

## Statistical Fact Sheet 4

### Enrolments at NI Higher Education Institutions by available equality categories - 2010/11 to 2014/15

- In 2014/15, 8.1% of students enrolled at NI HEIs were self reported as having a disability.
- A change to the methodology in 2014/15 (the inclusion of Open University enrolments where the national centre is located in Northern Ireland, see Note 4) has led to an increase in the percentage of disabled students compared with previous years, as OU has a larger than average proportion of disabled students.
- Of those NI domiciled students enrolled at NI HEIs who were asked to provide their religion in 2014/15 (excluding those at the Open University), 30.8% of students gave their religion as 'Protestant', while 47.9% of students gave their religion as 'Roman Catholic' and 21.3% of students fell into the 'Other' or 'Not Known' categories.

<b>Disability</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
Disabled	3,570	3,745	4,020	4,160	4,550
Not disabled/not known	53,290	52,975	52,140	52,235	51,895
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,860</b>	<b>56,720</b>	<b>56,155</b>	<b>56,395</b>	<b>56,445</b>

<b>Religion</b> <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
Protestant	14,740	14,505	14,065	13,800	13,655
Roman Catholic	21,380	21,275	21,115	21,325	21,210
Other	2,765	3,510	4,115	4,665	5,170
Not known	5,070	3,970	4,085	4,350	4,265
Non NI Domiciles	8,040	8,645	8,335	8,120	8,355
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>51,905</b>	<b>51,715</b>	<b>52,260</b>	<b>52,650</b>

<b>Age</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
20 and under	19,595	20,080	20,010	19,995	20,610
21 to 24	15,025	14,680	14,955	15,115	14,870
25 and over	22,235	21,960	21,190	21,280	20,960
Unknown	5	0	0	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,860</b>	<b>56,720</b>	<b>56,155</b>	<b>56,395</b>	<b>56,445</b>

<b>Gender</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
Male	23,600	24,060	24,015	24,400	24,670
Female	33,260	32,660	32,140	32,995	32,775
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,860</b>	<b>56,720</b>	<b>56,155</b>	<b>56,395</b>	<b>56,445</b>

<b>Ethnicity<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
White	49,770	49,320	48,380	48,415	49,150
Irish traveller	10	10	10	15	15
Black	375	385	330	330	455
Indian	305	420	335	315	285
Pakistani	55	290	155	135	235
Bangladeshi	25	220	200	150	100
Chinese	385	615	805	900	550
Other Asian	175	430	415	385	360
Mixed	255	300	325	340	325
Other	110	135	180	190	235
Unknown	5,400	4,585	5,025	5,220	4,740
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,860</b>	<b>56,720</b>	<b>56,155</b>	<b>56,395</b>	<b>56,445</b>

<b>Marital Status<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
Single (never married or never in civil partnership)	36,940	36,815	37,100	36,645	37,230
Married or in civil partnership	5,450	4,985	4,945	4,940	4,660
Separated (but still legally married or in civil partnership)	300	305	290	290	275
Divorced or civil partnership dissolved	330	305	285	260	245
Widowed	65	60	60	50	55
Co-habiting	685	720	655	740	725
Unknown	197	70	40	1,210	1,105
Non NI Domiciles	8,040	8,645	8,335	8,120	8,355
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>51,905</b>	<b>51,715</b>	<b>52,260</b>	<b>52,650</b>

<b>Dependents<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
Young people/children (YP/C)	4,345	4,495	4,480	4,570	4,530
Other relative/friends (OR/F)	1,870	375	365	395	375
Both YP/C & OR/F <sup>(5)</sup>	1,230	580	615	595	550
No dependents	36,320	37,740	37,880	37,270	37,655
Unknown	197	70	40	1,310	1,185
Non NI Domiciles	8,040	8,645	8,335	8,120	8,355
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>51,905</b>	<b>51,715</b>	<b>52,260</b>	<b>52,650</b>

Source: HESA

Notes:

1. Information on disability and ethnicity is collected on the basis of a student's self assessment.
2. Information on religion, marital status and dependents is only collected for NI domiciled students studying at NI HE institutions.
3. Religious affiliation is not a mandatory question and therefore can have a high non-response rate.
4. From the 2014/15 academic year onwards, DfE no longer counts the Open University as a wholly English institution, but splits it between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, depending on where the national centre is located. Figures for the previous academic years have been updated to reflect this change.
5. Enrolments at the OU (where the national centre is located in NI) have been removed from the figures for religion, marital status and dependents due to high levels of unknowns.
6. To prevent the identification of individuals, figures in the attached table are rounded to the nearest 5, with 0, 1, 2 rounded to 0. Due to rounding, the sum of numbers in each row or column may not match the total shown.
7. Percentages are based on unrounded figures.

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