

# South West

## Introduction

The South West has the largest area of any English region, measuring nearly 23,800 km<sup>2</sup>. Its population is 5.2 million. Half of the population live in rural areas, or in towns of fewer than 20,000 people. With 220 people per km<sup>2</sup>, the South West has the lowest population density among English regions. Bristol (population 433,000) is the largest city. Other significant urban areas include Bournemouth/Poole, Plymouth, Exeter, Gloucester and Cheltenham. In 2009, the South West contained the highest proportion of the population that was over retirement age: 19.3 per cent of the population, compared with the UK average of 16.3 per cent.

The South West's population increased by 5.8 per cent between 2001 and 2009, faster than England as a whole which averaged 4.8 per cent. This was also the highest increase in the UK.

## The economy

The South West is responsible for almost 8 per cent of the UK's gross value added (GVA). The region's headline GVA was £95.3 billion in 2009. The latest sub-regional data (2008) show that more than half of this was produced by the Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and the Bristol/Bath area sub-region, which includes Swindon.

In 2008 the South West was responsible for 14 per cent of the UK's agriculture and fishing GVA, and 19 per cent of mineral mining and quarrying. The hotels and restaurants sector is also a relatively large contributor to the South West economy. In 2008 about 9 per cent of jobs were tourism-related, the highest regional proportion.

Gross disposable household income (GDHI) of South West residents was the fourth highest among the English regions, at £15,100 per head. It ranged from £12,770 in Plymouth to £16,400 in Wiltshire County Council area. The unemployment rate was one of the lowest of the regions at 6.1 per cent compared with the UK average of 7.9 per cent. Of those in employment in the South West in the year to March 2010, almost half of females and one in eight males worked part-time. Both proportions were the highest in the UK.

## Qualification levels

In 2009, 29.9 per cent of the working age population were qualified to Level 4 or above, compared with 30.0 per cent in England. 51.8 per cent of pupils in the South West 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 12 higher education institutions with their main campus in the South West: eight universities and four higher education colleges. In addition, there are 28 further education colleges (FECs) teaching higher education students. The higher education student population is 189,685, equating to 142,820 full-time equivalent students; 2,665 students are registered at FECs. The higher education institutions range in size from the University of the West of England, Bristol, with 29,033 students, to University College Plymouth St Mark and St John with 2,448 students.

The largest concentration of higher education is in the Bristol and Bath area, where there are four universities and four FECs teaching higher education courses.

## **Student profile**

The South West is dominated by the 'traditional' student: young full-time learners undertaking a first degree. It has the lowest percentage of students from a non-white ethnic background, while study at FECs is dominated by students who are on franchised courses: 15,320 students are registered at HEIs and taught at FECs compared with only 2,665 both taught and registered at FECs. A significantly higher proportion of those taught at FECs are studying towards foundation degrees: 55 per cent of students compared with 42 per cent nationally. Students in receipt of Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) form a larger part of the student population than the England average.

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# Known providers of HE - South West

1 ▲	University of Bath	16 X	Bicton College	31 X	North Devon College
2 ▲	Bath Spa University	17 +X	The Bournemouth and Poole College	32 +X◆	Plymouth College of Art
3 ▲	The Arts University College at Bournemouth	18 +X◆	Bridgwater College	33 X	Richard Huish College
4 ▲	Bournemouth University	19 X	Cirencester Tertiary College	34 X◆	Somerset College of Arts and Technology
5 ▲	University of Bristol	20 +X◆	City of Bath College	35 +X	South Devon College
6 ■	Conservatoire for Dance and Drama, Bristol, Old Vic	21 X	City of Bristol College	36 X	Strode College
7 ▲	University of Exeter	22 +X◆	City College Plymouth	37 +X◆	Stroud College of Further Education
8 ■	University of Exeter, Cornwall campus	23 X	Cornwall College	38 +X◆	Swindon College
9 ▲	University College Falmouth	24 +X◆	Exeter College	39 X	Truro and Penwith College
10 ■	University College Falmouth, Dartington Campus	25 +X◆	Filton College	40 X	Weston College
11 ▲	University of Gloucestershire	26 +X◆	Gloucestershire College	41 X	Weymouth College
12 ▲	University of Plymouth	27 X	Hartpury College	42 +X◆	Wiltshire College
13 ▲	University College Plymouth St Mark & St John	28 X	Kingston Maurward College	43 X	Yeovil College
14 ▲	Royal Agricultural College	29 +X	New College Swindon		
15 ▲	University of the West of England, Bristol	30 X	Norton Radstock 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

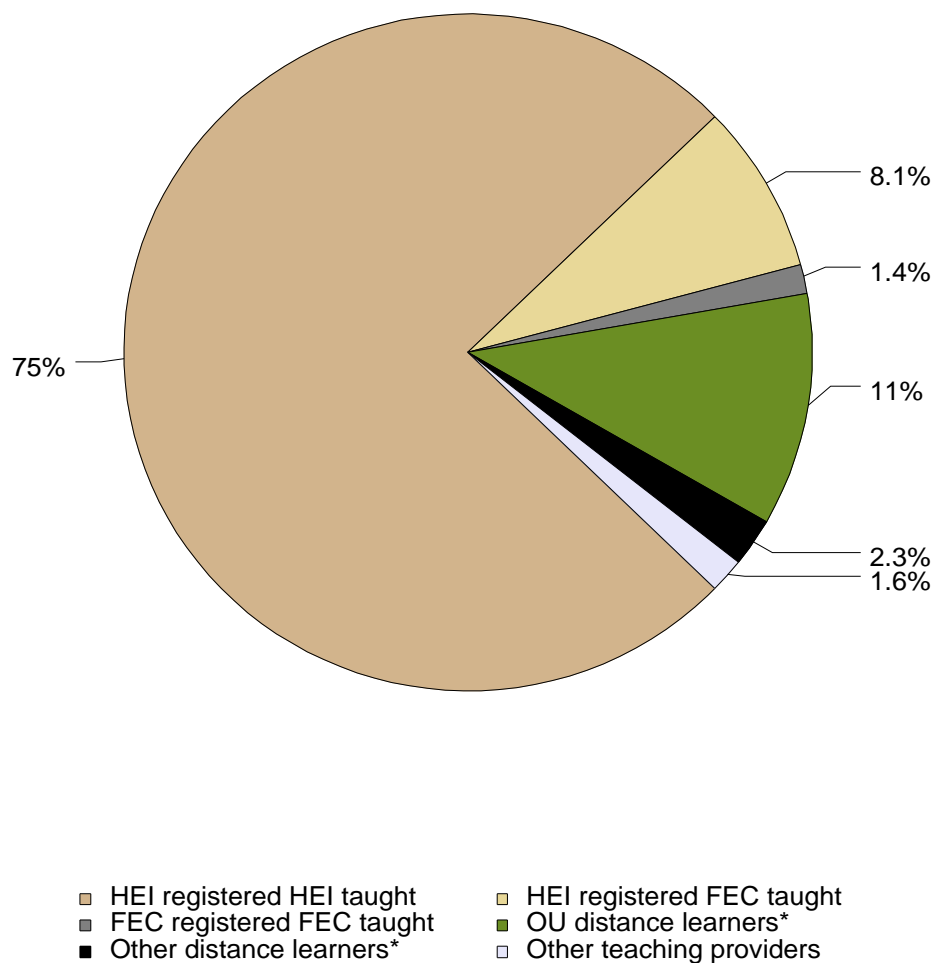
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# HE students taught at South West institutions

## 2007-08 to 2009-10

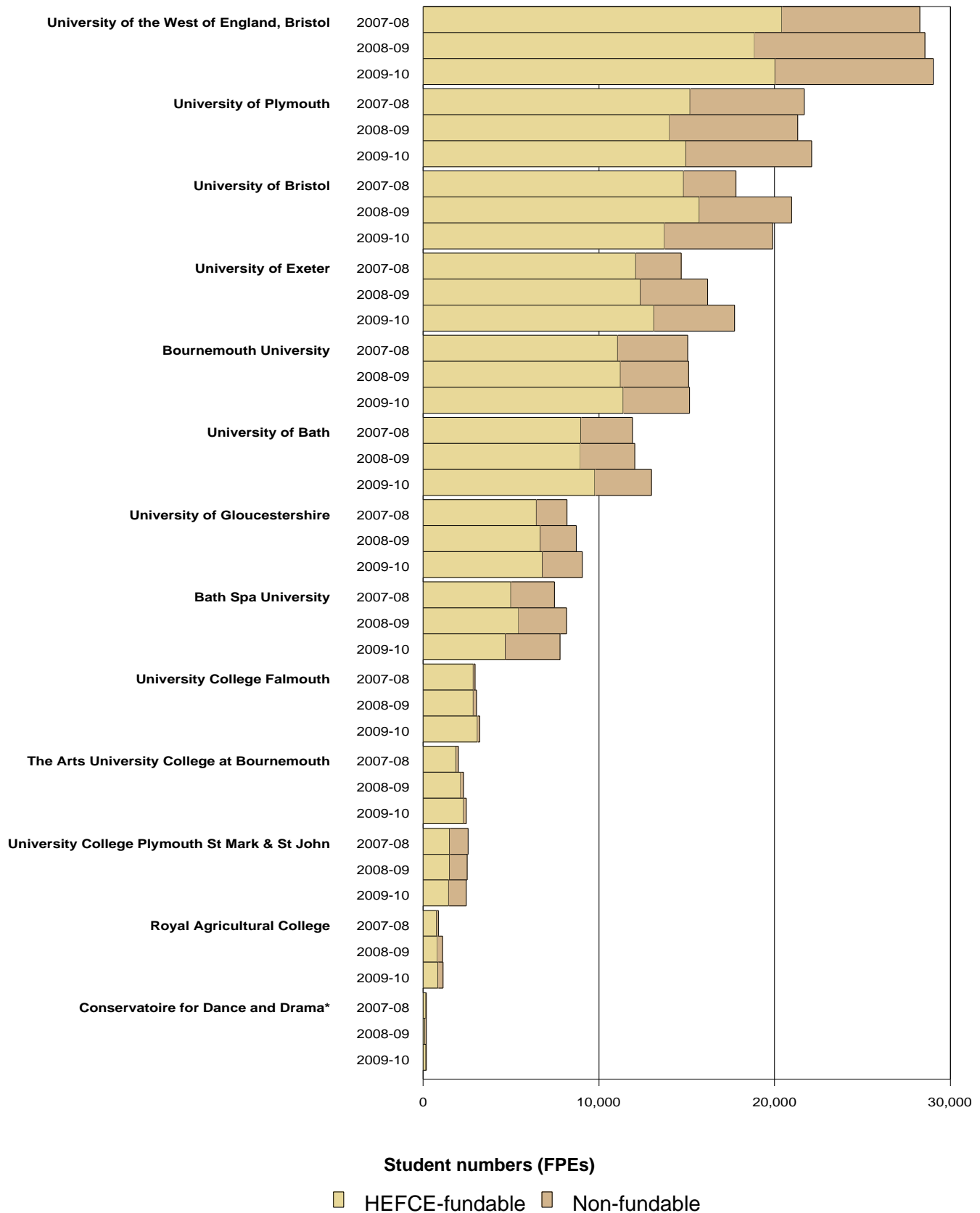
	FPEs: 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10			FTEs: 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10			
HEI registered HEI taught:	133,615	140,085	143,130	HEI registered HEI taught:	108,365	113,090	117,510
HEI registered FEC taught:	13,340	13,425	15,320	HEI registered FEC taught:	9,930	10,375	12,180
FEC registered FEC taught:	2,440	2,560	2,665	FEC registered FEC taught:	1,950	2,210	2,220
OU distance learners*:	18,005	19,285	21,080	OU distance learners*:	6,625	6,760	7,490
Other distance learners*:	3,880	4,375	4,375	Other distance learners*:	1,395	1,595	1,635
Other teaching providers:	160	2,440	3,110	Other teaching providers:	125	1,460	1,780
<b>Total:</b>	<b>171,440</b>	<b>182,175</b>	<b>189,685</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>128,385</b>	<b>135,485</b>	<b>142,820</b>

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



\* Learners domiciled in region

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



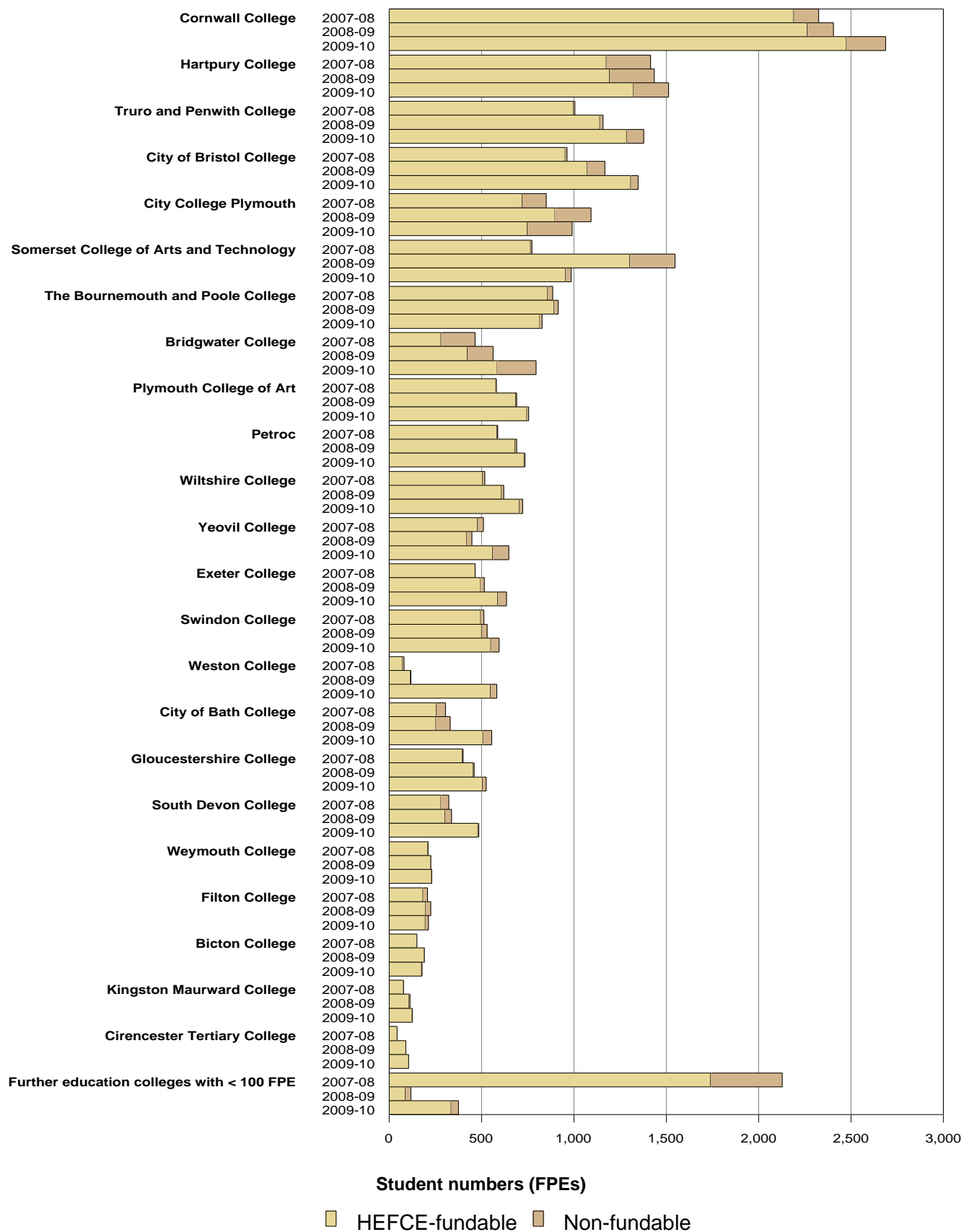
\* Institution has additional campus in this region. Please refer to Annex A



# HE students taught at FECs in the South West

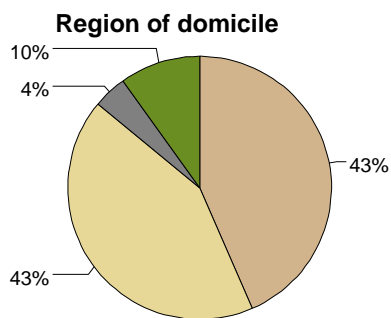
## 2007-08 to 2009-10

Higher education student numbers for further education colleges with more than 100 FPE  
2007-08 to 2009-10

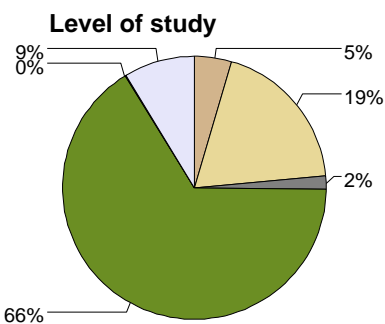


# HE students taught at South West HEIs 2009-10: characteristics (OU and distance learners excluded)

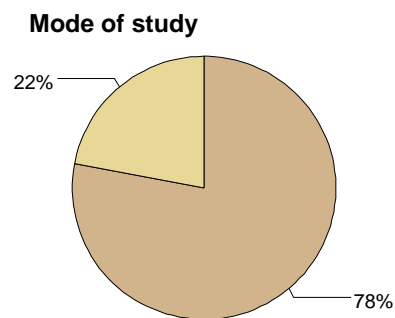
Based on student FPEs (percentage in brackets represents average for England)



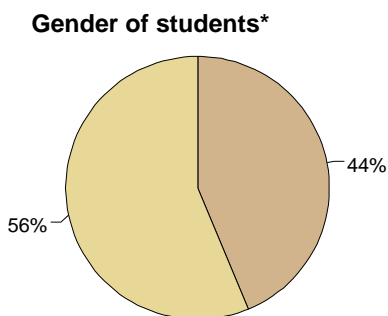
- From the region (46%)
- Other UK (35%)
- Other EU (5%)
- Rest of the world (13%)



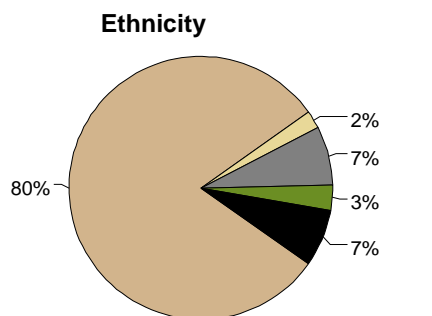
- Postgraduate research (5%)
- Postgraduate taught (20%)
- First degree (60%)
- Foundation degree (2%)
- HND/HNC (1%)
- Other undergraduate (12%)



- Full-time & sandwich (75%)
- Part-time (25%)

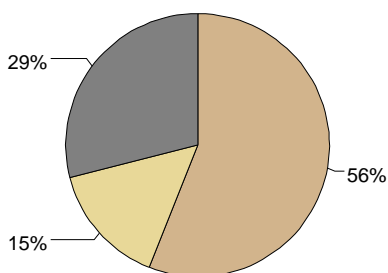


- Male (43%)
- Female (57%)



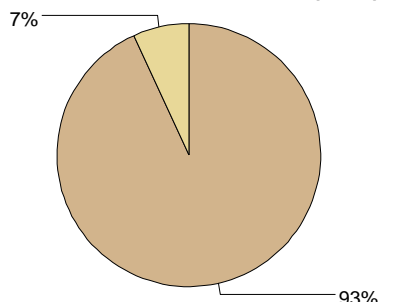
- White (66%)
- Black or Black British (7%)
- Asian or Asian British (15%)
- Other (including mixed) (4%)
- Unknown (7%)

Age of undergraduate students on entry



- Under 21 (49%)
- 21-24 years old (18%)
- 25 and over (33%)

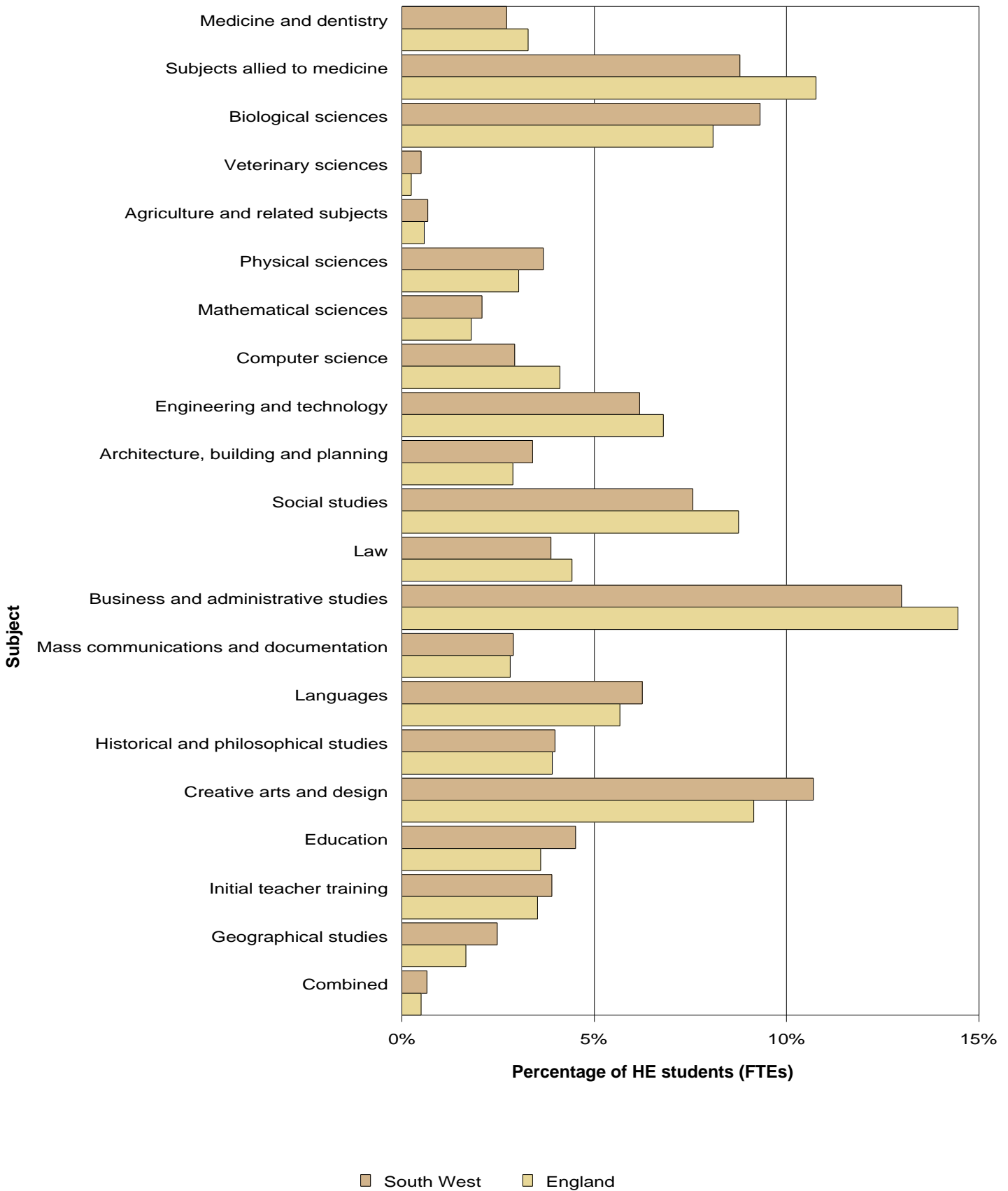
Students in receipt of Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)\*



- Not in receipt of DSA (95%)
- In receipt of DSA (5%)

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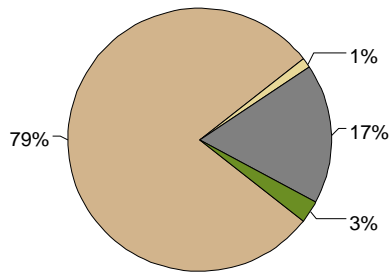
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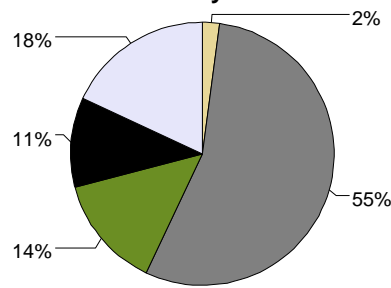
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Region of domicile



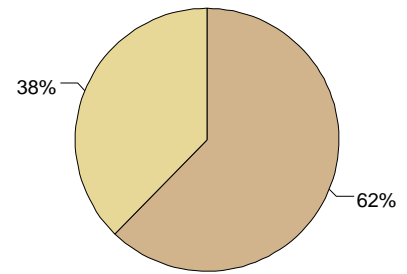
- From the region (83%)
- Other EU (1%)
- Other UK (14%)
- Rest of the world (2%)

Level of study



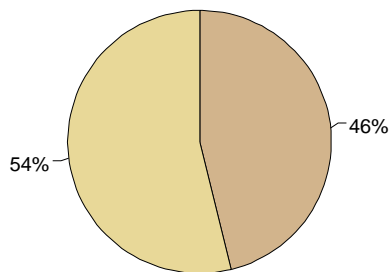
- Postgraduate research (0%)
- Postgraduate taught (4%)
- First degree (20%)
- Foundation degree (42%)
- HND/HNC (20%)
- Other undergraduate (15%)

Mode of study



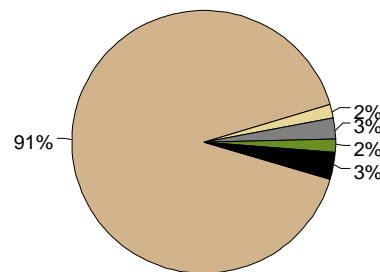
- Full-time & sandwich (57%)
- Part-time (43%)

Gender of students\*



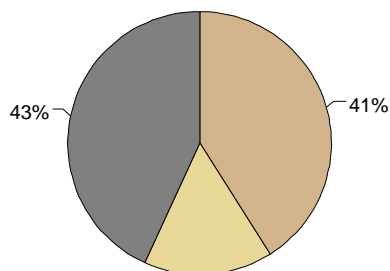
- Male (47%)
- Female (53%)

Ethnicity



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

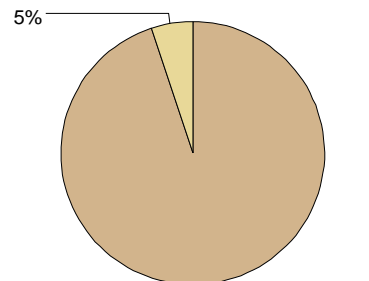
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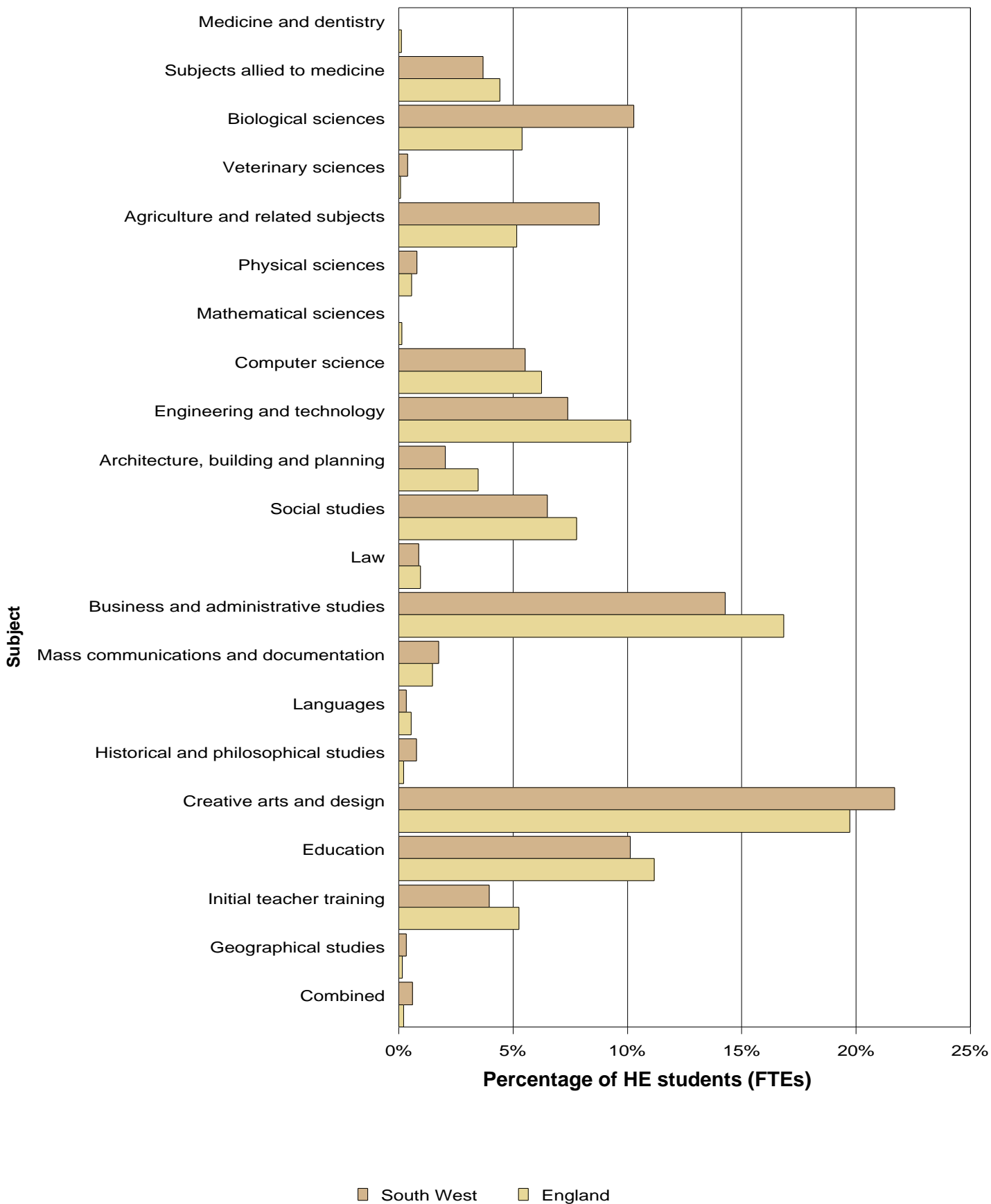
Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)\*



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

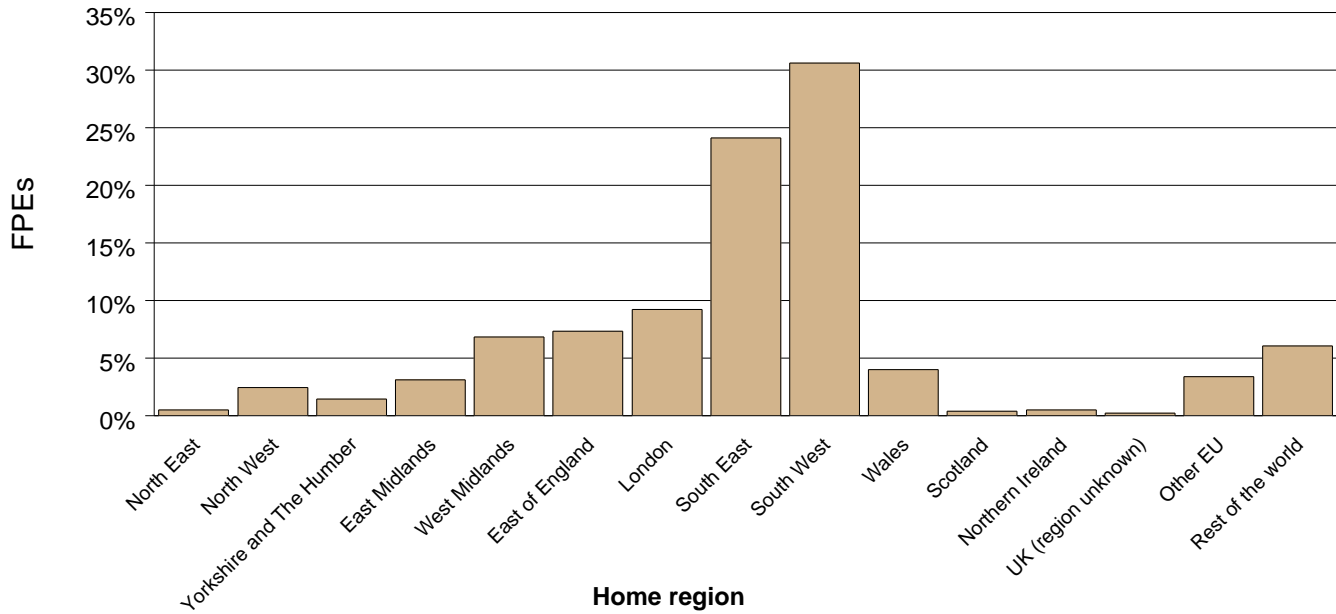
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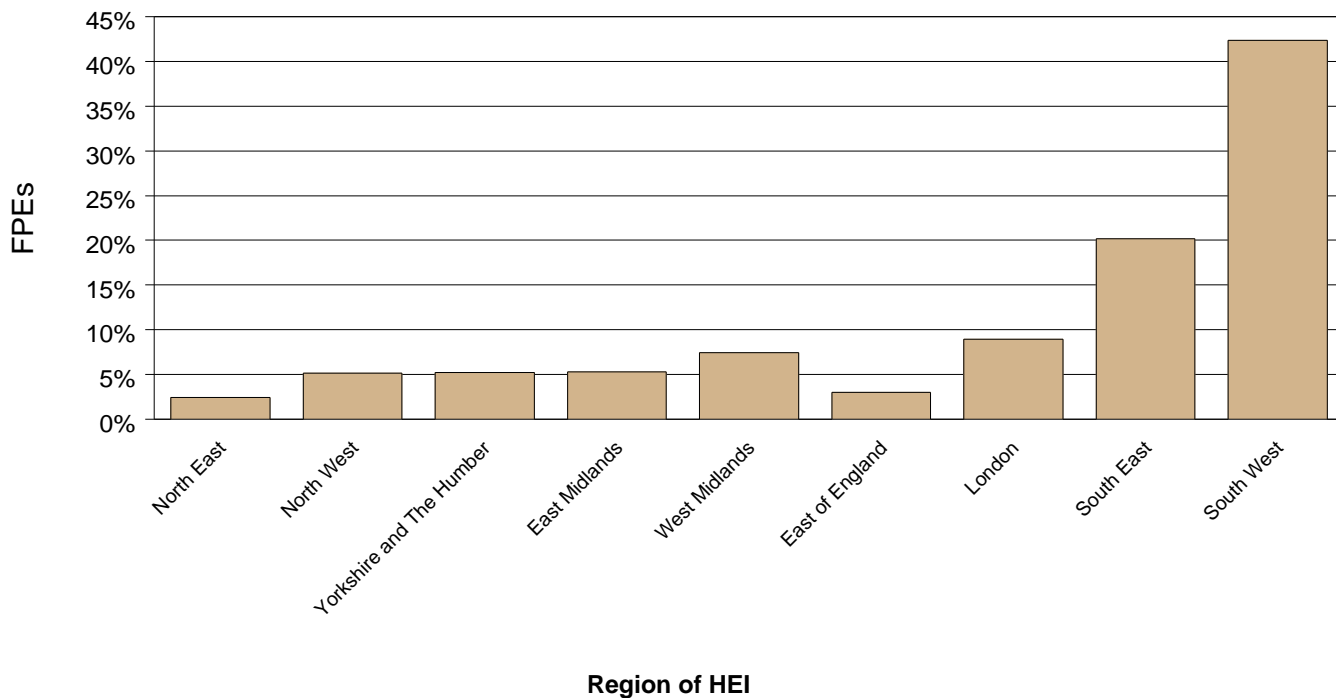


# Flows of young, full-time, first degree students between regions (OU and distance learners excluded)

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



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

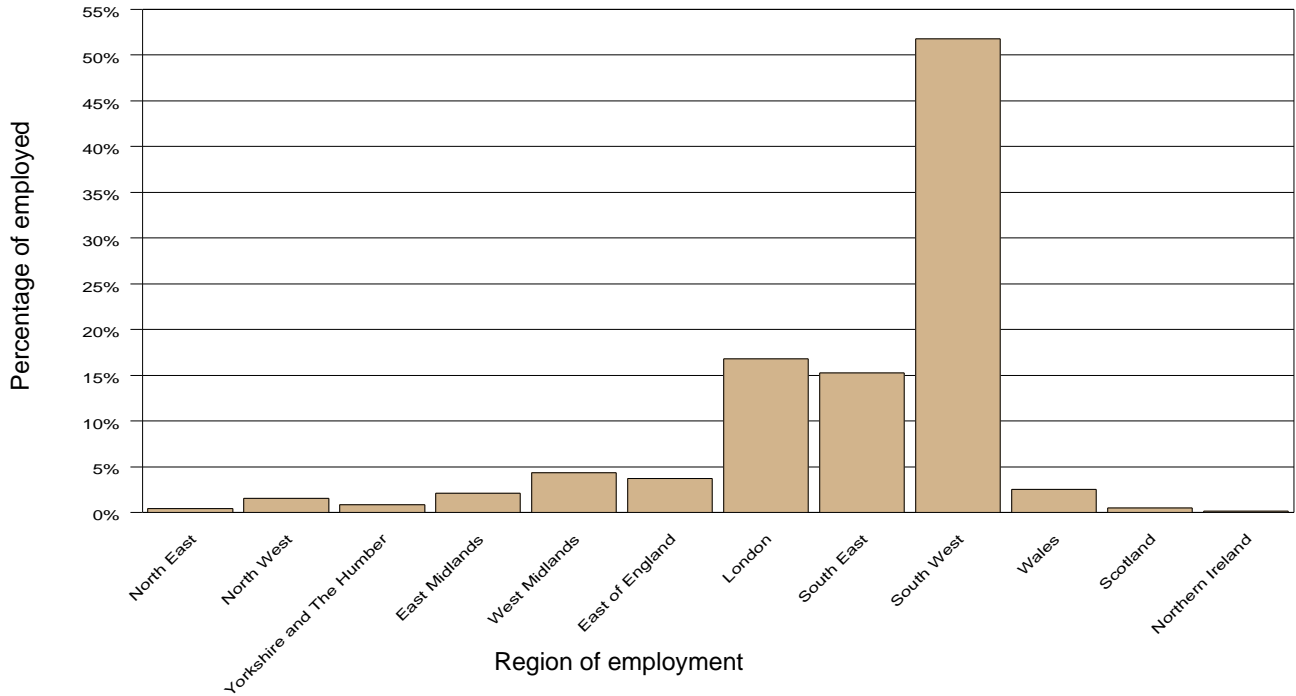


# Employment destinations of first degree graduates

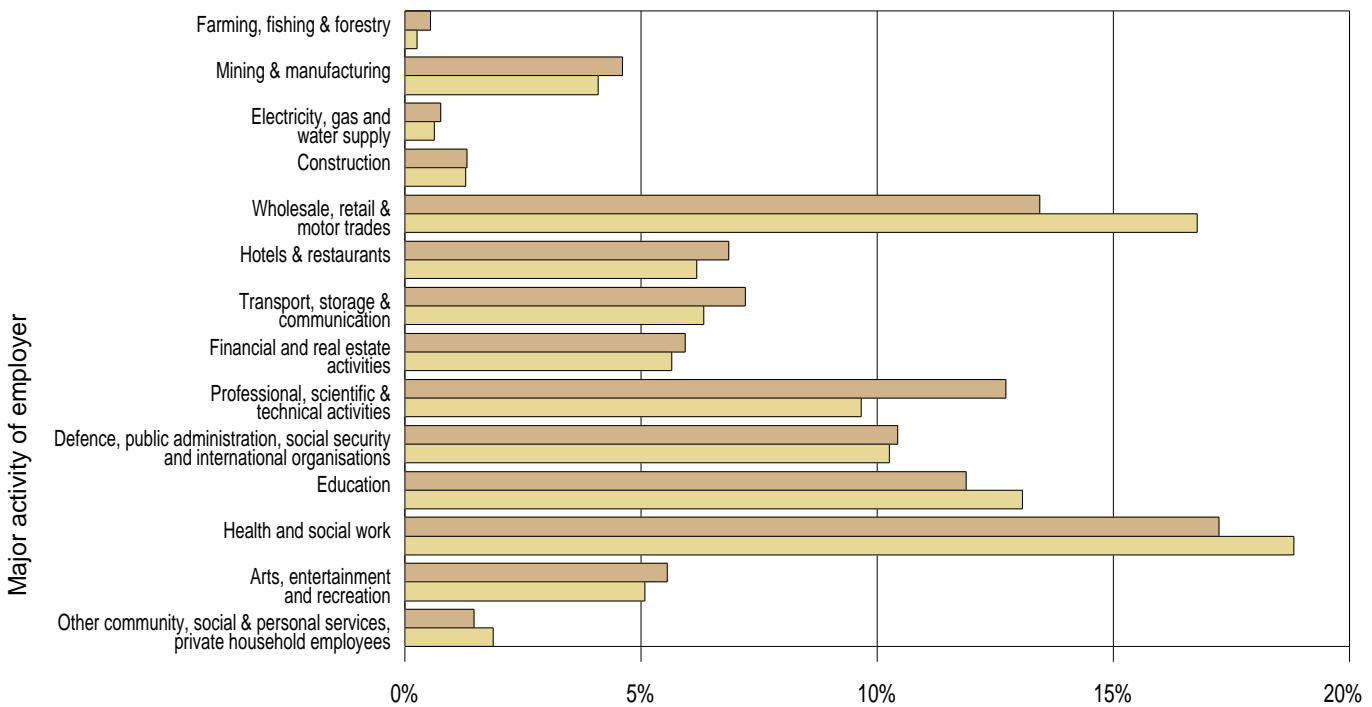
## First degree students graduating from HEIs in 2008:

Work: 61%    Further study: 16%    Work and study: 8%    Unemployed: 8%    Other: 6%

Where do graduates from South West HEIs find employment?



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



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

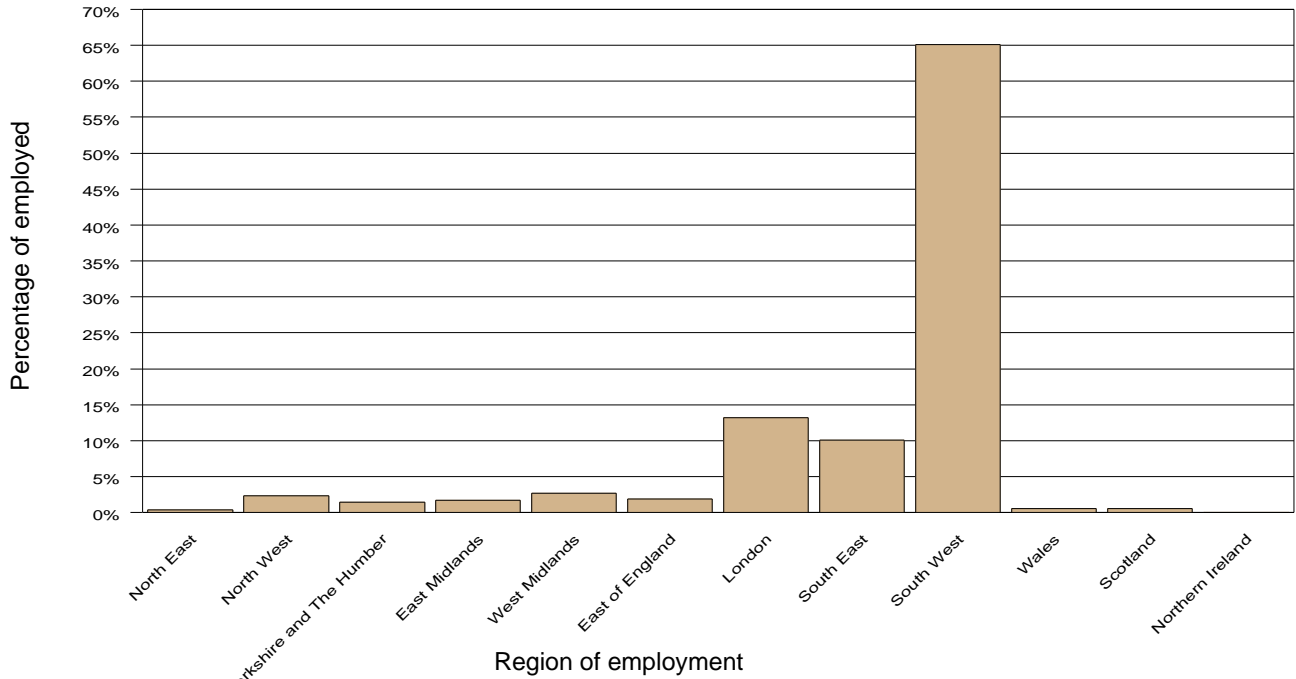
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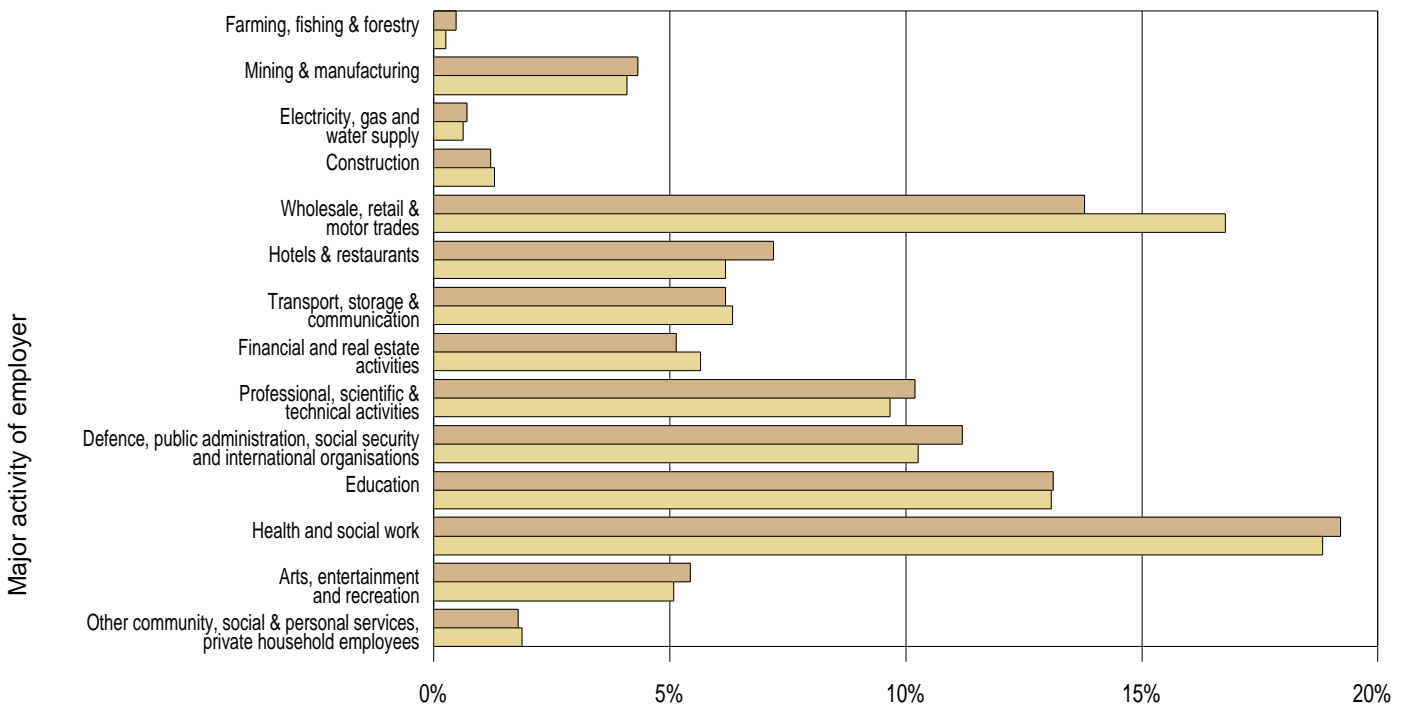
## First degree students from the region graduating in 2008:

Work: 62%    Further study: 17%    Work and study: 8%    Unemployed: 8%    Other: 5%

Where do graduates from the South West find employment?



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



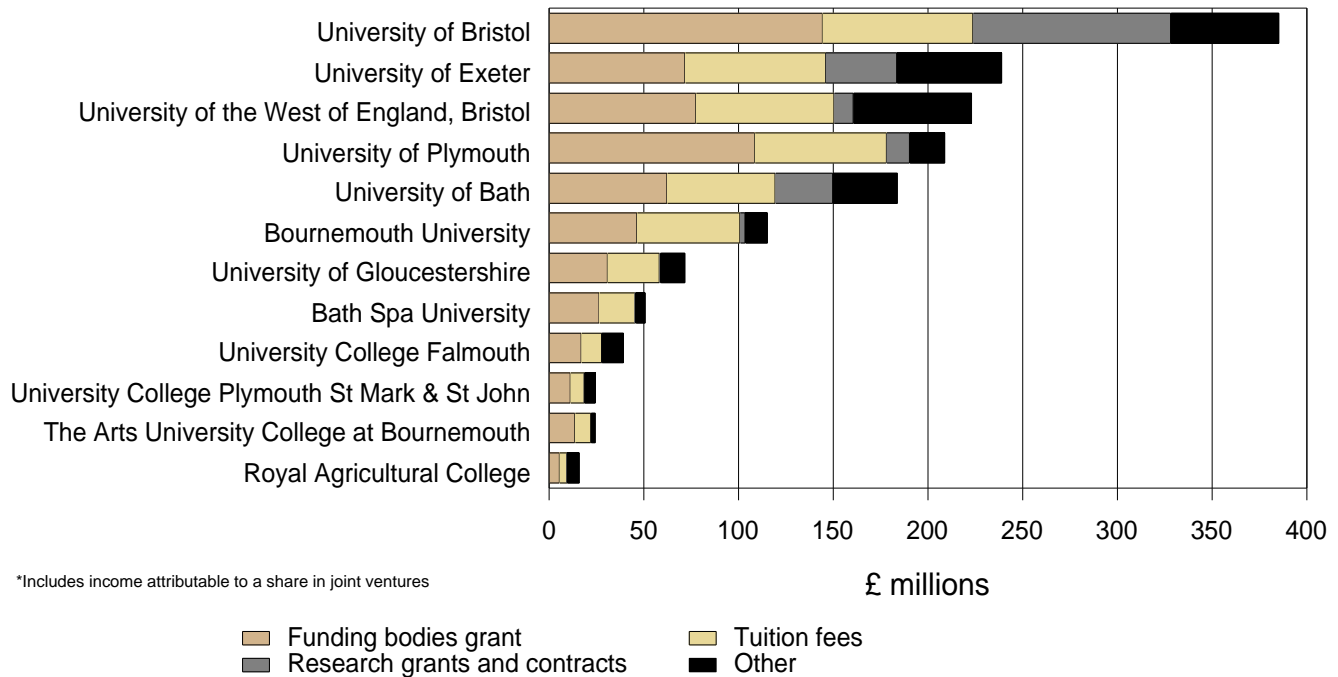
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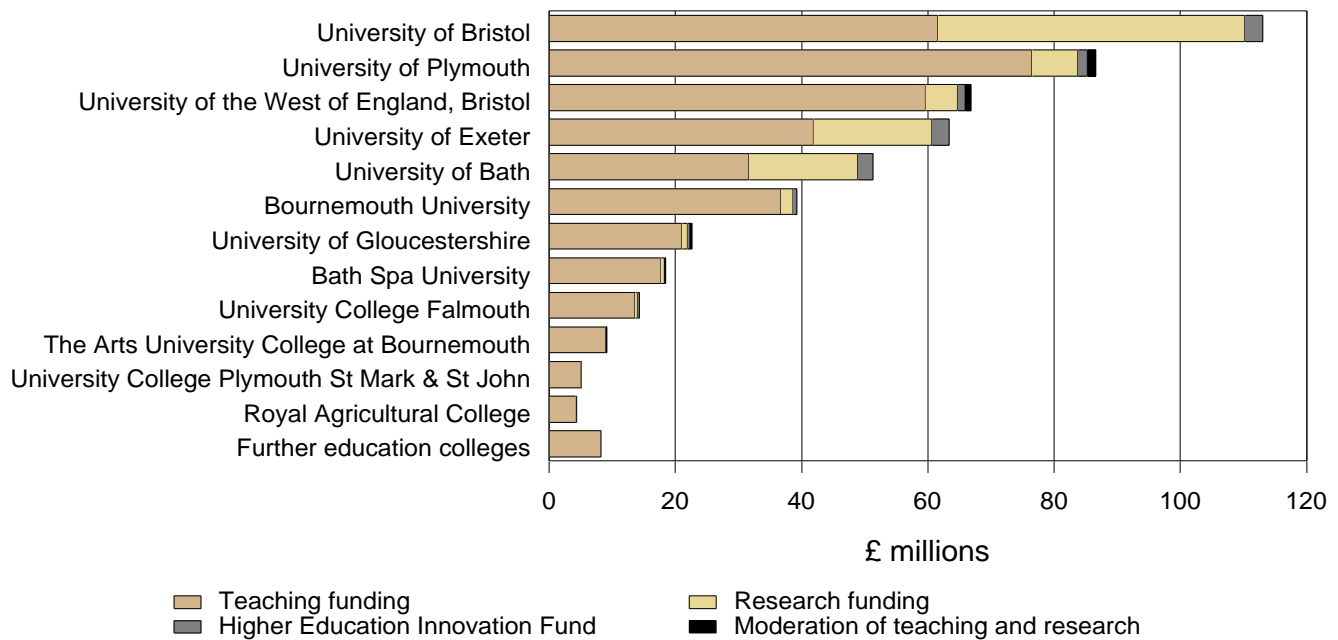


# Income to HE institutions in the South West

## Total income\* by source 2009-10



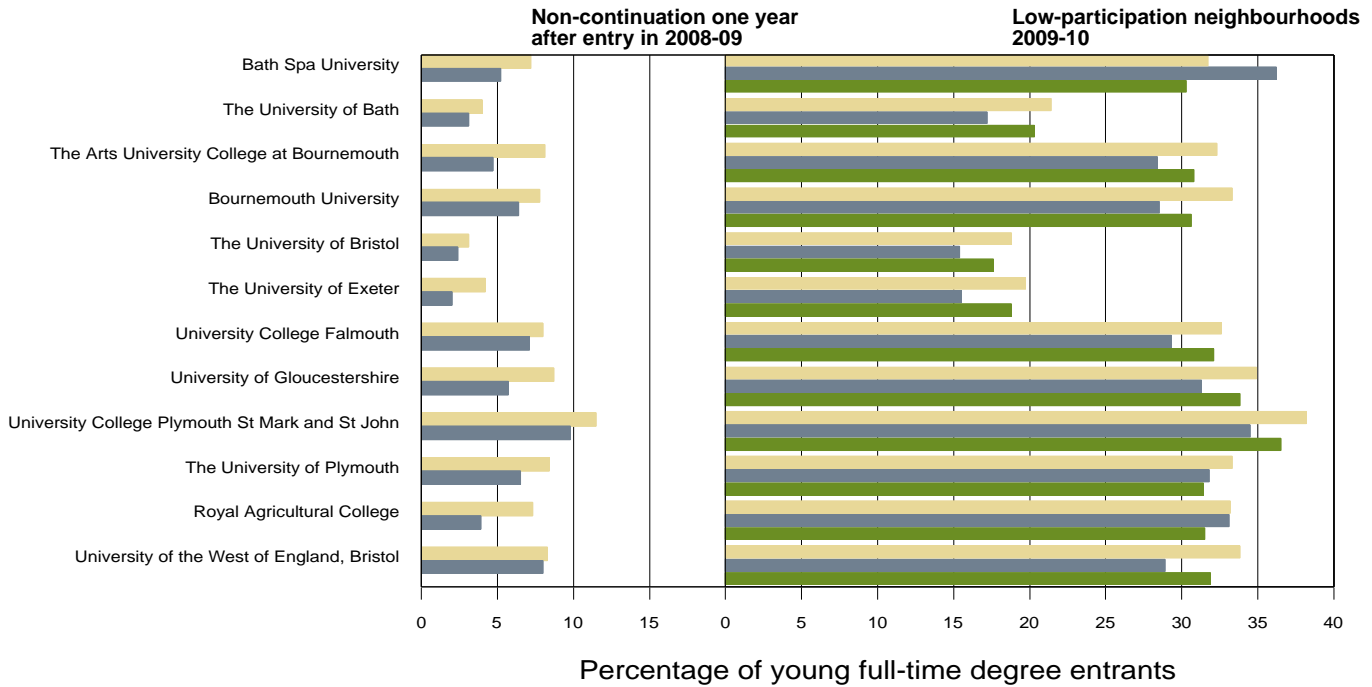
## HEFCE recurrent grants for 2011-12



# Performance of HEIs in the South West

## Performance indicators for participation and non-continuation

### Young full-time degree entrants to HEIs in the South West

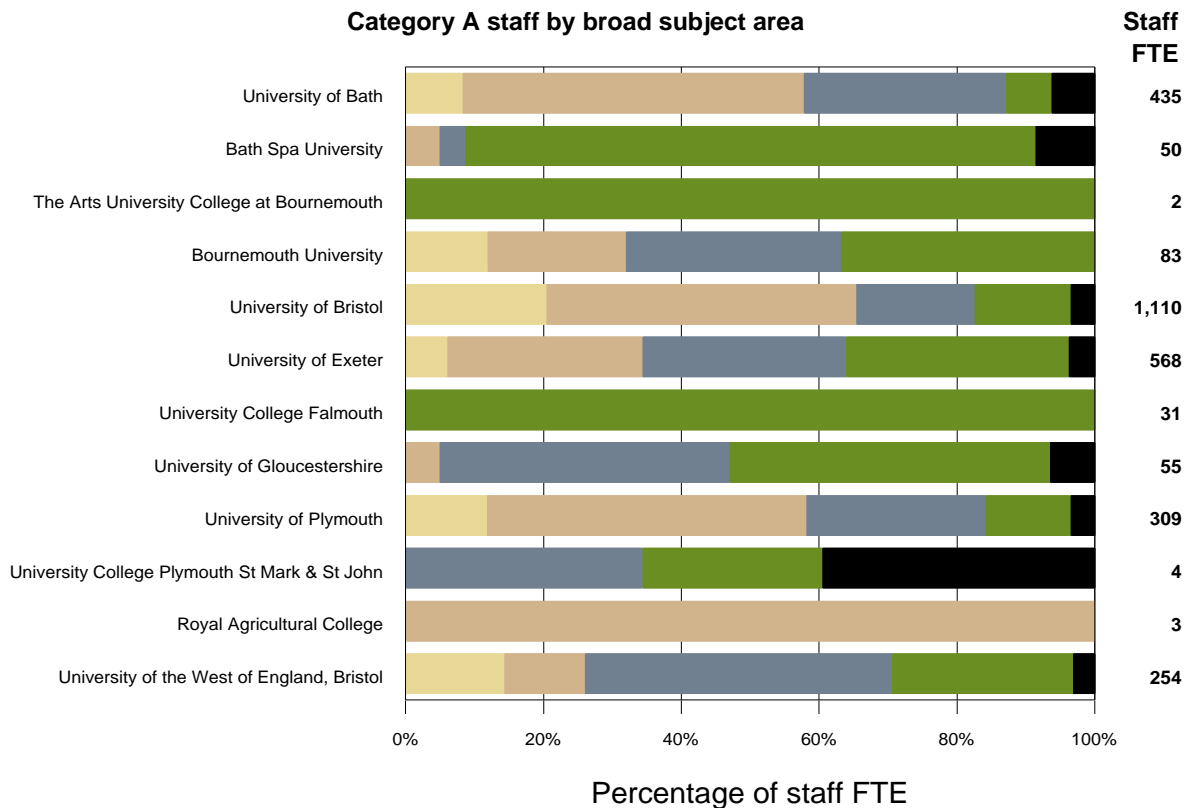


(Actual) Per cent not in HE one year after entry 2008-09
  (Benchmark) Per cent not in HE one year after entry 2008-09
  (Actual) Per cent from low-participation neighbourhood 2009-10
  (Benchmark) Per cent from low-participation neighbourhood 2009-10
  (Location-adjusted benchmark) Per cent from low-participation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

These data are taken from 'Performance indicators in higher education in the UK' (HESA)  
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## Research Assessment Exercise 2008 staff volume - 2\* and above

### Category A staff by broad subject area

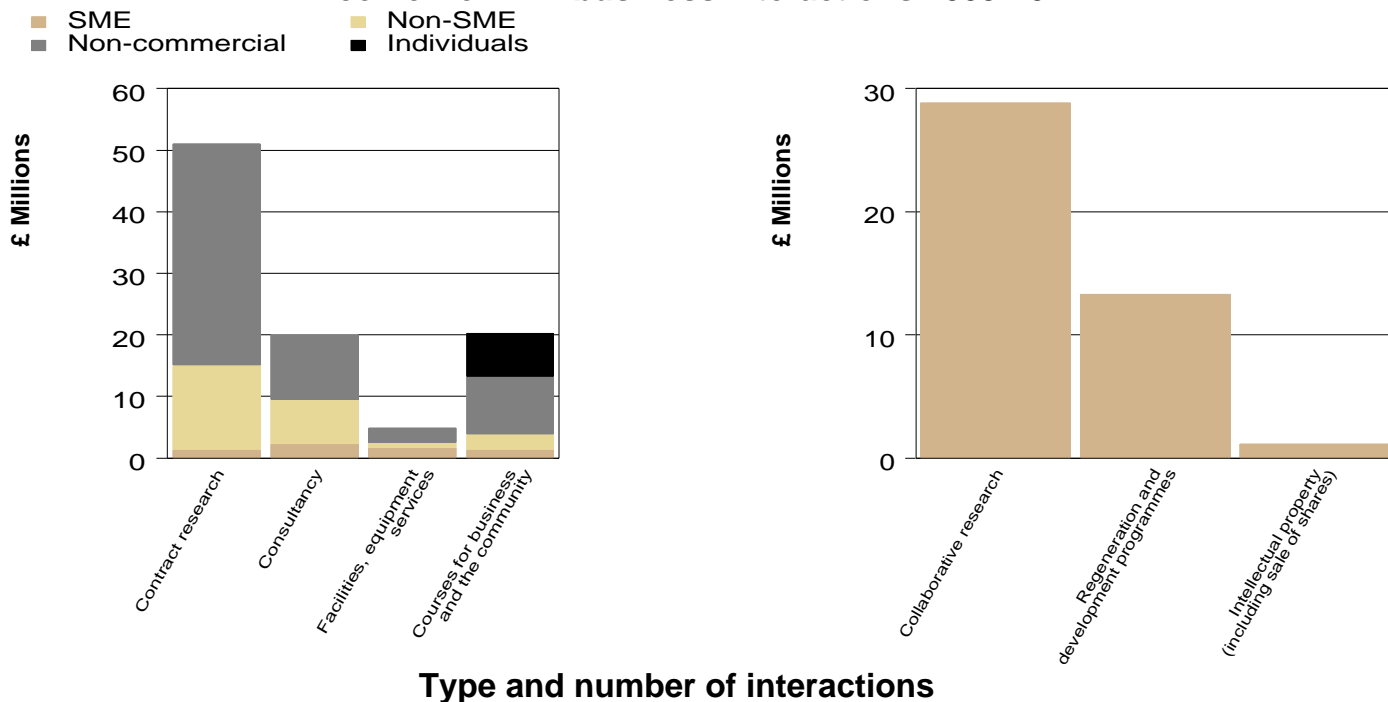


Medicine
  Social sciences
  Science and engineering subjects
  Arts and humanities
  Education

# 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	1,668	Software licences granted	56
Consultancy contracts	2,698	Spin-offs still active and survived three years	55
Facilities and equipment-related services	1,872	Graduate start-ups established	72
New patent applications in year	119	Attendees at free public lectures	40,492
Non-software licences granted	304	Attendees at chargeable performance arts events	24,948

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

