

South East

Introduction

The South East region encompasses 19 county and unitary authorities and 55 districts, stretching in an arc around London, from Thanet in the east, to the New Forest in the south-west and to Aylesbury Vale in the north-west.

The South East region covers an area of just over 19,000 km². It has the largest population of any English region, 8.4 million people, and a population density of 440 people per km², the third highest region.

While it is without a single dominant urban centre, significant urban areas include Brighton and Hove, Oxford, Guildford, Milton Keynes, Portsmouth, Reading, and Southampton. Since 1981 the population in the South East has been steadily increasing and showed an increase of 5.1 per cent between 2001 and 2009, higher than the England average of 4.8 per cent.

The economy

Overall the South East is relatively prosperous. It is the second largest economic contributor among the regions of England and countries of the UK. The South East has one of the highest employment rates and one of the lowest unemployment rates. Real estate, renting and business activities contributed 29 per cent of the South East's total gross value added (GVA) in 2008, an increase of almost 3 per cent since 1998. The region accounted for 17 per cent of the UK total, the second largest share (after London). In the South East manufacturing accounted for less than 14 per cent of the GVA in 2009.

Gross disposable household income (GDHI) of South East residents was also the second highest, after London, at £17,300 per head. There was a wide spread of GDHI within the region, being lowest in Portsmouth at £11,690 per head and highest in Surrey at £21,420.

The total income of the region's higher education institutions is £787 million per year.

Qualification levels

Qualification levels in the South East are relatively high. In 2009, 32.1 per cent of the working age population were qualified to Level 4 or above, compared with 30.0 per cent in England. This was the second highest percentage after London. In the South East, 53.7 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

Apart from the Open University there are 20 higher education institutions with their main campus in the South East: 19 universities, one of which is a directly funded school of the University of London, and one higher education college. In addition four higher education institutions, not themselves in the South East, have campuses in the region. The headquarters of the Open University is in Milton Keynes but we have excluded it from the regional data. There is one privately funded university in the region, the University of Buckingham, which is also excluded from the data. Forty-nine of the region's further education colleges (FECs) offer higher education courses.

There are 290,140 higher education students in the region; this equates to 220,475 full-time equivalents. Some 5,985 of these higher education (HE) students are registered at FECs in the

region. The largest higher education institution in the South East is the University of Southampton with 23,540 students, and the smallest is the University for the Creative Arts, with 5,810 students. The largest concentration of HE provision is in the Southampton/Portsmouth area, which has three universities and eight further education colleges offering higher education courses.

Student profile

A relatively low percentage of young full-time first degree students from the region stay on to study at higher education institutions in the region, and there is a large net outflow of such students from the region. There is little variation between the student profile of the region and that for England as a whole.

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Known providers of HE - South East

1 ▲	University of Brighton	22 ▲	University of Portsmouth	50 +◆	Fareham College
2 ▲	Buckinghamshire New University	23 ▲	University of Reading	51 +X◆	Farnborough College of Technology
3 ▲	Canterbury Christ Church University	24 ▲	Royal Holloway, University of London	52 +X◆	Guildford College of Further and Higher Education
4 ■	Canterbury Christ Church University, Folkestone campus	25 ▲	University of Southampton	53 X	Hadlow College
5 ■	Canterbury Christ Church University, Medway campus	26	Southampton Solent University: Main campus	54 X	The Henley College
6 ■	Canterbury Christ Church University, Salomons campus	▲	Warsash campus	55 +◆	Highbury College
7 ■	Canterbury Christ Church University, Broadstairs campus	27 ▲	University of Surrey	56 X	The Isle of Wight College
8 ▲	University of Chichester	28 ▲	University of Sussex	57 X	Itchen College
9 ■	University of Chichester, Isle of Wight campus	29 ■	The University of West London, Slough campus	58 X	Mid-Kent College of Higher and Further Education
10 ■	Cranfield University, Shrivenham	30 ■	The University of West London, Reading campus	59 +X	Milton Keynes College
11 ▲	University for the Creative Arts	31 ▲	University of Winchester	60 +X◆	Newbury College
12 ■	University for the Creative Arts, Canterbury	32 ■	University of Winchester, Chute House	61 +X◆	North East Surrey College of Technology
13 ■	University for the Creative Arts, Epsom	33 +X	Abingdon and Witney College	62 +X◆	North West Kent College of Technology
14	University for the Creative Arts:	34 X	Alton College	63 +◆	Northbrook College, Sussex
■	Maidstone	35 X	Amersham and Wycombe College	64 +X◆	Oxford and Cherwell Valley College
■	Rochester	36 +X	Aylesbury College	65 +	Peter Symonds College
15 ■	University of Greenwich, Medway campus	37 +◆	Basingstoke College of Technology	66 X	Plumpton College
16 ■	Imperial College London, Wye campus	38 X	Berkshire College of Agriculture	67 +◆	Ruskin College
17 ▲	University of Kent	39 X	Bexhill College	68 +X◆	The South Downs College
18 ■	University of Kent, Medway	40 +X	Bracknell and Wokingham College	69 +X◆	South and West Kent College
19 ▲	Open University	41 X	City College Brighton and Hove	70 +X◆	Southampton City College
20 ▲	University of Oxford	42 X	Brockenhurst College	71 +◆	Sparsholt College Hampshire
21 ▲	Oxford Brookes University	43 +X◆	Brooklands College	72 X	St Vincent College
		44 X	Canterbury College	73 X	Strode's College
		45 +X◆	Central Sussex College	74 X	Sussex Coast College, Hastings
		46 +X◆	Chichester College	75 X	Sussex Downs College
		47 X	East Berkshire College	76 X	Taunton's College
		48 +	East Surrey College	77 +X	Thanet College
		49 +X◆	Eastleigh College	78 +X◆	Totton 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

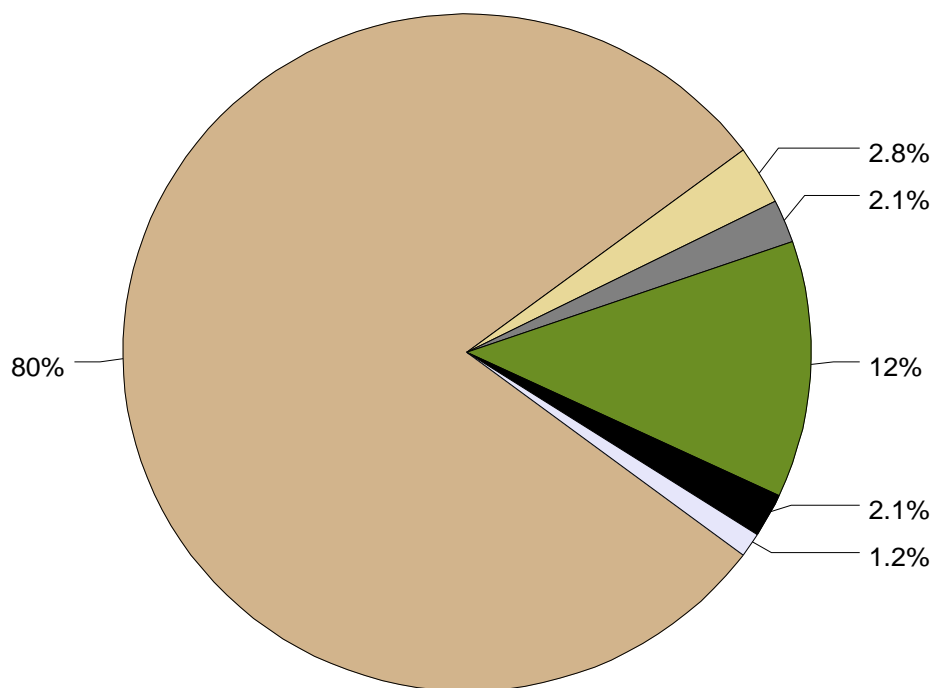
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HE students taught at South East institutions

2007-08 to 2009-10

	FPEs: 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10			FTEs: 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10			
HEI registered HEI taught:	221,755	226,405	230,935	HEI registered HEI taught:	178,705	183,445	191,870
HEI registered FEC taught:	7,730	7,465	8,210	HEI registered FEC taught:	5,940	5,710	6,410
FEC registered FEC taught:	5,795	5,605	5,985	FEC registered FEC taught:	4,540	4,725	5,090
OU distance learners*:	31,025	32,525	35,595	OU distance learners*:	11,190	11,285	12,620
Other distance learners*:	5,130	5,920	6,085	Other distance learners*:	1,825	2,060	2,115
Other teaching providers:	700	2,695	3,335	Other teaching providers:	355	2,070	2,375
Total:	272,140	280,610	290,140	Total:	202,555	209,295	220,475

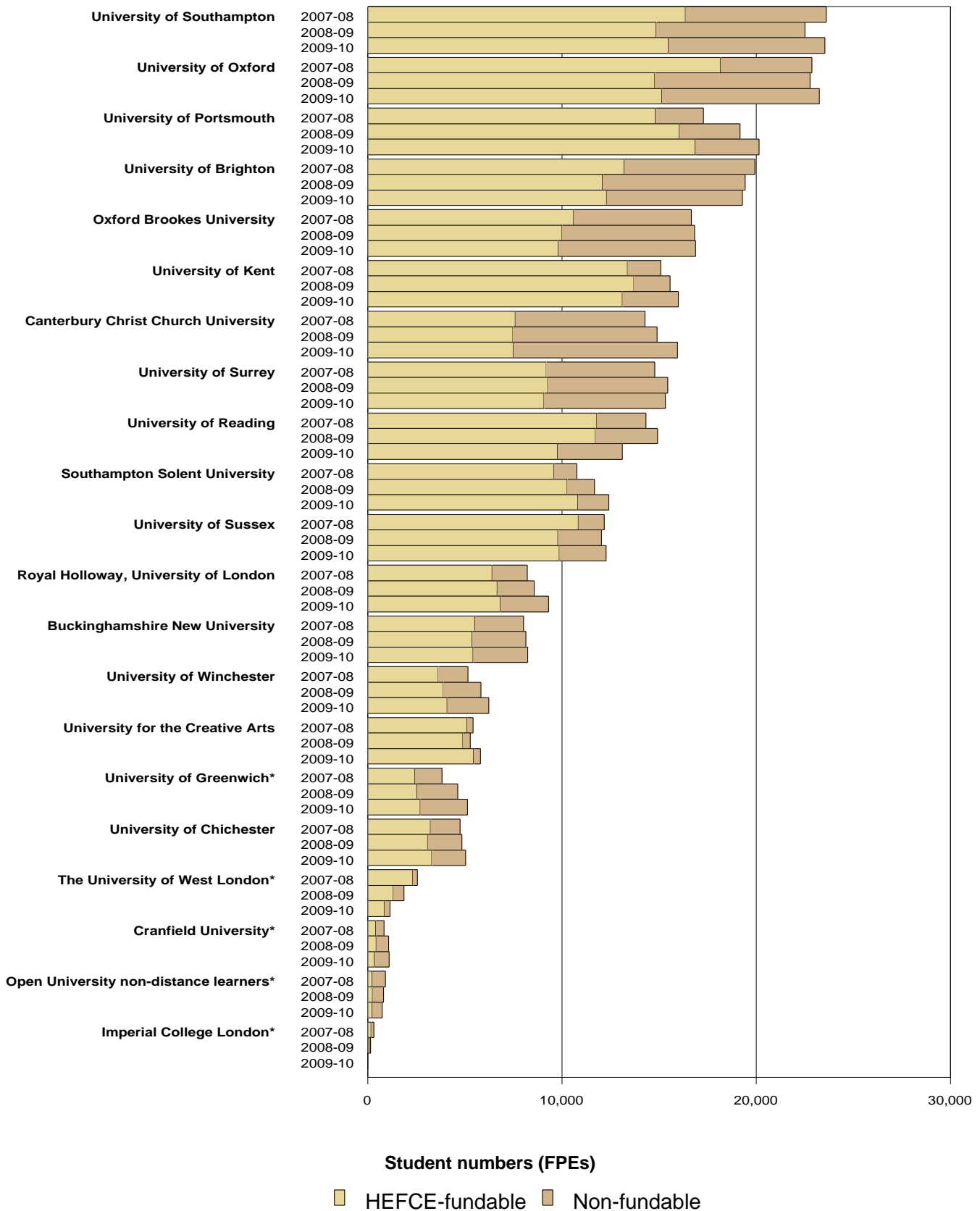
Profile of students' study methods in the South East (based on student FPEs)



- HEI registered HEI taught
- FEC registered FEC taught
- Other distance learners*
- HEI registered FEC taught
- OU distance learners*
- Other teaching providers

* Learners domiciled in region

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

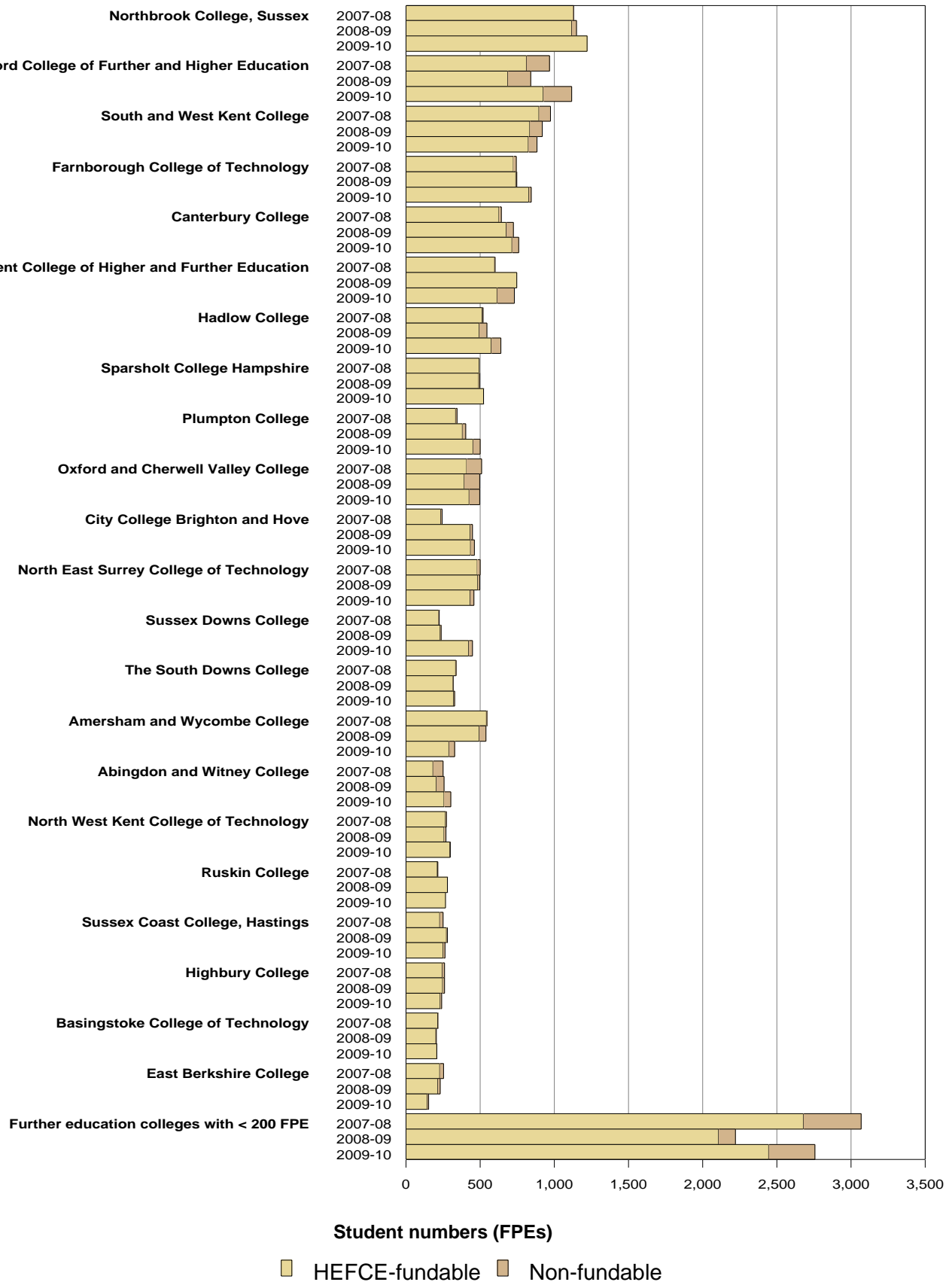


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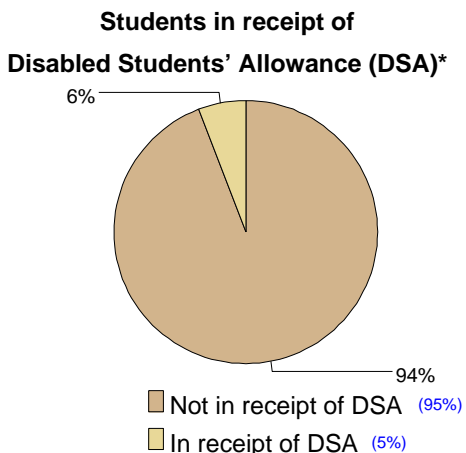
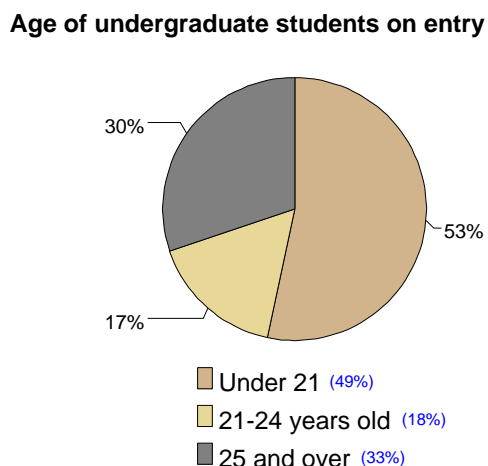
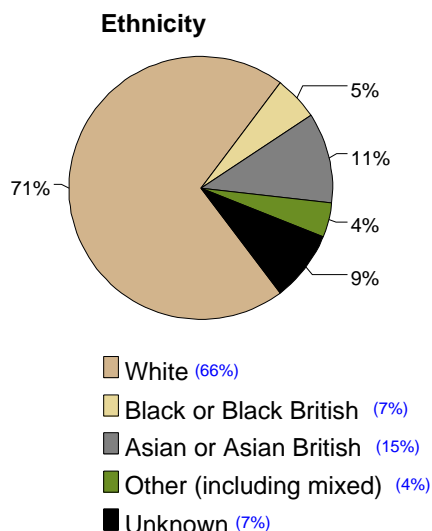
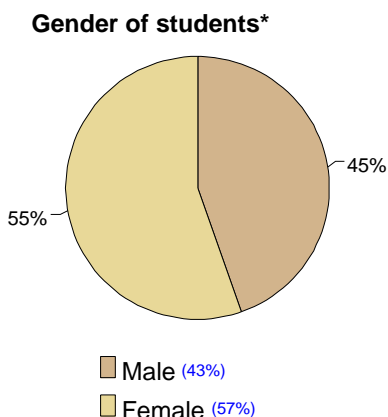
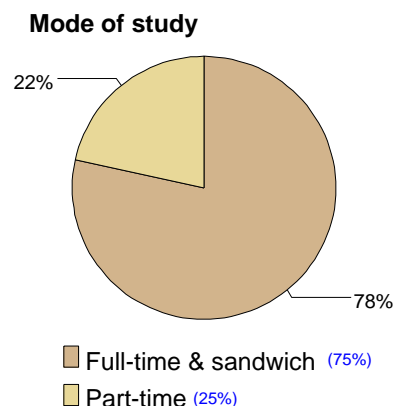
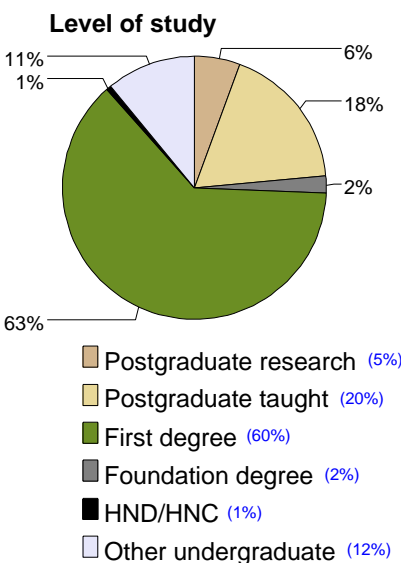
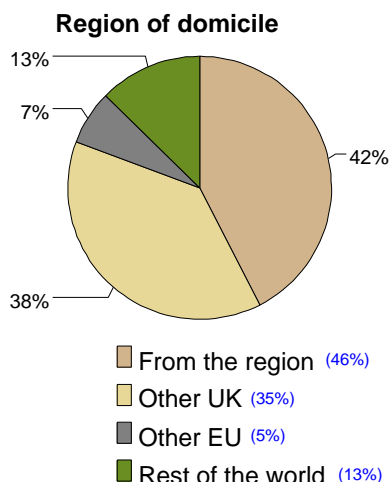
2007-08 to 2009-10

Higher education student numbers for further education colleges with more than 200 FPE
2007-08 to 2009-10



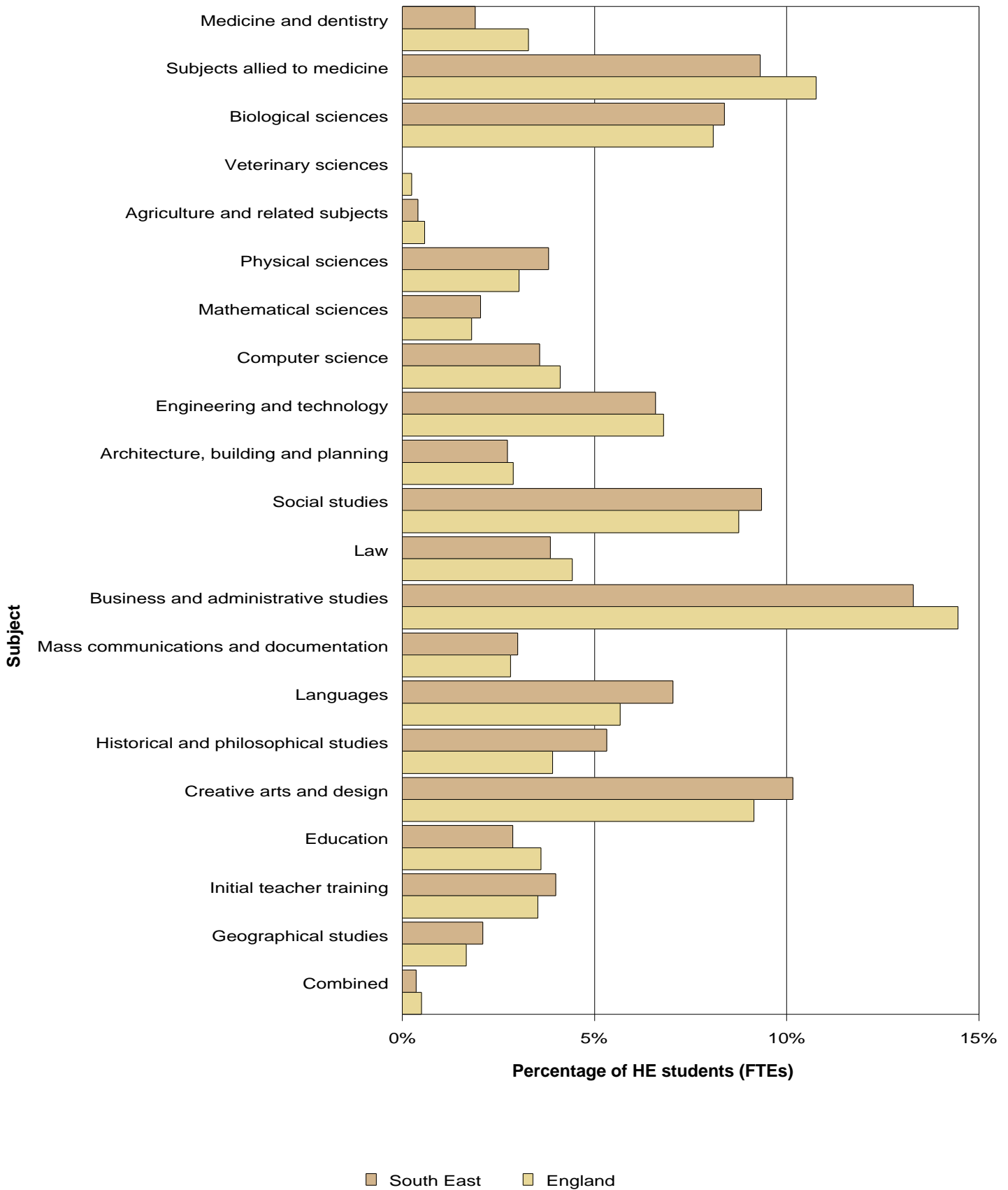
HE students taught at South East HEIs 2009-10: characteristics (OU and distance learners excluded)

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



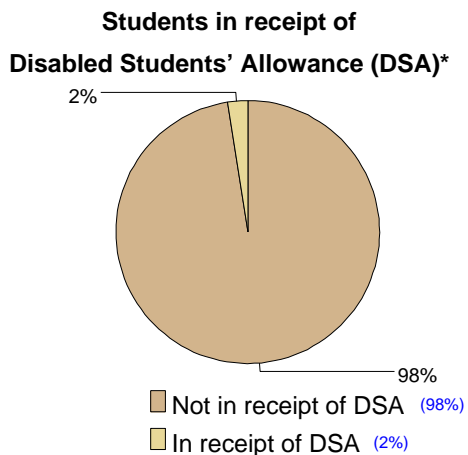
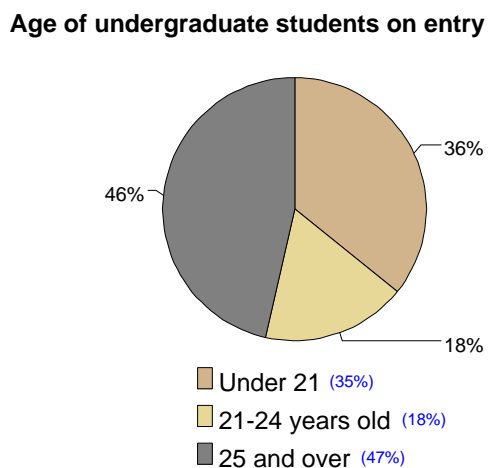
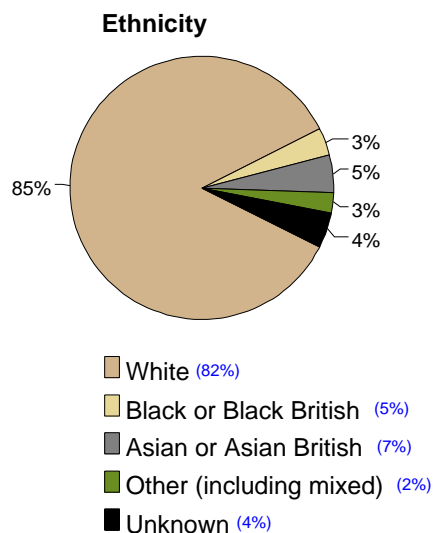
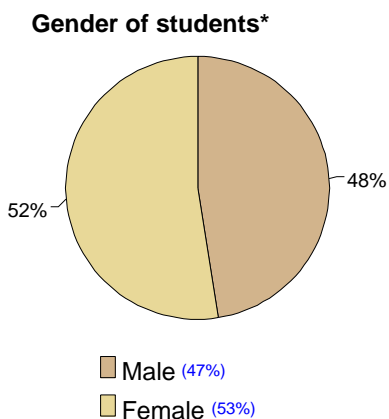
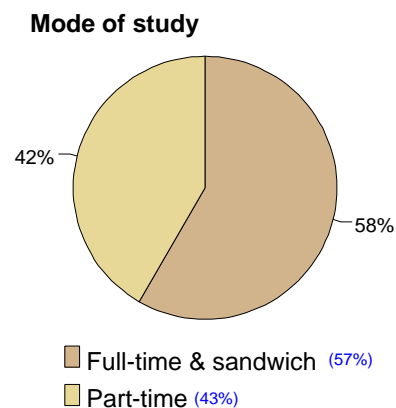
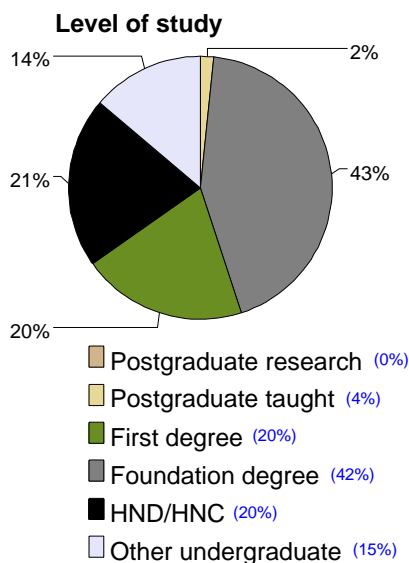
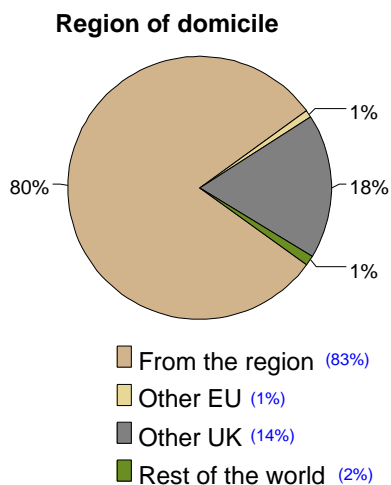
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HE students taught at South East HEIs: subject 2009-10 (OU and distance learners excluded)



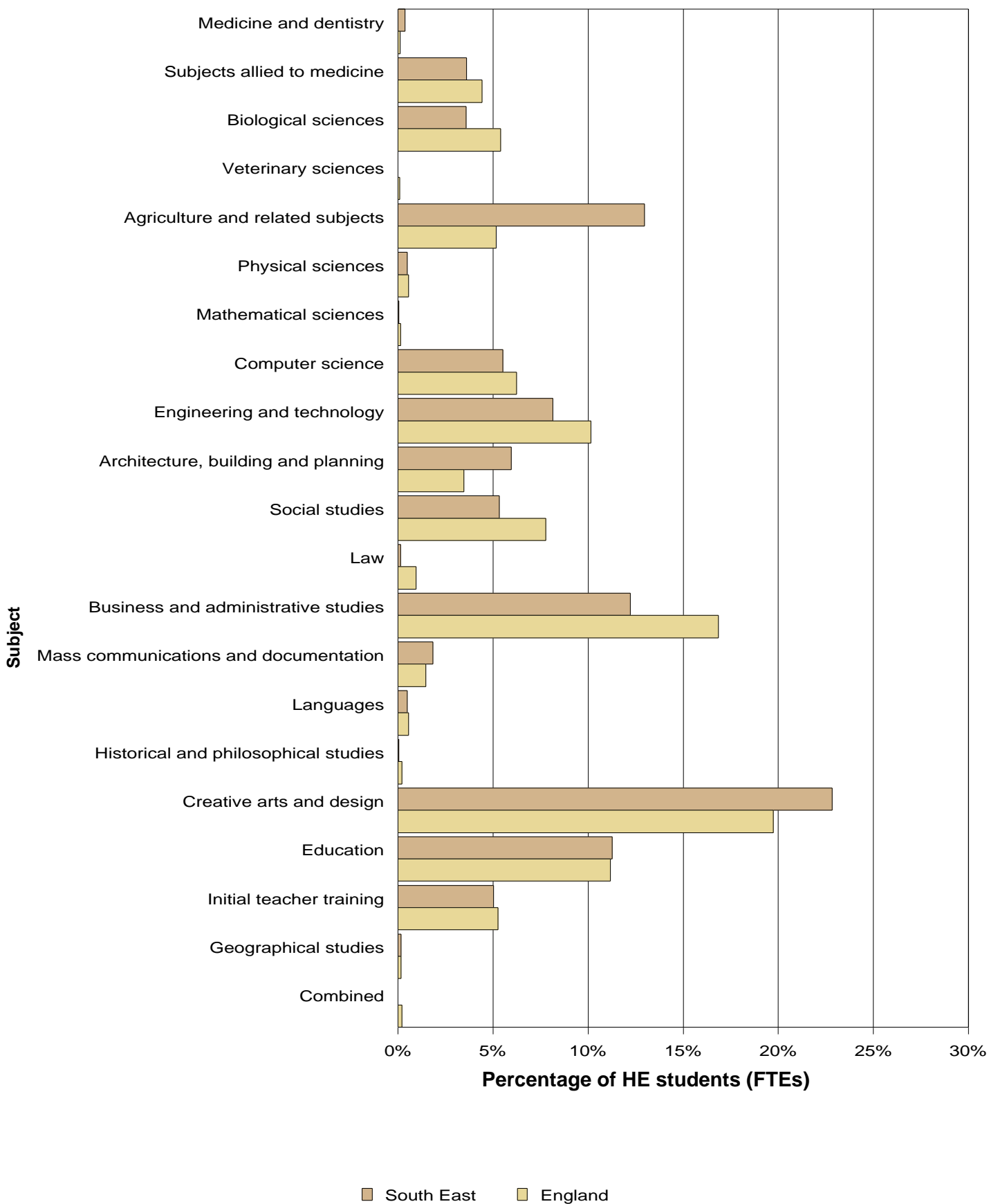
HE students taught at South East FECs 2009-10: characteristics

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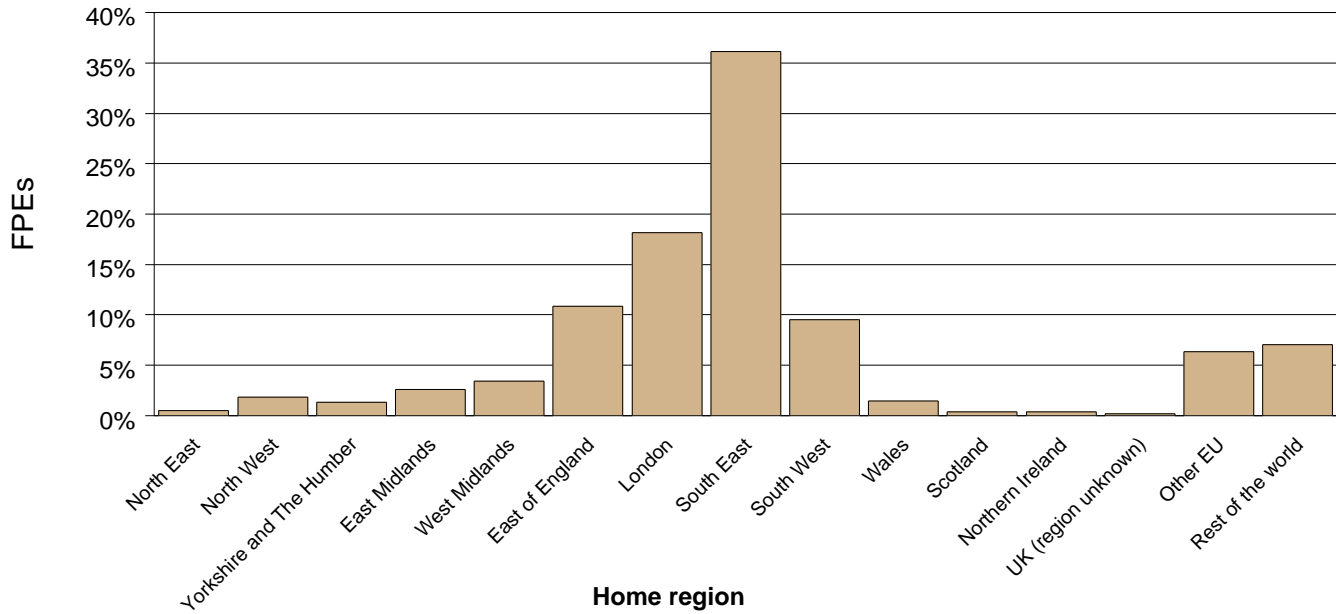
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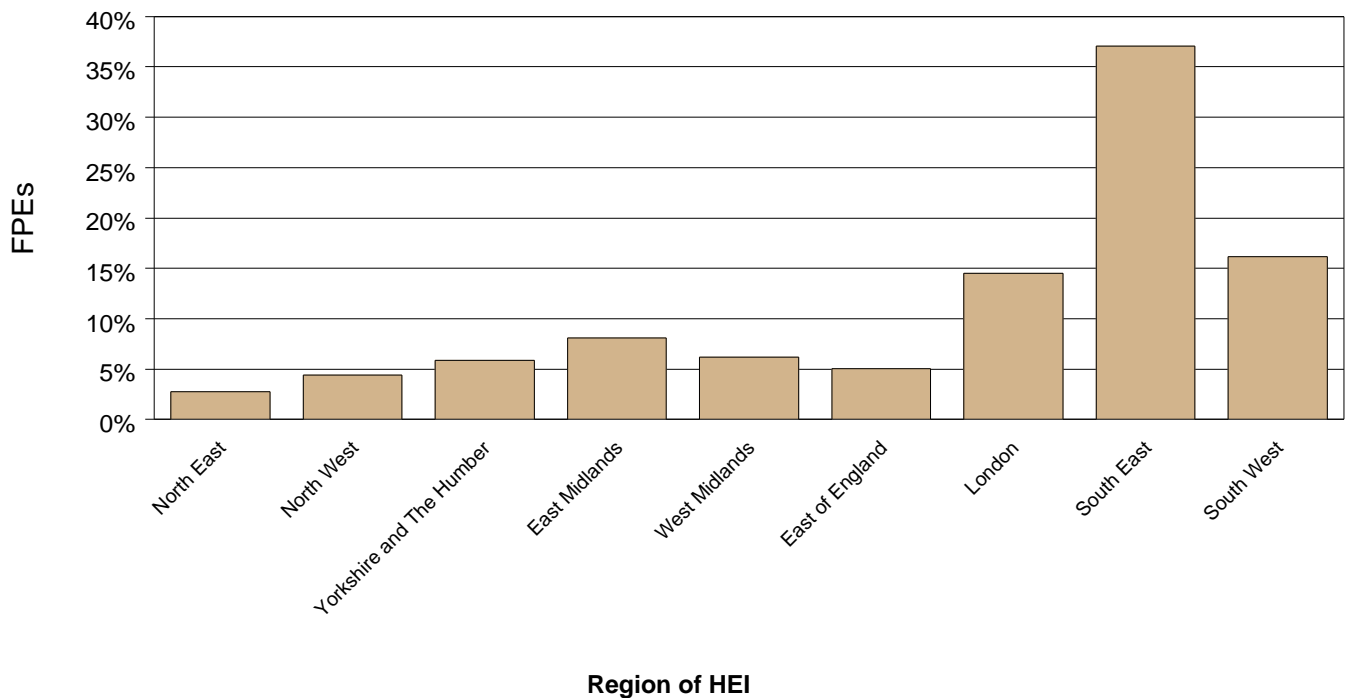


Flows of young, full-time, first degree students between regions (OU and distance learners excluded)

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



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

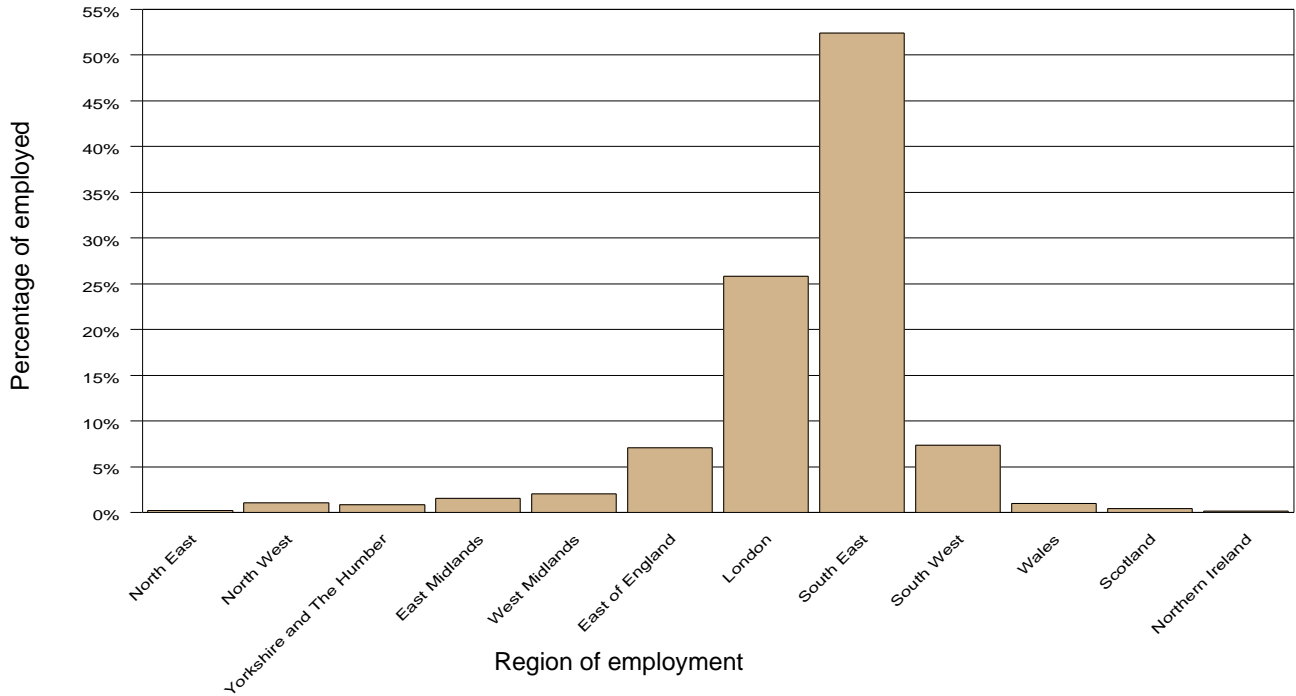


Employment destinations of first degree graduates

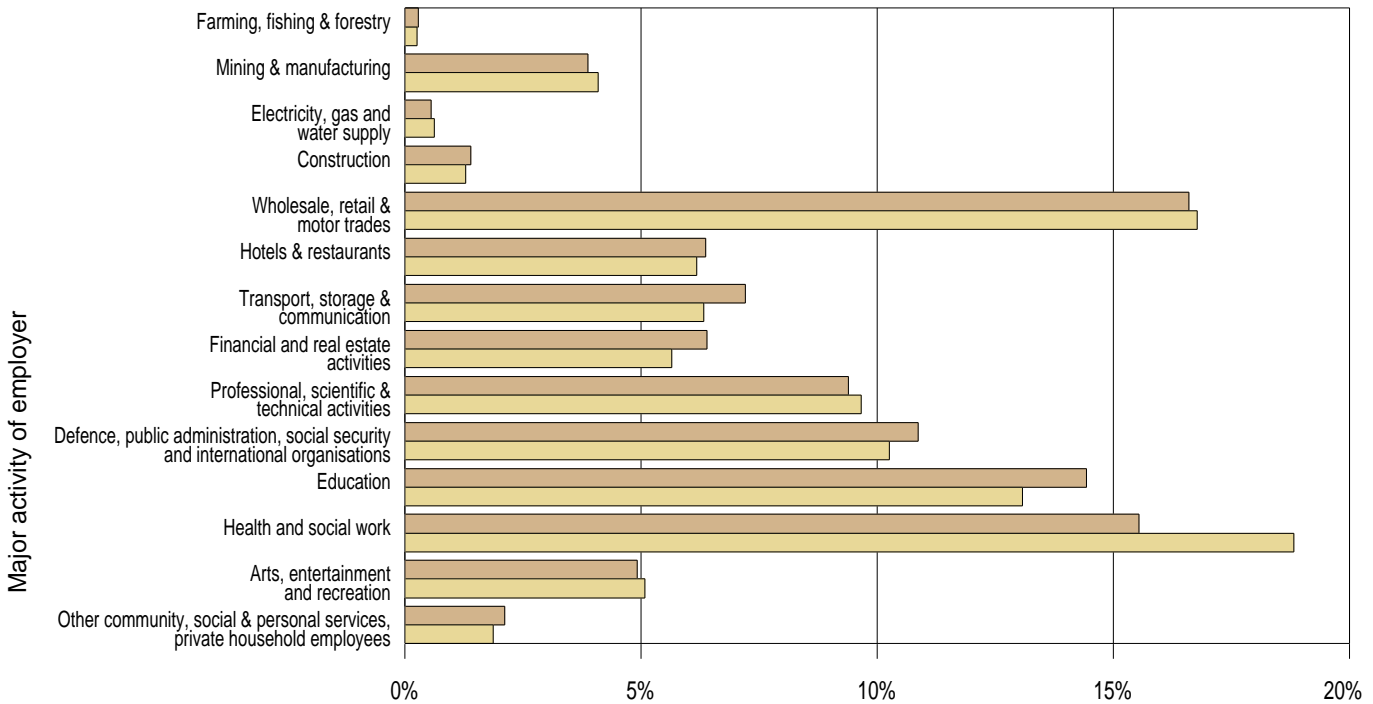
First degree students graduating from HEIs in 2008:

Work: 60% Further study: 18% Work and study: 7% Unemployed: 9% Other: 5%

Where do graduates from South East HEIs find employment?



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



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

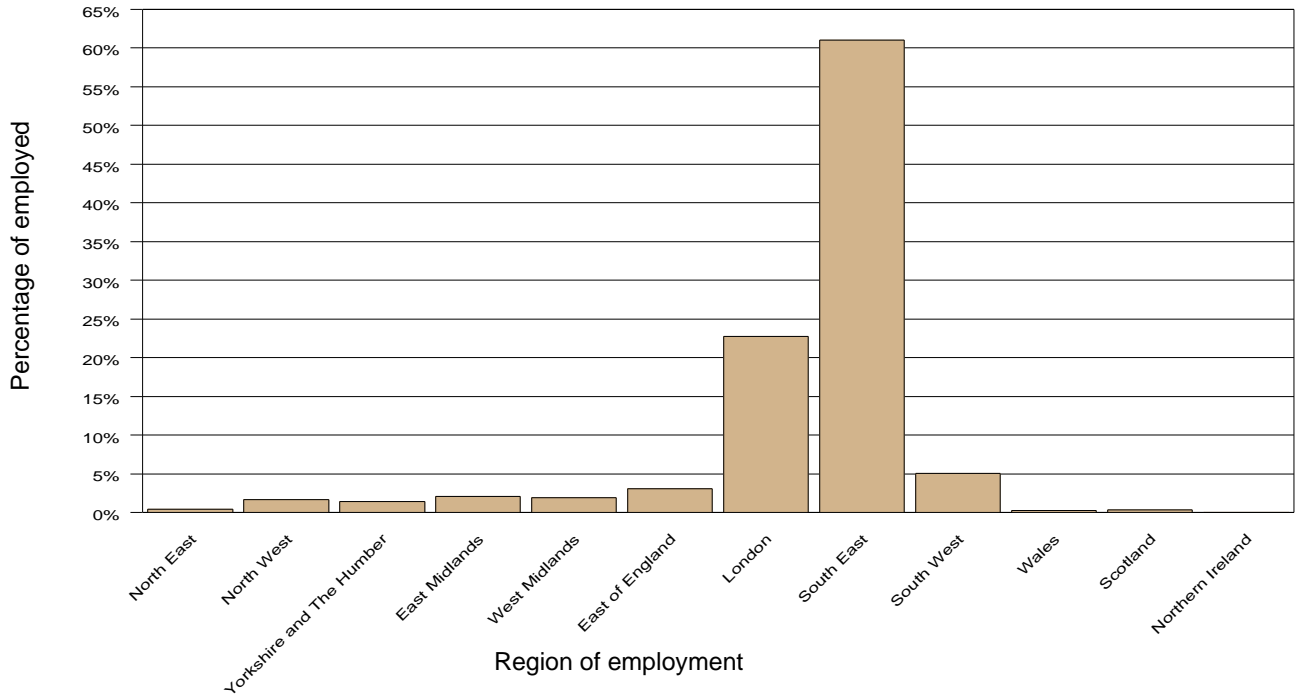
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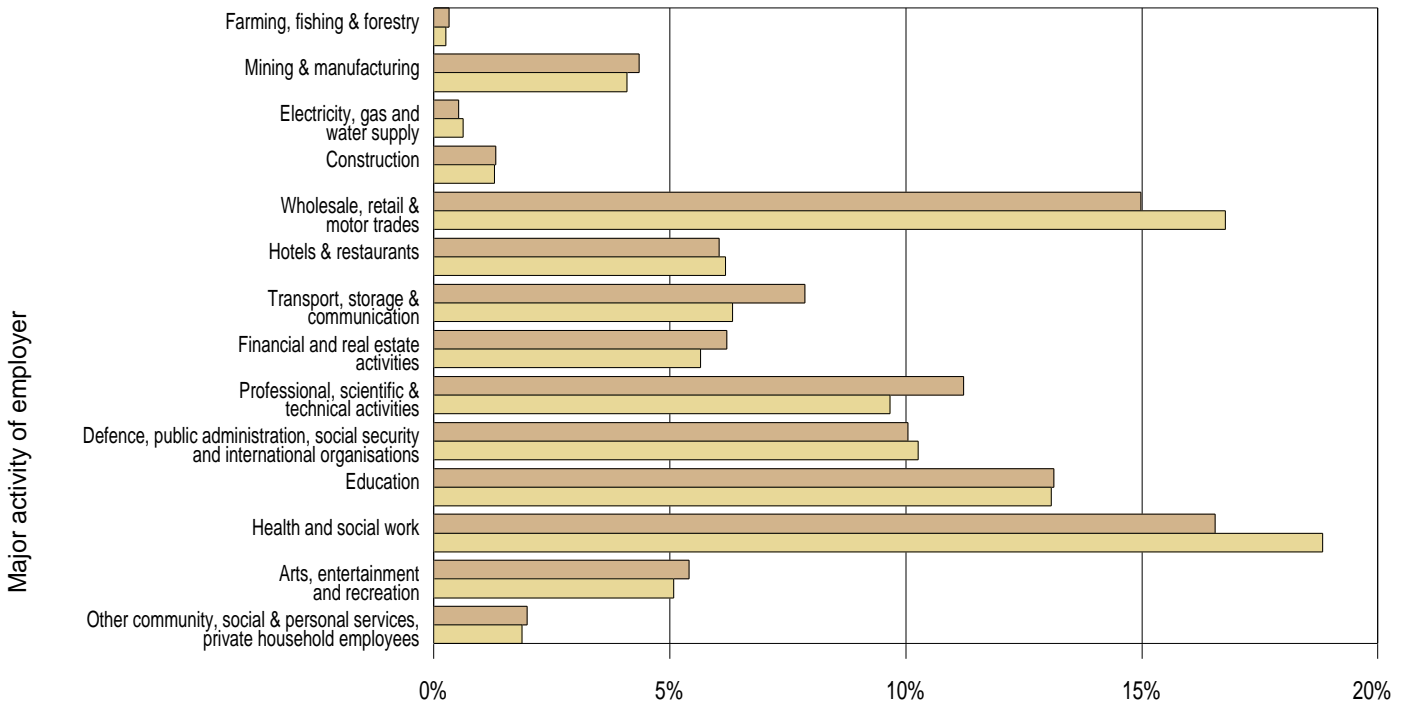
First degree students from the region graduating in 2008:

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Where do graduates from the South East find employment?



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

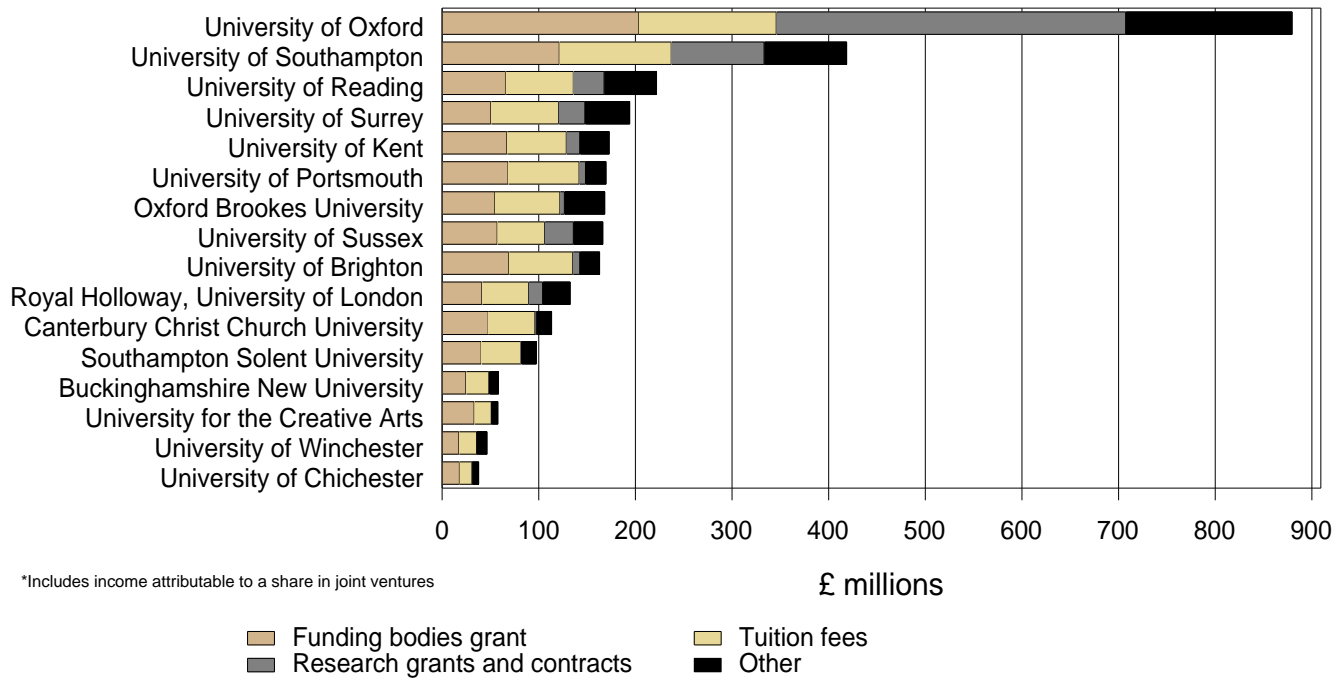


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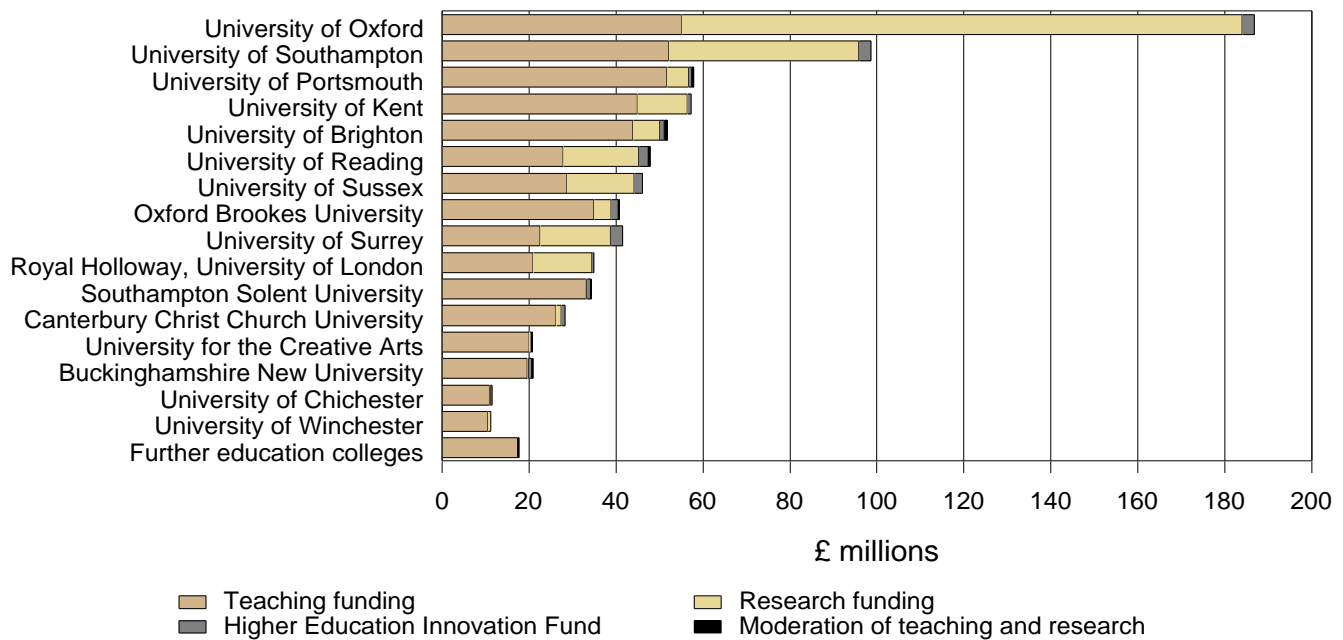
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Income to HE institutions in the South East

Total income* by source 2009-10



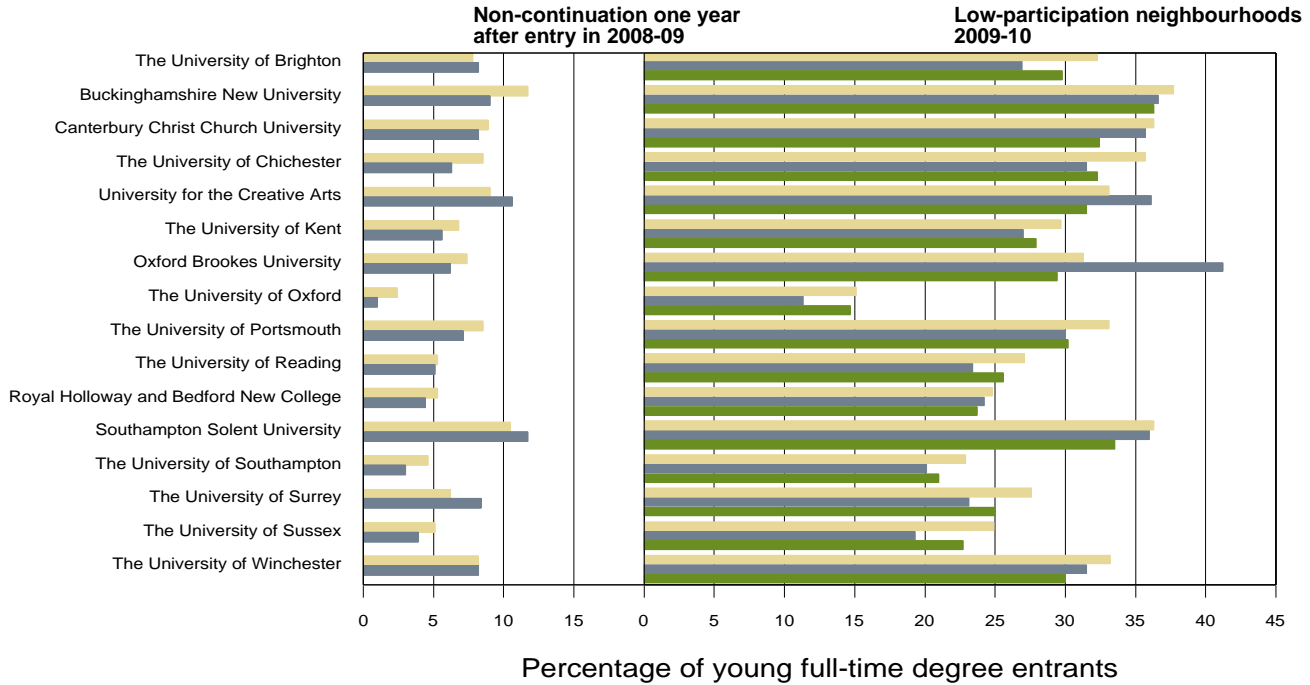
HEFCE recurrent grants for 2011-12



Performance of HEIs in the South East

Performance indicators for participation and non-continuation

Young full-time degree entrants to HEIs in the South East

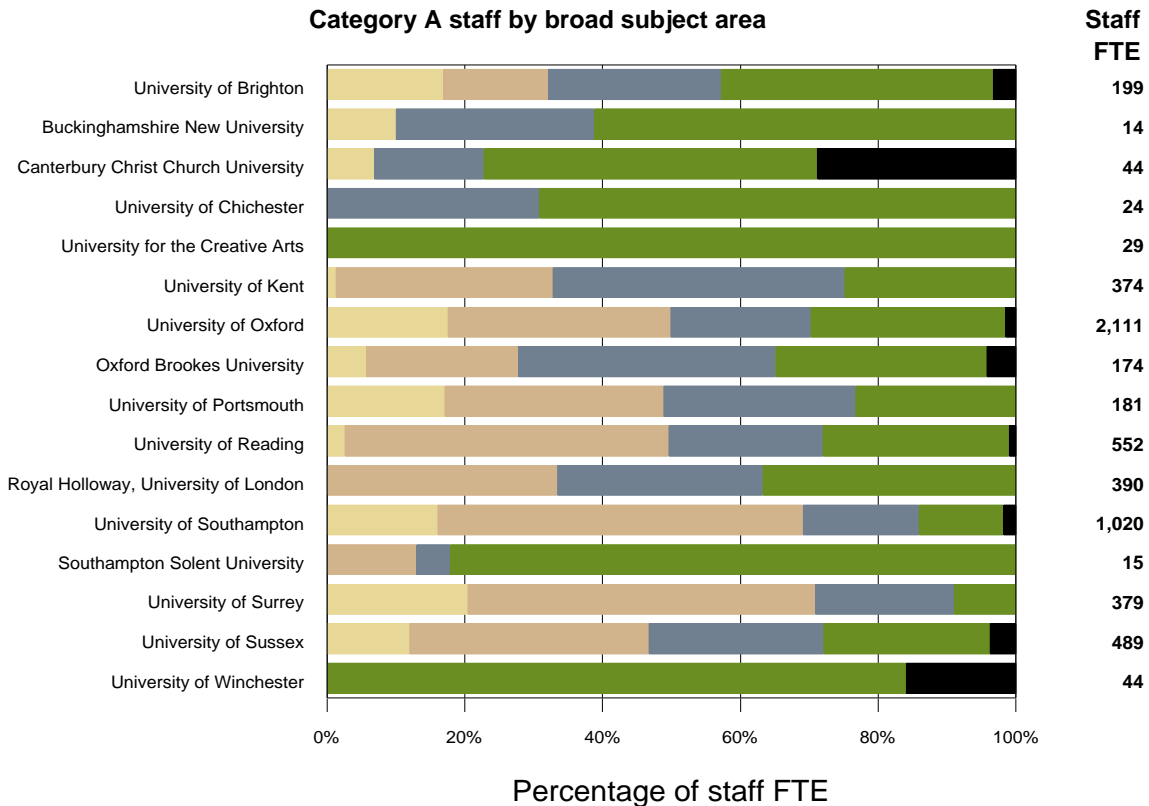


(Actual) Per cent not in HE one year after entry 2008-09
 (Benchmark) Per cent not in HE one year after entry 2008-09
 (Actual) Per cent from low-participation neighbourhood 2009-10
 (Benchmark) Per cent from low-participation neighbourhood 2009-10
 (Location-adjusted benchmark) Per cent from low-participation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

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Research Assessment Exercise 2008 staff volume - 2* and above

Category A staff by broad subject area

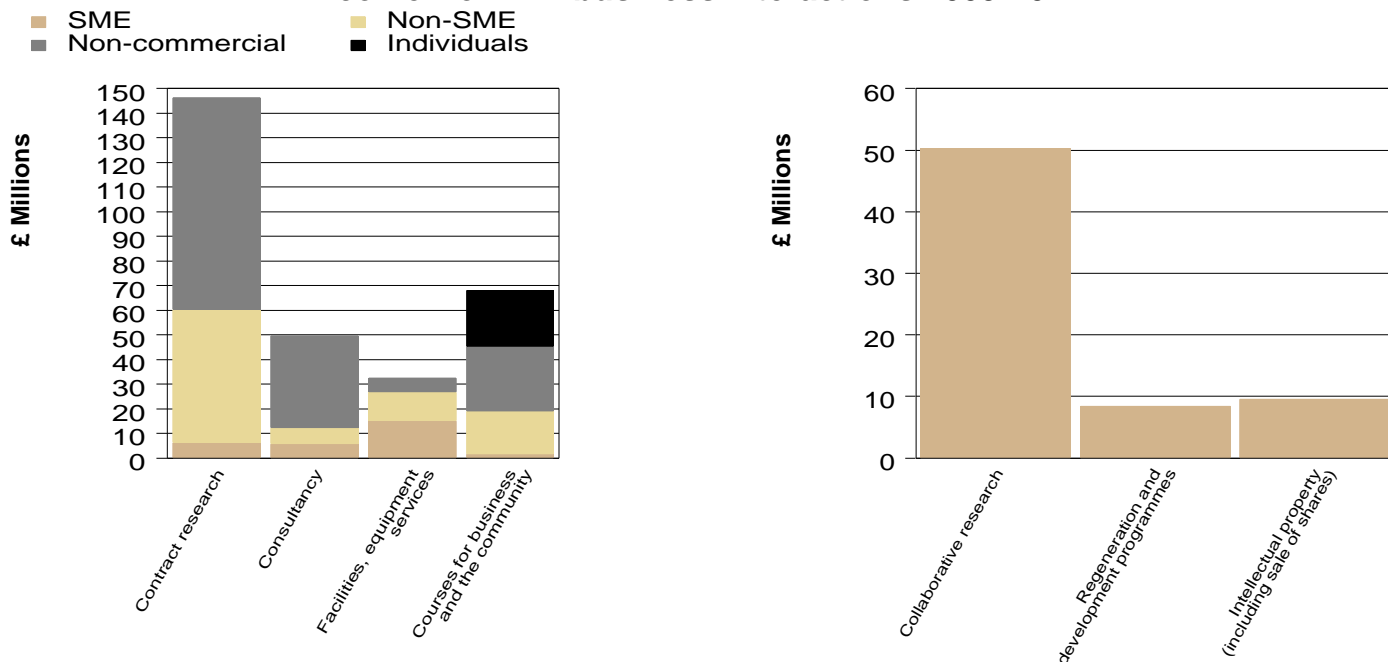


Medicine
 Social sciences
 Science and engineering subjects
 Arts and humanities
 Education

Higher education-business and community interaction survey

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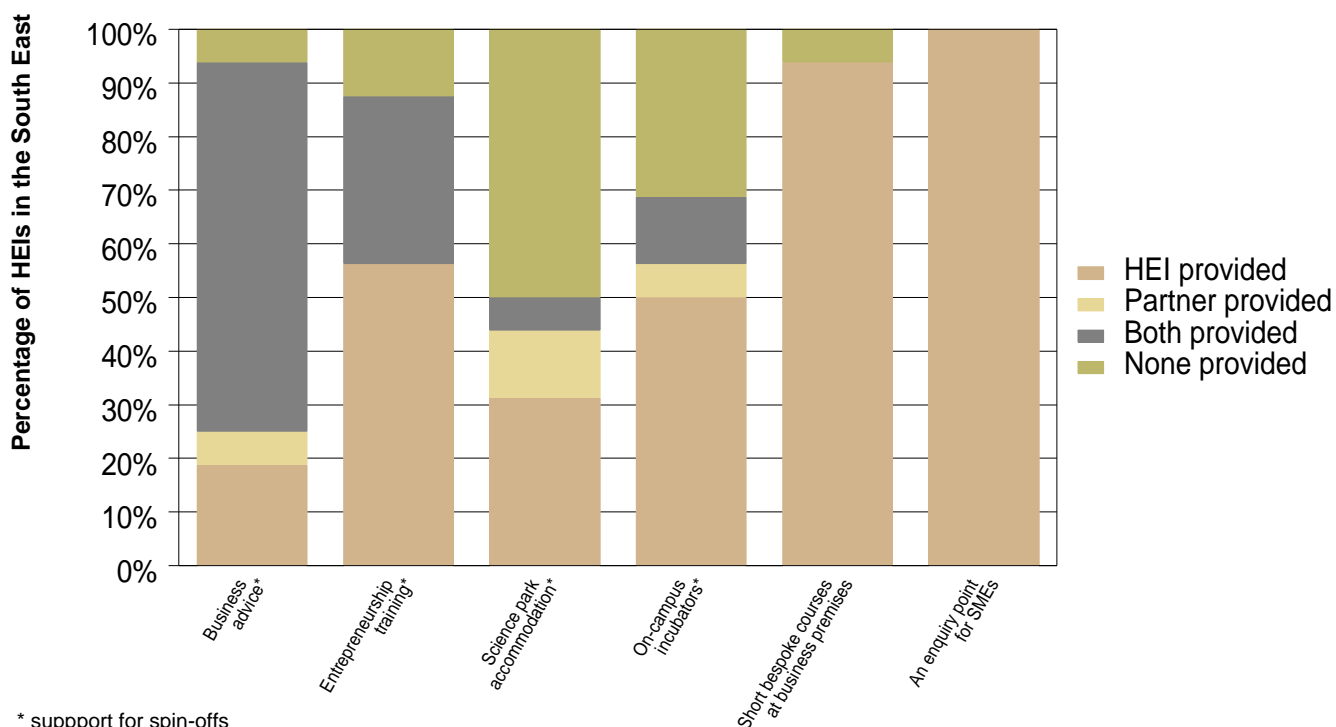
Income from HE-business interactions 2009-10



Type and number of interactions

Contract research	3,213	Software licences granted	98
Consultancy contracts	2,618	Spin-offs still active and survived three years	80
Facilities and equipment-related services	4,002	Graduate start-ups established	224
New patent applications in year	382	Attendees at free public lectures	85,713
Non-software licences granted	360	Attendees at chargeable performance arts events	183,513

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



* support for spin-offs