

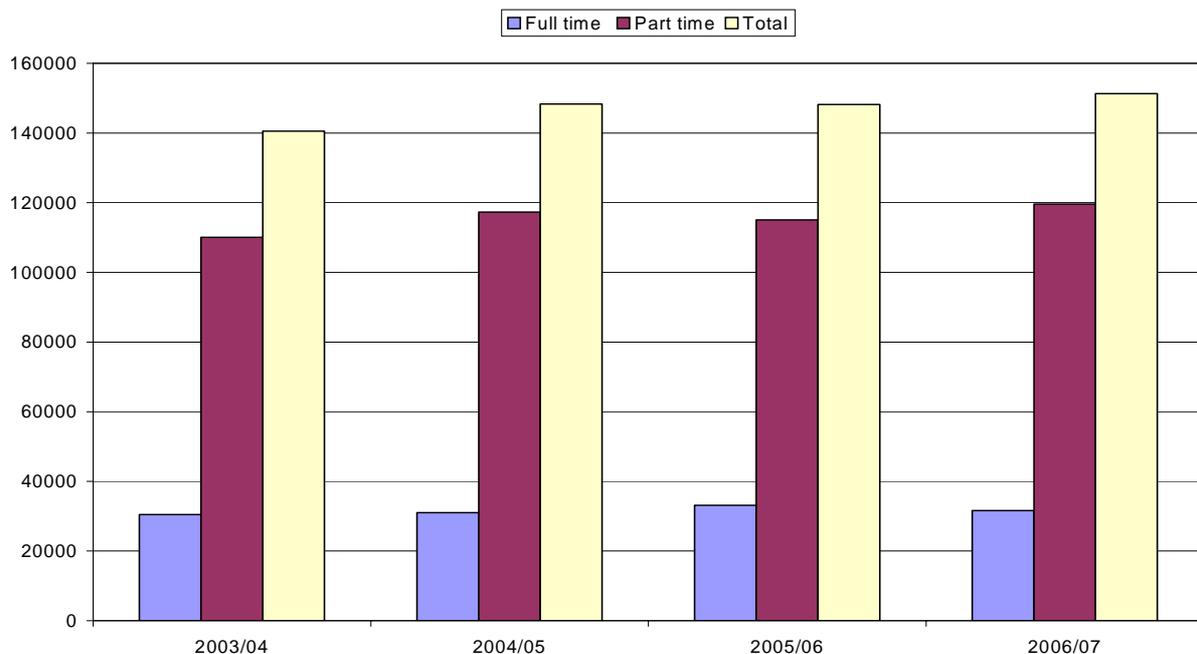
Statistical Bulletin

Professional & Technical Enrolments in the Northern Ireland Further Education Sector from 2003/04 to 2006/07

Introduction

This Statistical Bulletin has been produced by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) using data collected in the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR). It gives details of full year student enrolments on Professional and Technical courses at Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland from 2003/04 to 2006/07.

Enrolments in the Northern Ireland Further Education Sector from 2003/04 to 2006/07



Key Points

- There has been an 8% increase in professional and technical assessed enrolments at the Northern Ireland (NI) Further Education (FE) Institutions between the 2003/04 and 2006/07 academic years. In this time, total enrolments have risen from 140,544 to 151,286.
- Between 2003/04 and 2006/07 full-time enrolments increased from 30,511 to 31,666 and part-time enrolments increased from 110,033 to 119,620. These are increases of 4% and 9% in full-time and part-time respectively.
- Between 2003/04 and 2006/07 there has been an increase of 12,447 (10%) in FE level enrolments with a decrease of 1,705 (13%) in the number of enrolments on Higher Education (HE) courses at the Further Education Colleges.
- In 2003/04, 43% of professional and technical assessed enrolments were male and 57% female, by 2006/07 this had shifted to 45% male and 55% female.
- In each academic year 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07 the 'Information and Communication Technology' Subject Category has had the largest number of enrolments ranging from 17,287 to 23,671.
- History, Philosophy & Theology recorded the lowest number of enrolments in 2003/04 (691) and 2006/07 (709), with Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care having the lowest in 2004/05 (850) and 2005/06 (1,019).
- The majority of male enrolments were aged 19 years and under in each of the academic years ranging from 30,388 in 2003/04 to 36,496 in 2006/07. The majority of female enrolments were aged 25 years and over in each of the academic years, ranging from 41,000 in 2006/07 to 44,521 in 2004/05.
- In each of the academic years 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 the majority of enrolments were enrolled on courses at NQF Level 2 or equivalent, representing between 32% and 34% of total enrolments. However, in 2006/07 Entry Level and NQF Level 1 accounted for a larger proportion with 35% of enrolments as opposed to 30% at Level 2.
- Higher Education enrolments accounted for between 8% and 9% of total enrolments within the 4 academic years listed.

Notes to Readers

General

1. The statistics in this statistical bulletin have been derived from the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR), a computerised return consisting of an individual record for each enrolment on assessed professional or technical courses in Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges.
2. Data on DEL funded provision including Government Training is included within this report in addition to Essential Skills, Vocational Enhancement Programmes and Cost Recovery courses. Recreational courses and Keyskills enrolments are omitted, as the former do not relate to qualifications and the latter are subcomponents of programmes of study.
3. The figures in this statistical bulletin are a full year count of student enrolments. It should be noted that students may be enrolled on more than one course at a given time and will therefore be counted as two or more student enrolments. This report includes data relating to the 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07 academic years.

Definition of Higher Education

4. Higher Education (HE) is defined as a course leading to a qualification above A2 level standard. This includes postgraduate study, first degrees, BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) and Certificate (HNC) courses, Foundation degrees and a number of professional qualifications. HE is NQF Level 4 (and equivalent) and above.

Mode of Attendance

5. Mode of attendance identifies enrolments studying full-time or part-time:
 - (a) Full-time enrolments include all enrolments 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 requirement of i. above).
 - (b) Part-time enrolments include all enrolments 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.

Age

6. Age is at 1st July at the beginning of each relevant academic year i.e. 1st July 2003 for the 2003/04 academic year.
7. The age group of '25 year and over' includes a small component of those of unknown age.

Changes to Subject Classification

8. The standard classification subject groups listed in tables 7 to 11 are new sector and subject categories which were developed by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) and the ACCAC, the Welsh authority, along with other key educational bodies according to industry sector and academic subject area. They aim to allow more consistent reporting of data across the UK.

Changes to Data Collection Methods

9. Due to the phased implementation of a new MIS system in the NI FE sector (NICIS) in 2002/03 caution should be exercised in comparing data from 2003/04 onwards with previous years' data.
10. From the 2007/08 academic year, the 16 colleges have merged to form six super area colleges. For ease of reference this historical data has been presented to also exhibit how the data would look under the new model.

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Tables

Table 1: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, 2003/04 – 2006/07.

- Details professional and technical assessed enrolments by individual college, regional college and mode of attendance for each of the academic years 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07.

Table 2: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Level of Study, 2003/04 – 2006/07.

- Details professional and technical assessed enrolments by individual college, regional college and level of course, i.e. whether the qualification aim of the course is Higher Education (HE) or Further Education (FE), for each of the academic years 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07.

Tables 3 to 6: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, (Table 3 – 2003/04, Table 4 – 2004/05, Table 5 – 2005/06 and Table 6 – 2006/07).

- Each table details the professional and technical assessed enrolments by individual college, regional college, mode of attendance and gender for each of the academic years listed above.

Table 7: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, Level of Study and Sector & Subject Category, 2003/04 – 2006/07.

- Details professional and technical enrolments by the tier 1 sector & subject categories by whether they are HE or FE and by mode of attendance for each of the academic years 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07.

Tables 8 to 11: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, (Table 8 – 2003/04, Table 9 – 2004/05, Table 10 – 2005/06 and Table 11 – 2006/07).

- Each table details the professional and technical enrolments by the tier 1 sector & subject categories, gender and age group for each of the academic years listed above.

Table 12: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by NQF Level (or equivalent), 2003/04 – 2006/07.

- Details all professional and technical enrolments by individual college, regional college and NQF level or equivalent for each of the academic years 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07.

Table 1: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, 2003/04 - 2006/07

College	2003/04			2004/05			2005/06			2006/07		
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total									
Belfast Metropolitan												
Belfast Institute	6,549	21,764	28,313	7,048	22,972	30,020	8,040	27,103	35,143	6,847	31,330	38,177
Castlereagh College	1,054	4,686	5,740	1,097	4,761	5,858	1,149	5,026	6,175	1,106	4,959	6,065
Regional College Total	7,603	26,450	34,053	8,145	27,733	35,878	9,189	32,129	41,318	7,953	36,289	44,242
Northern Regional College												
Causeway Institute	1,082	2,618	3,700	1,057	3,759	4,816	1,021	4,614	5,635	1,105	3,979	5,084
East Antrim Institute	1,583	5,801	7,384	1,912	6,292	8,204	1,423	6,417	7,840	1,484	6,744	8,228
North East Institute	2,290	5,128	7,418	2,143	5,554	7,697	2,189	6,209	8,398	2,290	7,866	10,156
Regional College Total	4,955	13,547	18,502	5,112	15,605	20,717	4,633	17,240	21,873	4,879	18,589	23,468
South Eastern Regional College												
East Down Institute	1,565	5,087	6,652	1,409	5,225	6,634	1,668	4,395	6,063	1,529	4,699	6,228
Lisburn Institute	1,203	3,781	4,984	1,203	4,024	5,227	1,226	3,344	4,570	1,415	3,731	5,146
North Down & Ards Institute	2,389	8,381	10,770	2,441	9,179	11,620	2,304	8,744	11,048	2,076	10,824	12,900
Regional College Total	5,157	17,249	22,406	5,053	18,428	23,481	5,198	16,483	21,681	5,020	19,254	24,274
Southern Regional College												
Armagh College	1,200	4,171	5,371	1,271	5,346	6,617	1,308	4,850	6,158	1,160	4,473	5,633
Newry & Kilkeel Institute	2,353	9,078	11,431	2,270	9,453	11,723	2,248	8,753	11,001	2,305	8,833	11,138
Upper Bann Institute	1,238	6,891	8,129	1,566	7,089	8,655	1,530	6,670	8,200	1,624	7,118	8,742
Regional College Total	4,791	20,140	24,931	5,107	21,888	26,995	5,086	20,273	25,359	5,089	20,424	25,513
South West College												
East Tyrone College	795	3,574	4,369	824	4,095	4,919	936	2,998	3,934	991	3,033	4,024
Fermanagh College	1,445	8,844	10,289	1,442	7,246	8,688	1,246	4,834	6,080	1,203	4,200	5,403
Omagh College	1,183	3,541	4,724	1,172	4,880	6,052	1,694	5,999	7,693	1,669	5,391	7,060
Regional College Total	3,423	15,959	19,382	3,438	16,221	19,659	3,876	13,831	17,707	3,863	12,624	16,487
North West Regional College												
Limavady College	937	2,994	3,931	895	3,439	4,334	950	3,502	4,452	1,073	2,656	3,729
North West Institute	3,645	13,694	17,339	3,279	13,981	17,260	4,212	11,587	15,799	3,789	9,784	13,573
Regional College Total	4,582	16,688	21,270	4,174	17,420	21,594	5,162	15,089	20,251	4,862	12,440	17,302
Overall FE Sector Total	30,511	110,033	140,544	31,029	117,295	148,324	33,144	115,045	148,189	31,666	119,620	151,286

Table 2: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Level of Study, 2003/04 - 2006/07

College	2003/04			2004/05			2005/06			2006/07		
	Higher Education	Further Education	Total									
Belfast Metropolitan												
Belfast Institute	4,573	23,740	28,313	4,580	25,440	30,020	5,106	30,037	35,143	4,785	33,392	38,177
Castlereagh College	148	5,592	5,740	121	5,737	5,858	138	6,037	6,175	60	6,005	6,065
Regional College Total	4,721	29,332	34,053	4,701	31,177	35,878	5,244	36,074	41,318	4,845	39,397	44,242
Northern Regional College												
Causeway Institute	143	3,557	3,700	171	4,645	4,816	161	5,474	5,635	162	4,922	5,084
East Antrim Institute	480	6,904	7,384	484	7,720	8,204	419	7,421	7,840	266	7,962	8,228
North East Institute	642	6,776	7,418	551	7,146	7,697	702	7,696	8,398	755	9,401	10,156
Regional College Total	1,265	17,237	18,502	1,206	19,511	20,717	1,282	20,591	21,873	1,183	22,285	23,468
South Eastern Regional College												
East Down Institute	228	6,424	6,652	224	6,410	6,634	222	5,841	6,063	179	6,049	6,228
Lisburn Institute	456	4,528	4,984	299	4,928	5,227	365	4,205	4,570	343	4,803	5,146
North Down & Ards Institute	1,045	9,725	10,770	1,120	10,500	11,620	965	10,083	11,048	784	12,116	12,900
Regional College Total	1,729	20,677	22,406	1,643	21,838	23,481	1,552	20,129	21,681	1,306	22,968	24,274
Southern Regional College												
Armagh College	67	5,304	5,371	52	6,565	6,617	29	6,129	6,158	54	5,579	5,633
Newry & Kilkeel Institute	1,329	10,102	11,431	1,135	10,588	11,723	1,015	9,986	11,001	1,157	9,981	11,138
Upper Bann Institute	611	7,518	8,129	579	8,076	8,655	585	7,615	8,200	644	8,098	8,742
Regional College Total	2,007	22,924	24,931	1,766	25,229	26,995	1,629	23,730	25,359	1,855	23,658	25,513
South West College												
East Tyrone College	478	3,891	4,369	327	4,592	4,919	303	3,631	3,934	242	3,782	4,024
Fermanagh College	918	9,371	10,289	582	8,106	8,688	612	5,468	6,080	416	4,987	5,403
Omagh College	253	4,471	4,724	252	5,800	6,052	277	7,416	7,693	281	6,779	7,060
Regional College Total	1,649	17,733	19,382	1,161	18,498	19,659	1,192	16,515	17,707	939	15,548	16,487
North West Regional College												
Limavady College	196	3,735	3,931	208	4,126	4,334	174	4,278	4,452	117	3,612	3,729
North West Institute	1,763	15,576	17,339	1,313	15,947	17,260	1,719	14,080	15,799	1,380	12,193	13,573
Regional College Total	1,959	19,311	21,270	1,521	20,073	21,594	1,893	18,358	20,251	1,497	15,805	17,302
Overall FE Sector Total	13,330	127,214	140,544	11,998	136,326	148,324	12,792	135,397	148,189	11,625	139,661	151,286

Table 3: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, 2003/04

College	Full-Time			Part-Time			Overall Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Belfast Metropolitan									
Belfast Institute	3,239	3,310	6,549	8,642	13,122	21,764	11,881	16,432	28,313
Castlereagh College	666	388	1,054	2,186	2,500	4,686	2,852	2,888	5,740
Regional College Total	3,905	3,698	7,603	10,828	15,622	26,450	14,733	19,320	34,053
Northern Regional College									
Causeway Institute	643	439	1,082	915	1,703	2,618	1,558	2,142	3,700
East Antrim Institute	947	636	1,583	2,690	3,111	5,801	3,637	3,747	7,384
North East Institute	1,325	965	2,290	2,151	2,977	5,128	3,476	3,942	7,418
Regional College Total	2,915	2,040	4,955	5,756	7,791	13,547	8,671	9,831	18,502
South Eastern Regional College									
East Down Institute	947	618	1,565	1,983	3,104	5,087	2,930	3,722	6,652
Lisburn Institute	747	456	1,203	1,707	2,074	3,781	2,454	2,530	4,984
North Down & Ards Institute	1,390	999	2,389	3,351	5,030	8,381	4,741	6,029	10,770
Regional College Total	3,084	2,073	5,157	7,041	10,208	17,249	10,125	12,281	22,406
Southern Regional College									
Armagh College	621	579	1,200	1,629	2,542	4,171	2,250	3,121	5,371
Newry & Kilkeel Institute	1,321	1,032	2,353	3,661	5,417	9,078	4,982	6,449	11,431
Upper Bann Institute	665	573	1,238	2,549	4,342	6,891	3,214	4,915	8,129
Regional College Total	2,607	2,184	4,791	7,839	12,301	20,140	10,446	14,485	24,931
South West College									
East Tyrone College	425	370	795	1,204	2,370	3,574	1,629	2,740	4,369
Fermanagh College	866	579	1,445	2,998	5,846	8,844	3,864	6,425	10,289
Omagh College	833	350	1,183	1,164	2,377	3,541	1,997	2,727	4,724
Regional College Total	2,124	1,299	3,423	5,366	10,593	15,959	7,490	11,892	19,382
% of Regional College Total	62%	38%	100%	34%	66%	100%	39%	61%	100%
North West Regional College									
Limavady College	466	471	937	1,626	1,368	2,994	2,092	1,839	3,931
North West Institute	1,784	1,861	3,645	5,714	7,980	13,694	7,498	9,841	17,339
Regional College Total	2,250	2,332	4,582	7,340	9,348	16,688	9,590	11,680	21,270
Overall FE Sector Total	16,885	13,626	30,511	44,170	65,863	110,033	61,055	79,489	140,544

Table 4: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, 2004/05

College	Full-Time			Part-Time			Overall Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Belfast Metropolitan									
Belfast Institute	3,503	3,545	7,048	9,182	13,790	22,972	12,685	17,335	30,020
Castlereagh College	671	426	1,097	2,160	2,601	4,761	2,831	3,027	5,858
Regional College Total	4,174	3,971	8,145	11,342	16,391	27,733	15,516	20,362	35,878
Northern Regional College									
Causeway Institute	653	404	1,057	1,355	2,404	3,759	2,008	2,808	4,816
East Antrim Institute	1,147	765	1,912	2,667	3,625	6,292	3,814	4,390	8,204
North East Institute	1,279	864	2,143	2,322	3,232	5,554	3,601	4,096	7,697
Regional College Total	3,079	2,033	5,112	6,344	9,261	15,605	9,423	11,294	20,717
South Eastern Regional College									
East Down Institute	785	624	1,409	2,215	3,010	5,225	3,000	3,634	6,634
Lisburn Institute	728	475	1,203	1,781	2,243	4,024	2,509	2,718	5,227
North Down & Ards Institute	1,355	1,086	2,441	3,378	5,801	9,179	4,733	6,887	11,620
Regional College Total	2,868	2,185	5,053	7,374	11,054	18,428	10,242	13,239	23,481
Southern Regional College									
Armagh College	618	653	1,271	1,904	3,442	5,346	2,522	4,095	6,617
Newry & Kilkeel Institute	1,172	1,098	2,270	3,903	5,550	9,453	5,075	6,648	11,723
Upper Bann Institute	986	580	1,566	2,845	4,244	7,089	3,831	4,824	8,655
Regional College Total	2,776	2,331	5,107	8,652	13,236	21,888	11,428	15,567	26,995
South West College									
East Tyrone College	439	385	824	1,398	2,697	4,095	1,837	3,082	4,919
Fermanagh College	863	579	1,442	2,500	4,746	7,246	3,363	5,325	8,688
Omagh College	827	345	1,172	1,987	2,893	4,880	2,814	3,238	6,052
Regional College Total	2,129	1,309	3,438	5,885	10,336	16,221	8,014	11,645	19,659
North West Regional College									
Limavady College	411	484	895	1,767	1,672	3,439	2,178	2,156	4,334
North West Institute	1,648	1,631	3,279	5,888	8,093	13,981	7,536	9,724	17,260
Regional College Total	2,059	2,115	4,174	7,655	9,765	17,420	9,714	11,880	21,594
Overall FE Sector Total	17,085	13,944	31,029	47,252	70,043	117,295	64,337	83,987	148,324

Table 5: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, 2005/06

College	Full-Time			Part-Time			Overall Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Belfast Metropolitan									
Belfast Institute	3,669	4,371	8,040	10,946	16,157	27,103	14,615	20,528	35,143
Castlereagh College	757	392	1,149	2,217	2,809	5,026	2,974	3,201	6,175
Regional College Total	4,426	4,763	9,189	13,163	18,966	32,129	17,589	23,729	41,318
Northern Regional College									
Causeway Institute	662	359	1,021	1,845	2,769	4,614	2,507	3,128	5,635
East Antrim Institute	763	660	1,423	2,877	3,540	6,417	3,640	4,200	7,840
North East Institute	1,338	851	2,189	2,713	3,496	6,209	4,051	4,347	8,398
Regional College Total	2,763	1,870	4,633	7,435	9,805	17,240	10,198	11,675	21,873
South Eastern Regional College									
East Down Institute	1,006	662	1,668	1,610	2,785	4,395	2,616	3,447	6,063
Lisburn Institute	746	480	1,226	1,558	1,786	3,344	2,304	2,266	4,570
North Down & Ards Institute	1,299	1,005	2,304	3,272	5,472	8,744	4,571	6,477	11,048
Regional College Total	3,051	2,147	5,198	6,440	10,043	16,483	9,491	12,190	21,681
Southern Regional College									
Armagh College	666	642	1,308	2,088	2,762	4,850	2,754	3,404	6,158
Newry & Kilkeel Institute	1,202	1,046	2,248	3,417	5,336	8,753	4,619	6,382	11,001
Upper Bann Institute	940	590	1,530	2,724	3,946	6,670	3,664	4,536	8,200
Regional College Total	2,808	2,278	5,086	8,229	12,044	20,273	11,037	14,322	25,359
South West College									
East Tyrone College	494	442	936	969	2,029	2,998	1,463	2,471	3,934
Fermanagh College	714	532	1,246	1,825	3,009	4,834	2,539	3,541	6,080
Omagh College	1,158	536	1,694	2,479	3,520	5,999	3,637	4,056	7,693
Regional College Total	2,366	1,510	3,876	5,273	8,558	13,831	7,639	10,068	17,707
North West Regional College									
Limavady College	437	513	950	1,696	1,806	3,502	2,133	2,319	4,452
North West Institute	2,088	2,124	4,212	4,641	6,946	11,587	6,729	9,070	15,799
Regional College Total	2,525	2,637	5,162	6,337	8,752	15,089	8,862	11,389	20,251
Overall FE Sector Total	17,939	15,205	33,144	46,877	68,168	115,045	64,816	83,373	148,189

Table 6: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, 2006/07

College	Full-Time			Part-Time			Overall Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Belfast Metropolitan									
Belfast Institute	3,208	3,639	6,847	12,575	18,755	31,330	15,783	22,394	38,177
Castlereagh College	762	344	1,106	2,336	2,623	4,959	3,098	2,967	6,065
Regional College Total	3,970	3,983	7,953	14,911	21,378	36,289	18,881	25,361	44,242
Northern Regional College									
Causeway Institute	684	421	1,105	1,486	2,493	3,979	2,170	2,914	5,084
East Antrim Institute	794	690	1,484	3,092	3,652	6,744	3,886	4,342	8,228
North East Institute	1,345	945	2,290	3,636	4,230	7,866	4,981	5,175	10,156
Regional College Total	2,823	2,056	4,879	8,214	10,375	18,589	11,037	12,431	23,468
South Eastern Regional College									
East Down Institute	945	584	1,529	1,938	2,761	4,699	2,883	3,345	6,228
Lisburn Institute	898	517	1,415	1,792	1,939	3,731	2,690	2,456	5,146
North Down & Ards Institute	1,231	845	2,076	4,574	6,250	10,824	5,805	7,095	12,900
Regional College Total	3,074	1,946	5,020	8,304	10,950	19,254	11,378	12,896	24,274
Southern Regional College									
Armagh College	653	507	1,160	1,918	2,555	4,473	2,571	3,062	5,633
Newry & Kilkeel Institute	1,243	1,062	2,305	3,319	5,514	8,833	4,562	6,576	11,138
Upper Bann Institute	1,036	588	1,624	2,942	4,176	7,118	3,978	4,764	8,742
Regional College Total	2,932	2,157	5,089	8,179	12,245	20,424	11,111	14,402	25,513
South West College									
East Tyrone College	521	470	991	1,103	1,930	3,033	1,624	2,400	4,024
Fermanagh College	691	512	1,203	1,608	2,592	4,200	2,299	3,104	5,403
Omagh College	1,194	475	1,669	2,627	2,764	5,391	3,821	3,239	7,060
Regional College Total	2,406	1,457	3,863	5,338	7,286	12,624	7,744	8,743	16,487
North West Regional College									
Limavady College	499	574	1,073	1,379	1,277	2,656	1,878	1,851	3,729
North West Institute	1,728	2,061	3,789	3,959	5,825	9,784	5,687	7,886	13,573
Regional College Total	2,227	2,635	4,862	5,338	7,102	12,440	7,565	9,737	17,302
Overall FE Sector Total	17,432	14,234	31,666	50,284	69,336	119,620	67,716	83,570	151,286

Table 7: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, Level of Study and Sector & Subject Category, 2003/04 - 2006/07

Sector & Subject Category	2003/04					2004/05					2005/06					2006/07				
	Full-Time		Part-Time		Overall Total	Full-Time		Part-Time		Overall Total	Full-Time		Part-Time		Overall Total	Full-Time		Part-Time		Overall Total
	HE ¹	FE ²	HE ¹	FE ²		HE ¹	FE ²	HE ¹	FE ²		HE ¹	FE ²	HE ¹	FE ²		HE ¹	FE ²			
Health, Public Services & Care	709	2,968	1,549	9,786	15,012	587	3,231	1,245	9,909	14,972	706	3,265	1,311	8,853	14,135	696	3,085	1,206	8,770	13,757
Science & Mathematics	72	2,356	528	11,106	14,062	55	2,744	373	10,800	13,972	72	2,836	250	10,508	13,666	98	2,121	266	10,118	12,603
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	11	175	48	994	1,228	22	173	38	617	850	21	217	49	732	1,019	20	292	18	718	1,048
Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies	228	2,631	662	6,216	9,737	210	2,631	591	6,294	9,726	209	2,448	545	5,450	8,652	198	2,334	526	6,384	9,442
Construction, Planning & the Built Environment	309	4,995	484	6,014	11,802	330	5,329	532	7,145	13,336	384	5,615	564	6,288	12,851	426	5,901	656	7,439	14,422
Information & Communication Technology	578	1,881	884	20,328	23,671	437	1,817	761	19,082	22,097	438	2,045	709	15,867	19,059	452	1,898	569	14,368	17,287
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	100	3,197	390	10,228	13,915	102	3,204	497	11,582	15,385	99	3,512	535	10,297	14,443	88	3,221	432	12,208	15,949
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	342	1,537	155	1,064	3,098	403	1,647	174	938	3,162	429	1,883	228	1,022	3,562	424	2,092	151	1,095	3,762
Arts, Media & Publishing	623	2,338	322	3,055	6,338	522	2,280	276	4,134	7,212	660	2,876	260	4,013	7,809	722	2,926	256	4,180	8,084
History, Philosophy & Theology	-	294	-	397	691	-	355	-	637	992	-	399	255	431	1,085	-	197	12	500	709
Social Sciences	107	666	265	1,507	2,545	8	841	284	1,784	2,917	149	973	363	1,895	3,380	-	815	203	1,902	2,920
Languages, Literature & Culture	-	269	39	8,125	8,433	-	351	103	10,054	10,508	-	362	68	11,975	12,405	-	227	96	15,403	15,726
Education & Training	-	425	366	9,105	9,896	-	322	428	11,057	11,807	-	305	393	13,682	14,380	-	330	343	15,334	16,007
Preparation for Life & Work	-	537	91	2,931	3,559	-	580	70	4,540	5,190	-	444	319	5,042	5,805	-	588	418	4,058	5,064
Business Administration & Law	910	2,253	3,558	9,817	16,538	829	2,019	3,121	10,229	16,198	823	1,974	2,953	10,188	15,938	792	1,723	2,557	9,434	14,506
Unknown	-	-	-	19	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FE Sector Total	3,989	26,522	9,341	100,692	140,544	3,505	27,524	8,493	108,802	148,324	3,990	29,154	8,802	106,243	148,189	3,916	27,750	7,709	111,911	151,286

¹ HE relates to NQF level 4 and above

² FE relates to NQF level 3 and below

Table 8: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, 2003/04

Sector & Subject Category	Male				Female				Total			
	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Total	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Total	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Overall Total
Health, Public Services & Care	453	242	1,162	1,857	4,355	1,686	7,114	13,155	4,808	1,928	8,276	15,012
Science & Mathematics	3,571	627	1,106	5,304	5,088	1,151	2,519	8,758	8,659	1,778	3,625	14,062
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	153	97	399	649	96	66	417	579	249	163	816	1,228
Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies	4,799	1,227	2,703	8,729	257	170	581	1,008	5,056	1,397	3,284	9,737
Construction, Planning & the Built Environment	8,367	1,131	1,464	10,962	661	53	126	840	9,028	1,184	1,590	11,802
Information & Communication Technology	3,146	989	5,652	9,787	2,104	1,143	10,637	13,884	5,250	2,132	16,289	23,671
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	1,834	376	1,101	3,311	4,708	1,476	4,420	10,604	6,542	1,852	5,521	13,915
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	1,104	175	396	1,675	1,030	157	236	1,423	2,134	332	632	3,098
Arts, Media & Publishing	1,614	387	692	2,693	1,718	344	1,583	3,645	3,332	731	2,275	6,338
History, Philosophy & Theology	267	29	16	312	344	20	15	379	611	49	31	691
Social Sciences	590	143	256	989	954	183	419	1,556	1,544	326	675	2,545
Languages, Literature and Culture	883	346	2,173	3,402	1,129	673	3,229	5,031	2,012	1,019	5,402	8,433
Education & Training	1,243	843	2,731	4,817	870	583	3,626	5,079	2,113	1,426	6,357	9,896
Preparation for Life & Work	707	245	908	1,860	431	207	1,061	1,699	1,138	452	1,969	3,559
Business Administration & Law	1,605	873	2,226	4,704	3,215	2,503	6,116	11,834	4,820	3,376	8,342	16,538
Unknown	2	1	1	4	9	-	6	15	11	1	7	19
Overall FE Sector Total	30,338	7,731	22,986	61,055	26,969	10,415	42,105	79,489	57,307	18,146	65,091	140,544

¹25 years & over age group includes 718 of unknown age (352 male & 366 female)

Table 9: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, 2004/05

Sector & Subject Category	Male				Female				Total			
	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Total	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Total	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Overall Total
Health, Public Services & Care	454	245	1,135	1,834	4,650	1,651	6,837	13,138	5,104	1,896	7,972	14,972
Science & Mathematics	3,707	598	899	5,204	5,272	1,129	2,367	8,768	8,979	1,727	3,266	13,972
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	116	51	212	379	79	75	317	471	195	126	529	850
Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies	5,132	1,152	2,472	8,756	246	180	544	970	5,378	1,332	3,016	9,726
Construction, Planning & the Built Environment	9,151	1,383	2,013	12,547	548	65	176	789	9,699	1,448	2,189	13,336
Information & Communication Technology	2,948	867	5,294	9,109	1,889	984	10,115	12,988	4,837	1,851	15,409	22,097
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	1,547	482	1,470	3,499	4,967	1,663	5,256	11,886	6,514	2,145	6,726	15,385
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	1,159	175	354	1,688	1,130	165	179	1,474	2,289	340	533	3,162
Arts, Media & Publishing	1,554	451	714	2,719	1,604	386	2,503	4,493	3,158	837	3,217	7,212
History, Philosophy & Theology	396	33	32	461	449	41	41	531	845	74	73	992
Social Sciences	707	125	294	1,126	988	241	562	1,791	1,695	366	856	2,917
Languages, Literature and Culture	1,003	617	2,800	4,420	1,406	955	3,727	6,088	2,409	1,572	6,527	10,508
Education & Training	1,410	776	3,173	5,359	1,286	563	4,599	6,448	2,696	1,339	7,772	11,807
Preparation for Life & Work	1,530	214	913	2,657	1,086	285	1,162	2,533	2,616	499	2,075	5,190
Business Administration & Law	1,670	805	2,104	4,579	3,090	2,393	6,136	11,619	4,760	3,198	8,240	16,198
Overall FE Sector Total	32,484	7,974	23,879	64,337	28,690	10,776	44,521	83,987	61,174	18,750	68,400	148,324

¹25 years & over age group includes 847 of unknown age (428 male & 419 female)

Table 10: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, 2005/06

Sector & Subject Category	Male				Female				Total			
	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Total	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Total	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Overall Total
Health, Public Services & Care	525	259	1,243	2,027	4,291	1,661	6,156	12,108	4,816	1,920	7,399	14,135
Science & Mathematics	3,294	673	967	4,934	5,232	1,270	2,230	8,732	8,526	1,943	3,197	13,666
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	143	43	230	416	113	50	440	603	256	93	670	1,019
Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies	4,662	1,135	2,225	8,022	220	124	286	630	4,882	1,259	2,511	8,652
Construction, Planning & the Built Environment	9,054	1,304	1,561	11,919	646	80	206	932	9,700	1,384	1,767	12,851
Information & Communication Technology	2,558	940	4,780	8,278	1,380	883	8,518	10,781	3,938	1,823	13,298	19,059
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	1,225	442	1,237	2,904	4,762	1,746	5,031	11,539	5,987	2,188	6,268	14,443
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	1,431	181	344	1,956	1,197	191	218	1,606	2,628	372	562	3,562
Arts, Media & Publishing	1,864	586	840	3,290	1,739	428	2,352	4,519	3,603	1,014	3,192	7,809
History, Philosophy & Theology	288	72	86	446	388	109	142	639	676	181	228	1,085
Social Sciences	658	165	411	1,234	1,162	310	674	2,146	1,820	475	1,085	3,380
Languages, Literature and Culture	943	809	3,512	5,264	1,287	1,294	4,560	7,141	2,230	2,103	8,072	12,405
Education & Training	2,841	713	2,455	6,009	3,894	606	3,871	8,371	6,735	1,319	6,326	14,380
Preparation for Life & Work	2,300	234	793	3,327	1,196	320	962	2,478	3,496	554	1,755	5,805
Business Administration & Law	1,840	712	2,238	4,790	2,946	1,957	6,245	11,148	4,786	2,669	8,483	15,938
Overall FE Sector Total	33,626	8,268	22,922	64,816	30,453	11,029	41,891	83,373	64,079	19,297	64,813	148,189

¹25 years & over age group includes 557 of unknown age (253 male & 304 female)

Table11: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, 2006/07

Sector & Subject Category	Male				Female				Total			
	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Total	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Total	19 years & under	20 to 24 years	25 years & over ¹	Overall Total
Health, Public Services & Care	545	250	1,187	1,982	4,377	1,599	5,799	11,775	4,922	1,849	6,986	13,757
Science & Mathematics	2,984	678	866	4,528	4,771	1,215	2,089	8,075	7,755	1,893	2,955	12,603
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	226	22	136	384	154	37	473	664	380	59	609	1,048
Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies	5,087	1,233	2,306	8,626	260	113	443	816	5,347	1,346	2,749	9,442
Construction, Planning & the Built Environment	10,594	1,347	1,597	13,538	588	91	205	884	11,182	1,438	1,802	14,422
Information & Communication Technology	2,622	746	4,438	7,806	1,314	765	7,402	9,481	3,936	1,511	11,840	17,287
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	1,281	454	1,258	2,993	5,479	1,861	5,616	12,956	6,760	2,315	6,874	15,949
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	1,554	216	276	2,046	1,300	217	199	1,716	2,854	433	475	3,762
Arts, Media & Publishing	2,170	599	873	3,642	1,892	476	2,074	4,442	4,062	1,075	2,947	8,084
History, Philosophy & Theology	216	35	34	285	351	25	48	424	567	60	82	709
Social Sciences	517	139	360	1,016	1,035	295	574	1,904	1,552	434	934	2,920
Languages, Literature and Culture	920	1,035	4,564	6,519	1,374	1,785	6,048	9,207	2,294	2,820	10,612	15,726
Education & Training	4,578	624	2,235	7,437	4,637	604	3,329	8,570	9,215	1,228	5,564	16,007
Preparation for Life & Work	1,915	240	702	2,857	1,012	312	883	2,207	2,927	552	1,585	5,064
Business Administration & Law	1,287	746	2,024	4,057	2,644	1,987	5,818	10,449	3,931	2,733	7,842	14,506
Overall FE Sector Total	36,496	8,364	22,856	67,716	31,188	11,382	41,000	83,570	67,684	19,746	63,856	151,286

¹25 years & over age group includes 519 of unknown age (292 male & 227 female)

Table 12: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by NQF Level (or equivalent), 2003/04 - 2006/07

College	2003/04					2004/05					2005/06					2006/07				
	Entry & Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	HE ¹	Total	Entry & Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	HE ¹	Total	Entry & Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	HE ¹	Total	Entry & Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	HE ¹	Total
Belfast Metropolitan																				
Belfast Institute	6,098	8,328	9,314	4,573	28,313	7,254	8,210	9,976	4,580	30,020	8,490	10,046	11,501	5,106	35,143	13,571	8,732	11,089	4,785	38,177
Castlereagh College	2,214	1,902	1,476	148	5,740	2,340	1,823	1,574	121	5,858	2,702	1,979	1,356	138	6,175	3,048	1,759	1,198	60	6,065
Regional College Total	8,312	10,230	10,790	4,721	34,053	9,594	10,033	11,550	4,701	35,878	11,192	12,025	12,857	5,244	41,318	16,619	10,491	12,287	4,845	44,242
Northern Regional College																				
Causeway Institute	1,109	1,217	1,231	143	3,700	2,186	1,292	1,167	171	4,816	2,822	1,595	1,057	161	5,635	2,276	1,622	1,024	162	5,084
East Antrim Institute	2,045	2,898	1,961	480	7,384	2,106	3,014	2,600	484	8,204	2,145	3,008	2,268	419	7,840	3,700	2,280	1,982	266	8,228
North East Institute	1,446	2,589	2,741	642	7,418	1,819	2,606	2,721	551	7,697	2,683	2,498	2,515	702	8,398	3,454	3,065	2,882	755	10,156
Regional College Total	4,600	6,704	5,933	1,265	18,502	6,111	6,912	6,488	1,206	20,717	7,650	7,101	5,840	1,282	21,873	9,430	6,967	5,888	1,183	23,468
South Eastern Regional College																				
East Down Institute	886	3,788	1,750	228	6,652	962	3,558	1,890	224	6,634	1,667	2,297	1,877	222	6,063	1,934	2,272	1,843	179	6,228
Lisburn Institute	1,287	1,147	2,094	456	4,984	1,505	1,240	2,183	299	5,227	1,342	1,234	1,629	365	4,570	1,825	1,453	1,525	343	5,146
North Down & Ards Institute	2,165	3,965	3,595	1,045	10,770	3,808	3,315	3,377	1,120	11,620	3,859	3,193	3,031	965	11,048	4,934	3,698	3,484	784	12,900
Regional College Total	4,338	8,900	7,439	1,729	22,406	6,275	8,113	7,450	1,643	23,481	6,868	6,724	6,537	1,552	21,681	8,693	7,423	6,852	1,306	24,274
Southern Regional College																				
Armagh College	650	1,388	3,266	67	5,371	1,457	1,419	3,689	52	6,617	1,812	1,574	2,743	29	6,158	1,651	1,736	2,192	54	5,633
Newry & Kilkeel Institute	3,977	3,407	2,718	1,329	11,431	4,382	3,531	2,675	1,135	11,723	2,566	4,669	2,751	1,015	11,001	2,442	4,518	3,021	1,157	11,138
Upper Bann Institute	2,341	2,971	2,206	611	8,129	2,843	2,833	2,400	579	8,655	3,170	2,775	1,670	585	8,200	3,978	2,456	1,664	644	8,742
Regional College Total	6,968	7,766	8,190	2,007	24,931	8,682	7,783	8,764	1,766	26,995	7,548	9,018	7,164	1,629	25,359	8,071	8,710	6,877	1,855	25,513
South West College																				
East Tyrone College	1,427	1,456	1,008	478	4,369	1,802	1,572	1,218	327	4,919	833	1,388	1,410	303	3,934	1,160	1,445	1,177	242	4,024
Fermanagh College	4,708	2,731	1,932	918	10,289	3,515	2,689	1,902	582	8,688	2,159	1,608	1,701	612	6,080	1,495	1,886	1,606	416	5,403
Omagh College	1,366	1,888	1,217	253	4,724	2,084	2,348	1,368	252	6,052	3,204	2,590	1,622	277	7,693	2,550	2,388	1,841	281	7,060
Regional College Total	7,501	6,075	4,157	1,649	19,382	7,401	6,609	4,488	1,161	19,659	6,196	5,586	4,733	1,192	17,707	5,205	5,719	4,624	939	16,487
North West Regional College																				
Limavady College	1,769	1,014	952	196	3,931	2,094	1,052	980	208	4,334	2,253	990	1,035	174	4,452	1,370	1,218	1,024	117	3,729
North West Institute	3,385	7,210	4,981	1,763	17,339	3,486	7,656	4,805	1,313	17,260	3,855	6,235	3,990	1,719	15,799	3,427	4,479	4,287	1,380	13,573
Regional College Total	5,154	8,224	5,933	1,959	21,270	5,580	8,708	5,785	1,521	21,594	6,108	7,225	5,025	1,893	20,251	4,797	5,697	5,311	1,497	17,302
Overall FE Sector Total	36,873	47,899	42,442	13,330	140,544	43,643	48,158	44,525	11,998	148,324	45,562	47,679	42,156	12,792	148,189	52,815	45,007	41,839	11,625	151,286

¹HE = Higher Education and is equivalent to NQF Level 4 and above

