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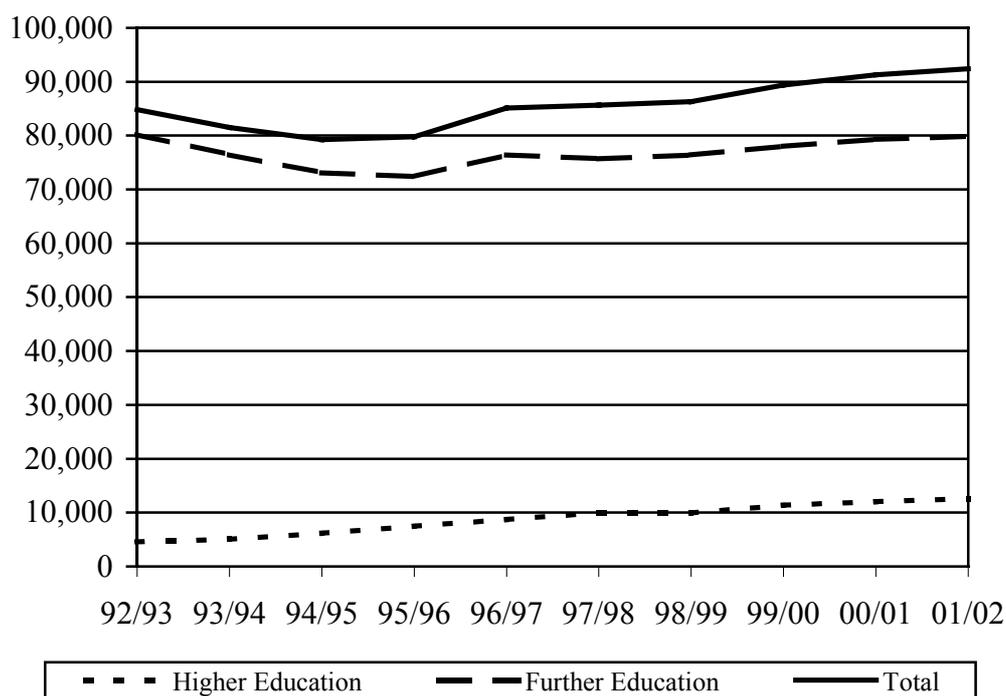
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Enrolments on Vocational Courses at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges 2001/02

Introduction

This News Release has been produced by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) using data collected in the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR). Based on a snapshot of enrolments taken on the 1st November 2001, it gives details of all students enrolled on vocational courses at Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland for the academic year 2001/02.

Higher and Further Education Enrolments at NI Further Education Colleges



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Key Points

- The total number of students enrolled at Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland in 2001/02 was 92,416. The majority of students in 2001/02 were studying Further Education courses (86%). The dominant mode of attendance for all enrolments was part-time study (73%).
- The number of students enrolled at Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland has increased by just over 1.2% since 2000/01; full-time enrolments increased by 2.5%, with part-time enrolments increasing by 0.7%. Annex 1(b) shows the percentage change from 2000/01 by College.
- There was an increase of 4.4% in enrolments on Higher Education courses at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges between 2000/01 and 2001/02. Further Education enrolments increased by 0.7% during the same period.
- Of the student population on Higher Education courses, 60% were female and 58% of Further Education enrolments were female in 2001/02.
- For 2001/02 enrolments, 43% were aged 19 or under, whilst 43% were aged 26 or over (including those whose age was unknown).
- In terms of total enrolments, the most popular standard classification subject groups in 2001/02 were Information & Communication Technology (21%), Applied Science (15%), Business & Management (10%) and Health and Social Care (9%).
- In 2001/02 HNC courses accounted for almost 24% of Higher Education enrolments, with nearly 30% studying HNDs. Of level three enrolments, 22% were Advanced GNVQ enrolments.

Tables

Table 1(a) details Higher Education enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender.

Table 1(b) details Further Education enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender.

Table 1(c) sums the above two tables for all enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender.

Table 2 shows Higher Education, Further Education and total enrolments by the age groups: 19 years and under, 20-25 years and 26 years and over; together with mode of attendance and gender.

Table 3(a) details Higher Education enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender.

Table 3(b) details Further Education enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender.

Table 3(c) sums the above two tables for all enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender.

Table 4 presents total enrolments by qualification type and level, mode of attendance and gender. Higher Education qualification types are HND, HNC, Level 4, Level 5, Level 4 equivalent and Level 5 equivalent enrolments. The remainder of the qualifications listed in table 4 are at Further Education Level.

Annex 1(a) compares 2000/01 and 2001/02 information on student enrolments on Higher and Further Education courses by mode of attendance.

Annex 1(b) compares 2000/01 and 2001/02 information on student enrolments on Higher and Further Education courses by college.

Notes to Editors

1. The statistics in this News Release have been derived from the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR), a computerised return consisting of an individual record for each enrolment on a vocational course in Northern Ireland Further Education Institutions.
2. Higher Education is defined as a course leading to a qualification above A-level standard. This includes postgraduate study, first degrees, BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) and Certificate (HNC) courses and a number of professional qualifications.
3. The figures in this News Release are counts of student enrolments as at 1st November 2001, and 2000/01 figures are as at 1st November 2000.
4. Mode of attendance identifies students studying full or part-time:
 - (a) Full-time students include all students whose attendance is:
 - (i) full-time (for at least 15 hours and at least 7 sessions per week, or for more than 21 hours per week, with no sessional requirement);
 - (ii) on sandwich courses; or
 - (iii) on short courses (single self-contained periods of full-time study of under 4 weeks' duration, within one academic year, which do not have to satisfy the hour and session requirements of (i) above).
 - (b) Part-time students include all students whose attendance is:
 - (i) part-time day;
 - (ii) block release;
 - (iii) evening only;
 - (iv) open/distance learning; or
 - (v) linked to their attendance at a school on a full-time basis.
5. Age is at 1st July 2001.
6. All GCSE and A-Level enrolments (irrespective of subject) are grouped in the "Applied Science" Subject Category.
7. The standard classification subject groups listed in tables 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) are a departure from those used in NI Further Education News Releases (prior to 1999/00). While the previous subject areas mirrored the categories used by the UK Higher Education Statistical Agency (HESA), the standard classification subject groups listed in the present News Release are categories used by the Department for Employment and Learning.
8. This News Release includes an increase in Jobskills numbers following the transfer of enrolments from NI Training centres to Further Education Colleges in April 2000.
9. Higher Education information includes enrolments on Foundation Degree pilots, introduced in the 2001/02 academic year.

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Table 1 (a): Higher Education enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 2001/02

College	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	-	-	-	30	72	102	30	72	102
BIFHE ¹	675	746	1,421	1,180	1,844	3,024	1,855	2,590	4,445
Castlereagh	-	-	-	60	106	166	60	106	166
Causeway	-	27	27	73	64	137	73	91	164
East Antrim	2	38	40	151	334	485	153	372	525
East Down	22	2	24	76	145	221	98	147	245
East Tyrone	-	-	-	59	242	301	59	242	301
Fermanagh	55	85	140	97	298	395	152	383	535
Limavady	-	-	-	40	93	133	40	93	133
Lisburn	42	34	76	204	243	447	246	277	523
NEIFHE ²	118	91	209	204	301	505	322	392	714
Newry	100	135	235	160	521	681	260	656	916
NIHCC ³	41	160	201	9	14	23	50	174	224
North Down & Ards	282	184	466	335	460	795	617	644	1,261
NWIFHE ⁴	275	420	695	251	420	671	526	840	1,366
Omagh	8	3	11	60	173	233	68	176	244
Upper Bann	153	43	196	206	283	489	359	326	685
Total	1,773	1,968	3,741	3,195	5,613	8,808	4,968	7,581	12,549

¹ Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education

² North East Institute of Further and Higher Education

³ Northern Ireland Hotel and Catering College

⁴ North West Institute of Further and Higher Education

Table 1 (b): Further Education enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 2001/02

College	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	606	659	1,265	485	734	1,219	1,091	1,393	2,484
BIFHE ¹	1,267	1,225	2,492	5,550	8,326	13,876	6,817	9,551	16,368
Castlereagh	456	340	796	1,227	1,892	3,119	1,683	2,232	3,915
Causeway	571	381	952	534	1,178	1,712	1,105	1,559	2,664
East Antrim	634	426	1,060	1,401	2,048	3,449	2,035	2,474	4,509
East Down	675	392	1,067	682	1,564	2,246	1,357	1,956	3,313
East Tyrone	398	386	784	516	1,209	1,725	914	1,595	2,509
Fermanagh	603	420	1,023	577	1,494	2,071	1,180	1,914	3,094
Limavady	410	399	809	467	841	1,308	877	1,240	2,117
Lisburn	727	450	1,177	602	1,091	1,693	1,329	1,541	2,870
NEIFHE ²	1,199	845	2,044	1,187	1,992	3,179	2,386	2,837	5,223
Newry	1,100	804	1,904	925	2,660	3,585	2,025	3,464	5,489
NIHCC ³	21	22	43	89	235	324	110	257	367
North Down & Ards	969	739	1,708	1,691	3,117	4,808	2,660	3,856	6,516
NWIFHE ⁴	1,110	1,090	2,200	3,657	5,113	8,770	4,767	6,203	10,970
Omagh	641	361	1,002	449	1,109	1,558	1,090	1,470	2,560
Upper Bann	702	394	1,096	1,363	2,440	3,803	2,065	2,834	4,899
Total	12,089	9,333	21,422	21,402	37,043	58,445	33,491	46,376	79,867

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Table 1 (c): All enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 2001/02

College	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	606	659	1,265	515	806	1,321	1,121	1,465	2,586
BIFHE ¹	1,942	1,971	3,913	6,730	10,170	16,900	8,672	12,141	20,813
Castlereagh	456	340	796	1,287	1,998	3,285	1,743	2,338	4,081
Causeway	571	408	979	607	1,242	1,849	1,178	1,650	2,828
East Antrim	636	464	1,100	1,552	2,382	3,934	2,188	2,846	5,034
East Down	697	394	1,091	758	1,709	2,467	1,455	2,103	3,558
East Tyrone	398	386	784	575	1,451	2,026	973	1,837	2,810
Fermanagh	658	505	1,163	674	1,792	2,466	1,332	2,297	3,629
Limavady	410	399	809	507	934	1,441	917	1,333	2,250
Lisburn	769	484	1,253	806	1,334	2,140	1,575	1,818	3,393
NEIFHE ²	1,317	936	2,253	1,391	2,293	3,684	2,708	3,229	5,937
Newry	1,200	939	2,139	1,085	3,181	4,266	2,285	4,120	6,405
NIHCC ³	62	182	244	98	249	347	160	431	591
North Down & Ards	1,251	923	2,174	2,026	3,577	5,603	3,277	4,500	7,777
NWIFHE ⁴	1,385	1,510	2,895	3,908	5,533	9,441	5,293	7,043	12,336
Omagh	649	364	1,013	509	1,282	1,791	1,158	1,646	2,804
Upper Bann	855	437	1,292	1,569	2,723	4,292	2,424	3,160	5,584
Total	13,862	11,301	25,163	24,597	42,656	67,253	38,459	53,957	92,416

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Table 2: Enrolments by age group, mode of attendance and gender 2001/02

Mode of Attendance	19 years and under			20-25 years			26 years and over ¹			All Agegroups		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
HE Enrolments												
Full-time	1,024	1,277	2,301	663	588	1,251	86	103	189	1,773	1,968	3,741
Part-time	315	395	710	916	1,556	2,472	1,964	3,662	5,626	3,195	5,613	8,808
Total	1,339	1,672	3,011	1,579	2,144	3,723	2,050	3,765	5,815	4,968	7,581	12,549
FE Enrolments												
Full-time	11,413	8,455	19,868	540	505	1,045	136	373	509	12,089	9,333	21,422
Part-time	8,635	8,423	17,058	2,700	5,170	7,870	10,067	23,450	33,517	21,402	37,043	58,445
Total	20,048	16,878	36,926	3,240	5,675	8,915	10,203	23,823	34,026	33,491	46,376	79,867
All Enrolments												
Full-time	12,437	9,732	22,169	1,203	1,093	2,296	222	476	698	13,862	11,301	25,163
Part-time	8,950	8,818	17,768	3,616	6,726	10,342	12,031	27,112	39,143	24,597	42,656	67,253
Total	21,387	18,550	39,937	4,819	7,819	12,638	12,253	27,588	39,841	38,459	53,957	92,416

¹ includes a total of 766 students whose ages are not known

Table 3 (a): Higher Education enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 2001/02

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	1	106	107	25	254	279	26	360	386
Agriculture	-	-	-	2	18	20	2	18	20
Applied Science	20	45	65	72	222	294	92	267	359
Art & Design	144	158	302	89	190	279	233	348	581
Business & Management	384	542	926	855	1,777	2,632	1,239	2,319	3,558
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	233	18	251	309	39	348	542	57	599
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	25	42	67	86	215	301	111	257	368
Education	-	-	-	80	270	350	80	270	350
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	82	3	85	186	6	192	268	9	277
Hairdressing & Beauty	-	25	25	3	164	167	3	189	192
Health & Social Care	15	389	404	178	1,325	1,503	193	1,714	1,907
Hospitality	48	120	168	72	89	161	120	209	329
Information & Communication Technology	487	151	638	628	824	1,452	1,115	975	2,090
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	127	301	428	66	75	141	193	376	569
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	150	24	174	453	29	482	603	53	656
Media & communication	57	44	101	70	116	186	127	160	287
Mining, Oil Extraction & Quarrying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle & Transport	-	-	-	21	-	21	21	-	21
Total	1,773	1,968	3,741	3,195	5,613	8,808	4,968	7,581	12,549

Table 3 (b): Further Education enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 2001/02

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	7	151	158	572	3,968	4,540	579	4,119	4,698
Agriculture	16	55	71	66	91	157	82	146	228
Applied Science	1,089	1,367	2,456	3,943	6,816	10,759	5,032	8,183	13,215
Art & Design	469	666	1,135	317	1,133	1,450	786	1,799	2,585
Business & Management	489	1,270	1,759	1,235	2,382	3,617	1,724	3,652	5,376
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	3,755	61	3,816	2,312	66	2,378	6,067	127	6,194
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	29	18	47	16	16	32	45	34	79
Education	764	315	1,079	2,121	3,320	5,441	2,885	3,635	6,520
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	253	5	258	938	37	975	1,191	42	1,233
Hairdressing & Beauty	24	1,251	1,275	84	1,927	2,011	108	3,178	3,286
Health & Social Care	117	2,155	2,272	356	3,433	3,789	473	5,588	6,061
Hospitality	632	644	1,276	795	1,064	1,859	1,427	1,708	3,135
Information & Communication Technology	1,416	369	1,785	4,951	10,300	15,251	6,367	10,669	17,036
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	482	691	1,173	111	150	261	593	841	1,434
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	1,532	47	1,579	1,951	292	2,243	3,483	339	3,822
Media & communication	403	264	667	946	1,596	2,542	1,349	1,860	3,209
Mining, Oil Extraction & Quarrying	-	-	-	14	-	14	14	-	14
Motor Vehicle & Transport	612	4	616	674	452	1,126	1,286	456	1,742
Total	12,089	9,333	21,422	21,402	37,043	58,445	33,491	46,376	79,867

Table 3 (c): All enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 2001/02

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	8	257	265	597	4,222	4,819	605	4,479	5,084
Agriculture	16	55	71	68	109	177	84	164	248
Applied Science	1,109	1,412	2,521	4,015	7,038	11,053	5,124	8,450	13,574
Art & Design	613	824	1,437	406	1,323	1,729	1,019	2,147	3,166
Business & Management	873	1,812	2,685	2,090	4,159	6,249	2,963	5,971	8,934
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	3,988	79	4,067	2,621	105	2,726	6,609	184	6,793
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	54	60	114	102	231	333	156	291	447
Education	764	315	1,079	2,201	3,590	5,791	2,965	3,905	6,870
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	335	8	343	1,124	43	1,167	1,459	51	1,510
Hairdressing & Beauty	24	1,276	1,300	87	2,091	2,178	111	3,367	3,478
Health & Social Care	132	2,544	2,676	534	4,758	5,292	666	7,302	7,968
Hospitality	680	764	1,444	867	1,153	2,020	1,547	1,917	3,464
Information & Communication Technology	1,903	520	2,423	5,579	11,124	16,703	7,482	11,644	19,126
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	609	992	1,601	177	225	402	786	1,217	2,003
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	1,682	71	1,753	2,404	321	2,725	4,086	392	4,478
Media & communication	460	308	768	1,016	1,712	2,728	1,476	2,020	3,496
Mining, Oil Extraction & Quarrying	-	-		14	-	14	14	-	14
Motor Vehicle & Transport	612	4	616	695	452	1,147	1,307	456	1,763
Total	13,862	11,301	25,163	24,597	42,656	67,253	38,459	53,957	92,416

Table 4: Enrolments by qualification type and level, mode of attendance and gender 2001/02

Qualification Type & Level		Full-Time			Part-Time			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
HNC		-	11	11	1,575	1,378	2,953	1,575	1,389	2,964
HND ¹		1,539	1,530	3,069	361	299	660	1,900	1,829	3,729
A -LEVEL		44	69	113	175	361	536	219	430	649
AS LEVEL		434	548	982	594	882	1,476	1,028	1,430	2,458
A/AS LEVEL		-	-	-	5	11	16	5	11	16
A2 LEVEL		225	367	592	181	308	489	406	675	1,081
GCSE		85	55	140	2,399	4,060	6,459	2,484	4,115	6,599
NVQ:	Level 1	579	272	851	469	300	769	1,048	572	1,620
	Level 2	2,214	1,250	3,464	956	1,879	2,835	3,170	3,129	6,299
	Level 3	972	663	1,635	647	1,320	1,967	1,619	1,983	3,602
	Level 4	50	51	101	37	101	138	87	152	239
	Level 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GNVQ ² :	Foundation	1	-	1	84	46	130	85	46	131
	Intermediate	622	507	1,129	184	137	321	806	644	1,450
	Advanced	2,327	2,642	4,969	773	1,090	1,863	3,100	3,732	6,832
Other Courses: (by equivalent NVQ level)	Level 1	433	205	638	5,022	8,788	13,810	5,455	8,993	14,448
	Level 2	1,513	602	2,115	5,087	9,792	14,879	6,600	10,394	16,994
	Level 3	2,586	2,138	4,724	4,445	7,537	11,982	7,031	9,675	16,706
	Level 4	93	228	321	1,026	3,232	4,258	1,119	3,460	4,579
	Level 5	91	148	239	196	603	799	287	751	1,038
	Not Known	54	15	69	381	532	913	435	547	982
Total		13,862	11,301	25,163	24,597	42,656	67,253	38,459	53,957	92,416

¹ The majority of part-time enrolments on HND courses refer to students who are either taking additional modules in order to convert an HNC to an HND, or completing specific HND units which were previously failed/not completed.

² The majority of part-time enrolments on GNVQ courses are 'link' students i.e. full-time school pupils attending the college to take specific GNVQ units, with the remainder of the award being taught at the school.

Annex 1(a)**Higher and Further Education enrolments, by mode of attendance, 2000/01 - 2001/02**

Mode of Attendance	Higher Education			Further Education			Total		
	2000/01	2001/02	% Change	2000/01	2001/02	% Change	2000/01	2001/02	% Change
Full-time	3,576	3,741	4.6%	20,966	21,422	2.2%	24,542	25,163	2.5%
Part-time	8,444	8,808	4.3%	58,323	58,445	0.2%	66,767	67,253	0.7%
Total	12,020	12,549	4.4%	79,289	79,867	0.7%	91,309	92,416	1.2%

Annex 1(b)

Higher and Further Education enrolments at Further Education Colleges, 2000/01 - 2001/02

College	Higher Education			Further Education			Total		
	2000/01	2001/02	% Change	2000/01	2001/02	% Change	2000/01	2001/02	% Change
Armagh	66	102	55%	2,159	2,484	15%	2,225	2,586	16%
BIFHE ¹	4,198	4,445	6%	17,823	16,368	-8%	22,021	20,813	-5%
Castlereagh	237	166	-30%	3,978	3,915	-2%	4,215	4,081	-3%
Causeway	154	164	6%	2,634	2,664	1%	2,788	2,828	1%
East Antrim	489	525	7%	4,730	4,509	-5%	5,219	5,034	-4%
East Down	275	245	-11%	3,677	3,313	-10%	3,952	3,558	-10%
East Tyrone	304	301	-1%	2,508	2,509	0%	2,812	2,810	0%
Fermanagh	649	535	-18%	2,839	3,094	9%	3,488	3,629	4%
Limavady	127	133	5%	2,254	2,117	-6%	2,381	2,250	-6%
Lisburn	564	523	-7%	2,963	2,870	-3%	3,527	3,393	-4%
NEIFHE ²	630	714	13%	5,932	5,223	-12%	6,562	5,937	-10%
Newry	825	916	11%	6,001	5,489	-9%	6,826	6,405	-6%
NIHCC ³	212	224	6%	391	367	-6%	603	591	-2%
North Down & Ards	1,032	1,261	22%	6,081	6,516	7%	7,113	7,777	9%
NWIFHE ⁴	1,224	1,366	12%	8,035	10,970	37%	9,259	12,336	33%
Omagh	269	244	-9%	2,612	2,560	-2%	2,881	2,804	-3%
Upper Bann	765	685	-10%	4,672	4,899	5%	5,437	5,584	3%
Total	12,020	12,549	4%	79,289	79,867	1%	91,309	92,416	1%

¹ Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education

² North East Institute of Further and Higher Education

³ Northern Ireland Hotel and Catering College

⁴ North West Institute of Further and Higher Education