

East of England

Introduction

The East of England has an area of over 19,000 km² and has one of the fastest growing populations in England. The total population is 5.8 million, 11 per cent of England's entire population. Between 2001 and 2009 it had the highest percentage increase in population of all regions in England at 6.8 per cent, compared with the England average of 4.8 per cent.

Population density of 300 residents per km² is above the UK average of 260 but below the England average of 400. In 2009 it was highest in Luton Unitary Authority with 4,500 people per km² and lowest in Kings Lynn and West Norfolk and Breckland local authority districts, each with 100 people per km².

The economy

The East of England is responsible for 9 per cent of the UK's gross value added (GVA). The region's headline GVA was £107.2 billion in 2009. In the period October to December 2010 the unemployment rate was 6.6 per cent. Although this is one of the lowest rates among the regions, it represents a rise from 4.5 per cent in the first quarter of 2008.

Gross disposable household income (GDHI) of residents in the East of England has remained consistently above the UK average since 1997. At £15,900 per head in 2009, it was the third highest of the English regions and 4 per cent above the UK average. Within the region it ranged from £12,330 in Luton to £18,700 in Hertfordshire.

Qualification levels

In 2009, 26.8 per cent of the East of England's working age population's highest qualification was Level 4 or above, and this compares with 30.0 per cent for England. 51.9 per cent of pupils achieved five or more grades A* to C at GCSE level or equivalent including English and mathematics in 2008-09, compared with 49.8 per cent for England as a whole.

Higher education provision

There are 11 higher education institutions in the region: eight universities and three higher education colleges. In addition there are 18 further education colleges (FECs) teaching higher education courses. The higher education student population is 158,955; this equates to 115,135 full-time equivalent students, of whom 420 are registered at FECs. The higher education institutions range in size from Anglia Ruskin University, with 20,890 students, to Norwich School of Art and Design with just 1,485.

The south, just north of the M25, has the highest concentration of universities and colleges within the region.

Student profile

The East of England has the highest proportion of postgraduate research students, and a high percentage of mature students. The region is a major exporter of young full-time first degree students, and the proportion of this group of students studying in their home region is one of the lowest in England. The region has the smallest proportion of students taught and registered at an FEC, but the third highest proportion of those franchised from an HEI to a FEC.

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Known providers of HE - East of England

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|------|---|--------|--|-------|--|
| 1 ▲ | Anglia Ruskin University | 12 ▲ | Norwich University College of the Arts | 25 +X | Hertford Regional College |
| 2 ■ | Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge campus | 13 ■ | Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead campus | 26 +X | Lowestoft College |
| 3 ▲ | University of Bedfordshire | 14 ▲ | University Campus Suffolk | 27 X | North Hertfordshire College |
| 4 ■ | University of Bedfordshire, Polhill Campus, Bedford | 15 ▲ | Writtle College | 28 X | Norwich City College of Further and Higher Education |
| 5 ▲ | University of Cambridge | 16 X | Barnfield College | 29 X | Oaklands College |
| 6 ▲ | Cranfield University | 17 +X◆ | Bedford College | 30 X | Peterborough Regional College |
| 7 ▲ | University of East Anglia | 18 +X | Cambridge Regional College | 31 X | SEEVIC College |
| 8 ▲ | University of Essex | 19 X | Central Bedfordshire College | 32 X | South Essex College of Further and Higher Education |
| 9 ■ | University of Essex, East 15 (Loughton) campus | 20 +X | Chelmsford College | 33 X | West Herts College |
| 10 ■ | University of Essex, Southend campus | 21 +X | Colchester Institute | | |
| 11 | University of Hertfordshire: | 22 X | Easton College | | |
| ■ | Hatfield campus | 23 X | Epping Forest College | | |
| ■ | St Albans campus | 24 + | Harlow College | | |

Legend

▲ HEI main campus

■ HEI non-main campus

X FEC provision registered at an HEI

+ FEC provision registered at an FEC

◆ FEC funded by HEFCE in 2010-11

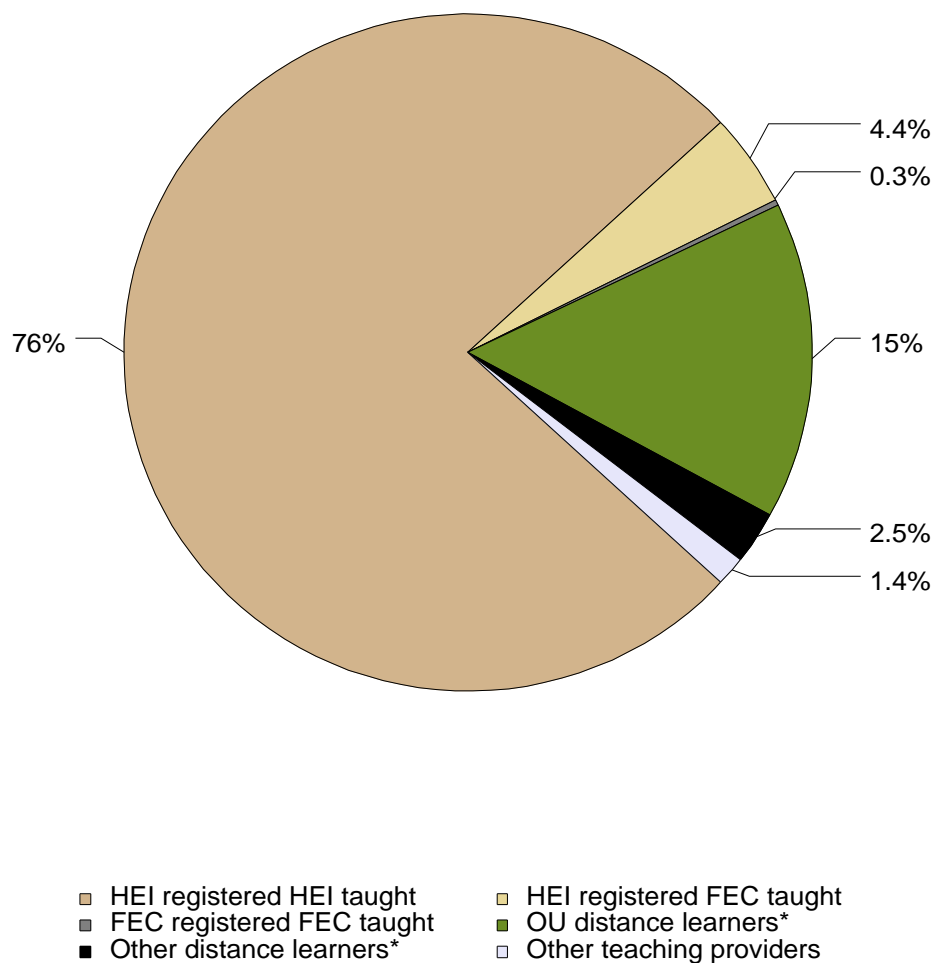
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HE students taught at East of England institutions

2007-08 to 2009-10

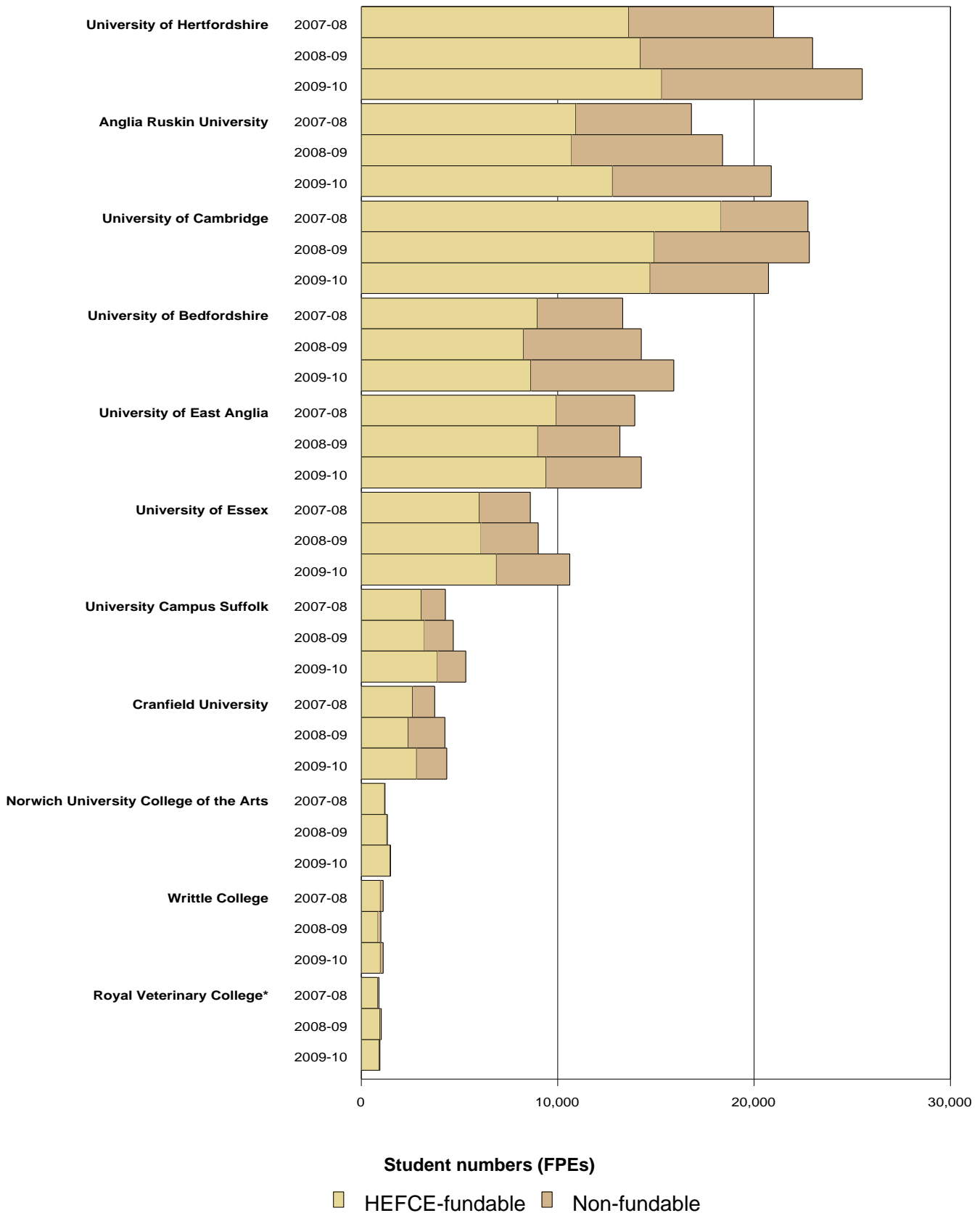
| | FPEs: 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 | | | FTEs: 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| HEI registered HEI taught: | 107,670 | 112,910 | 121,190 | HEI registered HEI taught: | 83,885 | 87,800 | 97,085 |
| HEI registered FEC taught: | 7,700 | 7,250 | 7,070 | HEI registered FEC taught: | 6,305 | 6,055 | 6,115 |
| FEC registered FEC taught: | 420 | 450 | 420 | FEC registered FEC taught: | 245 | 340 | 325 |
| OU distance learners*: | 21,040 | 22,070 | 24,060 | OU distance learners*: | 7,765 | 7,795 | 8,715 |
| Other distance learners*: | 2,990 | 3,790 | 3,985 | Other distance learners*: | 1,115 | 1,355 | 1,460 |
| Other teaching providers: | 1,080 | 2,555 | 2,230 | Other teaching providers: | 650 | 1,640 | 1,435 |
| Total: | 140,900 | 149,020 | 158,955 | Total: | 99,965 | 104,990 | 115,135 |

Profile of students' study methods in the East of England (based on student FPEs)



* Learners domiciled in region

HE students taught at HEIs in the East of England 2007-08 to 2009-10 (OU and distance learners excluded)

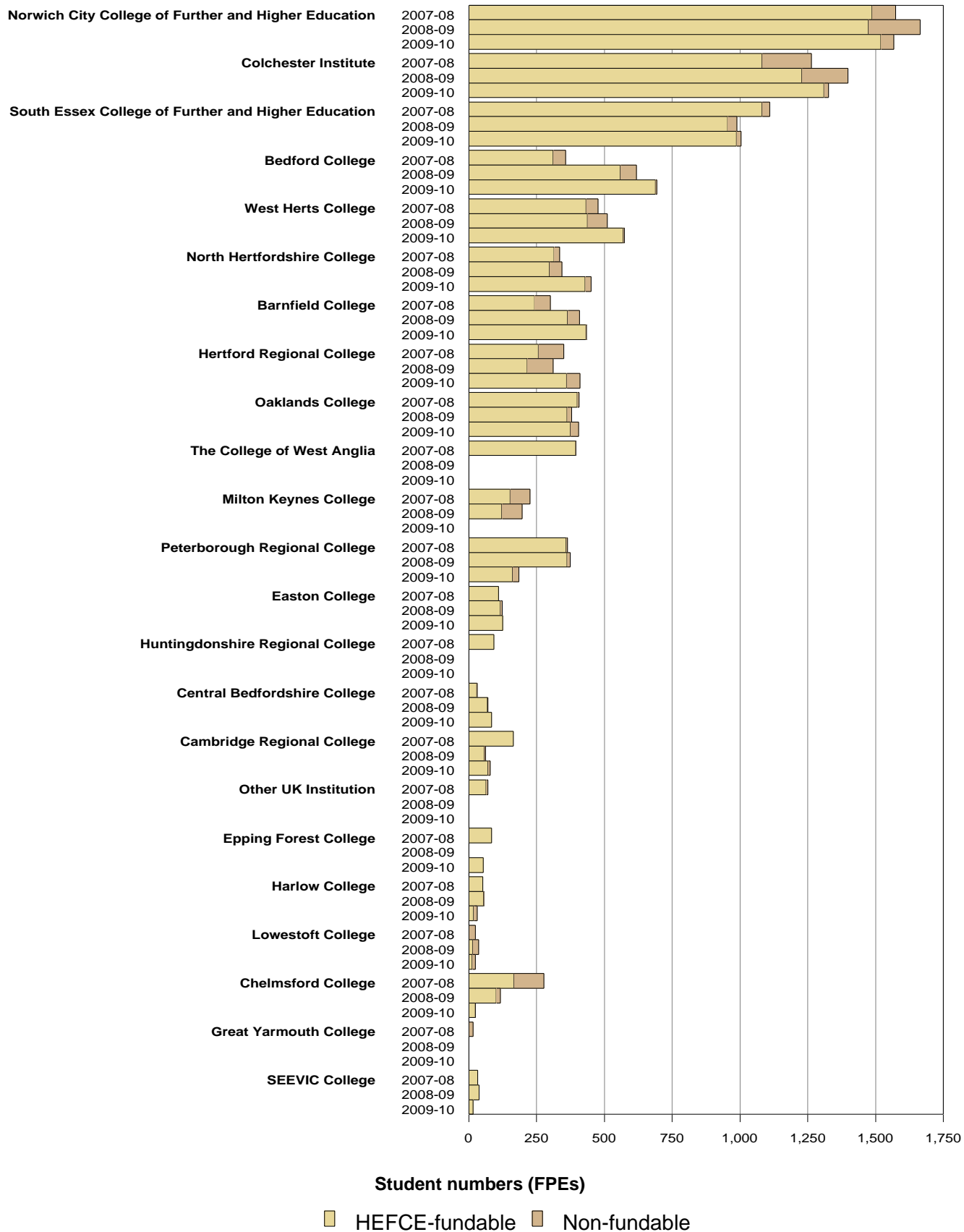


* Institution has additional campus in this region. Please refer to Annex A

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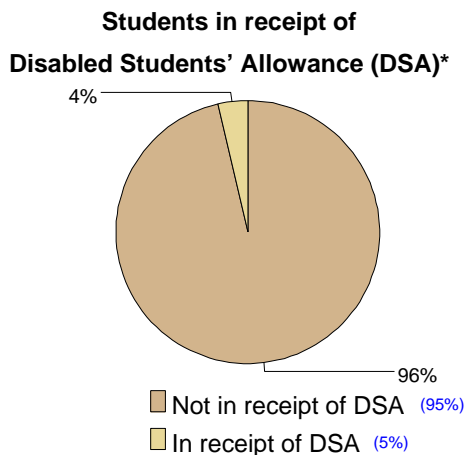
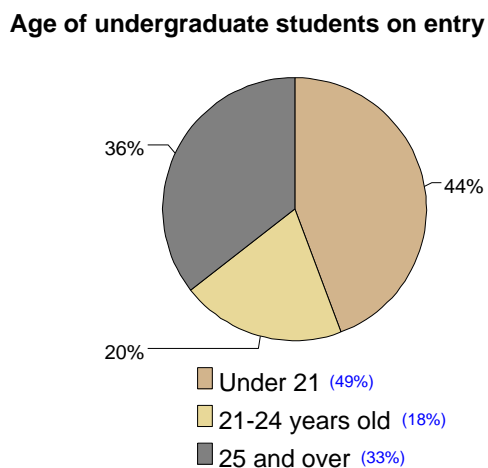
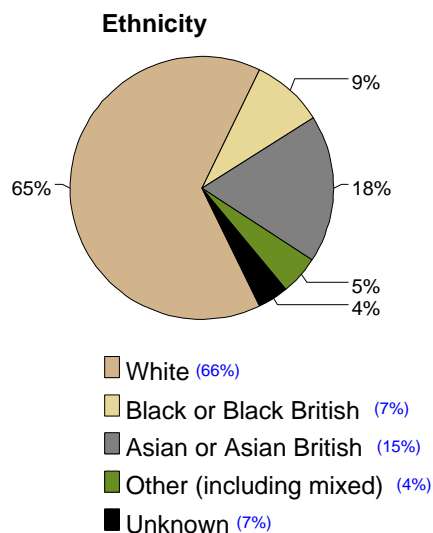
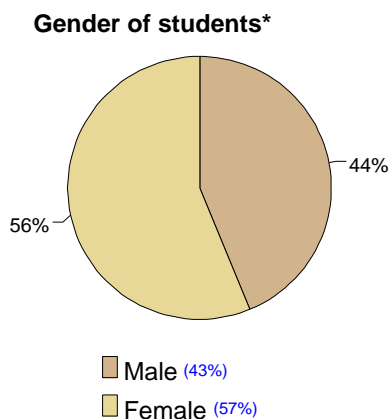
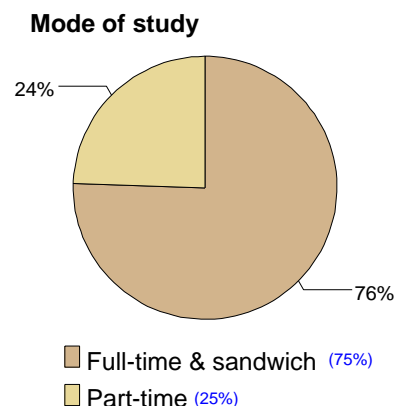
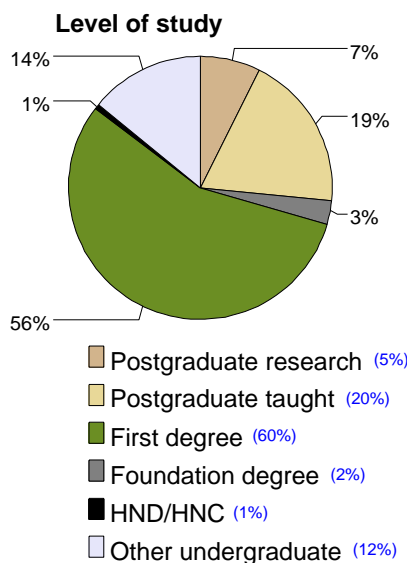
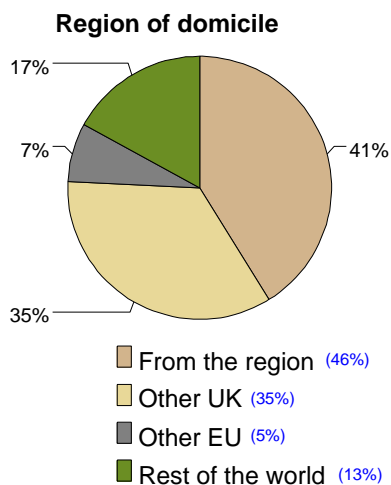
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Higher education student numbers for further education colleges 2007-08 to 2009-10



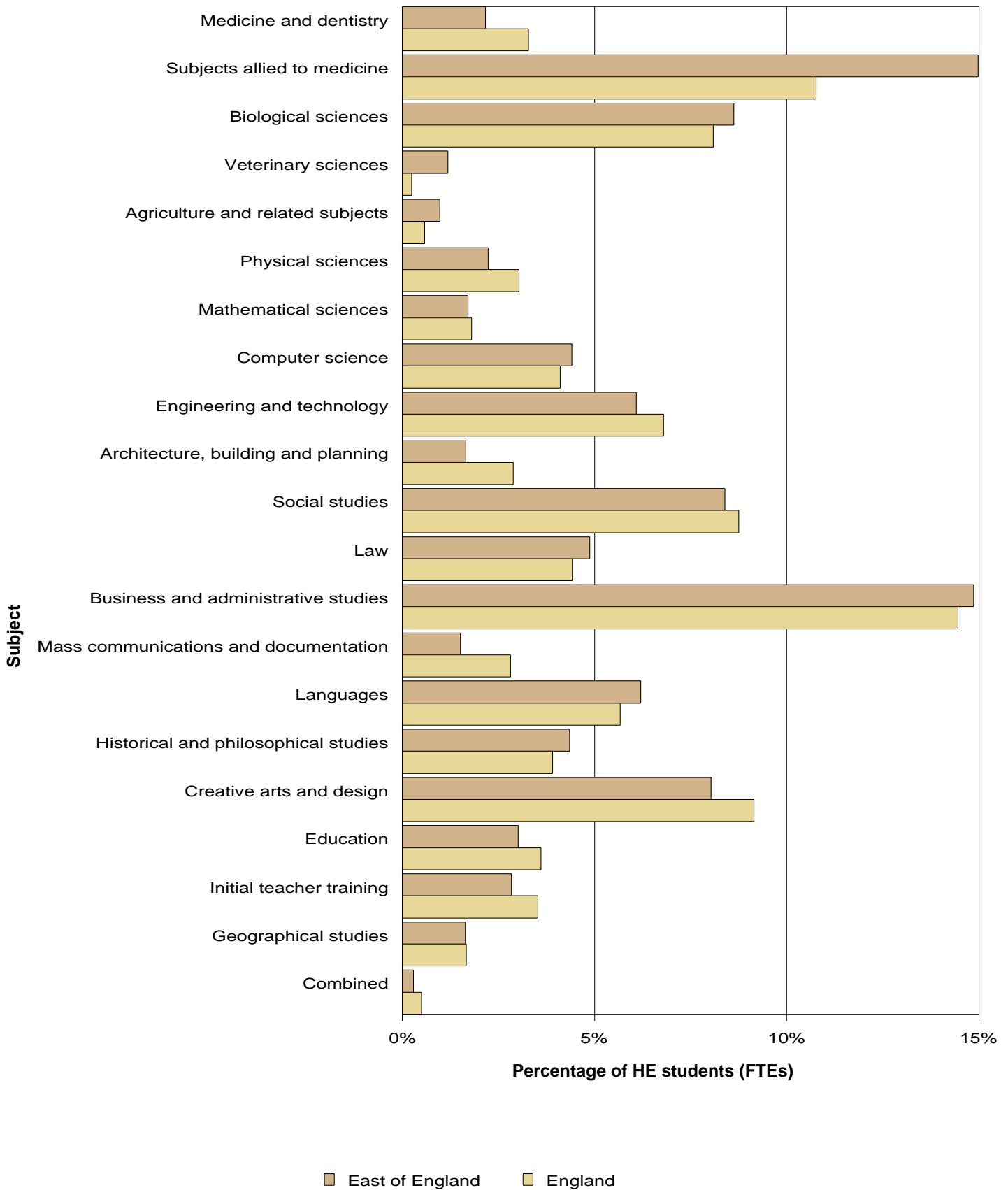
HE students taught at East of England HEIs 2009-10: characteristics (OU and distance learners excluded)

Based on student FPEs (percentage in brackets represents average for England)



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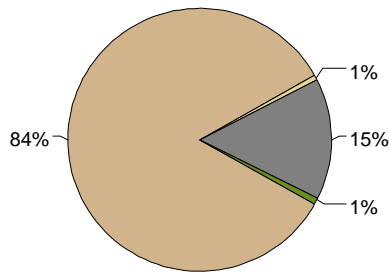
HE students taught at East of England HEIs: subject 2009-10 (OU and distance learners excluded)



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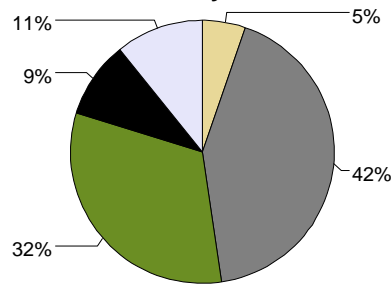
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Region of domicile



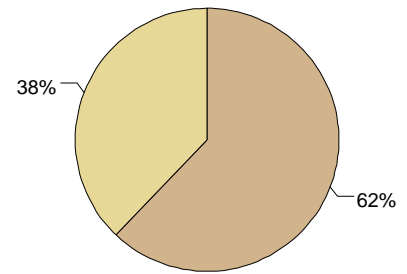
- From the region (83%)
- Other EU (1%)
- Other UK (14%)
- Rest of the world (2%)

Level of study



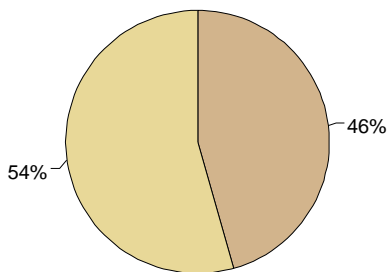
- Postgraduate research (0%)
- Postgraduate taught (4%)
- First degree (20%)
- Foundation degree (42%)
- HND/HNC (20%)
- Other undergraduate (15%)

Mode of study



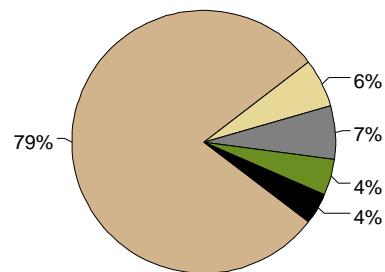
- Full-time & sandwich (57%)
- Part-time (43%)

Gender of students*



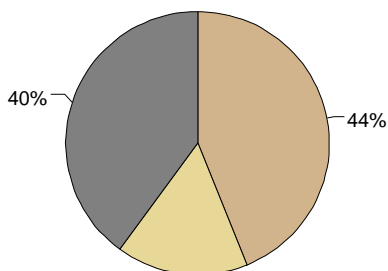
- Male (47%)
- Female (53%)

Ethnicity



- White (82%)
- Black or Black British (5%)
- Asian or Asian British (7%)
- Other (including mixed) (2%)
- Unknown (4%)

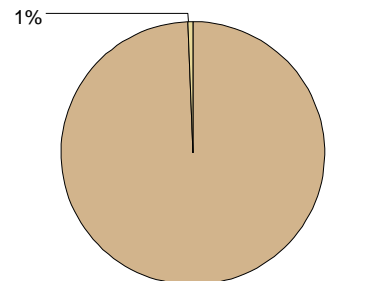
Age of undergraduate students on entry



- Under 21 (35%)
- 21-24 years old (18%)
- 25 and over (47%)

Students in receipt of

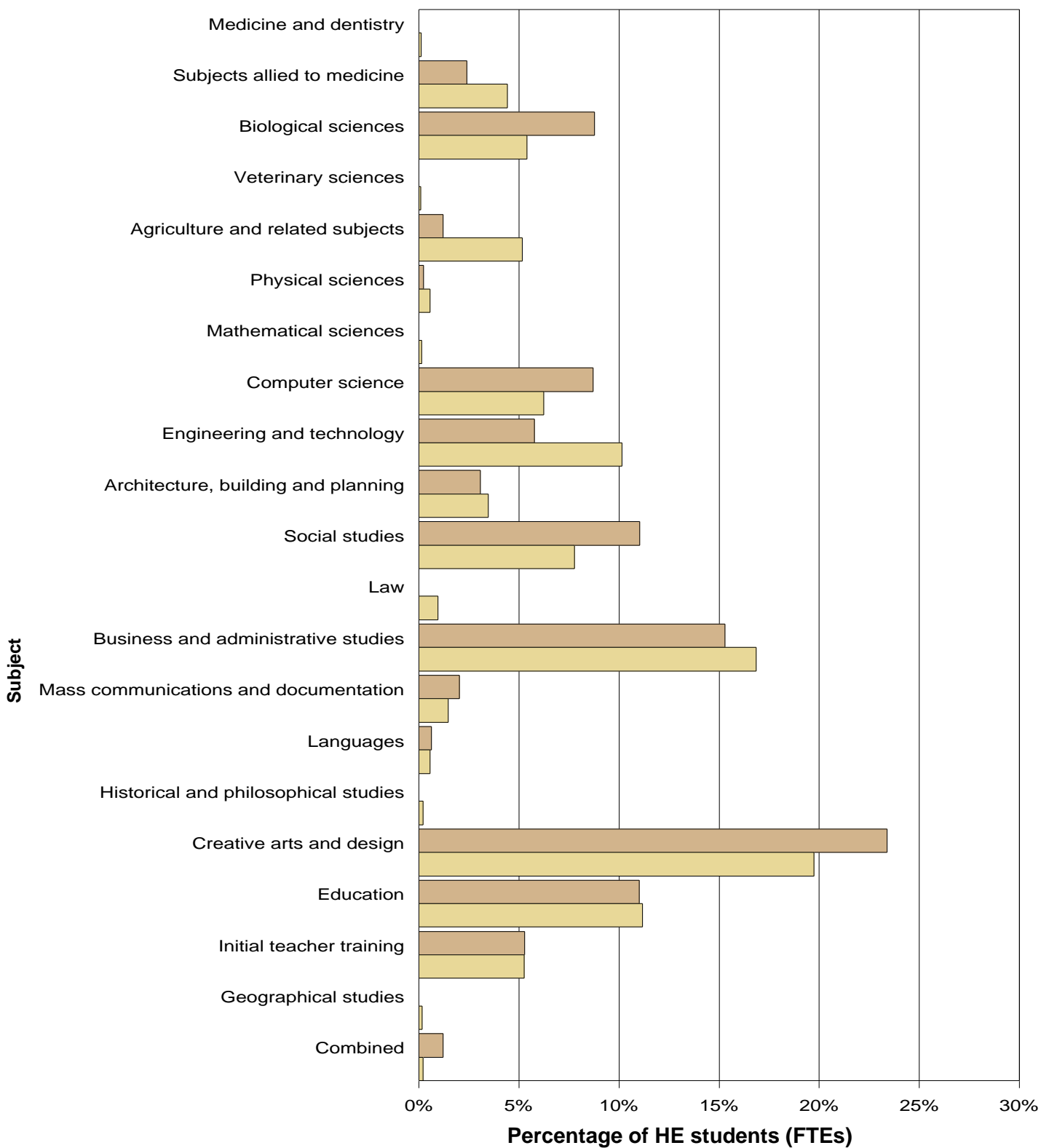
Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)*



- Not in receipt of DSA (98%)
- In receipt of DSA (2%)

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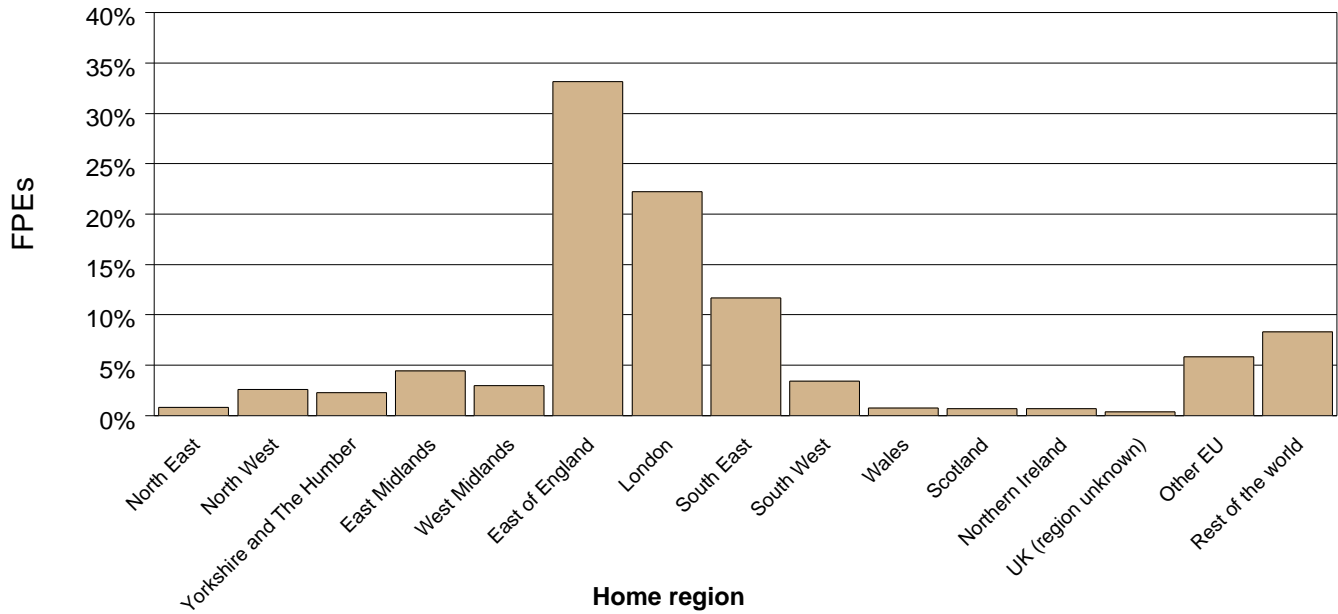
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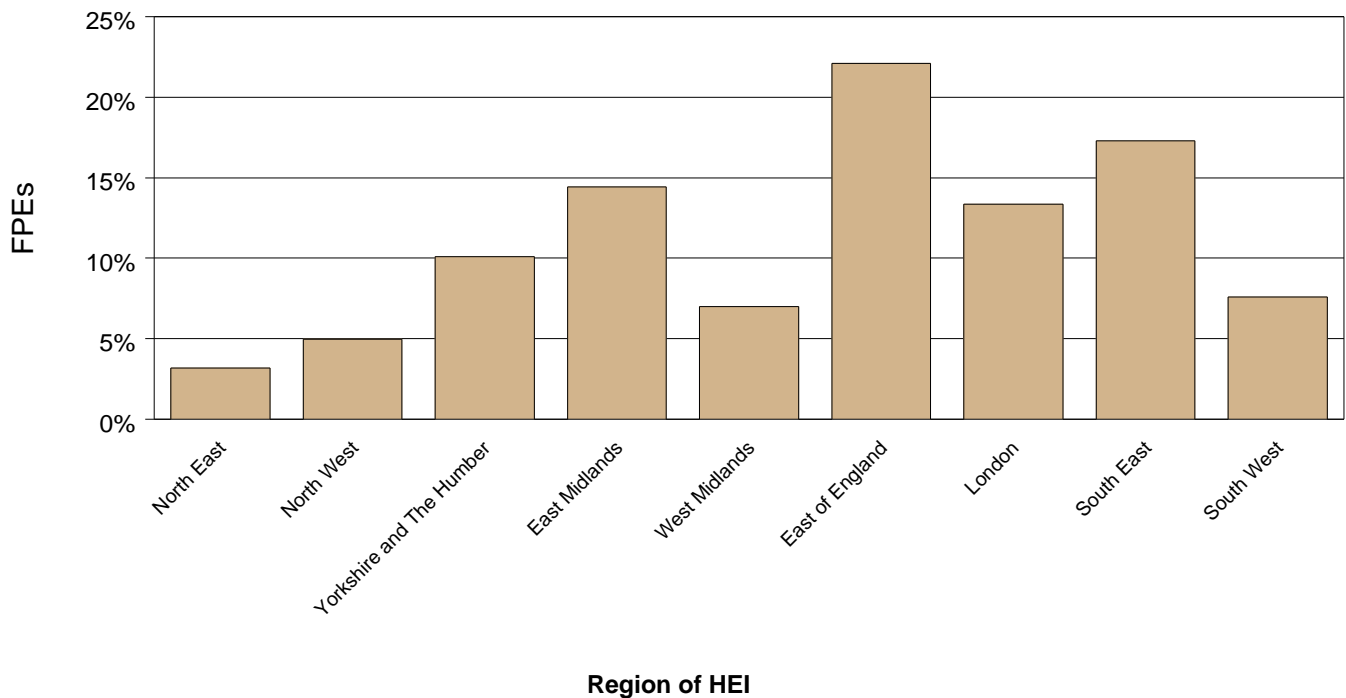
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Flows of young, full-time, first degree students between regions (OU and distance learners excluded)

Where do young students at East of England HEIs in 2009-10 come from?



Where in England do young students from the East of England study?
2009-10

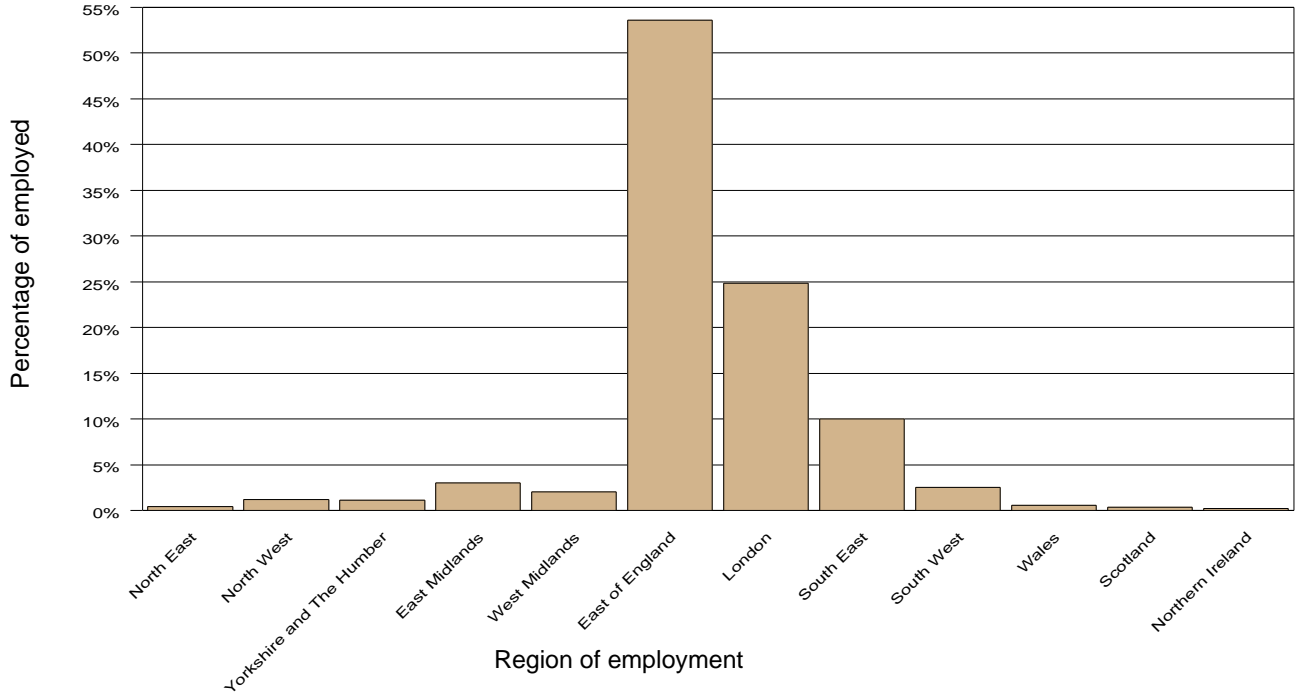


Employment destinations of first degree graduates

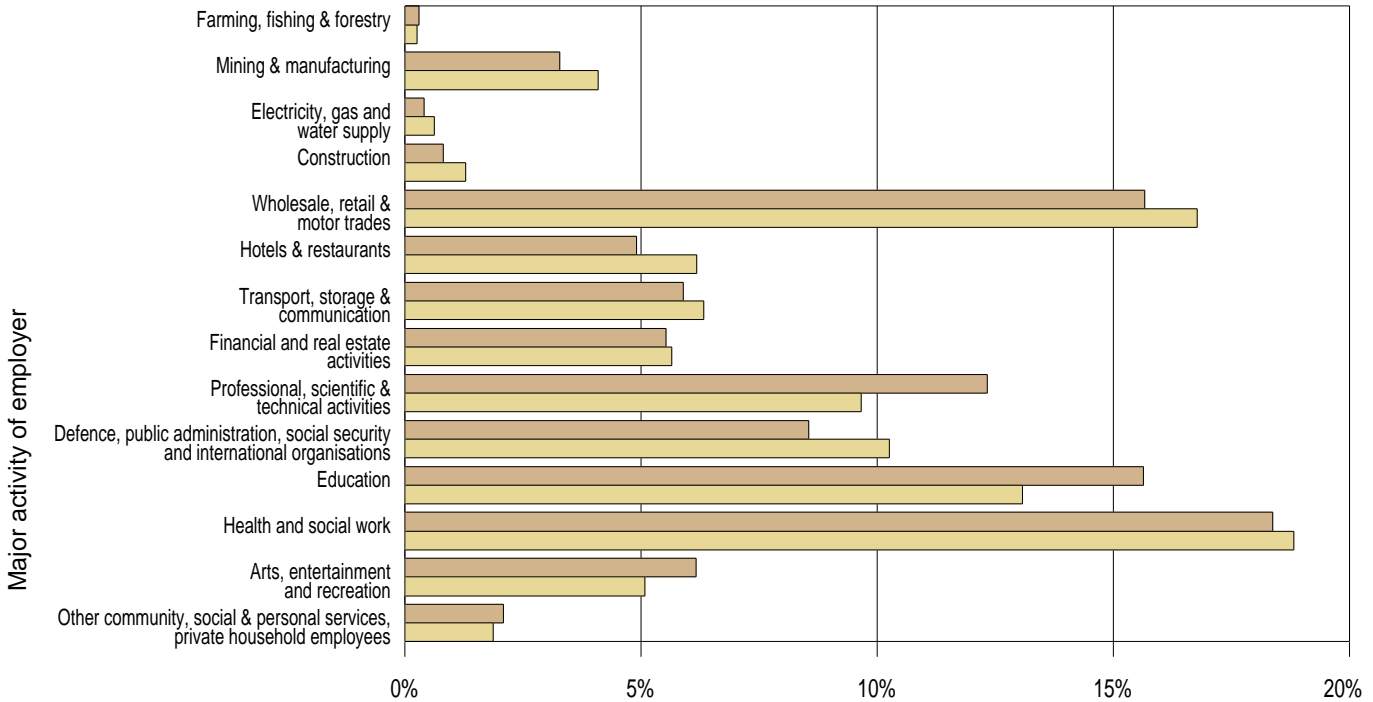
First degree students graduating from HEIs in 2008:

Work: 57% Further study: 21% Work and study: 8% Unemployed: 10% Other: 4%

Where do graduates from East of England HEIs find employment?



Employed graduates of East of England HEIs: destination by type of industry



Percentage of employed first degree graduates returned in the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey

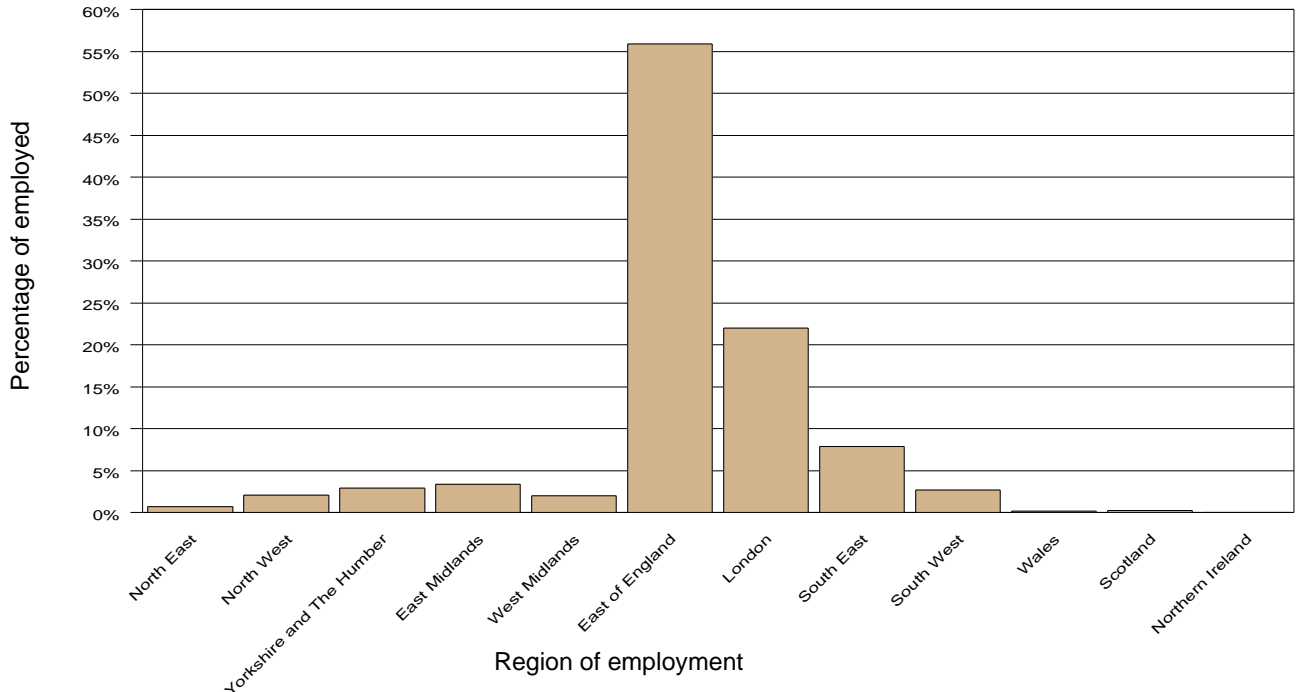
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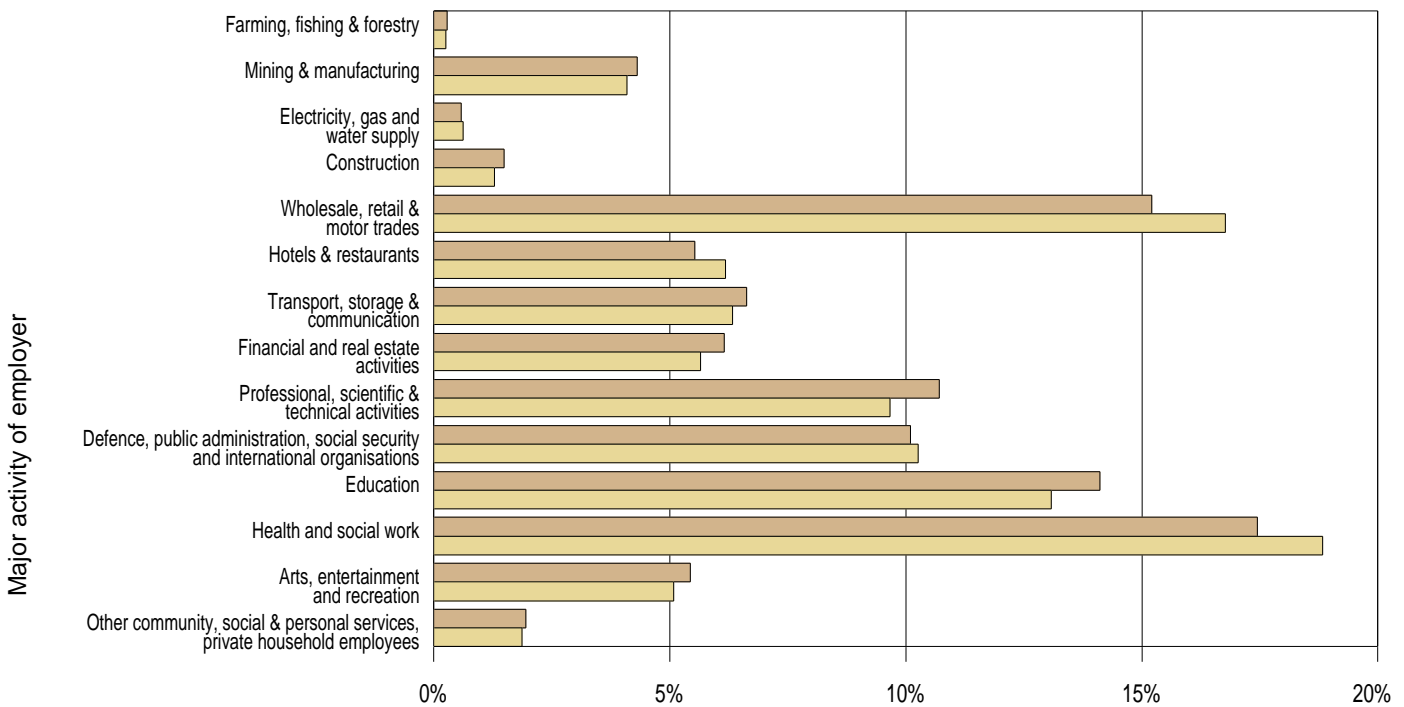
First degree students from the region graduating in 2008:

Work: 61% Further study: 16% Work and study: 8% Unemployed: 10% Other: 5%

Where do graduates from the East of England find employment?



Employed graduates of the East of England region: destination by type of industry

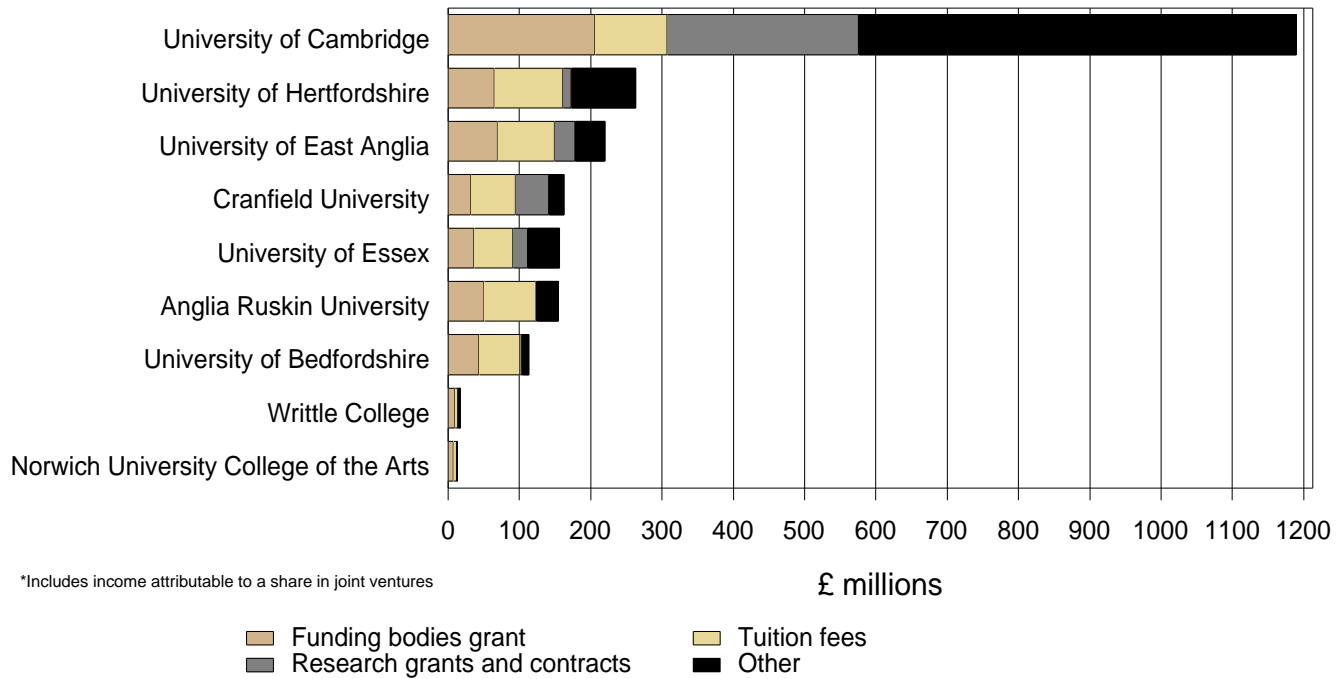


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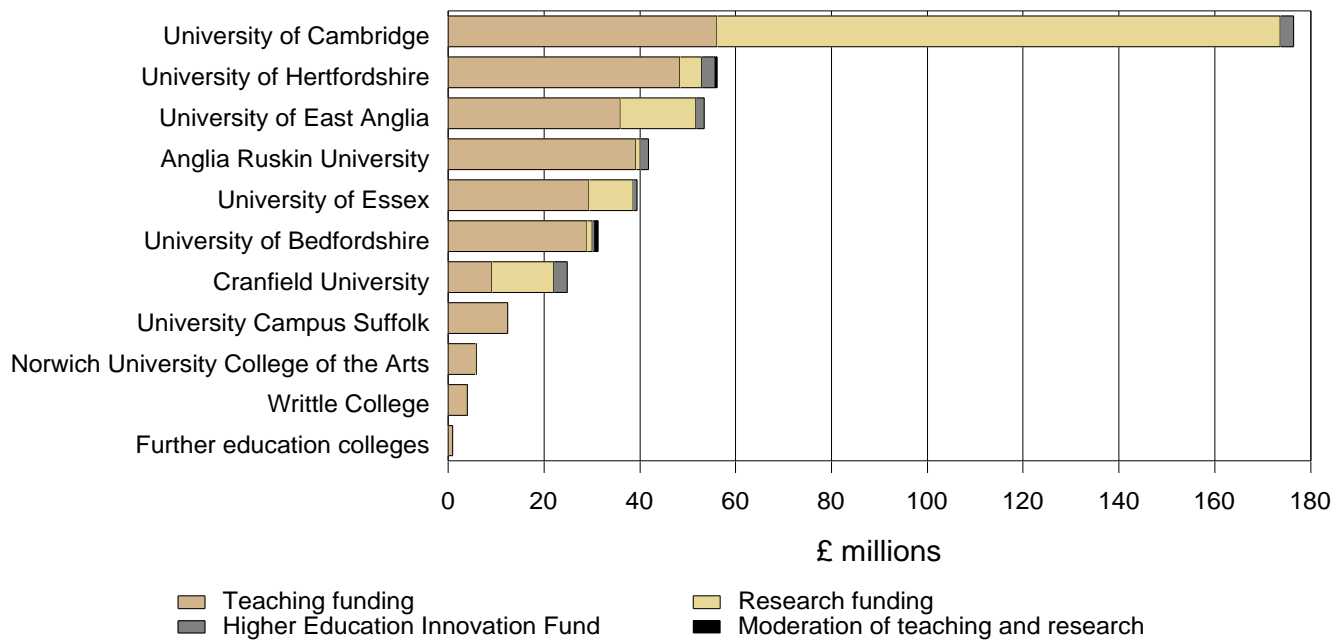
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Income to HE institutions in the East of England

Total income* by source 2009-10

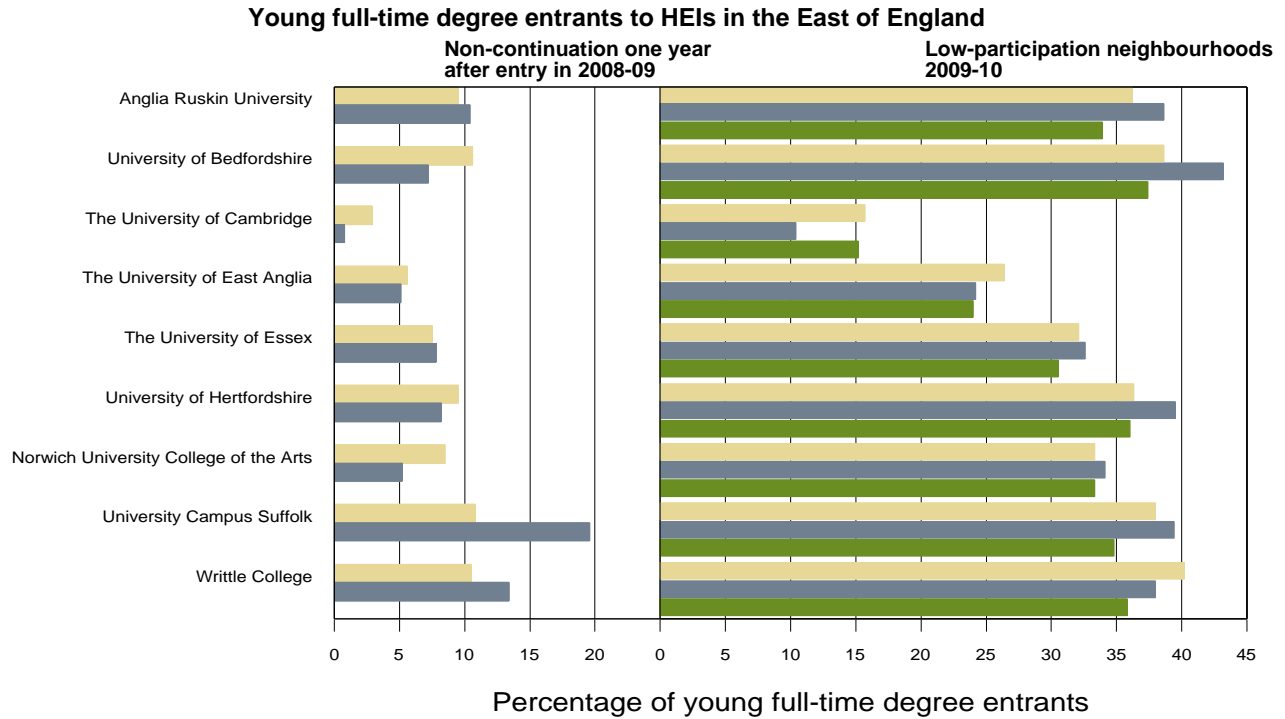


HEFCE recurrent grants for 2011-12



Performance of HEIs in the East of England

Performance indicators for participation and non-continuation

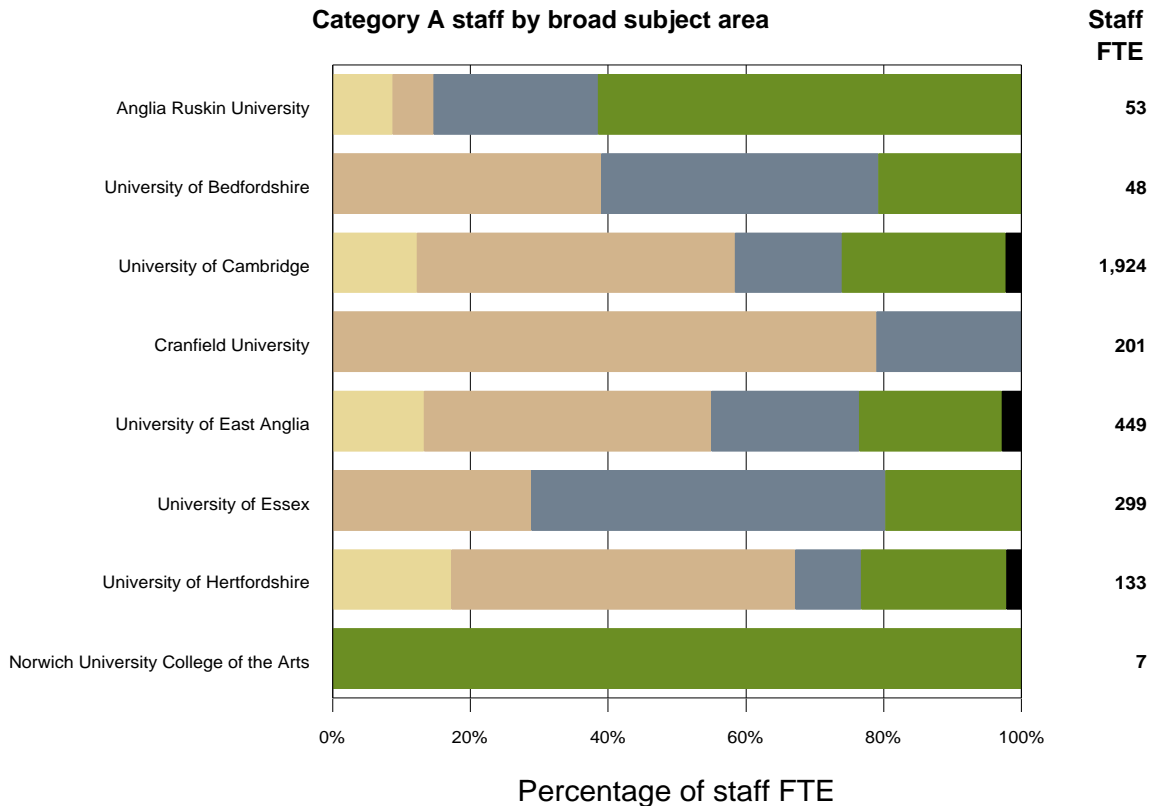


(Actual) Per cent not in HE one year after entry 2008-09
 (Actual) Per cent from low-participation neighbourhood 2009-10
 (Benchmark) Per cent not in HE one year after entry 2008-09
 (Benchmark) Per cent from low-participation neighbourhood 2009-10
 (Location-adjusted benchmark) Per cent from low-participation neighbourhood 2009-10

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Research Assessment Exercise 2008 staff volume - 2* and above

Category A staff by broad subject area

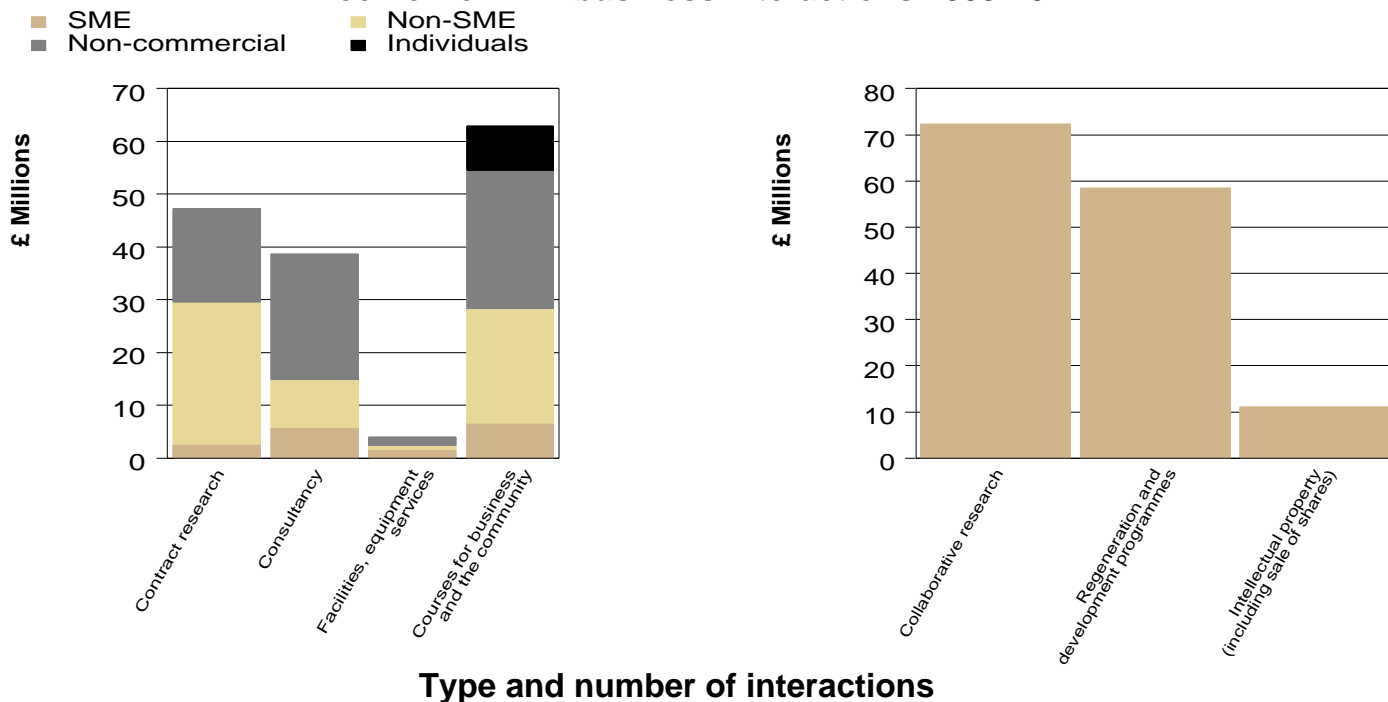


Medicine
 Social sciences
 Education
 Science and engineering subjects
 Arts and humanities

Higher education-business and community interaction survey

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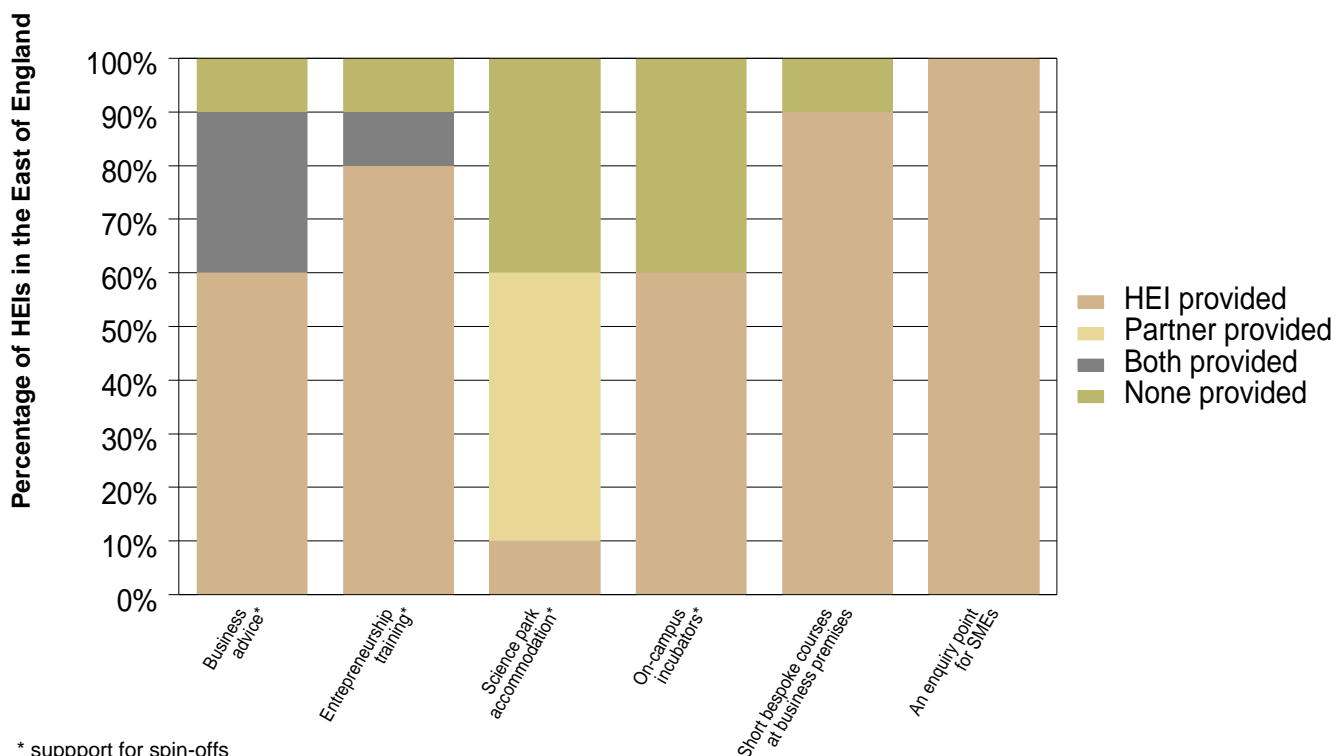
Income from HE-business interactions 2009-10



Type and number of interactions

| | | | |
|---|-------|---|--------|
| Contract research | 1,115 | Software licences granted | 653 |
| Consultancy contracts | 1,682 | Spin-offs still active and survived three years | 59 |
| Facilities and equipment-related services | 431 | Graduate start-ups established | 159 |
| New patent applications in year | 161 | Attendees at free public lectures | 89,270 |
| Non-software licences granted | 392 | Attendees at chargeable performance arts events | 66,692 |

Facilities and support infrastructure for enterprise provided by HEIs 2009-10



* support for spin-offs