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The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) has prepared this overview of Access to Higher Education (HE) statistics in collaboration with:



- the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)
- UCAS
- the Data Service - the source of data for post-16 further education, supported by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC)
- Welsh Assembly Government Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (DCELLS).

QAA is grateful to these agencies for their involvement and willing contributions to this project. Information about significant differences in the data sets is provided overleaf. The data provides an overview of Access to HE provision and is not intended to be used by organisations for setting internal targets or for benchmarking purposes.

Access to HE students and courses

This information relates to students on QAA-recognised Access to HE courses during 2007-08. Information about numbers and characteristics of Access to HE students is derived from data provided to the Data Service and DCELLS by providers in England and Wales.

How many Access to HE students were there in 2007-08?

(Data Service/DCELLS - 2007-08)

A total of **35,675** students were registered on QAA-recognised Access to HE courses, of which 3,610 students were expected to finish after August 2008.

32,065 students were registered on QAA-recognised Access to HE courses in 2007-08 and were expected to finish by August 2008. Of these, **30,850** were registered in England by the LSC; **1,215** were registered in Wales by DCELLS. In addition, 670 students undertook Access to HE courses in higher education institutions (HEIs) (not included in the Data Service and DCELLS data).

What were the characteristics of Access to HE students?

(Data Service/DCELLS - 2007-08)

This information relates to the Data Service and DCELLS learner registrations, excluding the 670 learners in HEIs. Percentages are based on totals excluding 'not known/not provided' figures.

Gender

- 73% women
- 27% men

Ethnicity

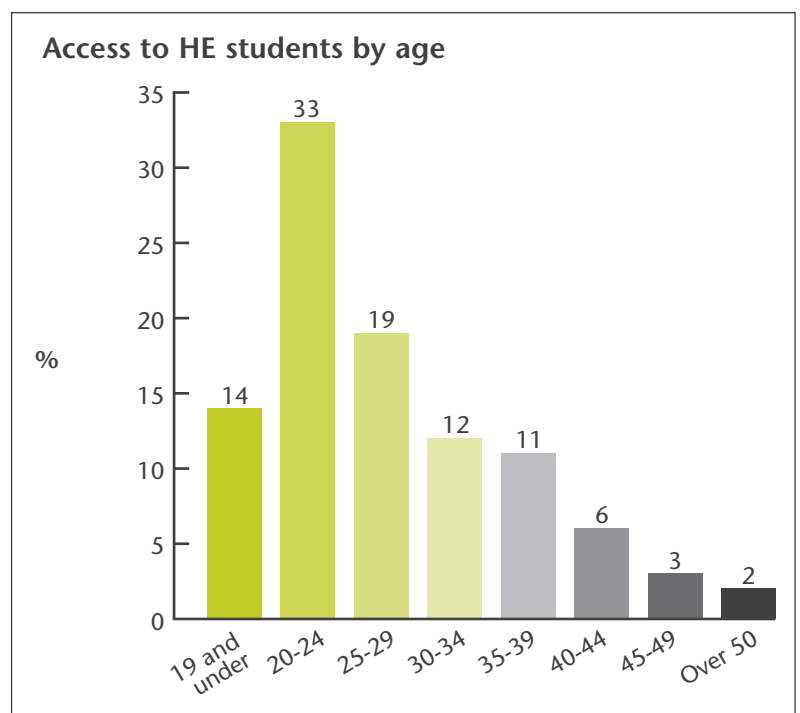
- 70% White
- 15% Black or Black British
- 6% Asian or Asian British
- 1% Chinese
- 7% Mixed and Any other

[825 not known/not provided]

Disability

- 6% stated that they had a disability
- 94% stated that they had no disability

[2,295 not known/not provided]



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