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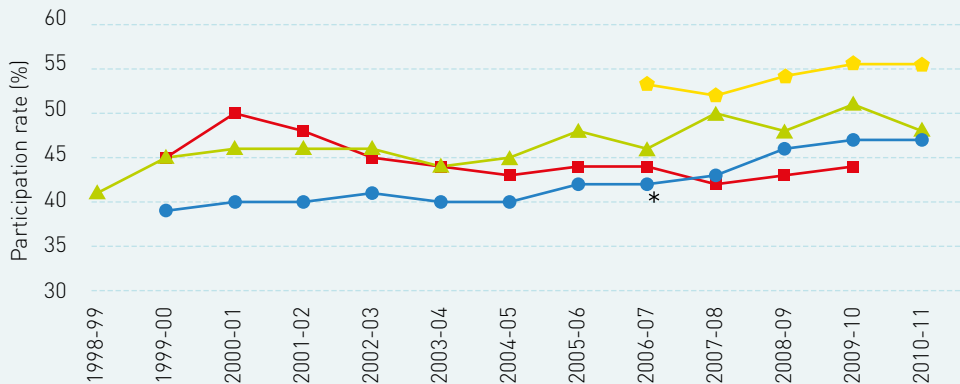
## Acceptances to UK higher education institutions, 2009-2011

(Full-time undergraduate only)

	Acceptances			Acceptances as a proportion of applicants		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Men	218,185	220,085	221,876	76.6%	71.7%	72.3%
Women	263,669	267,244	270,154	74.3%	68.4%	68.7%
% women	54.8%	54.8%	54.9%			
UK applicants	425,063	424,634	431,235	78.1%	72.4%	73.2%
EU applicants	23,807	25,607	26,701	60.3%	54.1%	54.2%
Non-EU applicants	32,984	37,088	34,094	58.8%	58.7%	55.4%
% non-UK domiciled	11.8%	12.9%	12.4%			

Source: UCAS (2009-2011)

## Higher education participation rates, 1998-2011



● HEIPR: English domiciled 17-30-year-old students

■ API Scottish domiciled students aged under 21 - Discontinued

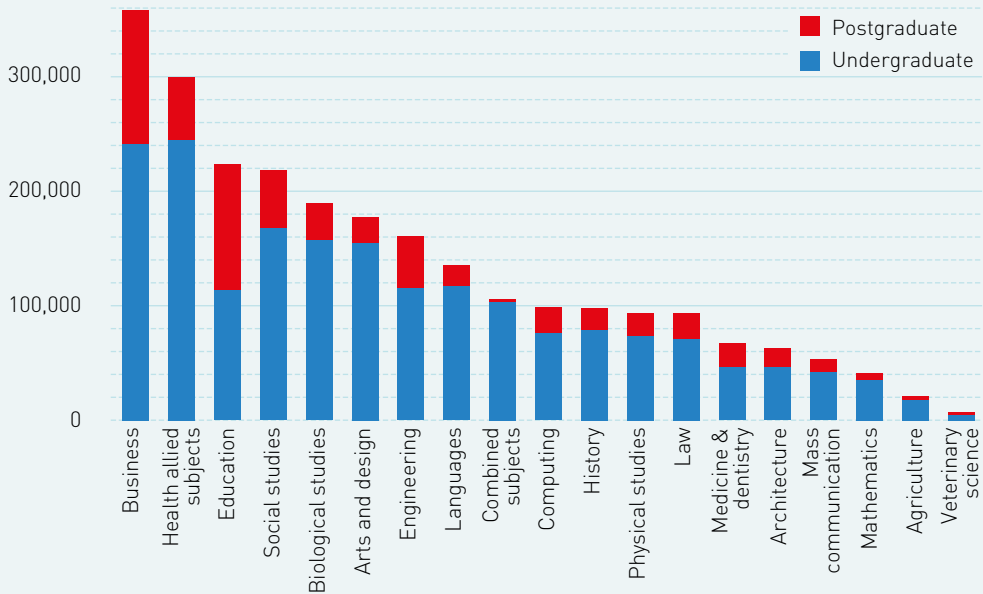
▲ Higher Education Age Participation Index (NI) students aged under 21

◆ Scottish HEIPR: Scottish domiciled 16-30-year-old students

\* Due to a change in underlying data for England, a discontinuity has been introduced from 2006-07 onwards.

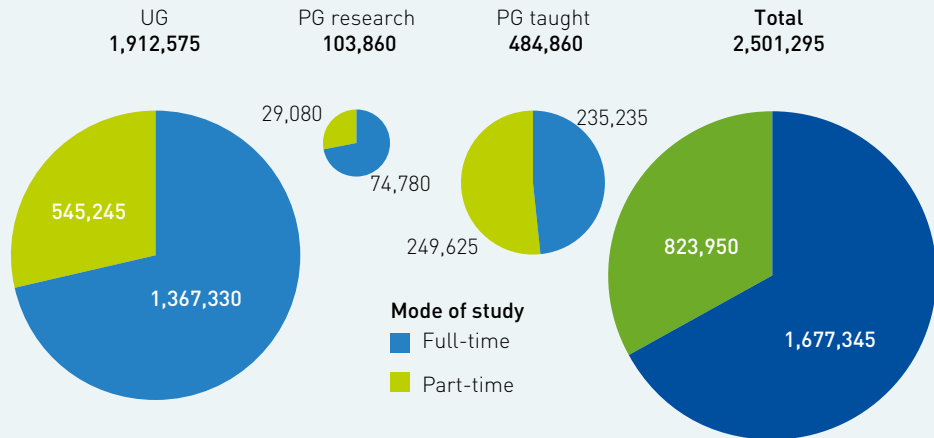
Sources: DIUS, BIS, Scottish Executive, DELNI (2012)

## Students by subject area at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11



Source: HESA (2012) Students

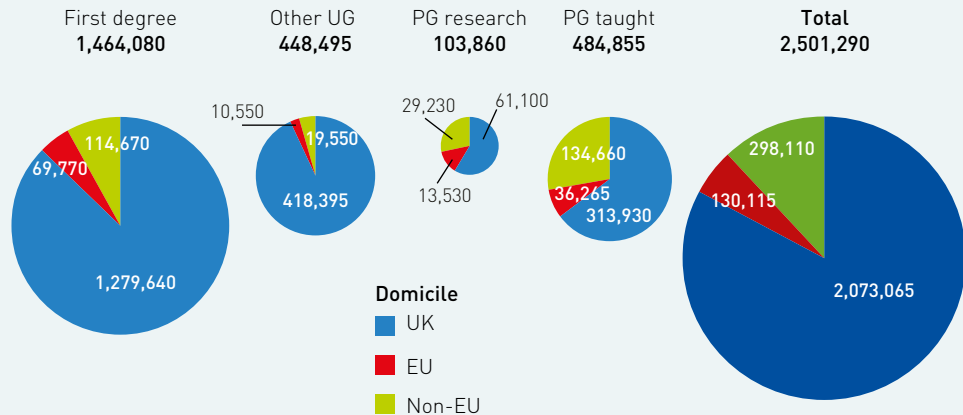
## Full-time and part-time higher education students by level of study at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11



Source: HESA (2012) Students

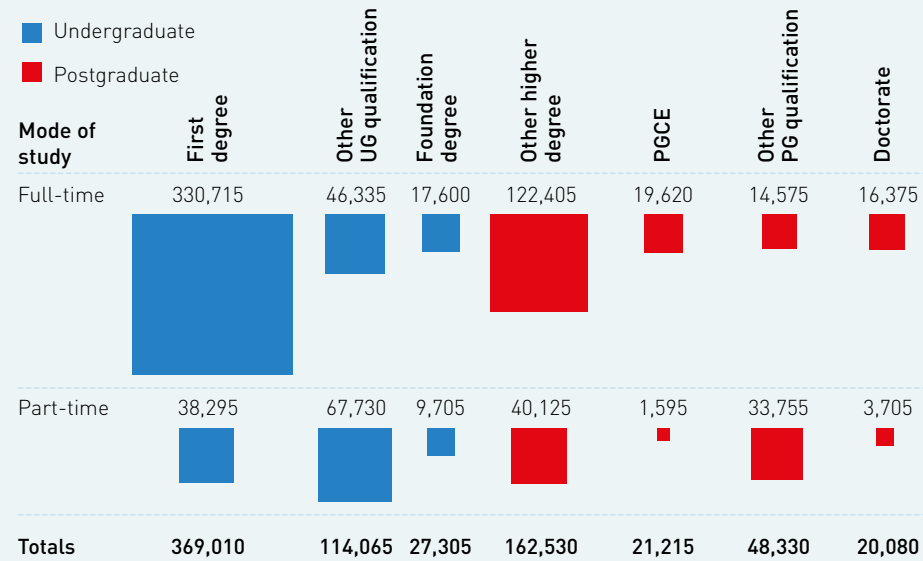


## Higher education students by domicile and level of study at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11



Source: HESA (2012) Students

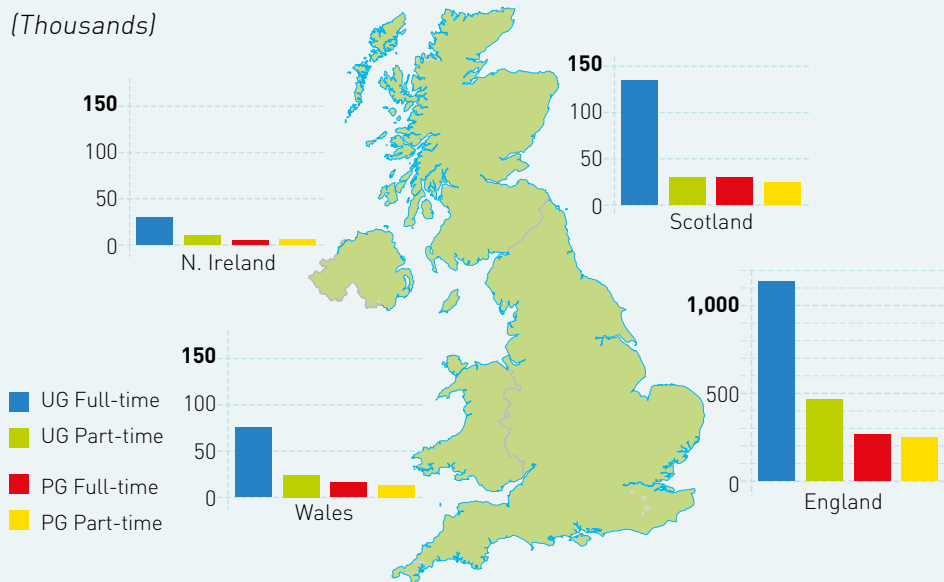
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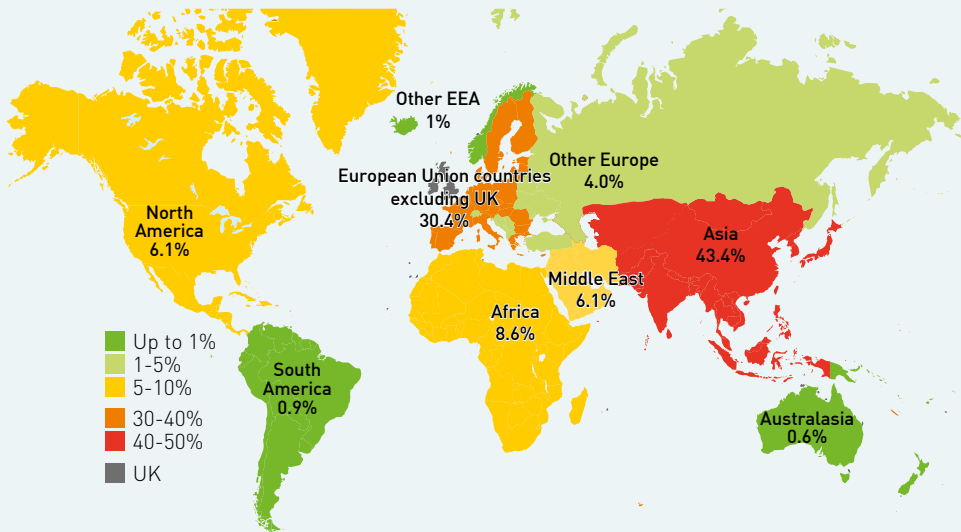
## Higher education students in the UK by country of institution, 2010-11

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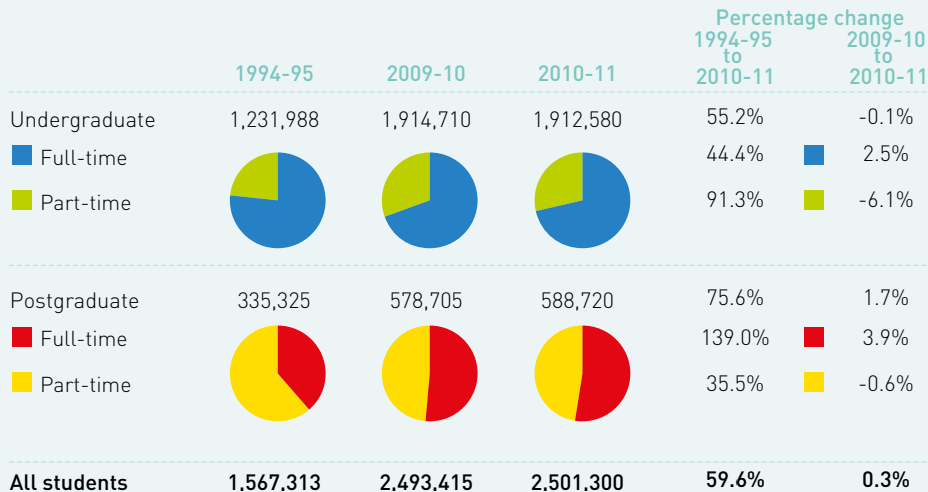


Source: HESA (2012) Students

## Non-UK domiciled students at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11



## Trends in higher education student enrolments at UK higher education institutions, 1994-95 to 2010-11



Source: HESA (2012) Students

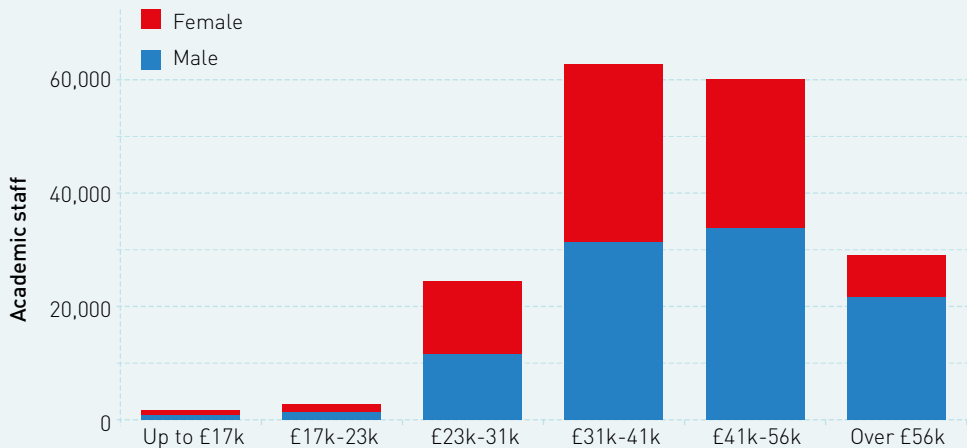
## Academic staff at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

The percentages reflect the proportion of academic staff in the relevant column.

	Full-time	Part-time	Total
<b>Total academic staff</b>	<b>118,120</b>	<b>63,065</b>	<b>181,185</b>
Female	39%	55%	44%
Disabled	3%	3%	3%
Non UK nationality	27%	18%	24%
BME (Black and minority ethnic groups)	13%	10%	12%
Wholly institutionally financed	72%	89%	78%
Research only	29%	11%	22%
Aged 35 or under	29%	27%	28%
Aged 55 or over	15%	24%	18%

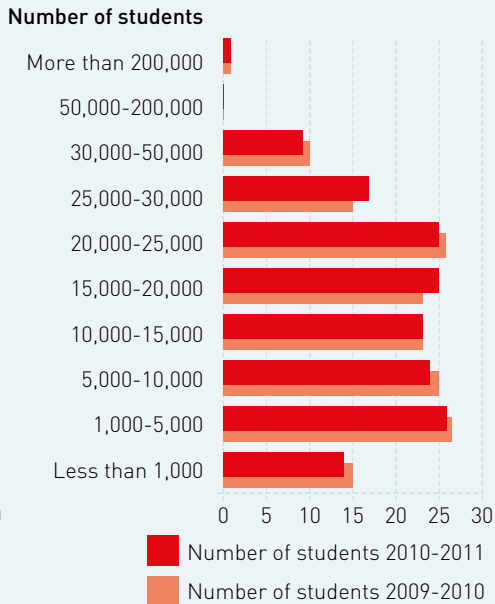
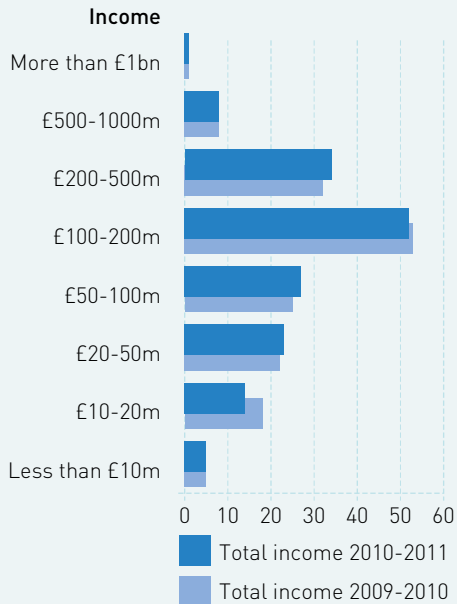
Source: HESA (2012) Staff

## Salary of academic staff at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11



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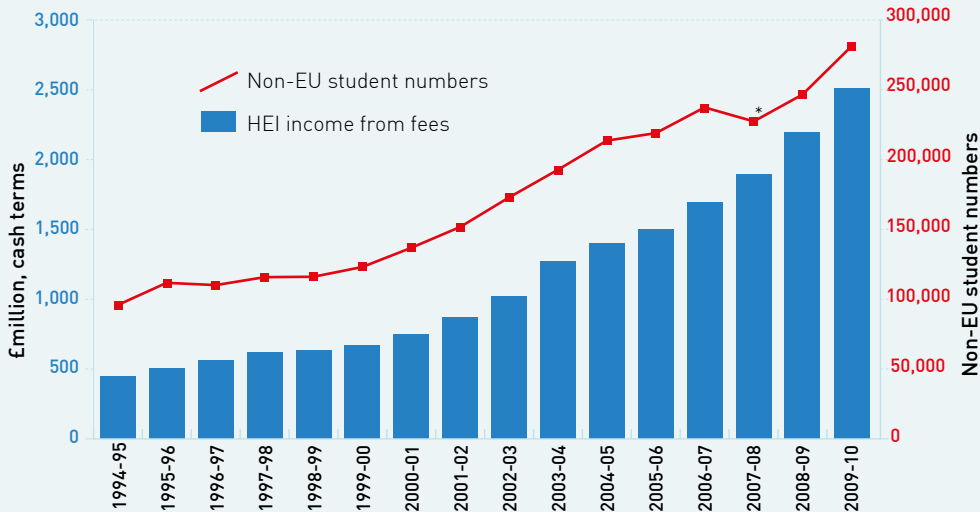
## Income and size of UK higher education institutions, 2010-11



Source: HESA (2012) Finance



## Institutional income from non-EU domiciled students 1994-95 to 2010-11 and non-EU domiciled student numbers

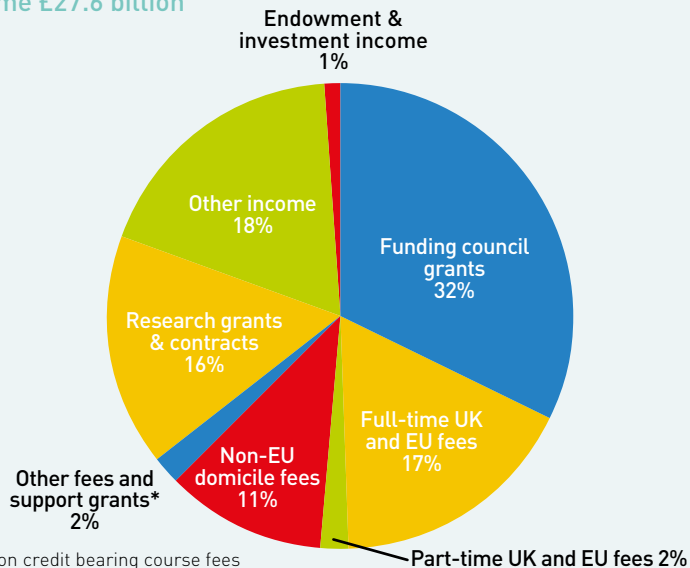


Source: HESA Finance (multiple years)

\*From 2007-08 writing up and sabbatical students are no longer included in standard counts of students.

## Income of UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

Total income £27.6 billion

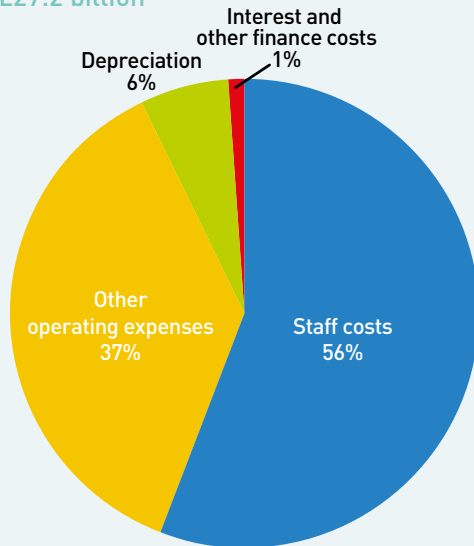


\* including non credit bearing course fees

Source: HESA (2012) Finance

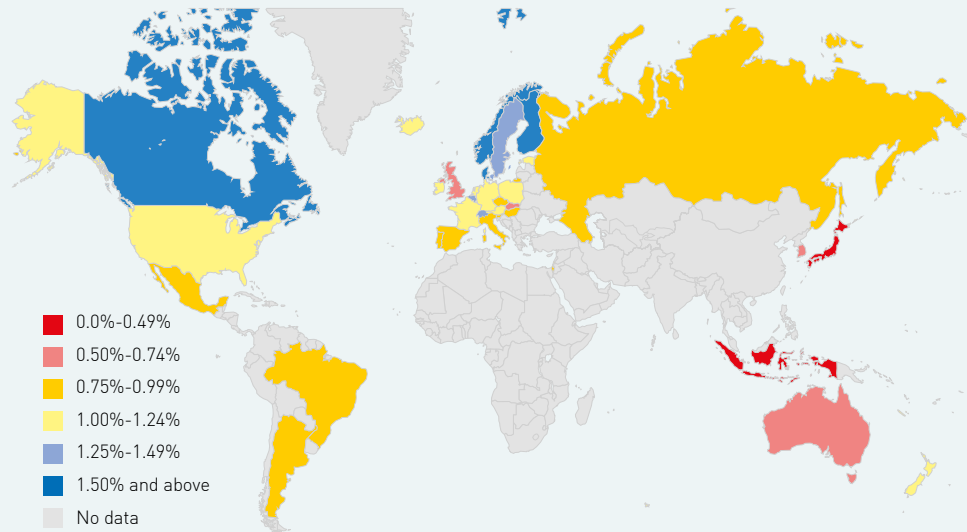
## Expenditure by UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

Total expenditure £27.2 billion



Source: HESA (2012) Finance

## Public expenditure on higher education as a percentage of GDP, 2008



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### **DELNI**

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### **DIUS/BIS**

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Innovation and Skills (BIS)

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### **HESA (2012) Finance**

HESA (2012) *Finance Plus 2010-11*

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### **HESA (2012) Staff**

HESA (2012) *Staff in Higher Education  
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### **HESA (2012) Students**

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Other European Union including Non-European Union unknown

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Writing up and sabbatical students are not included in standard counts of students from 2007-08 onwards

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BME calculated from known ethnicity only (unknown is 8.5%)

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Salary bands are rounded

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## Abbreviations

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**API**

Age Participation Index

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**BME**

Black and minority ethnic group

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**EEA**

European Economic Area  
(EU countries plus Norway, Iceland and  
Liechtenstein)

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**HEI**

Higher education institution

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**HEIPR**

Higher education initial participation rate

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**HESA**

Higher Education Statistics Agency

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**PG**

Postgraduate

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**PGCE**

Postgraduate Certificate in Education

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**UG**

Undergraduate

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