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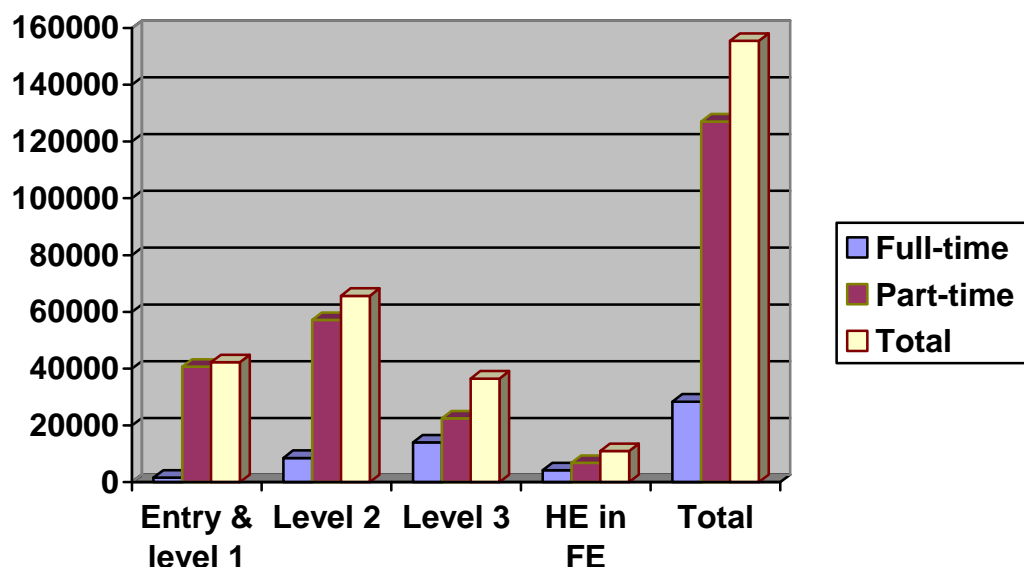
Professional and Technical Enrolments in the Northern Ireland Further Education Sector for 2010/11

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Introduction

This Statistical Bulletin has been produced by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) using data collected in the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR). It gives details of full year student enrolments on Professional and Technical courses at Further Education Institutions in Northern Ireland for 2010/11.

Enrolments in the NI FE Sector by Level of Study and Mode of Attendance 2010/11



Key Points

- There has been a 5% decrease in Professional and Technical assessed enrolments at Northern Ireland (NI) Further Education (FE) Institutions between 2009/10 and 2010/11. Enrolments have decreased from 163,350 to 155,425.
- Between 2009/10 and 2010/11 full time enrolments decreased from 28,899 to 28,415 (2%). Over the same period part time enrolments decreased by 6% from 134,451 to 127,010.
- Between these two academic years FE enrolments have decreased by 5% and Higher Education (HE) Level enrolments by 3%. FE decreased from 151,948 to 144,421 while HE decreased from 11,402 to 11,004.
- In 2010/11, 50% of Professional and Technical assessed enrolments were male and 50% female.
- In 2010/11 the Education and Training subject area had the most enrolments 35,374 followed by Information & Communication Technology (13,939), Health, Public Services & Care (13,692) and Retail & Commercial Enterprise (13,654). History, Philosophy & Theology had the least number of enrolments with 685 in 2010/11 followed by Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care (1,259).
- In terms of gender the most popular subject for both males and females in 2010/11 was Education and Training, followed by Health, Public Services & Care (11,758) for females and Engineering & Manufacturing technologies (9,946) for Males.
- The majority of male enrolments were aged 19 years and under in 2010/11 (46,400). The majority of female enrolments were also aged 19 years and under (34,496) in 2010/11.
- The majority of enrolments in 2010/11 were on courses at NQF Level 2 or equivalent 65,644, representing 42% of total enrolments. Almost 73% of Professional and Technical Enrolments in 2010/11 were on courses at Level 2 or higher.
- Higher Education enrolments (11,004) accounted for 7% of total enrolments in 2010/11 with Essential Skills making up 22% and Government Training 10%.

Notes to Readers

General

1. The statistics in this statistical bulletin have been derived from the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR), a computerised return consisting of an individual record for each enrolment on assessed professional and technical courses in Northern Ireland Further Education Institutions.
2. Data on DEL funded provision including Government Training is included within this report in addition to Essential Skills, Entitlement Framework and Cost Recovery courses. Recreational courses (with exception of table 7) and Keyskills enrolments are omitted, as the former do not relate to qualifications and the latter are subcomponents of programmes of study.
3. The figures in this statistical bulletin are a full year count of student enrolments, it should be noted that students may be enrolled on more than one course at a given time and will therefore be counted as two or more student enrolments. This report includes data relating to the 2010/11 academic year. Data for the previous academic years can be found at:

<http://www.delni.gov.uk/es/prof-and-tech-enrolments-in-the-ni-fe-sector-09-10>

Definition of Higher Education

4. Higher Education (HE) is defined as a course leading to a qualification above A2 level standard. This includes postgraduate study, first degrees, BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) and Certificate (HNC) courses, Foundation degrees and a number of professional qualifications. HE is NQF Level 4 (and equivalent) and above.

Mode of Attendance

5. Mode of attendance identifies enrolments studying full-time or part-time:
 - (a) Full-time enrolments include all enrolments 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 requirement of i. above).

- (b) Part-time enrolments include all enrolments 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.

Age

6. Age is at 1st July 2010.
7. The age group of '25 years and over' includes a small component (less than 1%) of those of unknown age.

Changes to Subject Classification

8. The standard classification subject groups listed in tables 3 and 6 are new sector and subject categories which were developed by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) and the ACCAC, the Welsh authority, along with other key educational bodies according to industry sector and academic subject area. They aim to allow more consistent reporting of data across the UK.

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Tables

Table 1: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, 2010/11.

- Details professional and technical assessed enrolments by regional college and mode of attendance for the academic year 2010/11.

Table 2: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Level of Study, 2010/11.

- Details professional and technical assessed enrolments by regional college and level of course, i.e. whether the qualification aim of the course is Higher Education (HE) or Further Education (FE), for the academic year 2010/11.

Table 3: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, Level of Study and Sector & Subject Category 2010/11.

- Details professional and technical enrolments by the tier 1 sector & subject categories by whether they are HE or FE and by mode of attendance for the academic year 2010/11.

Table 4: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, 2010/11.

- The table details the professional and technical assessed enrolments by regional college, mode of attendance and gender for the academic year 2010/11.

Table 5: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by NQF Level (or equivalent), 2010/11.

- Details all professional and technical enrolments by regional college and NQF level or equivalent for the academic year 2010/11.

Table 6: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, 2010/11.

- The table details the professional and technical enrolments by the tier 1 sector & subject categories, gender and age group for the academic year 2010/11.

Table 7: Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by mode of provision, 2010/11.

- The table details enrolments by college and different modes of provision for the academic year 2010/11.

Table 1: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, 2010/11

| Mode of Attendance | College | | | | | | Overall FE Sector Total |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Belfast Metropolitan College | Northern Regional College | South Eastern Regional College | Southern Regional College | South West College | North West Regional College | |
| Full time | 5,651 | 4,529 | 4,849 | 5,326 | 3,212 | 4,848 | 28,415 |
| Part time | 29,566 | 15,748 | 21,774 | 26,326 | 17,493 | 16,103 | 127,010 |
| Total | 35,217 | 20,277 | 26,623 | 31,652 | 20,705 | 20,951 | 155,425 |

Table 2: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Level of Study, 2010/11

| Level of Study | College | | | | | | Overall FE Sector Total |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Belfast Metropolitan College | Northern Regional College | South Eastern Regional College | Southern Regional College | South West College | North West Regional College | |
| Higher Education | 3,771 | 1,173 | 1,364 | 1,860 | 1,299 | 1,537 | 11,004 |
| Further Education | 31,446 | 19,104 | 25,259 | 29,792 | 19,406 | 19,414 | 144,421 |
| Total | 35,217 | 20,277 | 26,623 | 31,652 | 20,705 | 20,951 | 155,425 |

Table 3: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, Level of Study and Sector & Subject Category, 2010/11

| Sector & Subject Category | 2010/11 | | | | Overall Total |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Full-Time | | Part-Time | | |
| | HE ¹ | FE ² | HE ¹ | FE ² | |
| Health, Public Services & Care | 764 | 3,598 | 1,700 | 7,630 | 13,692 |
| Science & Mathematics | 71 | 849 | 133 | 6,030 | 7,083 |
| Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care | 34 | 323 | 38 | 864 | 1,259 |
| Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies | 243 | 3,264 | 849 | 6,623 | 10,979 |
| Construction, Planning & the Built Environment | 436 | 2,823 | 480 | 5,757 | 9,496 |
| Information & Communication Technology | 645 | 1,767 | 257 | 11,270 | 13,939 |
| Retail & Commercial Enterprise | 84 | 3,481 | 372 | 9,717 | 13,654 |
| Leisure, Travel & Tourism | 561 | 2,331 | 191 | 2,445 | 5,528 |
| Arts, Media & Publishing | 735 | 2,989 | 281 | 4,001 | 8,006 |
| History, Philosophy & Theology | - | - | - | 685 | 685 |
| Social Sciences | - | 428 | 100 | 2,673 | 3,201 |
| Languages, Literature & Culture | - | 17 | 95 | 9,445 | 9,557 |
| Education & Training | - | 153 | 249 | 34,972 | 35,374 |
| Preparation for Life & Work | - | 615 | 34 | 11,623 | 12,272 |
| Business, Administration & Law | 642 | 1,562 | 2,010 | 6,486 | 10,700 |
| FE Sector Total | 4,215 | 24,200 | 6,789 | 120,221 | 155,425 |

¹HE = Higher Education is equivalent to NQF Level 4 and above

²FE = Further Education is equivalent to NQF Level 3 and below

Table 4: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, 2010/11

| | | College | | | | | | Overall FE Sector Total |
|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mode of Attendance | Gender | Belfast Metropolitan College | Northern Regional College | South Eastern Regional College | Southern Regional College | South West College | North West Regional College | |
| Full time | Female | 2,494 | 1,825 | 2,140 | 2,255 | 1,402 | 2,531 | 12,647 |
| | Male | 3,157 | 2,704 | 2,709 | 3,071 | 1,810 | 2,317 | 15,768 |
| Full time Total | | 5,651 | 4,529 | 4,849 | 5,326 | 3,212 | 4,848 | 28,415 |
| Part time | Female | 16,055 | 7,160 | 10,392 | 15,021 | 7,638 | 9,251 | 65,517 |
| | Male | 13,511 | 8,588 | 11,382 | 11,305 | 9,855 | 6,852 | 61,493 |
| Part time Total | | 29,566 | 15,748 | 21,774 | 26,326 | 17,493 | 16,103 | 127,010 |
| Total | Female | 18,549 | 8,985 | 12,532 | 17,276 | 9,040 | 11,782 | 78,164 |
| | Male | 16,668 | 11,292 | 14,091 | 14,376 | 11,665 | 9,169 | 77,261 |
| Overall Total | | 35,217 | 20,277 | 26,623 | 31,652 | 20,705 | 20,951 | 155,425 |

Table 5: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by NQF Level (or equivalent), 2010/11

| | | College | | | | | | Overall FE Sector Total |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Level of Study | | Belfast Metropolitan College | Northern Regional College | South Eastern Regional College | Southern Regional College | South West College | North West Regional College | |
| Entry & Level 1 | | 10,316 | 2,991 | 9,024 | 4,790 | 7,075 | 8,056 | 42,252 |
| Level 2 | | 11,522 | 11,195 | 10,755 | 17,960 | 8,163 | 6,049 | 65,644 |
| Level 3 | | 9,608 | 4,918 | 5,480 | 7,042 | 4,168 | 5,309 | 36,525 |
| HE ¹ | | 3,771 | 1,173 | 1,364 | 1,860 | 1,299 | 1,537 | 11,004 |
| Total | | 35,217 | 20,277 | 26,623 | 31,652 | 20,705 | 20,951 | 155,425 |

¹HE = Higher Education and is equivalent to NQF Level 4 and above

Table 6: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, 2010/11

| Sector & Subject Category | Male | | | | Female | | | | Total | | | Overall Total |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | 19 years & under | 20 to 24 years | 25 years & over ¹ | Total | 19 years & under | 20 to 24 years | 25 years & over ¹ | Total | 19 years & under | 20 to 24 years | 25 years & over ¹ | |
| Health, Public Services & Care | 673 | 214 | 1,047 | 1,934 | 5,311 | 1,712 | 4,735 | 11,758 | 5,984 | 1,926 | 5,782 | 13,692 |
| Science & Mathematics | 1,790 | 528 | 561 | 2,879 | 2,367 | 743 | 1,094 | 4,204 | 4,157 | 1,271 | 1,655 | 7,083 |
| Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care | 322 | 32 | 221 | 575 | 310 | 69 | 305 | 684 | 632 | 101 | 526 | 1,259 |
| Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies | 5,816 | 1,428 | 2,702 | 9,946 | 349 | 118 | 566 | 1,033 | 6,165 | 1,546 | 3,268 | 10,979 |
| Construction, Planning & the Built Environment | 6,595 | 970 | 1,657 | 9,222 | 169 | 51 | 54 | 274 | 6,764 | 1,021 | 1,711 | 9,496 |
| Information & Communication Technology | 3,598 | 676 | 3,182 | 7,456 | 1,520 | 334 | 4,629 | 6,483 | 5,118 | 1,010 | 7,811 | 13,939 |
| Retail & Commercial Enterprise | 1,390 | 537 | 1,131 | 3,058 | 4,634 | 1,931 | 4,031 | 10,596 | 6,024 | 2,468 | 5,162 | 13,654 |
| Leisure, Travel & Tourism | 2,558 | 548 | 590 | 3,696 | 1,281 | 285 | 266 | 1,832 | 3,839 | 833 | 856 | 5,528 |
| Arts, Media & Publishing | 2,056 | 529 | 821 | 3,406 | 2,089 | 458 | 2,053 | 4,600 | 4,145 | 987 | 2,874 | 8,006 |
| History, Philosophy & Theology | 265 | 31 | 15 | 311 | 329 | 31 | 14 | 374 | 594 | 62 | 29 | 685 |
| Social Sciences | 632 | 220 | 329 | 1,181 | 858 | 456 | 706 | 2,020 | 1,490 | 676 | 1,035 | 3,201 |
| Languages, Literature & Culture | 596 | 522 | 2,574 | 3,692 | 768 | 913 | 4,184 | 5,865 | 1,364 | 1,435 | 6,758 | 9,557 |
| Education & Training | 12,394 | 1,598 | 4,378 | 18,370 | 8,968 | 1,624 | 6,412 | 17,004 | 21,362 | 3,222 | 10,790 | 35,374 |
| Preparation for Life & Work | 6,135 | 500 | 681 | 7,316 | 3,447 | 532 | 977 | 4,956 | 9,582 | 1,032 | 1,658 | 12,272 |
| Business, Administration & Law | 1,580 | 717 | 1,922 | 4,219 | 2,096 | 1,287 | 3,098 | 6,481 | 3,676 | 2,004 | 5,020 | 10,700 |
| Overall FE Sector Total | 46,400 | 9,050 | 21,811 | 77,261 | 34,496 | 10,544 | 33,124 | 78,164 | 80,896 | 19,594 | 54,935 | 155,425 |

¹25 years & over age group includes 172 of unknown age (81 male & 91 female)

Table 7: Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Provision, 2010/11

| College | Mode of Provision | | | | | | | Total Professional & Technical | <i>Hobby & Leisure*</i> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Government Training | Entitlement Framework | Essential Skills | Higher Education in Further Education | Cost Recovery | Other FE Provision | | | |
| Belfast Metropolitan College | 1,612 | 1,506 | 5,151 | 3,771 | 4,390 | 18,787 | 35,217 | 7,954 | |
| Northern Regional College | 2,567 | 2,699 | 5,202 | 1,173 | 906 | 7,730 | 20,277 | 5,191 | |
| South Eastern Regional College | 3,158 | 1,698 | 7,866 | 1,364 | 1,279 | 11,258 | 26,623 | 3,652 | |
| Southern Regional College | 1,688 | 4,324 | 6,670 | 1,860 | 2,485 | 14,625 | 31,652 | 5,429 | |
| South West College | 4,221 | 1,878 | 4,740 | 1,299 | 1,306 | 7,261 | 20,705 | 3,698 | |
| North West Regional College | 2,021 | 1,384 | 4,862 | 1,537 | 829 | 10,318 | 20,951 | 5,121 | |
| Total | 15,267 | 13,489 | 34,491 | 11,004 | 11,195 | 69,979 | 155,425 | 31,045 | |

* These enrolments are non- Professional and Technical and only shown here for information purposes