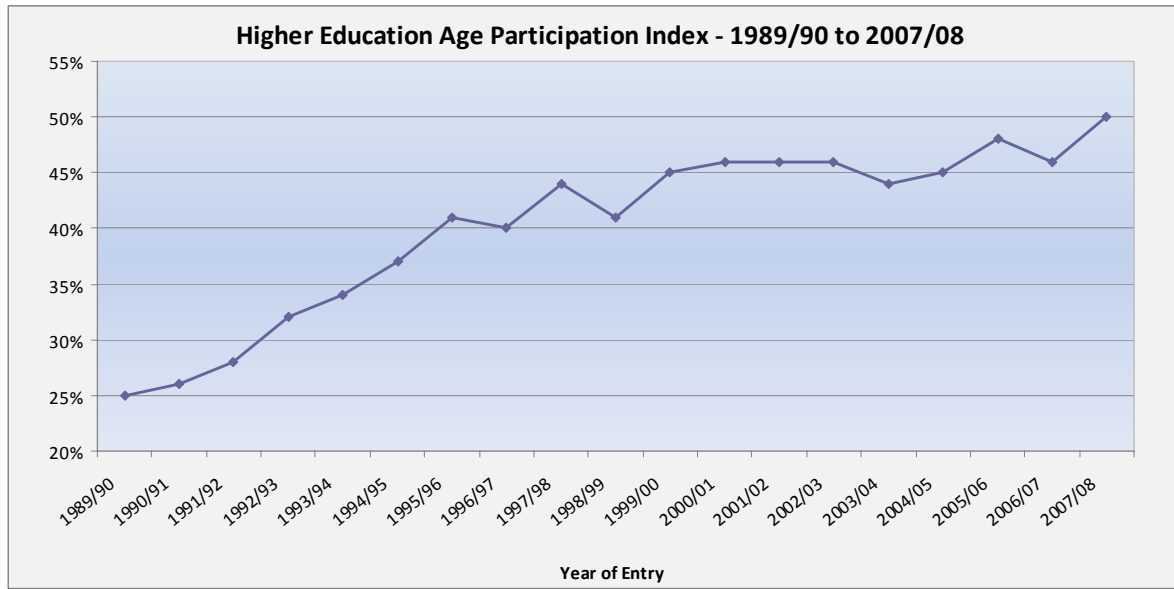


Statistical Fact Sheet 1

Higher Education Age Participation Index for Northern Ireland – 1989/90 to 2007/08

The Age Participation Index (API) is a measure widely 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%	1999/00	44.8%
1990/91	25.8%	2000/01	46.4%
1991/92	27.5%	2001/02	45.6%
1992/93	32.1%	2002/03	46.0%
1993/94	34.3%	2003/04	44.2%
1994/95	36.9%	2004/05	45.0%
1995/96	40.9%	2005/06	47.7%
1996/97	40.3%	2006/07	46.1%
1997/98	43.9%	2007/08	49.6%
1998/99	41.2%		

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency, Further Education Statistical Record, Higher Education Authority (Republic of Ireland), 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 2007/08 is provisional.

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