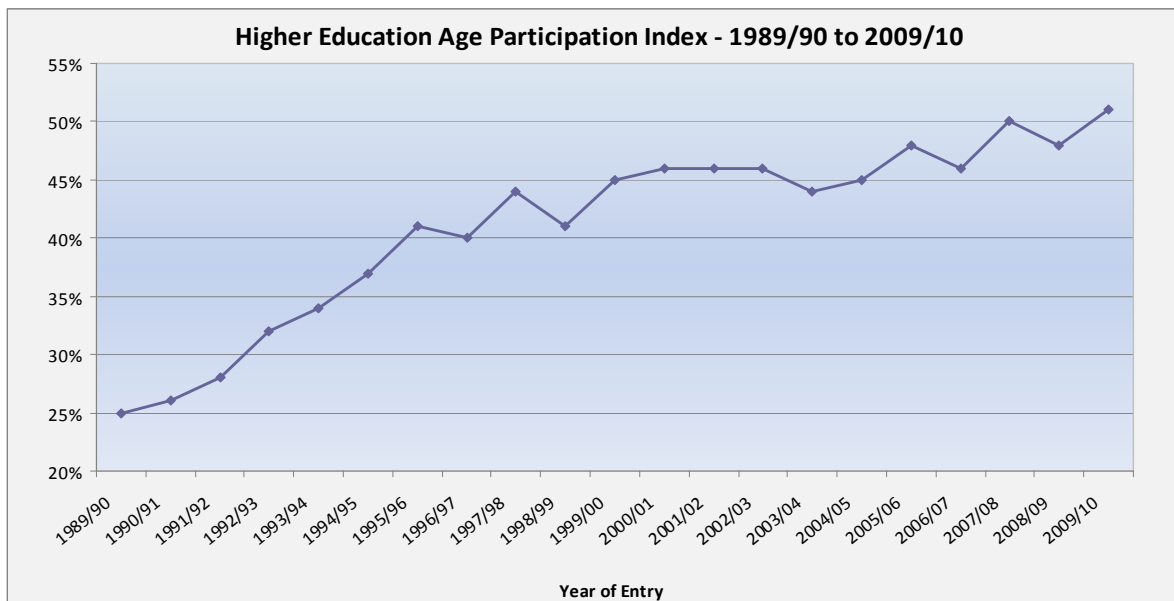


Statistical Fact Sheet 1

Higher Education Age Participation Index for Northern Ireland – 1989/90 to 2009/10

The Age Participation Index (API) is a measure used to demonstrate changes in participation of young people in Higher Education over time. More precisely it is defined as the number of NI domiciled young entrants (aged under 21) to full-time undergraduate Higher Education (in the UK or Republic of Ireland) as a percentage of the 18 year-old population of Northern Ireland.



Year	Proportion of NI 18 year olds	Year	Proportion of NI 18 year olds
1989/90	24.6%	2000/01	46.4%
1990/91	25.8%	2001/02	45.6%
1991/92	27.5%	2002/03	46.0%
1992/93	32.1%	2003/04	44.2%
1993/94	34.3%	2004/05	45.0%
1994/95	36.9%	2005/06	47.7%
1995/96	40.9%	2006/07	46.1%
1996/97	40.3%	2007/08	49.6%
1997/98	43.9%	2008/09	48.2%
1998/99	41.2%	2009/10	50.7%
1999/00	44.8%		

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), Further Education Statistical Record (FESR), Higher Education Authority - Republic of Ireland (HEA), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS), Welsh Assembly Government (WAG), Scottish Government (SG).

Notes:

1. From 2000/01 the data used to calculate the API is based on full-year enrolments. The data used in previous years was based on a snapshot of enrolments at 1st December of the academic year. Full year data is defined by the HESA standard registration population.
2. The figure for 2009/10 is provisional.

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