



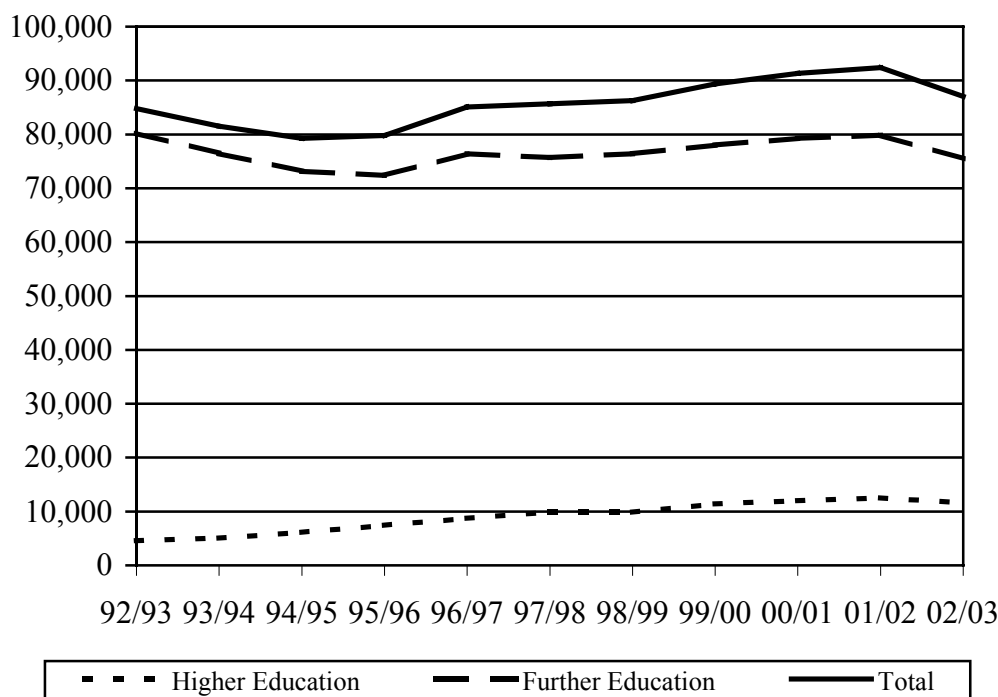
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Enrolments on Vocational Courses at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges 2002/03

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 2002, it gives details of all students enrolled on vocational courses at Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland for the academic year 2002/03.

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 2002/03 was 87,026. The majority of students in 2002/03 were studying Further Education courses (87%). The dominant mode of attendance for all enrolments was part-time study (71%).
- The number of students enrolled at Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland has decreased by just over 5.2% since 2001/02; full-time enrolments fell by 0.4%, with part-time enrolments dropping by 7.0%. Annex 1(b) shows the percentage change from 2001/02 by College.
- There was a decrease of 725 (6.1%) in enrolments on Higher Education courses at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges between 2001/02 and 2002/03. Further Education enrolments decreased by 4,047 (5.1%) during the same period.
- Of the student population on Higher Education courses, 59% were female and 58% of Further Education enrolments were female in 2002/03.
- For 2002/03 enrolments, 44% were aged 19 or under, whilst 42% were aged 26 or over (including those whose age was unknown).
- In terms of total enrolments, the most popular standard classification subject groups in 2002/03 were Information & Communication Technology (19%), Applied Science (15%), Business & Management (10%) and Health and Social Care (10%).
- In 2002/03 HNC courses accounted for almost 24% of Higher Education enrolments, with over 29% studying HNDs.
- Of level three enrolments, 20% were studying AVCEs.

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 2001/02 and 2002/03 information on student enrolments on Higher and Further Education courses by mode of attendance.

Annex 1(b) compares 2001/02 and 2002/03 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 2002, and 2001/02 figures are as at 1st November 2001.
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 2002.
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.

10. The Northern Ireland Hotel and Catering College was transferred to the University of Ulster in August 2002. All NIHCC enrolments have been removed from the 2001/02 extract for comparative purposes.

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Table 1 (a): Higher Education enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 2002/03

College	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	-	-	-	25	37	62	25	37	62
BIFHE ¹	697	752	1,449	960	1,591	2,551	1,657	2,343	4,000
Castlereagh	-	-	-	81	97	178	81	97	178
Causeway	-	11	11	84	82	166	84	93	177
East Antrim	-	27	27	189	225	414	189	252	441
East Down	19	2	21	58	108	166	77	110	187
East Tyrone	-	-	-	63	357	420	63	357	420
Fermanagh	54	86	140	149	344	493	203	430	633
Limavady	-	-	-	51	119	170	51	119	170
Lisburn	45	25	70	236	238	474	281	263	544
NEIFHE ²	117	40	157	188	242	430	305	282	587
Newry	72	123	195	209	624	833	281	747	1,028
North Down & Ards	276	176	452	279	358	637	555	534	1,089
NWIFHE ³	251	390	641	204	361	565	455	751	1,206
Omagh	16	6	22	52	160	212	68	166	234
Upper Bann	140	37	177	177	263	440	317	300	617
Total	1,687	1,675	3,362	3,005	5,206	8,211	4,692	6,881	11,573

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Table 1 (b): Further Education enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 2002/03

College	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	629	636	1,265	651	883	1,534	1,280	1,519	2,799
BIFHE ¹	1,417	1,285	2,702	5,140	8,136	13,276	6,557	9,421	15,978
Castlereagh	517	352	869	904	1,419	2,323	1,421	1,771	3,192
Causeway	573	417	990	514	1,197	1,711	1,087	1,614	2,701
East Antrim	670	427	1,097	1,163	1,911	3,074	1,833	2,338	4,171
East Down	715	517	1,232	671	1,450	2,121	1,386	1,967	3,353
East Tyrone	388	377	765	379	1,047	1,426	767	1,424	2,191
Fermanagh	652	453	1,105	664	1,888	2,552	1,316	2,341	3,657
Limavady	413	377	790	405	642	1,047	818	1,019	1,837
Lisburn	649	383	1,032	727	896	1,623	1,376	1,279	2,655
NEIFHE ²	1,133	807	1,940	1,116	1,782	2,898	2,249	2,589	4,838
Newry	1,075	756	1,831	873	2,204	3,077	1,948	2,960	4,908
North Down & Ards	960	682	1,642	1,756	3,122	4,878	2,716	3,804	6,520
NWIFHE ³	1,132	1,027	2,159	2,964	3,953	6,917	4,096	4,980	9,076
Omagh	628	321	949	553	1,294	1,847	1,181	1,615	2,796
Upper Bann	722	374	1,096	1,306	2,379	3,685	2,028	2,753	4,781
Total	12,273	9,191	21,464	19,786	34,203	53,989	32,059	43,394	75,453

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Table 1 (c): All enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 2002/03

College	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	629	636	1,265	676	920	1,596	1,305	1,556	2,861
BIFHE ¹	2,114	2,037	4,151	6,100	9,727	15,827	8,214	11,764	19,978
Castlereagh	517	352	869	985	1,516	2,501	1,502	1,868	3,370
Causeway	573	428	1,001	598	1,279	1,877	1,171	1,707	2,878
East Antrim	670	454	1,124	1,352	2,136	3,488	2,022	2,590	4,612
East Down	734	519	1,253	729	1,558	2,287	1,463	2,077	3,540
East Tyrone	388	377	765	442	1,404	1,846	830	1,781	2,611
Fermanagh	706	539	1,245	813	2,232	3,045	1,519	2,771	4,290
Limavady	413	377	790	456	761	1,217	869	1,138	2,007
Lisburn	694	408	1,102	963	1,134	2,097	1,657	1,542	3,199
NEIFHE ²	1,250	847	2,097	1,304	2,024	3,328	2,554	2,871	5,425
Newry	1,147	879	2,026	1,082	2,828	3,910	2,229	3,707	5,936
North Down & Ards	1,236	858	2,094	2,035	3,480	5,515	3,271	4,338	7,609
NWIFHE ³	1,383	1,417	2,800	3,168	4,314	7,482	4,551	5,731	10,282
Omagh	644	327	971	605	1,454	2,059	1,249	1,781	3,030
Upper Bann	862	411	1,273	1,483	2,642	4,125	2,345	3,053	5,398
Total	13,960	10,866	24,826	22,791	39,409	62,200	36,751	50,275	87,026

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Table 2: Enrolments by age group, mode of attendance and gender 2002/03

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	935	1,043	1,978	662	528	1,190	90	104	194	1,687	1,675	3,362
Part-time	302	340	642	834	1,557	2,391	1,869	3,309	5,178	3,005	5,206	8,211
Total	1,237	1,383	2,620	1,496	2,085	3,581	1,959	3,413	5,372	4,692	6,881	11,573
FE Enrolments												
Full-time	11,396	8,166	19,562	689	547	1,236	188	478	666	12,273	9,191	21,464
Part-time	7,993	7,820	15,813	2,706	5,136	7,842	9,087	21,247	30,334	19,786	34,203	53,989
Total	19,389	15,986	35,375	3,395	5,683	9,078	9,275	21,725	31,000	32,059	43,394	75,453
All Enrolments												
Full-time	12,331	9,209	21,540	1,351	1,075	2,426	278	582	860	13,960	10,866	24,826
Part-time	8,295	8,160	16,455	3,540	6,693	10,233	10,956	24,556	35,512	22,791	39,409	62,200
Total	20,626	17,369	37,995	4,891	7,768	12,659	11,234	25,138	36,372	36,751	50,275	87,026

¹ includes a total of 532 students whose ages are not known

Table 3 (a): Higher Education enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 2002/03

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	1	86	87	28	197	225	29	283	312
Agriculture	-	-	-	2	21	23	2	21	23
Applied Science	27	49	76	93	331	424	120	380	500
Art & Design	140	160	300	71	124	195	211	284	495
Business & Management	353	460	813	754	1,719	2,473	1,107	2,179	3,286
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	231	24	255	314	36	350	545	60	605
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	26	34	60	94	193	287	120	227	347
Education	-	-	-	81	288	369	81	288	369
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	73	3	76	197	13	210	270	16	286
Hairdressing & Beauty	-	25	25	1	161	162	1	186	187
Health & Social Care	14	370	384	211	1,357	1,568	225	1,727	1,952
Hospitality	16	52	68	49	69	118	65	121	186
Information & Communication Technology	456	125	581	576	494	1,070	1,032	619	1,651
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	123	203	326	49	72	121	172	275	447
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	127	28	155	388	27	415	515	55	570
Media & communication	100	56	156	77	104	181	177	160	337
Mining, Oil Extraction & Quarrying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle & Transport	-	-	-	20	-	20	20	-	20
Total	1,687	1,675	3,362	3,005	5,206	8,211	4,692	6,881	11,573

Table 3 (b): Further Education enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 2002/03

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	4	163	167	407	2,838	3,245	411	3,001	3,412
Agriculture	19	69	88	80	146	226	99	215	314
Applied Science	1,092	1,282	2,374	3,697	6,536	10,233	4,789	7,818	12,607
Art & Design	483	680	1,163	467	1,057	1,524	950	1,737	2,687
Business & Management	543	1,089	1,632	1,230	2,320	3,550	1,773	3,409	5,182
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	3,828	51	3,879	2,313	50	2,363	6,141	101	6,242
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	11	11	22	67	180	247	78	191	269
Education	932	348	1,280	1,671	2,476	4,147	2,603	2,824	5,427
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	365	1	366	826	27	853	1,191	28	1,219
Hairdressing & Beauty	25	1,497	1,522	91	2,411	2,502	116	3,908	4,024
Health & Social Care	119	2,312	2,431	418	3,605	4,023	537	5,917	6,454
Hospitality	590	503	1,093	649	1,228	1,877	1,239	1,731	2,970
Information & Communication Technology	1,300	281	1,581	4,160	8,826	12,986	5,460	9,107	14,567
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	624	626	1,250	158	179	337	782	805	1,587
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	1,324	36	1,360	1,882	221	2,103	3,206	257	3,463
Media & communication	411	234	645	1,070	1,752	2,822	1,481	1,986	3,467
Mining, Oil Extraction & Quarrying	-	-	-	14	-	14	14	-	14
Motor Vehicle & Transport	603	8	611	586	351	937	1,189	359	1,548
Total	12,273	9,191	21,464	19,786	34,203	53,989	32,059	43,394	75,453

Table 3 (c): All enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 2002/03

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	5	249	254	435	3,035	3,470	440	3,284	3,724
Agriculture	19	69	88	82	167	249	101	236	337
Applied Science	1,119	1,331	2,450	3,790	6,867	10,657	4,909	8,198	13,107
Art & Design	623	840	1,463	538	1,181	1,719	1,161	2,021	3,182
Business & Management	896	1,549	2,445	1,984	4,039	6,023	2,880	5,588	8,468
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	4,059	75	4,134	2,627	86	2,713	6,686	161	6,847
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	37	45	82	161	373	534	198	418	616
Education	932	348	1,280	1,752	2,764	4,516	2,684	3,112	5,796
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	438	4	442	1,023	40	1,063	1,461	44	1,505
Hairdressing & Beauty	25	1,522	1,547	92	2,572	2,664	117	4,094	4,211
Health & Social Care	133	2,682	2,815	629	4,962	5,591	762	7,644	8,406
Hospitality	606	555	1,161	698	1,297	1,995	1,304	1,852	3,156
Information & Communication Technology	1,756	406	2,162	4,736	9,320	14,056	6,492	9,726	16,218
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	747	829	1,576	207	251	458	954	1,080	2,034
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	1,451	64	1,515	2,270	248	2,518	3,721	312	4,033
Media & communication	511	290	801	1,147	1,856	3,003	1,658	2,146	3,804
Mining, Oil Extraction & Quarrying	-	-	-	14	-	14	14	-	14
Motor Vehicle & Transport	603	8	611	606	351	957	1,209	359	1,568
Total	13,960	10,866	24,826	22,791	39,409	62,200	36,751	50,275	87,026

Table 4: Enrolments by qualification type and level, mode of attendance and gender 2002/03

Qualification Type & Level		Full-time			Part-time			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
HNC		2	20	22	1,442	1,257	2,699	1,444	1,277	2,721
HND ¹		1,411	1,331	2,742	304	336	640	1,715	1,667	3,382
A -LEVEL		12	20	32	50	98	148	62	118	180
AS LEVEL		420	552	972	639	1,000	1,639	1,059	1,552	2,611
A/AS LEVEL		-	-	-	1	5	6	1	5	6
A2 LEVEL		264	366	630	227	465	692	491	831	1,322
GCSE		53	26	79	2,195	3,713	5,908	2,248	3,739	5,987
NVQ:	Level 1	604	245	849	353	510	863	957	755	1,712
	Level 2	2,038	1,539	3,577	736	1,829	2,565	2,774	3,368	6,142
	Level 3	1,085	648	1,733	607	1,347	1,954	1,692	1,995	3,687
	Level 4	53	50	103	29	66	95	82	116	198
	Level 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GNVQ ² :	Foundation	-	-	-	94	59	153	94	59	153
	Intermediate	545	434	979	119	106	225	664	540	1,204
	AVCE	2,206	2,267	4,473	605	857	1,462	2,811	3,124	5,935
Other Courses: (by equivalent NVQ level)	Level 1	514	189	703	4,537	6,985	11,522	5,051	7,174	12,225
	Level 2	1,597	663	2,260	5,133	10,014	15,147	6,730	10,677	17,407
	Level 3	2,886	2,226	5,112	4,173	6,615	10,788	7,059	8,841	15,900
	Level 4	165	199	364	991	2,914	3,905	1,156	3,113	4,269
	Level 5	56	75	131	239	633	872	295	708	1,003
	Not Known	49	16	65	317	600	917	366	616	982
Total		13,960	10,866	24,826	22,791	39,409	62,200	36,751	50,275	87,026

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, 2001/02 - 2002/03**

Mode of Attendance	Higher Education			Further Education			Total		
	2001/02	2002/03	% Change	2001/02	2002/03	% Change	2001/02	2002/03	% Change
Full-time	3,540	3,362	-5.0%	21,379	21,464	0.4%	24,919	24,826	-0.4%
Part-time	8,785	8,211	-6.5%	58,121	53,989	-7.1%	66,906	62,200	-7.0%
Total	12,325	11,573	-6.1%	79,500	75,453	-5.1%	91,825	87,026	-5.2%

Annex 1(b)

Higher and Further Education enrolments at Further Education Colleges, 2001/02 - 2002/03

College	Higher Education			Further Education			Total		
	2001/02	2002/03	% Change	2001/02	2002/03	% Change	2001/02	2002/03	% Change
Armagh	102	62	-39%	2,484	2,799	13%	2,586	2,861	11%
BIFHE ¹	4,445	4,000	-10%	16,368	15,978	-2%	20,813	19,978	-4%
Castlereagh	166	178	7%	3,915	3,192	-18%	4,081	3,370	-17%
Causeway	164	177	8%	2,664	2,701	1%	2,828	2,878	2%
East Antrim	525	441	-16%	4,509	4,171	-7%	5,034	4,612	-8%
East Down	245	187	-24%	3,313	3,353	1%	3,558	3,540	-1%
East Tyrone	301	420	40%	2,509	2,191	-13%	2,810	2,611	-7%
Fermanagh	535	633	18%	3,094	3,657	18%	3,629	4,290	18%
Limavady	133	170	28%	2,117	1,837	-13%	2,250	2,007	-11%
Lisburn	523	544	4%	2,870	2,655	-7%	3,393	3,199	-6%
NEIFHE ²	714	587	-18%	5,223	4,838	-7%	5,937	5,425	-9%
Newry	916	1,028	12%	5,489	4,908	-11%	6,405	5,936	-7%
North Down & Ards	1,261	1,089	-14%	6,516	6,520	0%	7,777	7,609	-2%
NWIFHE ³	1,366	1,206	-12%	10,970	9,076	-17%	12,336	10,282	-17%
Omagh	244	234	-4%	2,560	2,796	9%	2,804	3,030	8%
Upper Bann	685	617	-10%	4,899	4,781	-2%	5,584	5,398	-3%
Total	12,325	11,573	-6%	79,500	75,453	-5%	91,825	87,026	-5%

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