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Higher education in facts and figures covers the whole of the UK higher education sector. The data is derived from a variety of sources,

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please see the notes to each table.

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#### **About Universities UK**

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Universities UK works closely with policy makers and key education stakeholders to advance the interests of universities and to spread good practice throughout the higher education sector.

Founded in 1918 and formerly known as the Committee for Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP), Universities UK will celebrate its 90th anniversary in 2008.

# **STAFF**

# ACADEMIC STAFF AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs): 2005/06 Excluding atypical

	Full-time	Part-time	Total	
Total academic staff	111,412	53,465	164,877	
% female	37%	53%	42%	
% wholly institutionally financed	72%	87%	77%	
% financed by NHS/general medical or general dental	3%	3%	3%	
practice or Department of Health				
% research only	28%	12%	23%	
% disabled (1)	2%	2%	2%	
% of non-UK nationality	22%	14%	19%	
% with doctorate as highest qualification	n 53%	19%	42%	
Academic staff by grade				% female
Professors	14,051	1,457	15,507	17%
Senior lecturers & researchers	24,590	3,624	28,213	34%
Lecturers	34,975	18,594	53,569	47%
Researchers	29,259	5,636	34,895	46%
Other grades	8,538	24,155	32,692	49%
Total	111,412	53,465	164,877	42%
Academic staff by age				
% aged under 35	26%	25%	26%	
% aged 55 or over	17%	24%	19%	

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 2005.

[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 2005/06, tables 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 18a, and 18b.

## **SIZE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2005/06**

Income	Number of institutions	Total numbers of HE students (headcounts)	Number of institutions
Less than £10m	14	Less than 1,000	20
£10 – 20m	21	1,000 - 5,000	27
£20 – 50m	24	5,000 - 10,000	25
£50 –80m	19	10,000 - 15,000	28
£80 –120m	29	15,000 - 20,000	20
£120 – 150m	23	More than 20,000	47
More than £150m	38		

	Average number of students (headcounts)		
Mean	£116m	Mean	13,989
Median	£88m	Median	12,720

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

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2007): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2005/06, table 1a, Students in Higher Education Institutions 2005/06, table 0a, and table 8; Universities UK analysis.

# **FINANCE**

#### **NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS (AS AT AUGUST 2007)**

	Higher education institutions	Universities*
England	132	88
Scotland	20	13
Wales	12	3
Northern Ireland	4	2
United Kingdom	168	106

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$  Federal institutions such as the University of Wales and the University of London are counted as one university.

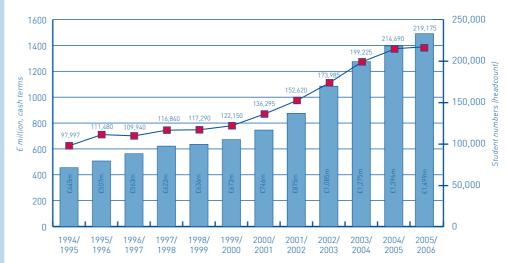
There are also a significant number of further education colleges at which higher education students study.

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 however.

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

# HEIS' INCOME FROM NON-EU DOMICILE STUDENTS: 1994/95-2005/06 (AND NON-UK DOMICILE STUDENT NUMBERS\*)

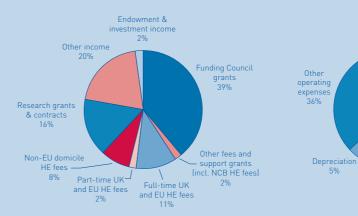


<sup>\*</sup> Excluding students from European Economic Area (EEA) countries

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2007): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2005/06, Table 1b, Students in Higher Education Institutions 2005/06, Table 6; Universities UK analysis.

#### **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF UK HEIs: 2005/06**

# Income, £19.5bn Expenditure, £19.3bn



Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2007): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2005/06, tables 1, 2a, and 2b.

## PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP: 2003

Finland	1.7
Denmark	1.7
Switzerland	1.6
Sweden	1.6
Norway	1.5
Canada	1.3
United States	1.2
Greece	1.2
Belgium	1.2
France	1.1
Iceland	1.1
Austria	1.1
Netherlands	1.1
Turkey	1.1
Hungary	1.0
Portugal	1.0
Poland	1.0
Ireland	1.0
Germany	1.0
Spain	0.9
New Zealand	0.9
Mexico	0.9
Czech Republic	0.9
United Kingdom	0.8
Slovak Republic	0.8
Australia	8.0
Italy	0.7
Korea	0.6
Japan	0.5
OECD average	1.1

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

Staff costs



# **STUDENTS**

# APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION, UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2004–06 Thousands

For entry to academic year		2004			2005			2006	
	Appls	Accep	%	Appls	Accep	%	Appls	Accep	%
Total	486	378	78%	522	405	78%	506	391	<b>77</b> %
Men Women	224 262	176 202	78% 77%	239 283	188 217	79% 77%	229 277	181 210	79% 76%
% Women  UK domiciled students  Overseas students*	54% 413 73	53% 334 43	81% 59%	54% 445 78	54% 360 45	81% 58%	55% 432 74	54% 346 45	80% 61%
% from abroad*	15%	11%	J7 /0	15%	11%	JO 70	15%	12%	0170

Sources: Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS), 2003–2006.

## PARTICIPATION RATES: 1998-2006 Percentage

	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06*
HEIPR - English domiciled students	_	39	40	40	41	40	41	43
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	-

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional.

HEIPR = Higher education initial participation rate for 17-30 year olds – see DfES SFR 14/2006.

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 HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS BY SUBJECT AREA, UK: 2005/06

	First degree		Other unde	Other undergraduate		aduate	Total
	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	
Medicine & dentistry	40,650	70	385	85	6,780	11,615	59,585
Subjects allied to medicine	83,395	34,265	68,265	76,785	9,205	37,485	309,400
Biological sciences	101,345	15,870	3,235	5,740	14,920	14,115	155,225
Veterinary science	3,570	30	0	0	520	345	4,465
Agriculture & related subjects	7,365	470	2,675	3,790	1,580	1,390	17,270
Physical sciences	48,945	7,095	880	5,510	13,210	7,100	82,740
Mathematical sciences	20,395	3,765	370	1,970	3,285	2,640	32,425
Computer science	59,445	12,025	6,020	19,420	12,800	10,440	120,150
Engineering & technology	70,775	9,765	5,130	12,050	21,735	17,245	136,700
Architecture, building & planning	25,020	7,315	2,540	6,425	5,725	9,420	56,445
Social studies	103,180	21,190	3,145	28,455	22,900	22,205	201,075
Law	51,110	10,330	1,235	2,965	13,370	10,570	89,580
Business & administrative studies	140,040	17,235	12,125	31,250	39,950	63,805	304,405
Mass communications & documentation	32,970	1,575	1,445	1,685	5,455	4,675	47,805
Languages	73,660	8,955	2,230	36,605	9,625	8,110	139,185
Historical & philosophical studies	51,210	13,325	735	17,610	7,525	11,045	101,450
Creative arts & design	113,625	4,555	9,635	12,200	9,210	6,960	156,185
Education	40,780	9,455	3,605	47,770	36,155	69,940	207,705
Combined	6,295	27,800	1,390	76,525	260	2,045	114,315
Total	1,073,775	205,085	125,045	386,840	234,220	311,150	2,336,115

<sup>\*</sup> 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 2005/06, tables 2a-d.

### HIGHER EDUCATION FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS: 2005/06

	Full-time*	Part-time	All students
First degree			
United Kingdom Other European Union Non-European-Union <i>Total</i>	952,535 45,455 75,785 1,073,775	196,120 2,645 6,320 205,085	1,148,655 48,100 82,105 1,278,860
Other undergraduate			
United Kingdom Other European Union Non-European-Union <i>Total</i>	114,350 3,315 7,385 <i>125,050</i>	369,245 7,775 9,820 386,840	483,595 11,090 17,205 <i>511,890</i>
Postgraduate			
United Kingdom Other European Union Non-European-Union <i>Total</i>	117,520 28,590 88,110 234,220	256,265 18,445 36,435 311,145	373,785 47,035 124,545 <i>545,365</i>
All students			
United Kingdom Other European Union Non-European-Union <i>Total</i>	1,184,405 77,360 171,275 1,433,040	821,630 28,865 52,580 <i>903,075</i>	2,006,035 106,225 223,855 2,336,115

<sup>\*</sup> 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 2005/06, table 1.

# HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2005/06

	Full-time	Part-time*	Total
First degrees	278,385	37,600	315,985
Other UG qualifications	48,565	78,020	126,585
Doctorates	12,950	3,565	16,515
Other higher degrees	77.945	30,615	108,560
PGCE	25.550	3.445	28,995
Other PG qualifications	15,150	29,055	44,205
Total	458,545	182,300	640,845

<sup>\*</sup> 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 2005/06, table 14.

# HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS IN THE UK BY COUNTRY OF INSTITUTION: 2005/06

	Undergraduates		Postgra	All	
	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	
England	976,815	505,165	196,735	257,705	1,936,420
Wales	64,780	39,175	10,210	15,065	129,230
Scotland	125,535	36,310	23,290	30,695	215,830
Northern Ireland	31,690	11,270	3,990	7,680	54,630
United Kingdom to	otal				2,336,110

<sup>\*</sup> 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 2005/06, table 0a.

TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT NUMBERS AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 1994/95-2005/06

	1994/95	2005/06	% increase
Undergraduate	1,231,988	1,790,740	45%
full-time part-time	946,919 285,069	1,198,820 591,925	27% 108%
Postgraduate	335,325	545,370	63%
full-time part-time	129,711 205,614	234,220 311,150	81% 51%
All students	1,567,313	2,336,110	49%

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (1996 and 2007): Students in Higher Education Institutions, various years.

# **NOTES**

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<sup>\*</sup> Includes EU domiciled and non-EU domiciled applicants.