



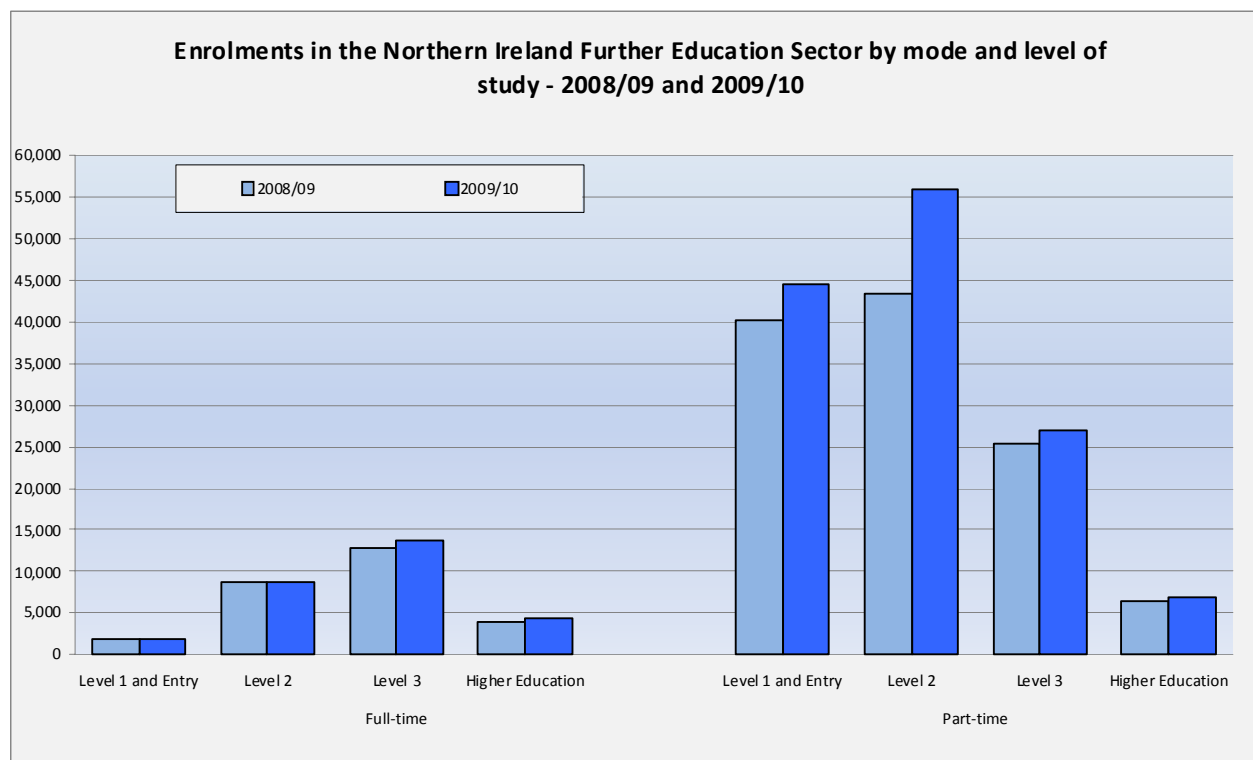
Statistical Bulletin

Professional and Technical Enrolments in the Northern Ireland Further Education Sector for 2009/10

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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 Institutions in Northern Ireland for 2009/10.



Key Points

- There has been a 15% increase in Professional and Technical assessed enrolments at Northern Ireland (NI) Further Education (FE) Institutions between 2008/09 and 2009/10. Enrolments have increased from 142,486 to 163,350.
- Between 2008/09 and 2009/10 full time enrolments increased from 27,274 to 28,899 (6%). Over the same period part time enrolments increased by 17% from 115,212 to 134,451.
- Between these two academic years FE enrolments have increased by 15% and HE Level enrolments by 11%. FE increased from 132,205 to 151,948 while HE increased from 10,281 to 11,402.
- In 2009/10, 49% of Professional and Technical assessed enrolments were male and 51% female.
- In 2009/10 Education and Training subject area had the most enrolments 33,776 followed by Preparation for Life & Work (13,963) and Health, Public Services & Care (13,814). History, Philosophy & Theology had the least number of enrolments with 880 in 2009/10 followed by Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care (1,303).
- In terms of gender the most popular subject for both males and females in 2009/10 was Education and Training, with Health, Public Services & Care (11,885) the next most populated subject area for females and Engineering & Manufacturing technologies (10,259) second in populated rank for Males.
- The majority of male enrolments were aged 19 years and under in 2009/10 (46,996). The majority of female enrolments were aged 25 years and over (36,343) in 2009/10.
- The majority of enrolments in 2009/10 were enrolled on courses at NQF Level 2 or equivalent 64,819, representing 40% of total enrolments. At College level only Belfast Metropolitan College and North West Regional College did not have the majority of their enrolments at Level 2 or equivalent.
- Higher Education enrolments (11,402) accounted for 7% of total enrolments in 2009/10.

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 Institutions.
2. Data on DEL funded provision including Jobskills is included within this report in addition to Essential Skills, Vocational Enhancement Programme 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 2009/10 academic year..

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 of each academic year.
- 7. The age group of '25 year and over' includes a small component (less than 1%) 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.

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Tables

Table 1: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, 2009/10.

- Details professional and technical assessed enrolments by regional college and mode of attendance for the academic year 2009/10.

Table 2: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Level of Study, 2009/10.

- Details professional and technical assessed enrolments by regional college and level of course, i.e. whether the qualification aim of the course is Higher Education (HE) or Further Education (FE), for the academic year 2009/10.

Table 3: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, Level of Study and Sector & Subject Category 2009/10.

- 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 the academic year 2009/10.

Table 4: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, 2009/10.

- The tables detail the professional and technical assessed enrolments by regional college, mode of attendance and gender for the academic year 2009/10.

Table 5: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by NQF Level (or equivalent), 2009/10.

- Details all professional and technical enrolments by regional college and NQF level or equivalent for the academic year 2009/10.

Table 6: Professional and Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, 2009/10.

- The tables detail the professional and technical enrolments by the tier 1 sector & subject categories, gender and age group for the academic year 2009/10.

Table 1: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance , 2009/10

Mode of Attendance	College						Overall FE Sector Total
	Belfast Metropolitan College	Northern Regional College	South Eastern Regional College	Southern Regional College	South West College	North West Regional College	
Full time	6,525	4,219	4,954	5,554	2,870	4,777	28,899
Part time	36,042	17,435	21,090	27,285	17,135	15,464	134,451
Total	42,567	21,654	26,044	32,839	20,005	20,241	163,350

Table 2: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Level of Study , 2009/10

Level of Study	College						Overall FE Sector Total
	Belfast Metropolitan College	Northern Regional College	South Eastern Regional College	Southern Regional College	South West College	North West Regional College	
Higher Education	4,476	1,070	1,342	1,834	1,133	1,547	11,402
Further Education	38,091	20,584	24,702	31,005	18,872	18,694	151,948
Total	42,567	21,654	26,044	32,839	20,005	20,241	163,350

Table 3: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance, Level of Study and Sector & Subject Category, 2009/10

Sector & Subject Category	2009/10				Overall Total
	Full-Time		Part-Time		
	HE ¹	FE ²	HE ¹	FE ²	
Health, Public Services & Care	776	3,401	1,478	8,159	13,814
Science & Mathematics	68	818	176	7,948	9,010
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	41	258	51	953	1,303
Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies	180	3,265	846	6,872	11,163
Construction, Planning & the Built Environment	409	3,044	531	5,906	9,890
Information & Communication Technology	632	1,654	307	9,301	11,894
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	121	3,442	339	9,831	13,733
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	669	2,389	115	2,681	5,854
Arts, Media & Publishing	858	2,885	271	5,896	9,910
History, Philosophy & Theology	-	5	-	875	880
Social Sciences	-	389	101	2,670	3,160
Languages, Literature & Culture	-	100	121	12,683	12,904
Education & Training	-	251	272	33,253	33,776
Preparation for Life & Work	-	823	39	13,101	13,963
Business, Administration & Law	720	1,701	2,281	7,394	12,096
FE Sector Total	4,474	24,425	6,928	127,523	163,350

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

²FE = Further Education is equivalent to NQF Level 3 and below

Table 4: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Mode of Attendance and Gender, 2009/10

		College						Overall FE Sector Total
Mode of Attendance	Gender	Belfast Metropolitan College	Northern Regional College	South Eastern Regional College	Southern Regional College	South West College	North West Regional College	
Full time	Male	3,536	2,267	3,037	3,230	1,643	2,321	16,034
	Female	2,989	1,952	1,917	2,324	1,227	2,456	12,865
Full time Total		6,525	4,219	4,954	5,554	2,870	4,777	28,899
Part time	Male	16,242	9,168	10,368	12,067	9,520	6,799	64,164
	Female	19,800	8,267	10,722	15,218	7,615	8,665	70,287
Part time Total		36,042	17,435	21,090	27,285	17,135	15,464	134,451
Total	Male	19,778	11,435	13,405	15,297	11,163	9,120	80,198
	Female	22,789	10,219	12,639	17,542	8,842	11,121	83,152
Overall Total		42,567	21,654	26,044	32,839	20,005	20,241	163,350

Table 5: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by NQF Level (or equivalent), 2009/10

		College						Overall FE Sector Total
Level of Study	Belfast Metropolitan College	Northern Regional College	South Eastern Regional College	Southern Regional College	South West College	North West Regional College		
Entry & Level 1	14,908	4,577	8,755	4,268	6,447	7,385	46,340	
Level 2	10,843	10,623	9,870	18,705	8,172	6,606	64,819	
Level 3	12,340	5,384	6,077	8,032	4,253	4,703	40,789	
HE ¹	4,476	1,070	1,342	1,834	1,133	1,547	11,402	
Total	42,567	21,654	26,044	32,839	20,005	20,241	163,350	

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

Table 6: Professional & Technical Assessed Enrolments at the Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges by Sector & Subject Category, Gender and Age Group, 2009/10

Sector & Subject Category	Male				Female				Total			Overall 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	
Health, Public Services & Care	650	233	1,046	1,929	4,985	1,689	5,211	11,885	5,635	1,922	6,257	13,814
Science & Mathematics	2,521	594	634	3,749	2,949	879	1,433	5,261	5,470	1,473	2,067	9,010
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	288	43	185	516	279	58	450	787	567	101	635	1,303
Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies	5,618	1,567	3,074	10,259	327	139	438	904	5,945	1,706	3,512	11,163
Construction, Planning & the Built Environment	6,762	1,158	1,616	9,536	202	55	97	354	6,964	1,213	1,713	9,890
Information & Communication Technology	3,063	678	2,927	6,668	1,179	365	3,682	5,226	4,242	1,043	6,609	11,894
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	1,391	522	1,167	3,080	4,170	1,982	4,501	10,653	5,561	2,504	5,668	13,733
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	2,617	525	698	3,840	1,543	233	238	2,014	4,160	758	936	5,854
Arts, Media & Publishing	2,366	547	1,129	4,042	2,550	623	2,695	5,868	4,916	1,170	3,824	9,910
History, Philosophy & Theology	290	61	53	404	388	39	49	476	678	100	102	880
Social Sciences	636	203	258	1,097	1,020	383	660	2,063	1,656	586	918	3,160
Languages, Literature & Culture	822	653	3,668	5,143	1,067	1,286	5,408	7,761	1,889	1,939	9,076	12,904
Education & Training	11,729	1,562	4,133	17,424	8,511	1,444	6,397	16,352	20,240	3,006	10,530	33,776
Preparation for Life & Work	6,645	520	1,072	8,237	4,050	602	1,074	5,726	10,695	1,122	2,146	13,963
Business, Administration & Law	1,598	705	1,971	4,274	2,288	1,524	4,010	7,822	3,886	2,229	5,981	12,096
Overall FE Sector Total	46,996	9,571	23,631	80,198	35,508	11,301	36,343	83,152	82,504	20,872	59,974	163,350

¹25 years & over age group includes 200 of unknown age (104 male & 96 female)