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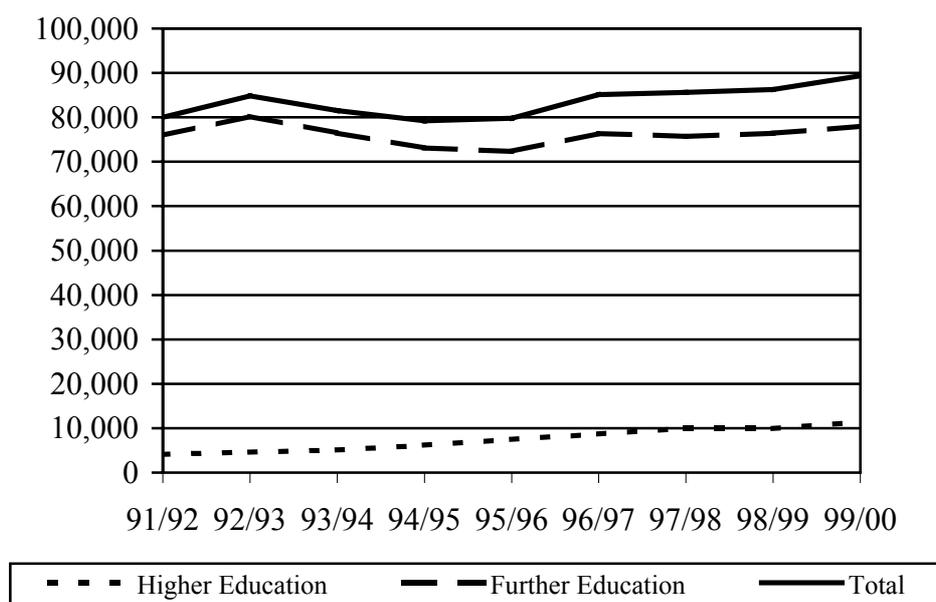
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ENROLMENTS ON VOCATIONAL COURSES AT NORTHERN IRELAND FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES 1999/2000

Introduction

This press release has been produced by the Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment using data collected in the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR). Based on a snapshot of enrolments taken on the 1st November 1999, it gives details of all students enrolled on vocational courses at Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland for the academic year 1999/2000.

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 1999/2000 was 89,379. The majority of students in 1999/2000 were studying Further Education courses (87%). The dominant mode of attendance for all enrolments was part-time study (73%).
- The number of students enrolled at Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland has risen by nearly 4% since 1998/1999; full-time enrolments increased by over 1%, with part-time enrolments increasing by over 4%.
- There was a large increase in enrolments on Higher Education courses at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges (15%) between 1998/99 and 1999/2000. Further Education enrolments increased slightly (2%) during the same period.
- Females comprised 59% of the student population in Higher Education and 60% of Further Education enrolments were female in 1999/2000.
- For 1999/2000, of the students for whom age was known, 46% were aged 19 or under, whilst 39% were aged 26 or over.
- The most popular standard classification subject groups in 1999/2000 were Applied Science (19%), Information & Communication Technology (15%), and Business & Management (11%).
- The most popular full-time Further Education standard classification subject groups in 1999/2000 were Applied Science (14%), Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering (13%) and Business & Management (12%).
- In 1999/2000 HNC courses accounted for just over 26% of Higher Education enrolments, with 33% studying HNDs.
Of level three enrolments, 17% were A-level enrolments with Advanced GNVQ enrolments also comprising 17%.
Almost 28% of all level two enrolments were on GCSE courses.
- A quarter (22,342) of all 1999/2000 enrolments were at the Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education.

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.

Annex 1(a) compares 1998/1999 and 1999/2000 information on student enrolments on Higher and Further Education courses by mode of attendance.

Annex 1(b) compares 1998/1999 and 1999/2000 information on student enrolments on Higher and Further Education courses by college.

Notes to Editors

1. The statistics in this Press 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. In the text 'students' and 'enrolments' are used interchangeably; strictly all figures relate to enrolments.
3. 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.
4. The figures in this Press Release are counts of student enrolments as at 1st November 1999, and 1998/99 figures are as at 1st November 1998.
5. 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.
6. Age is at 1st July 1999.
7. The standard classification subject groups listed in tables 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) are a departure from those used in previous NI Further Education Press Releases. 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 Press Release are categories used by the Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment.

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Table 1 (a): Higher Education enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 1999/2000

College	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	-	-	-	14	44	58	14	44	58
BIFHE ¹	655	719	1,374	1,192	1,507	2,699	1,847	2,226	4,073
Castlereagh	-	-	-	52	72	124	52	72	124
Causeway	-	-	-	73	56	129	73	56	129
East Antrim	3	37	40	93	255	348	96	292	388
East Down	10	1	11	98	222	320	108	223	331
East Tyrone	-	-	-	22	231	253	22	231	253
Fermanagh	38	90	128	128	366	494	166	456	622
Limavady	-	-	-	32	51	83	32	51	83
Lisburn	40	21	61	268	252	520	308	273	581
NEIFHE ²	86	98	184	184	242	426	270	340	610
Newry	60	110	170	148	419	567	208	529	737
NIHCC ³	43	161	204	5	11	16	48	172	220
North Down & Ards	229	178	407	222	327	549	451	505	956
NWIFHE ⁴	249	424	673	253	357	610	502	781	1,283
Omagh	-	-	-	62	205	267	62	205	267
Upper Bann	126	31	157	240	271	511	366	302	668
Total	1,539	1,870	3,409	3,086	4,888	7,974	4,625	6,758	11,383

¹ Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education

² North East Institute of Further and Higher Education

³ Northern Ireland Hotel and Catering College

⁴ North West Institute of Further and Higher Education

Table 1 (b): Further Education enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 1999/2000

College	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	544	624	1,168	251	554	805	795	1,178	1,973
BIFHE ¹	1,365	1,322	2,687	6,121	9,461	15,582	7,486	10,783	18,269
Castlereagh	473	288	761	952	1,607	2,559	1,425	1,895	3,320
Causeway	597	457	1,054	519	1,117	1,636	1,116	1,574	2,690
East Antrim	502	448	950	1,204	2,186	3,390	1,706	2,634	4,340
East Down	726	483	1,209	859	1,686	2,545	1,585	2,169	3,754
East Tyrone	382	404	786	627	1,389	2,016	1,009	1,793	2,802
Fermanagh	427	413	840	763	1,845	2,608	1,190	2,258	3,448
Limavady	447	464	911	538	862	1,400	985	1,326	2,311
Lisburn	557	437	994	886	1,149	2,035	1,443	1,586	3,029
NEIFHE ²	988	945	1,933	1,157	2,657	3,814	2,145	3,602	5,747
Newry	907	896	1,803	842	2,193	3,035	1,749	3,089	4,838
NIHCC ³	47	82	129	55	138	193	102	220	322
North Down & Ards	1,007	726	1,733	1,492	2,727	4,219	2,499	3,453	5,952
NWIFHE ⁴	813	1,042	1,855	2,432	3,365	5,797	3,245	4,407	7,652
Omagh	439	454	893	664	1,310	1,974	1,103	1,764	2,867
Upper Bann	543	470	1,013	1,371	2,298	3,669	1,914	2,768	4,682
Total	10,764	9,955	20,719	20,733	36,544	57,277	31,497	46,499	77,996

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Table 1 (c): All enrolments by college, mode of attendance and gender 1999/2000

College	Full-time			Part-time			Full & Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Armagh	544	624	1,168	265	598	863	809	1,222	2,031
BIFHE ¹	2,020	2,041	4,061	7,313	10,968	18,281	9,333	13,009	22,342
Castlereagh	473	288	761	1,004	1,679	2,683	1,477	1,967	3,444
Causeway	597	457	1,054	592	1,173	1,765	1,189	1,630	2,819
East Antrim	505	485	990	1,297	2,441	3,738	1,802	2,926	4,728
East Down	736	484	1,220	957	1,908	2,865	1,693	2,392	4,085
East Tyrone	382	404	786	649	1,620	2,269	1,031	2,024	3,055
Fermanagh	465	503	968	891	2,211	3,102	1,356	2,714	4,070
Limavady	447	464	911	570	913	1,483	1,017	1,377	2,394
Lisburn	597	458	1,055	1,154	1,401	2,555	1,751	1,859	3,610
NEIFHE ²	1,074	1,043	2,117	1,341	2,899	4,240	2,415	3,942	6,357
Newry	967	1,006	1,973	990	2,612	3,602	1,957	3,618	5,575
NIHCC ³	90	243	333	60	149	209	150	392	542
North Down & Ards	1,236	904	2,140	1,714	3,054	4,768	2,950	3,958	6,908
NWIFHE ⁴	1,062	1,466	2,528	2,685	3,722	6,407	3,747	5,188	8,935
Omagh	439	454	893	726	1,515	2,241	1,165	1,969	3,134
Upper Bann	669	501	1,170	1,611	2,569	4,180	2,280	3,070	5,350
Total	12,303	11,825	24,128	23,819	41,432	65,251	36,122	53,257	89,379

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Table 2: Enrolments by age group, mode of attendance and gender 1999/2000

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	931	1,262	2,193	552	542	1,094	56	66	122	1,539	1,870	3,409
Part-time	456	446	902	940	1,405	2,345	1,690	3,037	4,727	3,086	4,888	7,974
Total	1,387	1,708	3,095	1,492	1,947	3,439	1,746	3,103	4,849	4,625	6,758	11,383
FE Enrolments												
Full-time	10,212	9,339	19,551	451	356	807	101	260	361	10,764	9,955	20,719
Part-time	8,960	9,681	18,641	2,925	5,547	8,472	8,848	21,316	30,164	20,733	36,544	57,277
Total	19,172	19,020	38,192	3,376	5,903	9,279	8,949	21,576	30,525	31,497	46,499	77,996
All Enrolments												
Full-time	11,143	10,601	21,744	1,003	898	1,901	157	326	483	12,303	11,825	24,128
Part-time	9,416	10,127	19,543	3,865	6,952	10,817	10,538	24,353	34,891	23,819	41,432	65,251
Total	20,559	20,728	41,287	4,868	7,850	12,718	10,695	24,679	35,374	36,122	53,257	89,379

¹ includes a total of 440 students whose ages are not known

Table 3 (a): Higher Education enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 1999/2000

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Full & part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	2	29	31	8	242	250	10	271	281
Agriculture	-	-		5	20	25	5	20	25
Applied Science	23	25	48	118	201	319	141	226	367
Art & Design	103	137	240	54	94	148	157	231	388
Business & Management	367	637	1,004	902	1,703	2,605	1,269	2,340	3,609
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	242	17	259	259	23	282	501	40	541
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	34	53	87	120	230	350	154	283	437
Education	-	-		129	409	538	129	409	538
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	69	4	73	205	8	213	274	12	286
Hairdressing & Beauty	-	26	26	-	68	68	-	94	94
Health & Social Care	8	317	325	158	1,135	1,293	166	1,452	1,618
Hospitality	38	98	136	66	106	172	104	204	308
Information & Communication Technology	321	138	459	498	497	995	819	635	1,454
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	130	330	460	58	54	112	188	384	572
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	160	30	190	443	21	464	603	51	654
Media & communication	42	29	71	28	77	105	70	106	176
Motor Vehicle & Transport	-	-	-	35	-	35	35	-	35
Total	1,539	1,870	3,409	3,086	4,888	7,974	4,625	6,758	11,383

Table 3 (b): Further Education enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 1999/2000

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Full & part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	10	316	326	838	5,292	6,130	848	5,608	6,456
Agriculture	21	74	95	132	84	216	153	158	311
Applied Science	1,178	1,655	2,833	5,180	8,542	13,722	6,358	10,197	16,555
Art & Design	652	703	1,355	387	1,302	1,689	1,039	2,005	3,044
Business & Management	815	1,700	2,515	1,222	2,428	3,650	2,037	4,128	6,165
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	2,597	34	2,631	1,652	59	1,711	4,249	93	4,342
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	42	16	58	300	452	752	342	468	810
Education	702	317	1,019	1,851	2,580	4,431	2,553	2,897	5,450
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	225	8	233	1,038	43	1,081	1,263	51	1,314
Hairdressing & Beauty	50	1,024	1,074	94	1,692	1,786	144	2,716	2,860
Health & Social Care	117	1,983	2,100	328	3,601	3,929	445	5,584	6,029
Hospitality	798	1,099	1,897	845	1,086	1,931	1,643	2,185	3,828
Information & Communication Technology	1,219	329	1,548	3,365	7,037	10,402	4,584	7,366	11,950
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	500	447	947	67	112	179	567	559	1,126
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	1,151	61	1,212	2,229	288	2,517	3,380	349	3,729
Media & communication	243	186	429	830	1,591	2,421	1,073	1,777	2,850
Motor Vehicle & Transport	444	3	447	375	355	730	819	358	1,177
Total	10,764	9,955	20,719	20,733	36,544	57,277	31,497	46,499	77,996

Table 3 (c): All enrolments by standard classification subject group, mode of attendance and gender 1999/2000

Standard Classification Subject Group	Full-time			Part-time			Full & part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Administration & Office Skills	12	345	357	846	5,534	6,380	858	5,879	6,737
Agriculture	21	74	95	137	104	241	158	178	336
Applied Science	1,201	1,680	2,881	5,298	8,743	14,041	6,499	10,423	16,922
Art & Design	755	840	1,595	441	1,396	1,837	1,196	2,236	3,432
Business & Management	1,182	2,337	3,519	2,124	4,131	6,255	3,306	6,468	9,774
Construction, Built Environment & Civil Engineering	2,839	51	2,890	1,911	82	1,993	4,750	133	4,883
Distribution - Retail, Wholesaling & Warehousing	76	69	145	420	682	1,102	496	751	1,247
Education	702	317	1,019	1,980	2,989	4,969	2,682	3,306	5,988
Electrical / Electronic Engineering	294	12	306	1,243	51	1,294	1,537	63	1,600
Hairdressing & Beauty	50	1,050	1,100	94	1,760	1,854	144	2,810	2,954
Health & Social Care	125	2,300	2,425	486	4,736	5,222	611	7,036	7,647
Hospitality	836	1,197	2,033	911	1,192	2,103	1,747	2,389	4,136
Information & Communication Technology	1,540	467	2,007	3,863	7,534	11,397	5,403	8,001	13,404
Leisure Tourism & Recreational	630	777	1,407	125	166	291	755	943	1,698
Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing / Processing	1,311	91	1,402	2,672	309	2,981	3,983	400	4,383
Media & communication	285	215	500	858	1,668	2,526	1,143	1,883	3,026
Motor Vehicle & Transport	444	3	447	410	355	765	854	358	1,212
Total	12,303	11,825	24,128	23,819	41,432	65,251	36,122	53,257	89,379

Table 4: Enrolments by qualification type and level, mode of attendance and gender 1999/2000

Qualification Type & Level		Full-Time			Part-Time			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
HNC		-	-	-	1,651	1,334	2,985	1,651	1,334	2,985
HND ¹		1,423	1,599	3,022	357	324	681	1,780	1,923	3,703
A -LEVEL		685	1,142	1,827	1,432	2,315	3,747	2,117	3,457	5,574
AS LEVEL		-	-	-	44	48	92	44	48	92
A/AS LEVEL		55	56	111	11	10	21	66	66	132
GCSE		253	193	446	3,058	5,131	8,189	3,311	5,324	8,635
NVQ:	Level 1	355	223	578	570	574	1,144	925	797	1,722
	Level 2	2,023	1,485	3,508	975	1,649	2,624	2,998	3,134	6,132
	Level 3	1,150	662	1,812	706	1,436	2,142	1,856	2,098	3,954
	Level 4	35	45	80	115	328	443	150	373	523
	Level 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GNVQ ² :	Foundation	7	3	10	99	23	122	106	26	132
	Intermediate	481	359	840	184	187	371	665	546	1,211
	Advanced	2,049	2,442	4,491	299	736	1,035	2,348	3,178	5,526
Other Courses: (by equivalent NVQ level)	Level 1	300	165	465	3,963	7,159	11,122	4,263	7,324	11,587
	Level 2	580	406	986	4,747	9,208	13,955	5,327	9,614	14,941
	Level 3	2,781	2,799	5,580	4,221	7,186	11,407	7,002	9,985	16,987
	Level 4	25	101	126	717	2,222	2,939	742	2,323	3,065
	Level 5	56	125	181	246	680	926	302	805	1,107
	Not Known	45	20	65	424	882	1,306	469	902	1,371
Total		12,303	11,825	24,128	23,819	41,432	65,251	36,122	53,257	89,379

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, 1998/1999 - 1999/2000**

Mode of Attendance	Higher Education			Further Education			Total		
	1998/99	1999/2000	% Change	1998/99	1999/2000	% Change	1998/99	1999/2000	% Change
Full-time	3,258	3,409	4.6%	20,596	20,719	0.6%	23,854	24,128	1.1%
Part-time	6,621	7,974	20.4%	55,825	57,277	2.6%	62,446	65,251	4.5%
Total	9,879	11,383	15.2%	76,421	77,996	2.1%	86,300	89,379	3.6%

Annex 1(b)

Higher and Further Education enrolments at Further Education Colleges, 1998/1999 - 1999/2000

College	Higher Education			Further Education			Total		
	1998/1999	1999/2000	% Change	1998/1999	1999/2000	% Change	1998/99	1999/2000	% Change
Armagh	54	58	7%	1,854	1,973	6%	1,908	2,031	6%
BIFHE ¹	3,675	4,073	11%	18,691	18,269	-2%	22,366	22,342	0%
Castlereagh	135	124	-8%	3,119	3,320	6%	3,254	3,444	6%
Causeway	103	129	25%	2,801	2,690	-4%	2,904	2,819	-3%
East Antrim	239	388	62%	4,599	4,340	-6%	4,838	4,728	-2%
East Down	222	331	49%	3,654	3,754	3%	3,876	4,085	5%
East Tyrone	226	253	12%	2,481	2,802	13%	2,707	3,055	13%
Fermanagh	482	622	29%	2,784	3,448	24%	3,266	4,070	25%
Limavady	63	83	32%	2,245	2,311	3%	2,308	2,394	4%
Lisburn	484	581	20%	3,030	3,029	0%	3,514	3,610	3%
NEIFHE ²	593	610	3%	5,429	5,747	6%	6,022	6,357	6%
Newry	739	737	0%	4,866	4,838	-1%	5,605	5,575	-1%
NIHCC ³	222	220	-1%	331	322	-3%	553	542	-2%
North Down & Ards	673	956	42%	5,956	5,952	0%	6,629	6,908	4%
NWIFHE ⁴	1,132	1,283	13%	7,438	7,652	3%	8,570	8,935	4%
Omagh	228	267	17%	2,265	2,867	27%	2,493	3,134	26%
Upper Bann	609	668	10%	4,878	4,682	-4%	5,487	5,350	-2%
Total	9,879	11,383	15%	76,421	77,996	2%	86,300	89,379	4%

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