

## Statistical Factsheet 1

### Funded Learning Unit (FLU) funded Enrolments – May 2013.

The Funded Learning Unit (FLU) funded enrolments factsheet is a new statistical publication. The table below shows figures for the number of enrolments funded by FLU, by level, in Further Education colleges across Northern Ireland and by academic year. Academic year 2012/13 includes an element of estimation using planned enrolments for part of the year rather than actual.

- Since the academic year 2007/08 up until 2012/13, there have been just over 730,000 enrolments funded by FLU. As at 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013, there have been 118,316 enrolments funded by FLU in the recent snapshot of the current academic year 2012/13.

### Further Education since 2007/08 up to 2011/12

- There has been a decrease of 35% in FLU funded enrolments at level 1 and below over the last 5 years, largely due to a decline in the part time (-36%) and non-accredited (-44%) provision. This is in line with the [‘FE Means Business’](#) strategy aims of ensuring that curriculum provision in colleges is focused on economic and workforce needs.
- At levels 2 and 3 there has been a rise of 9% and 17% respectively in full time enrolments and a decline in part time provision (-10% and -22% respectively). Again this is in line with the ‘FE Means Business’ strategy.
- There has been a dramatic drop in non-accredited provision across all levels (-44% 1 and below; -91% level 2; and -93% level 3). Again this is in line with the ‘FE Means Business’ strategy.

### Higher Education since 2008/09 up to 2011/12

- Apart from level 6 part time enrolments (a small 2% decrease), there has been an increase across all levels within Higher education in terms of both mode of attendance and accredited provision over the last 4 years. All Higher Education is accredited provision.

### Essential Skills since 2007/08 up to 2011/12

- There has been an increase across all levels of Essential Skills provision with an overall increase of 121% over the last 5 years. Essential Skills is only delivered as part time provision.

**Table 1. FLU funded enrolments by Programme Area, level and academic year**

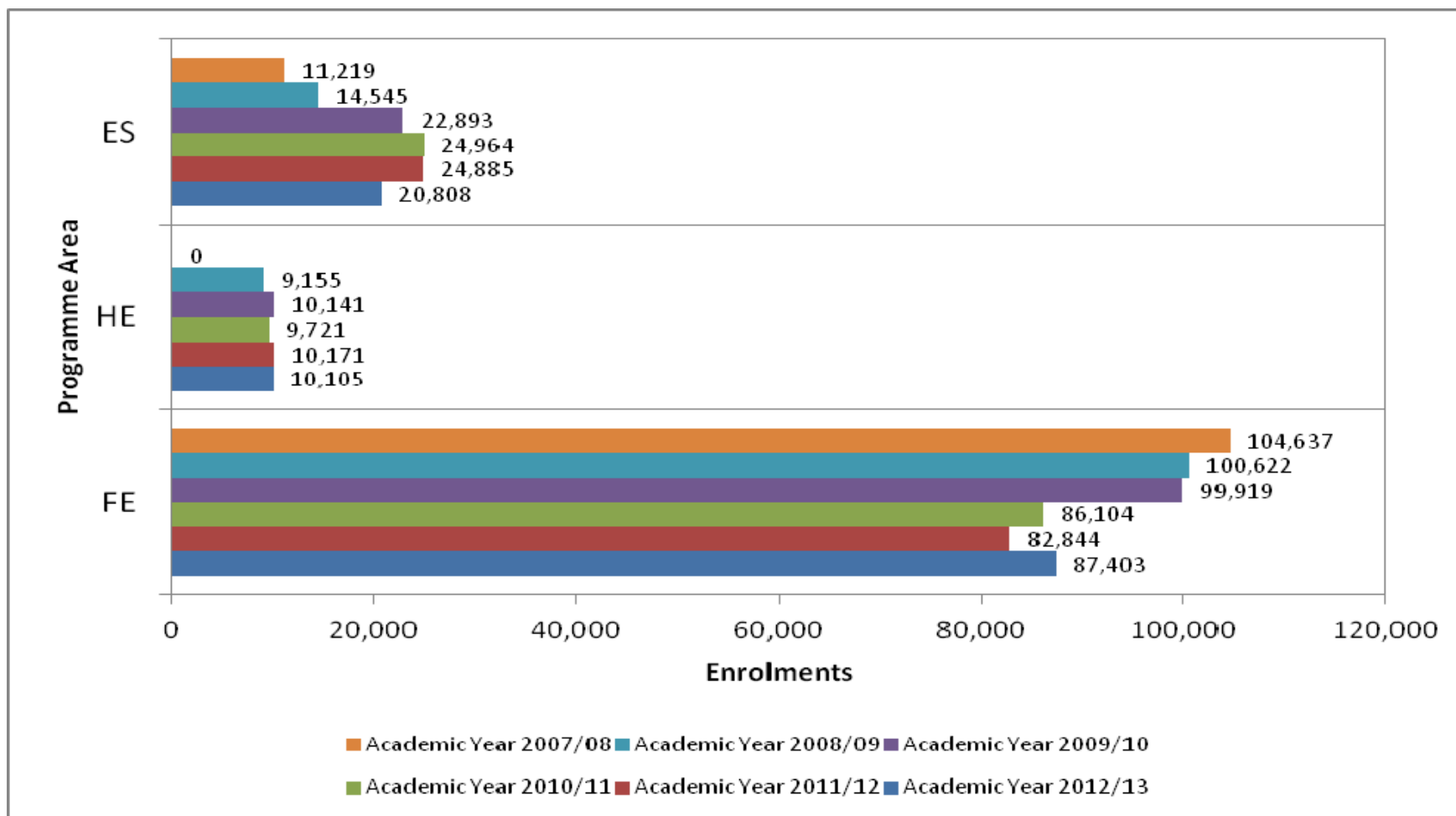
Academic Year	Programme Area													Total Enrolments
	Further Education				Higher Education					Essential Skills				
	Level			Total	Level				Total	Level			Total	
	1 and below	2	3		4	5	6	7		Entry Level 3 and below	1	2		
<b>2007/08</b>	50,251	27,470	26,916	<b>104,637</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	2,010	5,275	3,934	<b>11,219</b>	<b>115,856</b>
<b>2008/09</b>	46,167	27,016	27,439	<b>100,622</b>	2,143	6,202	744	66	<b>9,155</b>	1,694	7,487	5,364	<b>14,545</b>	<b>124,322</b>
<b>2009/10</b>	42,183	27,901	29,835	<b>99,919</b>	2,355	6,816	857	113	<b>10,141</b>	1,135	10,365	11,393	<b>22,893</b>	<b>132,953</b>
<b>2010/11</b>	34,985	24,876	26,243	<b>86,104</b>	1,744	7,118	791	68	<b>9,721</b>	1,258	10,549	13,157	<b>24,964</b>	<b>120,789</b>
<b>2011/12</b>	32,431	25,394	25,019	<b>82,844</b>	2,791	6,545	763	72	<b>10,171</b>	2,317	9,193	13,375	<b>24,885</b>	<b>117,900</b>
<b>2012/13</b>	27,486	33,984	25,933	<b>87,403</b>	2,917	6,433	701	54	<b>10,105</b>	1,734	6,600	12,474	<b>20,808</b>	<b>118,316</b>

Source: Funded Learner Unit (FLU)

**Notes:**

1. Figures are correct as at 8th February 2013.
2. Only enrolments to reach first funding threshold are included. These are identified as Funding Eligibility Indicator 1 (full time reached 1<sup>st</sup> November; part time reached a 1/9 of the course length).
3. 2012/13 figures are provisional and therefore are subject to change. Full year data for 2012/13 is expected to be available in December 2013. All other years in the table relate to full year data.
4. No Higher Education enrolments were included within the FLU return in 2007/08.
5. Academic year is defined as 1<sup>st</sup> August 20XX to 31<sup>st</sup> July 20XX+1.
6. A small number of erroneous records are excluded from the FLU database.

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7. More information on Further Education statistics is available from <http://www.delni.gov.uk/further-education-stats>

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