368	4	2	2	1020
Mass Communication & Documentation	Male	1	43	26	1	0	0	71
	Female	4	61	39	2	0	0	106
	Total	5	104	65	3	0	0	177
Languages & Related Disciplines	Male	11	37	22	2	0	0	72
	Female	19	144	86	1	0	0	250
	Total	30	181	108	3	0	0	322
Humanities	Male	11	69	48	4	1	0	133
	Female	6	71	48	1	0	0	126
	Total	17	140	96	5	1	0	259
Creative Arts & Design	Male	11	45	45	0	0	5	106
	Female	14	83	75	0	0	3	175
	Total	25	128	120	0	0	8	281
Education & Leisure	Male	9	44	27	2	0	0	82
	Female	31	195	38	3	0	0	267
	Total	40	239	65	5	0	0	349
Combined	Male	23	86	75	7	15	0	206
	Female	17	140	105	1	34	0	297
	Total	40	226	180	8	49	0	503
All First Degrees	Male	252	1142	923	69	201	21	2608
	Female	306	2178	1188	42	158	15	3887
	Total	558	3320	2111	111	359	36	6495

Annex

**Table A: NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK 1996/97 - 1998/99**

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Doctorate	267	158	172
Other Higher Degrees	1,482	1,480	1,406
PGCE	735	676	664
Other Postgraduate	2,052	2,084	946
<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>4,536</b>	<b>4,398</b>	<b>3,188</b>
First Degrees	8,266	8,401	8,391
<i>of which</i>			
<i>First</i>	510	593	623
<i>Upper Second</i>	3,502	3,755	3,869
<i>Lower Second</i>	2,797	2,820	2,817
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	401	344	254
<i>Pass</i>	443	438	368
<i>Unclassified</i>	613	451	460
HND/Dip HE	686	786	1,533
Other Undergraduate qualifications	1,166	1,465	973
<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>10,118</b>	<b>10,652</b>	<b>10,897</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,654</b>	<b>15,050</b>	<b>14,085</b>

**Table B: Students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in NI 1996/97 - 1998/99**

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Doctorate	283	162	184
Other Higher Degrees	1,561	1,626	1,372
PGCE	391	343	349
Other Postgraduate	2,013	2,104	811
<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>4,248</b>	<b>4,235</b>	<b>2,716</b>
First Degrees	6,283	6,500	6,495
<i>of which</i>			
<i>First</i>	459	518	558
<i>Upper Second</i>	2,954	3,126	3,320
<i>Lower Second</i>	2,063	2,178	2,111
<i>Third/Fourth</i>	273	211	111
<i>Pass</i>	420	434	359
<i>Unclassified</i>	114	33	36
HND/Dip HE	512	702	1,562
Other Undergraduate qualifications	939	1,396	852
<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>7,734</b>	<b>8,598</b>	<b>8,909</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,982</b>	<b>12,833</b>	<b>11,625</b>

Note: In 1996/97, it appears that students receiving interim awards on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses were not recorded by the University of Ulster.

**Table C: NI domiciled students gaining qualifications at Higher Education Institutions in the UK by location of study 1996/97 - 1998/99**

		1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
<b>NI</b>	Doctorate	207	108	120
	Other Higher Degrees	1,181	1,189	1,069
	PGCE	369	328	322
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	1,786	1,868	721
	<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>3,543</b>	<b>3,493</b>	<b>2,232</b>
	First Degree	5,290	5,458	5,396
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	1,335	1,873	2,084
	<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>6,625</b>	<b>7,331</b>	<b>7,480</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,168</b>	<b>10,824</b>	<b>9,712</b>
<b>England</b>	Doctorate	48	37	40
	Other Higher Degrees	219	211	250
	PGCE	302	270	270
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	217	156	162
	<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>722</b>
	First Degree	1,756	1,176	1,755
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	283	302	356
	<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>2,111</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>2,833</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	Doctorate	12	13	11
	Other Higher Degrees	72	74	77
	PGCE	39	39	43
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	46	51	53
	<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>184</b>
	First Degree	1,058	1,084	1,146
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	220	68	56
	<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>1,202</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>1,386</b>
<b>Wales</b>	Doctorate	0	0	1
	Other Higher Degrees	10	6	10
	PGCE	25	39	29
	Other Postgraduate qualifications	3	9	10
	<b>All Postgraduate qualifications</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>
	First Degree	162	83	94
	Other Undergraduate qualifications	14	8	10
	<b>All Undergraduate qualifications</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>104</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>154</b>

Note: In 1996/97, it appears that students receiving interim awards on linked Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses were not recorded by the University of Ulster.