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STAFF

ACADEMIC STAFF AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs): 2006/07 Excluding atypical

	Full-time	Part-time	Total	
Total academic staff	113,685	56,310	169,995	
% female	37%	53%	42%	
% wholly institutionally financed	72%	88%	77%	
% financed by NHS/General Medical or General Dental practice or Department of Health	3%	2%	3%	
% research only	28%	11%	23%	
% disabled (1)	2%	2%	2%	
% of non-UK nationality	24%	17%	22%	
Academic staff by grade				% female
Professors	14,920	1,575	16,485	18%
Senior lecturers & researchers	28,965	4,685	33,640	37%
Lecturers	31,145	20,785	51,935	47%
Researchers	30,775	5,970	36,735	46%
Other grades	7,880	23,305	31,185	49%
Total	113,685	56,320	169,980	42%
Academic staff by age				
% aged under 35	26%	24%	26%	
% aged 55 or over	17%	26%	20%	

Academic staff are defined as those staff whose primary function is teaching and/or research and include only those of at least 25% full-time equivalence.

Full-time staff are those whose contracts state that their mode of employment is full-time. Age is at 31 August 2006.

(1) Based on those staff with known disability status. Disability status is self declared.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2007): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2006/07, tables 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 18a, and 18b.

SIZE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN THE UK: 2006/07 (2005/06 figures in brackets)

Income	Number of institutions	Total numbers of HE students (headcounts)	Number of institutions
Less than £10m	11 (14)	Less than 1,000	21 (20)
£10 – 20m	23 (21)	1,000 – 5,000	28 (27)
£20 – 50m	22 (24)	5,000 – 10,000	23 (25)
£50 – 80m	19 (19)	10,000 – 15,000	27 (28)
£80 – 120m	26 (29)	15,000 – 20,000	25 (20)
£120 – 150m	23 (23)	More than 20,000	45 (47)
More than £150m	45 (38)		
	Average income		Average number of students (headcounts)
Mean	£110m (£116m)	Mean	12,245 (13,989)
Median	£75m (£88m)	Median	10,510 (12,720)

This table includes all publicly funded UK HEIs and the University of Buckingham.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2006/07, table 1a, Students in Higher Education Institutions 2006/07, table 0a, and table 8; Universities UK analysis.

FINANCE

NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS (AS AT AUGUST 2008)

	Higher education institutions	Universities*
England	133	90
Scotland	20	14
Wales	12	3
Northern Ireland	4	2
United Kingdom	169	109

* Federal institutions such as the University of Wales and the University of London are counted as one University

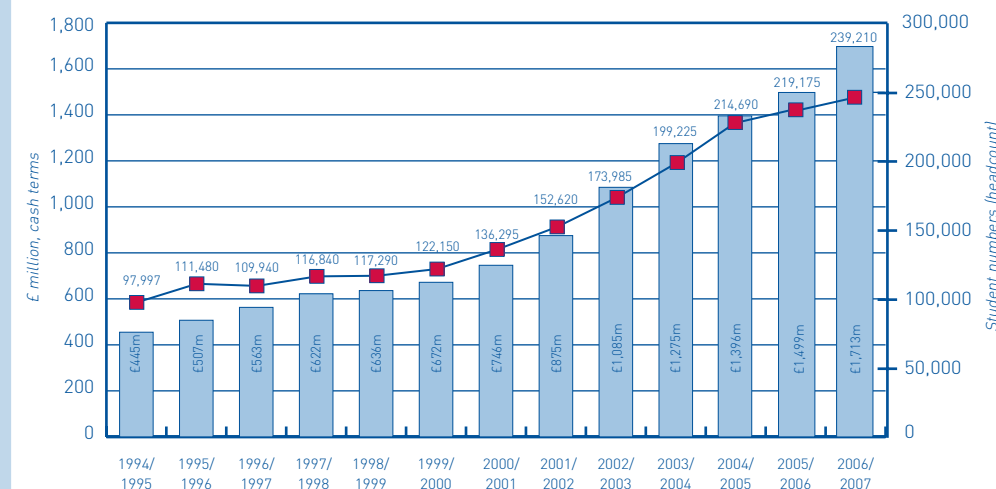
There are also a significant number of further education colleges at which higher education students study.

This list excludes foreign higher education institutions operating in the UK.

The Open University operates in all countries of the UK; its headquarters is based in England.

Source: Higher Education Funding Council for England, Scottish Funding Council, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland.

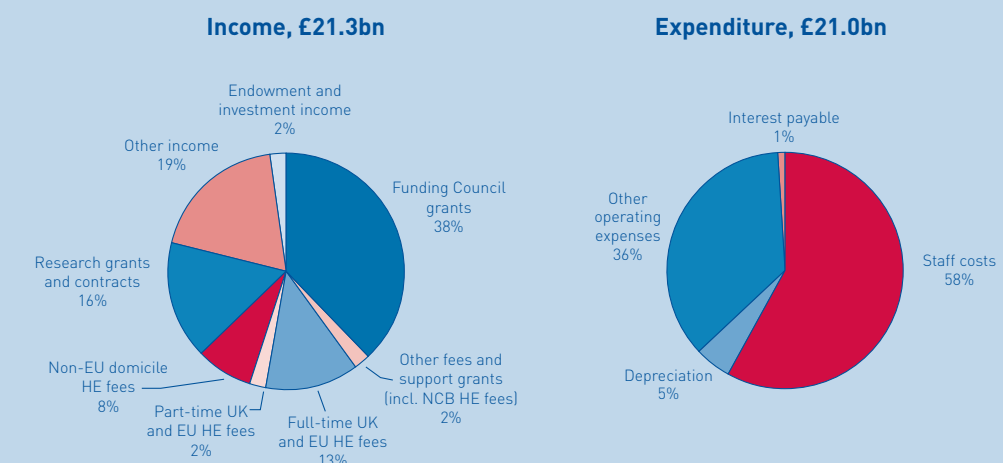
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION INCOME FROM NON-EU DOMICILE STUDENTS: 1994/95–2006/07 (AND NON-UK DOMICILE STUDENT NUMBERS*)



* Excluding students from European Economic Area (EEA) countries.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Resources of Higher Education Institutions, Students in Higher Education Institutions, various years.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2006/07



Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2008): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2006/07, tables 1, 2 and 2b

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP: 2004

Denmark	1.8
Finland	1.7
Switzerland	1.6
Sweden	1.6
Norway	1.4
Belgium	1.2
France	1.2
Austria	1.1
Poland	1.1
Greece	1.1
Iceland	1.1
Israel	1.1
Slovenia	1.1
United States	1.0
Ireland	1.0
Netherlands	1.0
Germany	1.0
Spain	0.9
Turkey	0.9
Czech Republic	0.9
Slovak Republic	0.9
Mexico	0.9
Estonia	0.9
Portugal	0.9
New Zealand	0.9
Hungary	0.9
Australia	0.8
United Kingdom	0.8
Brazil	0.7
Italy	0.7
Russian Federation	0.7
Japan	0.5
Korea	0.5
Chile	0.3
OECD average	1.0

Source: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (2006): Education at a Glance: OECD Indicators 2006, table B2, 1b.

STUDENTS

APPLICANTS AND ACCEPTANCES, UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2004-07

Thousands

For entry to academic year	2005			2006			2007		
	Appls	Accep	%	Appls	Accep	%	Appls	Accep	%
Total	522	405	78%	506	391	77%	534	413	77%
Men	239	188	79%	229	181	79%	241	190	79%
Women	283	217	77%	277	210	76%	295	224	76%
% Women	54%	54%		55%	54%		55%	54%	
UK domiciled students	445	360	81%	432	346	80%	454	365	80%
Overseas students*	78	45	58%	74	45	61%	80	49	61%
% from abroad*	15%	11%		15%	12%		15%	12%	

Appls = Applicants Accep = Accepted applicants % = Percentage accepted applicants

* Includes EU domiciled and non-EU domiciled applicants.

Sources: Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS), 2003 - 2008.

PARTICIPATION RATES: 1998-2007

Percentage

	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07*
HEIPR - English domiciled students	-	39	40	40	41	40	40	42	40
API Scots-domiciled students	48	49	52	52	49	49	46	47	-
Higher Education Age Participation Index (NI)	41	45	46	46	46	44	45	48	46

* Provisional.

HEIPR = Higher education initial participation rate for 17-30 year olds - see DIUS SFR 02/2008.

API Scottish-domiciled students = under 21 Scottish entrants to HE as % of population in Scotland for the relevant age group in Scotland.

NI participation in HE = under 21 full-time new entrants to HE in NI, GB or the Republic of Ireland/18 year olds in NI population.

Source: Department for Education and Skills (DfES), Scottish Executive, Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland (DELNI).

FULL-TIME & PART-TIME STUDENTS BY SUBJECT AREA AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, UK: 2006/07

	First degree		Other undergraduate		Postgraduate		Total
	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	
Medicine & dentistry	42,570	125	380	150	7,075	12,950	63,250
Subjects allied to medicine	85,075	31,040	64,795	72,840	10,555	36,595	300,900
Biological sciences	105,170	17,570	3,660	6,825	15,940	15,050	164,215
Veterinary science	3,835	30	20	0	600	390	4,875
Agriculture & related subjects	7,050	470	2,735	2,990	1,485	1,355	16,085
Physical sciences	49,720	6,170	1,045	5,910	13,515	7,540	83,900
Mathematical sciences	21,145	3,610	525	2,335	3,550	2,625	33,790
Computer science	53,685	10,030	5,410	14,710	13,070	10,010	106,915
Engineering & technology	71,565	10,890	5,555	11,810	22,990	17,770	140,580
Architecture, building & planning	26,935	7,650	2,760	7,680	5,590	9,910	60,525
Social studies	103,605	20,245	3,670	29,375	23,205	21,620	201,720
Law	51,845	10,315	1,115	3,555	13,400	10,610	90,840
Business & administrative studies	141,500	18,390	11,135	33,790	43,305	62,135	310,255
Mass communications & documentation	33,130	1,665	1,415	1,355	5,625	4,750	47,940
Languages	74,155	8,830	2,340	36,170	9,815	8,400	139,710
Historical & philosophical studies	51,885	12,870	500	18,610	7,740	11,615	103,220
Creative arts & design	115,515	4,990	9,910	12,225	10,265	7,625	160,530
Education	41,930	9,875	4,065	52,590	35,110	72,755	216,325
Combined	5,755	26,380	1,540	80,715	235	2,620	117,245
Total	1,086,080	201,145	122,570	393,630	243,070	316,320	2,362,815

*Full-time and sandwich course students and those on a study-related year out.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2006/07, tables 2a-d.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2006/07

	Full-time*	Part-time	All students
First degree			
United Kingdom	960,630	191,400	1,152,030
Other European Union	48,855	2,980	51,835
Non-European-Union	76,590	6,765	83,355
Total	1,086,075	201,145	1,287,220
Other undergraduate			
United Kingdom	110,915	373,260	484,175
Other European Union	3,630	8,765	12,395
Non-European-Union	8,030	11,605	19,635
Total	122,575	393,630	516,205
Postgraduate			
United Kingdom	117,845	257,300	375,145
Other European Union	28,850	19,175	48,025
Non-European-Union	96,375	39,845	136,220
Total	243,070	316,320	559,390
All students			
United Kingdom	1,189,390	821,955	2,011,345
Other European Union	81,335	30,925	112,260
Non-European-Union	180,990	58,220	239,210
Total	1,451,715	911,100	2,362,815

*Full-time and sandwich course students and those on a study-related year out.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2006/07, table 1.

HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2006/07

	Full-time	Part-time*	Total
First degrees	281,995	37,265	319,260
Other UG qualifications	43,290	74,655	117,945
Foundation Degrees	7,990	3,640	11,630
Doctorates	13,665	3,880	17,545
Other higher degrees	79,465	31,385	110,850
PGCE	25,005	3,370	28,375
Other PG qualifications	14,785	30,675	45,460
Total	466,195	184,870	651,065

* Part-time students are those whose study was recorded as part-time, or studying full-time on courses lasting less than 24 weeks, on block release, or studying during the evenings

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2006/07, table 14.

STUDENTS IN THE UK BY COUNTRY OF INSTITUTION: 2006/07

	Undergraduates		Postgraduates		All
	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	
England	985,810	508,955	201,830	260,605	1,957,200
Wales	66,005	38,095	11,175	16,490	131,765
Scotland	126,115	38,390	26,680	32,350	223,535
Northern Ireland	30,720	9,335	3,390	6,880	50,325
United Kingdom total					2,362,825

*Full-time and sandwich course students and those on a study related year out.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions, table 0a, 2006/07

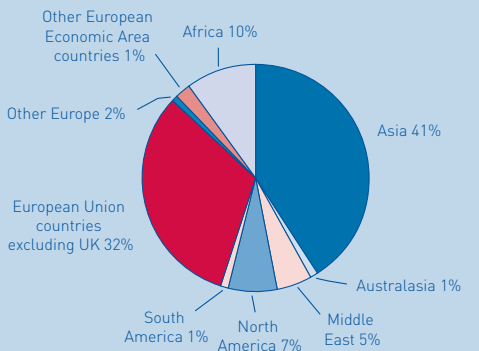
TRENDS IN STUDENT NUMBERS AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 1994/95-2006/07

	1994/95	2006/07	% increase
Undergraduate	1,231,988	1,803,425	46%
full-time	946,919	1,208,645	28%
part-time	285,069	594,780	109%
Postgraduate	335,325	559,390	67%
full-time	129,711	243,070	87%
part-time	205,614	316,320	54%
All students	1,567,313	2,362,815	51%

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2008): Students in Higher Education Institutions, various years.

NON-EU DOMICILED STUDENTS AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, 2006/07

351,470 NON-EU DOMICILED STUDENTS



Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2008): Students in Higher Education Institutions, table 6, 2006/07

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